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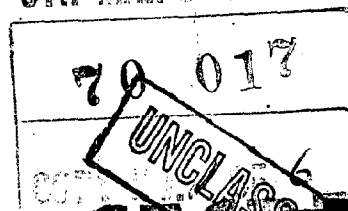
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
010001H TO 312400H DECEMBER 1969

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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

3d Battalion, 5th Marines

COMMANDERLtCol J. M. TERRY JR to  
8Dec69SUBORDINATE UNITSLtCol J. S. GESTSON fr  
9Dec69

COMPANY H&amp;S

Capt K. L. HOCK

COMPANY I

Capt W. M. KAY

COMPANY K

1stLT F. W. DRAKE to  
28Dec69  
1stLT P. NAPPI fr  
29Dec69

COMPANY L

Capt T. E. WILLIAMS

COMPANY M

1stLT J. J. CLAIR III

2. LOCATION. 3d Battalion, 5th Marines spent the first sixteen days of the reporting period operating out of Phu Lac (6). The battalion then moved into the Que Son Mountains for six days and were then chopped to the Arizona Territory. The battalion is now operating in the Arizona area.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

ExecO

Major D. T. DALE III

S-1

2ndLT J. P. PULLIN

S-2

1stLT R. L. CARTER to  
28Dec69  
1stLT D. H. RICHARDS fr  
29Dec69

S-3

Major R. E. MONETTE

S-3 (Command Group Bravo)

Major L. A. BICKLEY fr  
17Dec69 to 24Dec69

S-3A

1stLT E. G. LEWIS to  
3Dec69  
1stLT P. NAPPI fr  
4Dec69 to 28Dec69  
1stLT M. J. CUMMINGS fr  
29Dec69

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Capt R. A. BEELER to  
8Dec69  
1stLT R. A. ALLAN fr  
9Dec69

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1stLT T. J. SUMMERS to  
27Dec69

SupplyO

1stLT C. B. LOVETT

CommO

1stLT P. D. WILDER

MTO

1stLT B. D. FRANKLIN

Chaplain

LTCdr W. F. MAGOR

MedicalO's

LT R. L. GRUMLEY  
LT S. J. NELSON

AirLiaisonO's

1stLT W. R. TEGLIA  
1stLT R. J. CEEKA

4. Average Monthly Strength

	USMC		NAVY	
OFF		ENL	OFF	ENL
39		1130	2	56

PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Throughout December 1969, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines continued to conduct offensive operations within I Corps Tactical Zone in the vicinity of An Hoa Combat Base, Quang Nam Province.

During the period 1-16 December, the battalion provided security for Liberty Bridge and Liberty Road while conducting search and clear operations, extensive patrolling and night ambushes throughout the assigned AO. Company E, 2/5 was placed under operational control of the battalion from 7-23 December and was employed in the AO to conduct extensive patrolling and rice seedling destruction.

On 9 December, a Change of Command ceremony was held at Phu Lac (6) when LtCol. J. S. GESTSON relieved LtCol J. M. TERRY JR as Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines.

On 16 December, the battalion CP was displaced to An Hoa Combat Base in preparation for transfer of the eastern AO to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines. Acting on an intelligence report that enemy forces were staging for attack on An Hoa from the Que Sons, CO, 5th Marines directed 3d Battalion, 5th Marines to establish Command Group Alpha, consisting

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of Companies I, K, and M, and Command Group Bravo, consisting of Companies L, E/2/5, and C/1/5. Group Alpha, commanded by LTCOL J. S. GASTON, jumped off on 17 December for a five day search and clear operation in the Northern Que Sons; while Group Bravo, commanded by Major R. T. DALE III, assumed responsibilities for security of Liberty Bridge, Liberty Road, and the 5th Marines eastern AO.

On 23 December, Command Group Alpha hole-lifted to the Arizona Territory and relieved 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines of responsibility for that AO. The following day, Command Groups Alpha and Bravo were disestablished when 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines assumed responsibility for the eastern AO. For the remainder of the month, 3/5 conducted search and clear operations throughout the Northern Arizona AO less Company I which remained OPCON 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.

Beginning 11 December, the battalion pioneered the rice seedling destruction technique called "Operation Butterfly" in which helicopters were utilized to lift 10 man teams to rice seedling beds throughout the AO. These teams, equipped with detonation cords, quickly destroyed the beds and were lifted to new sites. Beds were also destroyed with gasoline and by track action of MILCO "HUSKIES".

### PART III

#### SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

##### 1. Topics

A. Strength. The battalion began the month with a total strength of 39 Marine Off, 1120 Enl, 3 USN Off, and 56 USN Enl. 3/5 now has a total on board strength of 39 Marine Off, 1111 Enl, 2 USN Off, and 56 USN Enl.

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

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

D. Discipline. During the reporting period there were three court-martials held.

E. Awards. There were 8 Bronze Star Medals, 1 Navy Commendation Medal, 2 Navy Achievement Medals, and 44 Purple Heart Medals awarded to the battalion during the reporting period.

F. Internal Management. Administration procedures and proficiency continued to be excellent.

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G. Logistics. The overall logistics status of the battalion is satisfactory at the present time. Battalion S-4 has resupplied the battalion in the field on a daily basis.

#### H. Training

1. Regimental Indoctrination School. During the month all new personnel reporting to 3/5 attended Troop Indoctrination School held by the 5th Marine Regiment for a five day period.

2. Division Schools. Personnel attended the following schools during December 1969:

Land Mine Warfare School--45  
Basic Ammo Tech School--1  
KCS Orientation--1  
NCO School--4  
Staff NCO School--1  
Officer Leadership School--1

#### I. Operations

1. From 1-16 December, the battalion conducted company sized patrol and sweep operations mainly in the Le Bac Island area and in the vicinity of the Chau Phongs and An Tams. Little significant contact was made due to the enemy's preoccupation with rice gathering missions.

2. From 17-22 December, Command Group Alpha (Companies I, K and M) moved into the N.W. Que Sons in search of an unknown enemy battalion reportedly staging in the mountains southeast of An Hoa. No contacts or sightings were made, although two NVA were killed by Company M on 21 December on a probable rice gathering mission near Alligator Lake. Heavy and continuous rain made the mountain operations difficult although the target areas were well searched out.

3. On 23 December, the battalion (less Company L OPCON to 2/5) began operations in the northern Arizona with significant initial success. Companies were assigned AO's in which heavy patrolling and night ambushes were conducted. Alert, aggressive action resulted in numerous successful ambushes during the period 23-31 December, in one of which the executive officer of the NVA K625th Transportation Battalion was captured by Company I in close combat on Christmas Eve. Using a Night Observation Device and a hidden 106mm Recoilless Rifle, Company I enjoyed success in destroying several sampans and numerous boats attempting to cross the Song Thu Bon during hours of darkness. In over a dozen spirited actions during the

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final eight days of this month, the battalion suffered no friendly KIA's while inflicting significant losses on the enemy in the majority of engagements.

#### J. Enemy, Weather, and Terrain

1. During the reporting period, enemy activity consisted of small ground contacts with friendly units, continued use of mines and booby traps, recruitment and indoctrination of the local populace and rice gathering efforts.

#### 2. Weather

- a. Rainfall: Light to medium
- b. Temperature: Avg High 82  
Avg Low 63  
Avg Sunrise 0653  
Avg Sunset 1817

3. Terrain. During the reporting period the predominant terrain features were the foothills of the Que Son Mountains and the flat lowlands of the Arizona Territory.

#### K. Significant Casualties Inflicted/Sustained

<u>Friendly</u>		<u>Enemy</u>	
KIA	3	NVA KIA	13
WIA	27	VC KIA	27
MIANE	7	NVA KBA	1
DOW	0	VC KBA	3
NBC	23	NVA POW	2
NBCD	1	VC POW	1
MIA	0	VC RETURNEE	4
		VCS	1

#### L. Significant Enemy Munitions Captured/Destroyed

6 Chicomm Grenades 1x57mm Recoilless Rifle Round  
2 RPG Rounds

#### M. SFD's Detonated/Destroyed

105mm	4	Boxmine	1	
155mm	1	Landmines	1	
M-26	13	C-ratic cans	1	
60mm	8	TOTAL:	35	
81mm	2	DETONATED:	18	Results: KIA's 2
Homemade	4	DESTROYED:	17	WIA's 29

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N. Significant Enemy Fortifications and BuildingsDestroyed

25 Hoochs                      2 Tunnels

O. Significant Ordnance Captured4 AK-47's                      2 K-44's  
1 M-79                          2 MAS 36'sP. Significant Enemy Equipment/Food Captured/Destroyed

20lbs 782 Gear	1 NVA Helmet
1 Portable Typewriter	5lbs Medical Gear
3 AK-47 Magazines	2 Sampans
1 Baby Trap Kit	3100lbs Rice
1 Pair Binoculars	41878 Square Meters of Rice
	Seedling Beds

Q. Supporting Units

1. Engineers. Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion supported 3/5 during the reporting period.

2. Shore Party(HST). HST's were provided by Company B, 1st Shore Party Battalion.

3. Interpreters. Three Interpreters were employed by 3/5 during the reporting period.

4. Amtracks. There were 4 amtracks employed by 3/5 during the reporting period.

5. Tanks. There were two tanks from 1st Plt., Company B, 1st Tank Battalion supporting 3/5 during the reporting period.

6. Kit Carson Scouts. 3/5 employed eight KCS's during the reporting period.

7. Snipers. 3/5 employed five snipers during the reporting period.

R. Civil Affairs

1. Med Caps. There were eight Med Caps conducted by 3/5 during the reporting period.

2. Contributions. There were 10lbs of soap, 180 meals, 40lbs of rice, 700lbs of wood, and 25 school kits contributed to the people of Duc Duc during the reporting period.

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S. Communications

1. Supported battalion operations with primary use of the FM radio communications (AN/PRC-25, AN/PRC-77 and KY-38). Also employed AN/PRC-41 and AN/PRC-47 with the battalion TACP, and PRC-88's and various wire communications equipment were employed for base defense nets.

2. Installed, operated, and maintained Simplex Covered Teletype Circuit from Battalion COC to Regimental COC via radio relay for first ten days of the month. Operation ceased as the battalion moved from Liberty Bridge to operations in the field.

3. Employed AN/FPS-6's on base defense perimeter and in the field with unsatisfactory results due to heavy rains and the equipments inability to stand up under rough handling associated with movement in the field by helicopter and Huskie.

4. Deployed two battalion command groups with associated FM radio equipment (PRC-25, PRC-77, KY-38) for seven days during operations involving splitting the battalion staff so as to maintain two battalion CP's simultaneously. Problems were encountered only in the area of frequency usage. There were not sufficient numbers of frequencies to maintain required nets on separate frequencies. Problem was reduced somewhat by employing the normal battalion admin net frequency as a battalion TAC and for administration traffic. Net was still overloaded. Suggest one spare frequency be maintained and assigned to battalions if at all possible for their own use.

5. Continued Nestor Secure Voice Program. PRC-77 stood up to the usage well, but KY-38's showed a lack of resilience to adverse effects of monsoon weather and a tendency to drastically reduce operating range of the normal PRC-77 when used in cipher. Unit's weight in itself created problems during long hikes on battalion displacements. All Company Commanders of the battalion without exception complained of the burden the excessive weight of the unit placed on radio operators. This was especially true when operating in hilly terrain. The KY-38 also did not operate proficiently for appreciable lengths of time. Of eleven units employed, nine were in need of second echelon maintenance in less than a weeks time. There were no indications that this shortcoming could be attributed to lack of proper care or first echelon maintenance on the part of the operator.

T. Supporting Arms

1. Air. During the month of December, 1st MAW provided support for 3/5.

a. Helicopters flew 25 medevac missions to evacuate 15 emergencies, 12 priorities, and 10 routine casualties.

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b. Helicopter support was used in two troop lifts. The first on the 21st of December, the second on the 23rd of December. Helicopter support was also used in 12 Huey Gunship strikes.

c. 55 aerial observation missions were flown during the reporting period.

d. Fixed wing air support was used in 53 tactical air strikes which were all TAC controlled. There were also 19 Beacon controlled air strikes.

e. Fixed wing air support was also used through the use of one (1) "Spooky" Gunship.

2. Artillery. Artillery support for the month of December was provided by 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines. The total rounds fired for the month are as follows: 939 HE, 61 WP, and 49 Illumination rounds.

1. Thirty-five missions were observed, seven unobserved, and eight were contact missions.

2. There was a total of 513 H&I targets with a total of 7228 rounds expended.

PART IV  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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3d Battalion, 5th MarinesUNITAn Hoa, RVNLOCATION01000HH To 012400H Dec69DATE

DATE/TIME/GROUP	NO:	INCIDENT
1100H	1	Co. K at 010930H (946505) Marine detonated one booby trap consisting of M-26 buried in ground with trip wire. Results: 5 USMC WIAE
1111H	2	Co. M at 011030H (922526) three Vietnamese children brought three new 81mm rounds to Mikes position. Said they found them in a tree-line. Sent out patrol to interrogate people in area. Paid kids with C-rations

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020001H To 022400H Dec69  
DATE

DATE/TIME/GROUP	NO:	INCIDENT
0850H	1	Co. Y at 020400H (975530) called in beacon on suspected enemy position. Dropped 22x500lb bombs. Negative surveillance.
1500H	2	Co. Y at 021435H (926528) called in beacon on suspected enemy position. Negative surveillance.

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LOCATION

030001H To 032400H Dec69  
DATE

DATE/TIME/GROUP	NO:	INCIDENT
2200H	1	Co. K at 031145H (Neg) AO spotted four VC with weapons running in an easterly direction. (964523). Fired rockets and mini-guns. Results: 1 VC KIA
1445H	2	Co. K at 031200H (949532) Marine detonated homemade booby trap (jar filled with explosive composition with trip wire). Results: 1 USMC WIAE
2220H	3	Co. K at 031245H (963523) Observed one VC running through grass wearing tiger shorts and green utility shirt under civilian cloths. Fired at him with M-16's and M-60 fire. Results: 1 VC KIA
1450H	4	Co. I at 031305H (923536) one NVA body floated down stream dressed in green shorts and utility shirt. NVA was approximately 20-25 years old and had been dead approximately 12-24 hours. Apparently killed by small arms fire.
2212H	5	Co. K at 031730H (943525) found booby trap consisting of two M-26 grenades with four pounds of explosive composition and a trip wire. Blew in place.
2215H	6	Co. M at 031915H (903474) Marine detonated one 60mm mortar round set as a booby trap. Results: 1 USMC WIAE

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040001H To 042400H Dec 69  
DATE

DATE/TIME/ GROUP	NO:	INCIDENT
0850H	1	Co. M at 040715H (908478) ambush detected movement to their east, set of claymore and fired small arms fire. Search in morning revealed that ambush had engaged an enemy mine laying party of estimated four VC. Found was one 250lb bomb with carrying poles, one 155mm HE round, roll of detonation cord, two PRC-25 batteries, a #10 can of C-4, and HO CHI MINH sandal prints.
1150H	2	Co. I at 041100H (897516) observed two VC with rifles dressed in black PJ's. Fired M-60 and M-14. Results: Negative
1553H	3	Co. K at 041330H (926528) Marine had fever of unknown origin. Results: 1 USMC NBCE
050045H	4	Co. Y at 042245H (926527) M-26 grenade detonated in air above occupied tents. Grenade thrown by unknown personnel resulted in 12 NBC(NE) from 1st Engineer Battalion. Investigation under way.

3d Battalion, 5th MarinesUNITAn Hoa, RVNLOCATION050001H To 052400H Dec69DATEDATE/TIME/GROUPNO:INCIDENT

0925H

1

Co. M at 050815H (922503) patrol observed three VG with rifles running into treeline. AO called in and reported sighting 10 VC fleeing through treeline. Fired ordnance and called in napalm strike. Will check out area.

1109H

2

Co. M at (922503) 051015H, searched area with negative results. AO sighted five males with packs fleeing. Called in arty mission with negative surveillance.

1200H

3

Co. Y at 051110H (926527) observed total of 31 young males running into village approx. 1500 meters ahead of Co. M patrol. Upon departure of patrol from area same group moved back into fields and were observed carrying large bundles of rice in parachutes.

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060001H To 062400H Dec69  
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0955H

1

Co. M at 060830H (934497) found enemy harbor site approximately 25 grass huts, all with fresh signs of fires, some cooking fires going. Found several large bunkers built with railroad ties and rail with one foot of earth covering. Miscellaneous 782 gear, 50lbs of rice, and miscellaneous NVA utilities. Destroyed everything.

1155H

2

Co. Y at 060950H (926527) observed seven enemy running into treeline ahead of Co. Mike advance. Fired one round 81mm mortar WP to mark location and Co. Mike searched area with negative results.

1157H

3

Co. Y at 061020H (926527) observed 13 enemy moving into harbor site located by Co. Mike. Enemy all had on black PJ's, no hats, and several carrying bundles. Called in AO, Cobras with good coverage of area.

2020H

4

Co. K at 061845H (945535) while moving into night position, detonated booby trap consisting of M-26 with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE

2125H

6

Co. K at 062020H (945533) while extracting a medevac from booby trap, chopper detonated another M-26 booby trap with trip wire. Results:  
1 USMC WIAE (crewman of chopper)  
2 USMC WIAE



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070001H To 072400H Dec69  
DATE

DATE/TIME/GROUP	NO:	INCIDENT
1600H	1	Co. K at 071200H (926528) Marine had temp. of 104°. Believe to be dysentery. Results: 1 USMC NBCE
1855H	2	Co. K at 071500H (926528) Marine had temp. of 104°. Unknown origin. Results: 1 USMC NBCE
1630H	3	Co. E 2/5 at 071555H (934497) Point man and dog detonated pressure release landmine set as booby trap on trail. Results: 1 USMC WIA, 1 SCOUT DOG WIAE. FOLLOW UP SPOT REPORT TO 071555H: Landmine believe to have been M-14 round. Weight 6oz.-8oz.
2305H	4	Co. E 2/5 at 072000H (947488) received one 60mm mortar round as incoming. Tried to observe tube flash with negative results. Results: Negative

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080001H      To 082400H Dec69  
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DATE/TIME/ GROUP	NO:	INCIDENT
1220H	1	Co. K at 081000H (951535) patrol encountered three male VCS, two wearing green utilities, and the third wearing civilian garments. Two surrendered and third tried to escape and was shot and killed. Results: 1 VCS KIA, 2 VCS detained, pressure devices, fuzes, AK-47 magazines found in immediate area. KIA had documents on body; will send to rear.
1510H	2	Co. K FOLLOW UP TO 081000H: found book with 11 VC names and weapons they carry. Picked up two additional detainees.
1520H	3	Co. E 2/5 at 081100H (970516) patrol apprehended two VC males.
1450H	4	Co. K at 081130H (952539) patrol received approx. 30-35 rounds sniper fire upon entering village. Called in AO. Results: 2 VC KBA
1445H	5	Co. E 2/5 at 081300H (970513) patrol found one dud 155mm round. Destroyed in place.
1530H	6	Co. E 2/5 at 081310H (970511) patrol found two booby traps consisting of one 105mm round and one 155mm round with pressure devices. Results: Blew in place.
1610H	7	Co. I at 081450H (927535) patrol found one booby trap consisting of pipe 2" in diameter and 2" long with explosive composition and trip wire. Results: Blew in place
1940H	8	Co. E22/5 at 081850H (952499) received 20 rounds small arms fire and one 60mm mortar round in perimeter. Return small arms fire and 60mm mission. Results: Negative
1955H	9	Co. K at 081900H (929523) received 10 rounds small arms fire. Called in 81mm mission. Results: Negative.

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090001H To 092400H Dec69  
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DATE/TIME/GROUP	NO:	INCIDENT
1405H	1	Co. K at 091130H (953536) patrol found one dud 81mm illumination round, one booby trapped 105mm round with pressure release, one 250lb bomb with fuse tampered with, four fuses of undetermined make, and detonated one four pound box mine. Destroyed everything in place.
1900H	2	Co. Y at 091815H (926527) observed two boats with approximately 10 enemy and large bundles crossing river. Called in arty but had negative surveillance due to darkness.
2037H	3	Co. E 2/5 at 091915H (942500) Marine tripped one M-26 booby trap with trip wire set in thick brush along trail. Results: 2 USMC WIAE

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100001H      To 102400H Dec 69  
DATE

DATE/TIME/GROUP	NO:	INCIDENT
0735H	1	Co. M at 100605H (918493) found one 60mm booby trap rigged with pressure release and trip wire in high grass along trail. Blew in place.
1230H	2	Co. K at 100800H (937511) observed several male VCS running from sweep. Fired small arms fire at them. Results: 1 VC KIA
1010H	3	Co. K at 100845H (907475) received two rounds AK-47 fire. Return fire with small arms, M-60 MG, and 60mm mortars. Results: Negative
0935H	4	Co. M at 100900H (925495) found one 60mm booby trap with trip wire along side of trail. Results: Blew in place.
1005H	5	Co. M at 100915H (938498) Marine threw grenade in bunker, wounding himself with shrapnel. Results: 1 USMC WIAE
1305H	6	Co. M at 101015H (927501-938496) found 50-60 grass huts and numerous rice fields under cultivation. Found four M-26 grenades in one hooch and four male Vietnamese were discovered behind same hooch. Picked up two additional male detainees and destroyed M-26's. Results: 6 males detainees, 4 M-26 grenades
1300H	7	Co. M at 101215H (955498) found two 500lb bombs that appeared to have been carried but not been booby trapped. Results: Blew in place

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DATE/TIME/GROUP	NO:	INCIDENT
0830H	1	Co. M at 110630H (975517) patrol point man walked upon one NVA in trail. Took under small arms fire. Was wearing green utilities, sandals, carrying pack with extra clothing and chicom grenades. Results: 1 NVA KIA
1032H	2	Co. I at 110810H (936532) Marine tripped M-26 booby trap with trip wire along side trail. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIAE
0940H	3	Co. Y at 110815H (926527) observed 26 enemy fleeing in front of Lima Co. advance. First three in column wore green utilities and carried weapons. Rest wore black and grey PJ's with no weapons. Passed to Co. M and Co. L and called in AO. Will continue advance.
0945H	4	Co. Y at 110830H (926527) observed approximately 60 males running south between Co. L and Co. M advance. No weapons observed but males carried packs and bundles and continued running heads down for 2000 meters until out of site. No fire mission because of medevac and rice seedling helo's in area.
1035H	5	Co. I at 110900H (936532) found 60mm booby trap with trip wire across trail during sweep. Results: blew in place.
1037H	6	Co. Y at 110925H (926528) AO spotted squad size NVA group wearing blue and green clothing. AO fired ordnance. Results: 1 NVA KBA
1134H	7	Co. K at 111030H (905474) Vietnamese children brought one 105mm round and one 60mm round to Co. K position said to be found at above grid. Were given food in exchange. Destroyed ordnance.

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DATE/TIME/GROUP	NO:	INCIDENT
1310H	8	Co. Y at 111130H (926527) observed 10 enemy with weapons and packs moving north on trail leading from mountains. Four dressed in green and the rest in black. Called in arty mission with good coverage but negative surveillance.
1315H	9	Co. I at 111150H (955537) found unknown type booby trapped round with pressure type detonation buried in ground. Results: Blew in place.
1350H	10	Co. M at 111300H (948521) patrol found one male with ID card stating he was 49. Gave information on VC being in area a couple of days back. Results: Sent to An Hoa
1535H	11	Co. M at 111430H (962527) found one wounded male hiding in bunker with 100 AK-47 rounds, he claimed to be farmer and hadn't seen VC for several days. Results: 1 detainee, 100 rounds AK-47 fire.
2135H	12	Co. K at 111910H (915512) Marine tripped booby trapped two M-26's with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE
2140H	13	Co. K at 111915H (915517) during night movement 3-4 sniper rounds were received. Called arty mission. Results: Negative.

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120001H To 122400H Dec69  
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DATE/TIME/ GROUP	NO:	INCIDENT
0850H	1	Co. K at 120800H (915512) found one 60mm booby trap with pressure detonator. Results: Blew in place.
1243H	2	Co. K at 121130H (902470) Vietnamese children pointed out booby trapped 105mm round concealed in bushes. Engineers destroyed in place. Made arrangement for payment of VIP funds.
1345 H	3	Co. L at 121215H (962544) During resupply encountered one male VC wearing black PJ's carrying pack. Fired small arms. Results: 1 VC KIA 1 Pack with medical gear.
1240H <del>1240H</del>	4	Co. K at 121230H (902470) two Vietnamese children brought M-26 to position. Gave children food and engineers destroyed M-26.
2033H	5	Co. I at 122000H (924525) while on LP USMC passed out and had very slow breathing rate. Results: 1 USMC NBSE

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0755H	1	Co. M at 130700H (946480) found one 500lb bomb on side of trail. Bomb was hidden in brush with some of the composition B removed from tail end.
0825H	2	Co. M at 130800H (960500) point man detonated one M-26 with trip wire after crossing river. Results: 2 USMC WIAE
0925H	3	Co. I at 130800H (912527) observed two VC with rifles. Chased enemy with negative results. Detained one VCS whose hooch the enemy exited from.
0945H	4	Co. M at 130845H (960500) found three booby trap markings. Two were triangular shaped sticks on high ground on east side of stream. The other was three triangular placed rocks. Will check out area with KCS and engineers.
1051H	5	Co. M at 131000H (960500) during search of area where booby trap was detonated, found one 57mm recoilless rifle round and one 81mm round buried in ground with pressure detonation. Results: Blew in place.
1313H	6	Co. M at 131200H (949499) one USMC detonated M-26 with trip wire in high grass on trail. Results: 1 USMC WIAE
1504H	7	Co. M at 131300H (945499) found one 60mm SFD with trip wire. <del>xxxxx</del> A juice can filled with C-4 was laying beside it. Results: Blew in place.
1930H	8	Co. K at 131400H (909491) Vietnamese children turned one chicommm grenade, one smoke grenade, and one .50cal round. Paid them piasters and destroyed ordnance.



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1230H	1	Co. K at 140700H (915517) Personnel had hard breathing and convulsions. Results: 1 USMC NBCE
1240H	2	Co. I at 141100H (926526) while burning trash had one accidental explosion. Resulted from one M-26 grenade in bottom of trash can. Results: 4 USMC WIAE
1830H	3	Co. E 2/5 at 141530H (954513) observed one VC running into bushes. Fired small arms. Results: 1 VC KIA, 1 poncho, 1 pair pliers, 1 hammer, 1 screw driver, 1 wrench, and 1 pop-up canister.
1809H	4	Co. I at 141630H (909477) detonated C-ration can booby trap with explosive composition and trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE
1825H	5	Co. E 2/5 at 141640H (947520) patrol observed four VC running from another patrol. Fired small arms and M-79. Results: 1 VC KIA, 1 pair black PJ's, 1 can insect repellent, papers with notes, one battle dressing
2027H	6	Co. E 2/5 at 141615H (968518) sweep spotted one Vietnamese male running from one hooch to another. Detained and will send to An Hoa.
2030H	7	Co. E 2/5 at 141645H (959513) observed one Vietnamese males with two baskets of rice. Rice weighed approximately 50lbs. Detained male and will send to An Hoa.

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0755H	1	Co. K at 150600H (905475) spotted one suspect VC on road. Threw M-26. Searched area at first light with negative results.
1100H	2	Co. K at 151005H (909491) Vietnamese children turned in one 105mm WP round, one 60mm HE, one M-26. Were paid 1000 piasters for ordnance. Results: Destroyed ordnance
1530H	3	Co. I at 151430H (947494) found booby trap made of 1½ lbs of C-4 with rocks for shrapnel with plastic covering. Results: Blew in place
1645H	4	Co. K at 151530H (909491) Vietnamese children turned in one 105mm HE, one 60mm HE, two M-79, rounds. Were paid 1000 piasters. Results: Blew in place.
1840H	5	Co. K at 151800H (907496) Vietnamese children brought to Co. K wounded child with shrapnel wound to upper leg from airstrike. Results: 1 child WIAE
2204H	6	Co. E 2/5 at 151935H (963513) detonated booby trap M-26. Results: 1 USMC WIAE
2210H	7	Co. K at 152000H (909505) night ambush detected movement on road. Fired small arms and M-79. Results: Negative.

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0855H	1	Co. K at 160800(909505) FOLLOW UP TO 152000H: Found miscellaneous gear. 1 AK-47 magazine with ammo, 1 NVA battle dressing, 1 package NVA malaria pills.
1640H	2	Co. I at 161200H (925467) found booby trap one 60mm round attached to clip of M-16 rounds with pull type fuse detonation. On side of trail in bushy area. Results: Blew in place

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1 Co. L at 171200H (913494) found booby trap 105mm round with trip wire. Results: Blew in place.

2212H

2 Co. L at 172045H (922516) heard enemy propaganda broadcast over loud speaker with Christmas Carols in background. Called in fire mission with neg. surveillance but broadcast stopped.

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Co. K at 181000H (907449) observed 20 VC moving southwest in straw hats and black cloths. Called in arty mission with negative surveillance due to terrain.

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1055H	1	Co. L at 190840H (908507) detonated one 105mm round booby trap buried in ground with sand bag over it. Results: 1 USMC KIA
1322H	2	Co. L at 191140H (915486) observed four enemy with packs and rifles moving northeast. Called 81mm mission with negative clearance.
1455H	3	Co. B 1/5 at 191300H (945525) Marine detonated one 60mm round booby trap with trip wire on side of trail. Results: 2 USMC WIAE
1515H	4	Co. C 1/5 at 191430H (942519) patrol spotted six enemy in open moving in westerly direction. Called in arty and 81mm mission. Had one secondary explosion believed to be 81mm round.
1603H	5	Co. E 2/5 at 191500H (958509) While attempting to land chopper and conduct "Butterfly Operation" received approximately 10-15 rounds AK fire from an enemy force estimated at two. Contact lasted approximately 20-30 seconds. Return fire with .50cal machineguns and escort helos. Results: Negative
2145H	6	Co. L at 192015H (914507) while in ambush site received 90-100 automatic AK rounds. Enemy site estimated to be at two or three and contact lasted approximately 10 minutes. Return fire with small arms and 81mm mission. Results: Negative.
<del>2145H</del> 2145H	<del>7</del> 7	<del>Ex.</del> Co. C 1/5 at 192115H (920500) night position received two RPG rounds and one 60mm round. Enemy force estimated seven. Contacted lasted approx. two minutes. Results: Negative.

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0935H	1	Co. E 2/5 at 200825H (922528) one Marine suffering from extreme stomach and side cramps. Results: 1 USMC NBCE
0937H	2	Co. I at 200910H (906455) observed 15 enemy without weapons run up the hill heading south. Took under fire with small arms, 81mm mortars, and 60mm mortars. Results: Negative
1423H	3	Co. M at 201315H (942453) patrol found a temp. enemy bivouac site, shelter for 20-30 men, racks and sleeping pallets rigged in small caves and dug in place. Area last used 6-8 days ago. No trails visible but small stream presumed used for access. Will follow stream and continue patrol.

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1358H	1	Co. M at 210940H (947467) Spotted three NVA in Green utilities moving north along stream. Fired small arms and enemy fled. Search of area revealed two NVA KIA, both had packs containing black PJ's, green utilities, first aid kit, one chicom grenade, and documents listing VC contacts and their unit to be QL 1055.
1310H	2	Co. C 1/5 at 211100H (934510) observed approx. 10 VC/NVA. Five were carrying weapons. Called in arty and 81mm mortars. Search of area revealed 7 NVA <del>KKA</del> Propaganda Leaflets.
1700H	3	Co. Y at 211340H (916526) while firing line charges to clear treeline, had three secondary explosions believe to be 60mm rounds.
1540H	4	Co. L at 211415H (917491) patrol received numerous AK fire. Return fire with small arms and 81mm mortars. Dispatched reaction force and will submit follow up spot report.
1725H	5	Follow up spot report: Received 60mm rounds of AK fire from estimated force of two or three. Contact lasted 25 minutes. Return fire with small arms and 81mm mortars. Results: Negative
1830H	6	Co. L at 211615H (919501H) received 15 rounds of AK fire from estimated one enemy. Contact lasted approximately 15 seconds. Return fire with automatic weapons. Results: Negative
220220H	7	Co. C 1/5 at 211930H (932525) point element of ambush observed five to eight VC/NVA coming toward them. Open fire with small arms. Enemy fled and search of area revealed negative results.



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1020H	1	Co. L at 220310H (909503) ambush received 30-40 rounds of AK fire from estimated two enemy. Return fire with organic weapons and called in 81mm fire mission. Results: Negative
1120H	2	Co. C 1/5 at 220945H (937510) patrol received three VC/NVA fleeing toward them. Fired arty mission and question civilian in immediate area. Found tax list and will send it to An Hoa. Negative enemy killed.
1330H	3	Co. C 1/5 at 221045H (943514) while searching area where fire mission was called in, found five wounded civilians. Medevaced them.

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1035H	1	Co. E 2/5 at 230900H (923541) while manning bridge observed explosion on route 540. Dispatched squad to investigate. Found engineer truck which had detonated a 40lb box mine command detonating, wounding 13 Marines. Results: 13 USMC WIA
1300	2	Co. C 1/5 at 231145H (947534) patrol came under small arms fire from unknown size enemy force. Return small arms fire, Huey Gunship, and called in arty mission. Results: 1 USMC KIA
1625H	3	Co. I at 231445H (894520) observed eight VC in open when patrol started to move. Called in 81mm mortars and 60mm mortars. Will check out area.
1622H	4	Co. M at 231450H (844537) snipers observed one enemy wearing green utilities moving southeast. Took under sniper fire and called in arty mission with negative results.
2050H	5	Co. I at 231600H (894520) observed 11 enemy moving into treeline. Called in 81mm mission with good coverage. Could not search area due to river.
1705H	6	Co. Y at 231600 (855518) one VC came to CP and Chieu Hoied. Subject is from An Bang (1) and was sent out to gather rice. Results: 1 VC Chieu Hoi
1845H	7	Co. I at 231710H (888517) patrol return to village after passing though apprehended one VCS hiding among civilians.
2110H	8	Co. I at 231830H (899522) while in ambush site observed two VC attempting to launch boat. Snipers fired and ambush took under small arms fire. Results: 1 VC KIA

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1535H	1	Co. K at 240930H (875553) found abandoned enemy position containing miscellaneous gear and various food stuffs rotten and inedible. Destroyed all food stuffs. 1 pair US binoculars, several VN rain suits.
1325H	2	Co. M at 241030H (842546) patrol spotted VC with pack who plunged into river and attempted to swim to other shore. Fired M-79 and M-60. Body floated to surface and snipers checked out body with scopes. Results: 1 VC KIA
1320H SEAST	3	Co. I at 241040H (882519) platoon searching village captured one vietnamese male with no ID card. Sent to ITT.
1538H	4	Co. K at 241100H (899561) while in blocking pos. discovered one NVA body two to three days old, with undetermined cause of death. Results: 1 NVA KIA
1618H-	5	Co. K at 241110H (904559) one VC ran from blocking position. Took under fire. Searched area revealing 1 VC KIA, 1 M-26 grenade, and 3 blasting caps.
1542H 1417H/1537H	6	Co. K at 241145H (872560) patrol observed one VC running in tall grass. Found fresh spider hole, one machine gun position. Further checking revealed estimated squad size position with numerous fresh holes and tracks. Results: Negative
1440H	7	Co. I at 241330H (874512) observed one VC fleeing from area. Fires small arms. Results: 1 VC KIA, 1 Homemade Chicomm.
1835H	8	Co. I at 241510H (865506) one USMC fired M-79 and had a short round, causing shrapnel to stomach and lower abdomen. Results: 1 USMC NBCE

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1830H	9	Co. I at 241515H (906528) patrol found one dead VC wearing green shirt and shorts. Dead approx. one week. Had 10 M-16 rounds. Results: 1 VC KIA
1850H	10	Co. I at 241555H (866506) observed two enemy attempting to launch boat, wearing packs. Fired M-79, two LAAW's, M-60, M-16's. Search of area revealed 2 more larger boats and 2 VC KIA.
2146H	11	Co. M at 242000H (835546) while moving to new pos. had one USMC fall off paddie dike and sprain ankle. Results: 1 USMC NBCE
2124H	12	Co. I at 242015H (875512) estimated six enemy in point unit of unknown size force walk into ambush. Close combat initiated by USMC and enemy simultaneously. One NVA was knocked down and captured in hand to hand combat, three other NVA were killed. Results: 3 NVA KIA, 1 NVA POW, 1 AK-47, 2 Chicomm Grenades, 2 AK magazines, 3 packs, 1 cartridge belt.
2250H	13	Co. K at 242245H (882553) enemy with PA system addressing Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Marines go home, refuse to fight, something about bombers, etc. Fired 60mm HE and Illumination. Enemy temporarily ceased but later continued again.
250120H	14	Follow up spot report: Enemy propaganda continues with following repetitive theme: "Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Vietnamese people of National Liberation Front wish peace and ask Americans to turn in weapons so they won't be so heavy to carry. You will receive gifts for them in Hanoi. Marines should not die for Saigon Government. The 82nd NVA Regiment is here and has surrounded your company. Go home and be ashamed of the B-52 bombers and airmen and Americans who deserve to die." USMC personnel can hear a second Vietnamese dictating to the speaker and a woman crying in background. During 60mm mission, speaker spoke rapidly in Vietnamese. Co. K renews with vigor and gritted

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teeth a devastating rain of illumination canisters  
on 82nd NVA Regiment. Will conduct search in light.

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1030H	1	Interrogation of POW and search of 782 gear revealed 25,000 Piastres in pack. POW said money was to be used to purchase rice from villagers.
1750H	2	Received six enemy sniper rounds from treeline while on platoon size recon patrol. Returned fire with 5 M-79 rounds and 20 M-16 rounds which suppressed sniper fire.
1855H	3	Bn CP OP observed six NVA in Green utilities loitering around a hooch off and on during afternoon. Fired 69 rounds 81mm immediately on termination of standown.
1905H	4	Observed 1 NVA in green utilities walking towards stream. Initiated S/A fire but enemy escaped to south/west.
2037H	5	Platoon size unit moving into night pos took 7 rounds sniper fire. Called artillery mission and swept area.
2200H	6	Squad size ambush encountered 2 VC wearing black pajamas walking downstream. Employed claymore and 2 M-26's upon enemy. 1 VC KIA (male age approx 25) will search area at first light for other body. 1 pack, 782 gear, billfold, misc clothing. Will turn in to S-2.
260015H	7	Rein squad size ambush utilizing camouflaged and secretly placed MOD and 106RR spotted 3 sampans with a total of 15 enemy, moving west to east across river. Fired 3 106 B-hive rounds observing all direct hits on sampan holding 5 VC and another boat containing 3 VC. Boats both sunk and 3 VC swam to shore and were dispatched by 2 106 B-hive rounds. Third boat escaped under pursuit of fire. 8 VC KIA.

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0920H	1	Check of area and body revealed evidence that KIA was NVA instead of VC as previously reported 1 NVA KIA (male age approx 25) Should read as follows: 1 pack NVA, Misc 782 gear, Misc. personal clothing, billfold/personal items, 1 NVA Helmet, NVA infiltration pass, 2 lb bag of rice, drugs Follow up spot to 252100H Dec69.
0905H	2	Local manason and CP KCS induced two VN males, ages 16 and 17 to Chieu Hoi. Subjects dressed in white shirts and shorts with green underneath. Subjects from Phu Binh. 16 yr old is corpsman, while 17 yr old is local guerrilla. Claim there are few VC and no NVA in area. Know of no rice or weapons caches. Know of no booby traps. Will be sent to An Hoa. 2 VC Chieu Hoi's 1 AK and 2 magazines with rounds
1510H	3	Observed 5 sampans across river containing 2 men each with packs and rice bags. Fired 2 B-hive 106 rounds, 15 .50 caliber rounds, 80 M-60 rounds and 12 60mm rounds along with normal small arms, which accounted for direct hits on 3 boats and elimination of all enemy aboard. Engagement lasted 3 minutes 6 VC KIA (All bodies observed in river floating downstream.)
1942H	4	1 M-26 Grenade Side of trail hidden in grass Tripwire 1 USMC WIA (P) Evac
1510H	5	Sea rch of village employing squad size patrol flushed NVA from concealment, and he fled for under pursuit of fire. Fired 5 M-16 rounds 1 NVA KIA (Male age 22) wearing green utilities 1 NVA pack, misc gear will send to Bn S-2

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1410H	6	Found a 250 pound bomb while conducting squad size local security patrol. Blown in place.
1812H	7	Plt patrol recieved 3 automatic bursts of small arms fire from treeling which la sted approx 3 minutes. Fired 100 rounds M-60 and 5 rounds 60mm mortars, swept area with negative results. 1 USMC WIA (P) Evac.
1932H	8	Platoon size sweep revealed 3 VN hiding in bunker 10 feet deep constructed with escape route. Apprehended VN and personal search of detainees and a rea revealed various medical equipment, 1 NVA shirt, 1 PRC-25 battery, 500 mpiastres, 10 pounds tobacco, blasting caps and detonating cord. 3 VCS (age 10 Female) (a ge 30) Male) (Age 50 Male) sent on resupply chopper. 4 blasting caps, det cord 20 feet destroyed. Penicillin, salve, PRC-25 Battery, 500 Piastres, 10 pounds tobacco, 1 NVA shirt, various documents
1945H	9	Platoon size patrol recieved 20 sniper rounds. Returned 100 M-16 rounds which subdued sniper fire and swept area which revealed 50 AK-47 rounds, 1 Claymore mine, 2 M-16 magazines, 1 10 pound pack and 1 dud 105 mm round. Enemy had escaped and all ordance destroyed 1 dud 105 mm round, 1 claymore, 50 rounds AK-47 ammo, 1 pack, 2 M-16 magazines.
2010H	10	Platoon size local security had 2 NVA walk into OP. One carrying AK-47 and both wearing black PJ's and packs. Fired 20 M-16 rounds 2 NVA KIA (both male about 25) 1 AK-47 rifle, 2 AK-47 ma gazings, 2 chicoms. 2 NVA packs misc gear will report in follow up rep



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270105H	11	Ambush opened fire on 3 suspected enemy on trail with 30 M-16 rounds, 3 M-79 rounds. Swept area with neg results, will make thorough search at first light.
270140H	12	Squad size ambush opened fire on 2 NVA who walked into ambush site, killing one and wounding the other with 15 rounds M-16 and 100 rounds of M-60 fire. Commenced area search and received 50 rounds enemy automatic weapons fire and 2 RPG rounds. Estimated larger enemy force close at hand and requesting aerial support. 1 NVA KIA (male early 20's) 1 NVA WIA POW (male early 20's) (R) will evac 2 NVA packs, personal gear.

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0815H	1	Utilizing NOD observed 3 VC launching sampans. Fired 2 B-hive 106RR rounds, VC fled and were again fired on by 2 106 B-hives, 15 .30 cal and 14 m-79 rounds. Unable to search are due to water barrier
0835H	2	Follow-up spot to 261825H Dec69 Search of packs revealed 1½ pounds of documents including 3 notebooks of names and 1 portagabe typewriter. Change to read 1 AK-47 assault model, 2 AK-47 magazines, 3 factory make chicomms.
1145H	3	Follow-up spot to 262230H Dec69 While searching area of last night's contact found 1 additional NVA KIA, wearing green utilities under civilian clothes. 1 NVA KRA (male age approx 20) Found on body was rice sack around neck, personal gear. No ID card or documents of any sorts were found body.
1516H	4	Company minus sweep accompanied by CIT personnel found: 1 russian K-44 carbine; cal 7.62: 1 French make carbine; 750mm. Both weapons were packed and covered in tar hidden in stream. Will tag and send to rear. 1 K-44 7.62mm: 1 French carbine 750mm
1545H	5	Company minus sweep found 2 RPG-7 rocket rounds, 3 AK-47 magazines, and 1 dummy training rifle. Will continue sweep and search for further ordnance and foodstuffs. 2 RPG-7 rounds; will destroy.
2150H	6	Observed 1 VC running SE. Fired 5 rounds M-16 negative results
2153H	7	Observed 1 VC carrying sack heading South. Called arty mission. Negative results.
2145H	8	Observed 1 VC heading for stream. Snipers fired 2 rds. Neg results

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2135H	9	Observed 3 NVA while on patrol wearing green utilities. Took under small arms fire. Search of area revealed misc. gear left behind. 1 NVA pack containing 1 lb bag of rice and 1 lb bag of corn, 1 hammock, 1 set green utilities and med supplies, 1 wallet containing 1220 piastres.
2007H 2007H	10	1 M-26 Grenade In grass along trail Trip wire 2 USMC WIA Evac
2140H	11	Unit while moving in night ambush sight. Heard several VN talking in treeline. Took under small arms fire, approx 60 rounds M-16 and 4 M-26 grenades for approx 1 minute. Search of area revealed blood trails, one NVA Helmet with bullet holes, 1 pack with rice and clothes, 1 bowl of cooked rice spilled on trail. Bolld lead to rice paddy to the south. Search of another treeling, after prep wi frags, revealed 2 socks of rice, about 5 lbs, blood trails lead to river. Will search area further at first light.

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0945H	1	Mike Unit found 1300 lbs of polished rice in cache Will bag and send to An Hoa as first chance.
1605H	2	Found 1 NVA body approx 26 yr old w/wounds to the head. Dead less than 24 hours. Checked area further w/neg results 1 NVA KIA
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1610H	3	Observed 1 VC body floating in river, approx 30 yrs old dressed in black shorts and shirt. Undetermined cause of death. 1 VC
1557H	4	Apprehended 3 males in civilian clothes all in their 20's. CIT interrogated them, 2 admitted to be VC, 1 claims he is a hamlet cadre man. All three claimed Cheiu Hoi privileges. Will send in at first chance. 3 VC POW
1616H	5	Mike unit while searching area found 800 lbs of polished rice, 1 SKS rifle and 1 K-44 carbine. Will bag rice and send all to An Hoa at first chance. 800 lbs of polished rice, 1 SKS rifle, 1 K-44 carbine.
1628H	6	Patrol observed 2 VC fleeing. Fired approx 30 rds S/A. 1 VC fell but continued to run into treeline. Searched area with neg res.
1641H	7	Found 500 lbs of rice. Will bag rice and send at first chance.
1941H	8	175mm artillery rd. Buried along side of trail upon entrance to village. Pressure detonated.
1945H	9	Patrol approached village from N. VC male fled from village.(cont.)

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1945H (Cont.)	9	Fired 5 M-16, 2 M-79. VC escaped searched hootch, found 1 young VN female. Age 19 yrs and 1 M-26 and one claymore in hootch. 1 detainee, female age 19. 1 M-26 and 1 claymore.
1950H	10	Observed 5 VC moving on trail east wearing black PJ's one with weapon. Called AO who fired on board ordingnce, and called 60 rd arty mission. Will search.

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1606H	1	Patrol observed 2 VC fleeing west. Fired approx 15 rds S/A. Searched area with neg results.
2005H	2	Observed 2 NVA wearing green shorts and shirt moving southeast. Fired approx 100 rds M-16, 30 rds M-60, and 5 rds M-79. Searched w/neg results.
2015H	3	Observed 2 NVA, 1 carrying weapon wearing green T-shirt and shorts moving west. Lost sight immediately and could not call arty due to closeness of friendlies. Searched area w/neg results.
2020H	4.	Destroyed 950 sq meters of rice seedlings in 5 beds 15 1/2 rolls det cord used.
2410H	5.	1 81mm illum canister w/explosive comp On high ground in bushes Trip wire.
2100H	6	Observed 1 VC age 25 dressed in blue. Fired at same. Rec'd small arms in return. Fired 40 M-16 rds, 10 M-79 rds, will search area at first light. Action lasted 3 min.
2105H	7	Rec'd 20 rds S/A fire and 3 M-79 rds. Returned w/100 rds M-60, 12 60mm rds, 40 M-16 rds, 81 mm and arty. Engagement lasted 4-5 min. Area will be searched at first light.

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1150H	1	Observed 3 VC; 2 males, 1 female wearing civilian clothing, carrying packs and weapons running along treeline. Fired 70 rds M-16, 100 rds M-60, 10 rds M-79, 10 rds 60mm, in five minute engagement. 1 female POW (age 25) emerg evac. 2 packs; miscellaneous medical gear.
1215H	2	Searched area of intel rep. Found two hooches as described, but burned out and bombed. Found 2 tunnels approx 25 meters long 3 meters high, 4 meters wide reinforced with bamboo approx 2 months since construction. Tunnels searched with neg findings and destroyed.
1835H	3	Discovered bunker complex constructed of wood and sand, and uncovered 200 lbs of rice and corn which was stored in 3 gal type aluminum containers. Destroyed bunker complex and will destroy foodstuffs. 200 lbs rice and corn.
2050H	4	Upon moving to DP site Point man observed 3 VC and immed received 5-6 M-1 rifle rds. VC were at entrance to hooch. Opened fire with M-16 2 LAAWs and 4-5 M-79 rds. Assault area and swept under illumination found 1 dead child approx 4 yrs old. Rest of family was in bunker. Family indicated 6 VC were in area. More detail search of area will be conducted at first light.

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31000H To 312400H

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1327H	1	Patrol took 3 rds AK fire Returned fire w/40 rds M-16 for 1 minute. Had AO check area. Swept area w/neg results.
1615H	2	Squad size unit conducting rice seedling destruction mission. Found 2X155mm dud rounds. 40XM-16 rds, 1 LAAW, and a crock containing 300 lbs of unpolished rice. All ordnance destroyed and rice being staged for retro. 2X155mm rds, 40XM-16 rds, 1 LAAW, 300 lbs unpolished rice
1620H	3	Squad size patrol observed 1 VC running from bunker on which detainee was sitting. Subject was detained Subject is 12 yrs old male and says he does not know who male who ran was. Subject will be sent to ITT 1 12 yr old male detainee.
1700H	4	M-26 in can Side of trail buried in ground Trip wire 2 USMC WIA (P)
1945H	5	K3A squad size ambush moving to night pos was ambushed by estimated 2 en. Returned fire with 40 rds M-16, withdrew from area and called 81mm mission. Engagement lasted 3 minutes
2007H	6	Spotted 4 enemy in green utilities with weapons moving N.W. across small stream. Initial fire w/100 rds M-16, 60 rds M-60, 14 rds 60mm in 10 minute engagement. Searched area and found only misc gear. 2 Ho Chi Minh saddles, 10 lb pack polished rice.
2215H	7	Follow-up spot to 311355H Dec69 Fired 23 rds 81mm and 15 60mm rds on suspected enemy position where ambushed. Will move into night act at new location.