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(d) RegtO 5750.2

Encl: (1) 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Command Chronology
(2) 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Journal

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) through (d), enclosures (1) and (2) are hereby submitted.

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ORGANIZATION DATA1. DESIGNATION

3rd Battalion, 5th Marines

COMMANDER

LtCol H. L. JOHNSON JR.

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company
 Company I
 Company K
 Company L
 Company M

Capt J. T. MACNAMEE
 1stLt K. M. DUHE
 Capt W. F. HARVEY
 Capt H. W. DIAL
 Capt V. L. SCHULTZ

2. LOCATION. Throughout the month the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines maintained its CP at Ross Combat Base (BT 024343), and a Forward Jump CP for Operation Imperial Lake (BT 994391).

3. STAFF OFFICERS

ExecO

Major J. K. MILLER
 1 Dec 70 - 7 Dec 70
 Major J. J. ROZMAN
 8 Dec 70 - 31 Dec 70
 WO T. L. DULANEY
 1stLt J. F. REINER
 Major J. J. ROZMAN
 1 Dec 70 - 7 Dec 70
 Major J. T. SEHULSTER
 8 Dec 70 - 31 Dec 70
 Capt M. O. FLETCHER
 1stLt J. J. REGO
 1stLt M. G. WATERS
 Capt J. J. MARSHALL
 1stLt W. B. MAY
 1stLt D. E. HUBBARD
 1stLt R. D. RICKETS
 1 Dec 70 - 16 Dec 70
 1stLt W. B. CLARK
 17 Dec 70 - 31 Dec 70
 Lt J. R. FLETCHER
 Lt R. L. STENNES
 Lt S. S. KROLL

S-1
 S-2
 S-3

S-4
 S-5/Legal
 Supply Officer
 Communications Officer
 Air Liaison Officers
 Artillery Liaison Officer

Chaplain
 Medical Officers

On 6 Dec 1970, Company L returned to Ross Combat Base from OFCON 11th Marines. Company L assumed the mission of Regimental Reserve. On 11 Dec, Company L was inserted into Operation Imperial Lake (CM 984 396). First platoon, Company L assumed security mission of Hill 381. On 17 Dec, 2nd platoon, Company L relieved the 1st platoon, Company L and assumed the security mission of Hill 381. First platoon, Company L returned OFCON to Company L and resumed missions in Imperial Lake. On 27 Dec, 2nd platoon, Company L was extracted from Operation Imperial Lake and returned to Ross Combat Base. Company M(-) assumed OFCON of 2nd platoon, Company L.

On 4 Dec 1970, Company M (-) was inserted into Operation Imperial Lake (CM 975365). Also on 4 Dec, 1st platoon, Company M was inserted on Hill 510 and assumed recon security mission. On 19 Dec, Company M(-) was extracted from Operation Imperial Lake and returned to Ross Combat Base. Company M assumed the mission of Regimental Reserve. On 20 Dec, 1st platoon, Company M was extracted from Hill 510 and returned to Ross Combat Base. Also, on 20 Dec, 3rd platoon, Company M was assigned the mission of Regimental QRF and was relocated at Baldy Combat Base. On 22 Dec, 3rd platoon, Company M was inserted into Operation Imperial Lake (CM 005390) and returned OFCON to 3/5 Forward. On 27 Dec, 2nd platoon, Company M was inserted into Operation Imperial Lake and assumed security for Hill 381.

On 27 Dec 1970, the H&S CUFF platoon was administratively transferred to Company M, and is now known as M CUII. The platoon continued its Combined Unit Pacification Program mission in the vicinity of Ross Combat Base, particularly in the refugee villages of San Lanh and Tra Dinh.

The Battalion continued to conduct security missions for the 1st Engineers daily mine sweep along Route 534, north to BT 081389.

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

3rd Battalion, 5th Marines conducted Category I, II, and III Operations in the southern and western portions of the 5th Marines AO. Primary emphasis was on Category III Operations in Operation Imperial Lake. On 2 Dec 1970, 3/5 Jump CP was inserted at Hill 381 (994391) and assumed command of Operation Imperial Lake.

Upon assumption of command, 3/5 Jump CP controlled five (5) companies in Imperial Lake. They were: Company F 2/5, Company H 2/5, Company E 2/5, Company K 3/5, and Company I 3/5. On Dec 6, 11, and 22, Companies E, H, and F returned to the OFCON of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines and were extracted from Operation Imperial Lake. Since 22 Dec, 3/5 Jump CP has had command of two (2) rifle companies and one rifle platoon in Operation Imperial Lake.

When not in Imperial Lake, Companies K, L, and M were assigned the mission of Regimental Reserve, and relief force for Que Son District HQ. During the month of December, the Reserve Company provided one platoon for patrols and ambushes in the vicinity of Ross Combat Base.

On 6 Dec 1970, Company I replaced Company L on FSB Ryder, Hill 425, Hill 119, and Hill 270 (LZ Round Up). Company I was OFCON to the 11th Marines and remained so throughout the month. On 18 Dec, 1st platoon (-), Company I was extracted from Hill 425 and inserted on Hill 218 on 19 Dec. The mission remained the same as Hill 218 became an 11th Marines IOD outpost. 11th Marines assumed security of Hill 425. On 24 Dec, detachment; 1st platoon, Company I was extracted from Hill 119 and inserted at Hill 218 on 25 Dec. 11th Marines assumed security of Hill 119. Presently, Company I maintains a Company (-) on FSB Ryder, one platoon on Hill 218, and a squad (Rein) on Hill 270 (LZ Round Up).

On 2 Dec 1970, 2nd platoon, Company K assumed mission of security for Hill 381 and Company K (-) remained in Imperial Lake. On 6 Dec, 3rd platoon, Company K relieved 2nd platoon and assumed the mission of security of Hill 381. All platoons while securing Hill 381 were also given a minor rehabilitation to include new clothes and replacement of unserviceable equipment. On 7 Dec, 1st platoon, Company K was inserted as a QRF (CM 930368) and returned OFCON to Company K. The 1st platoon had been the Regimental QRF since 24 Nov 1970. On 11 Dec, Company K was relieved from Operation Imperial Lake and returned to Ross Combat Base. They then assumed the mission of Regimental Reserve. On 19 Dec, Company K was again inserted into Operation Imperial Lake (CM 975375).

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 2 Dec 70 (1) 3/5 Jump CF, LtCol H. L. JOHNSON JR., Commanding, assumed control of Operation Imperial Lake. Companies E 2/5, F 2/5, H 2/5, I(-) and K(-) to continue assigned mission.
- (2) 2nd platoon, Company K assumed mission of security of Hill 381 (994391) Operation Imperial Lake.
- (3) 1st platoon, Company I, extracted from LZ Rainbow (98 2433) and inserted on Hill 510 (945405) as recon security. 2/5 chop OFCON 1st platoon, Company I to 3/5.
- (4) BrigGen. ARMSTRONG, CG, 1st MAF, visited Ross Combat Base.
- 3 Dec 70 (1) Company I(-) extracted from Operation Imperial Lake to Ross Combat Base and assigned the mission of Regimental Reserve.
- 4 Dec 70 (1) Company M(-) inserted into Operation Imperial Lake (CM 975365).
- (2) 1st platoon, Company M inserted Hill 510 and assumed recon security mission relieving 1st platoon, Company I. First platoon, Company I returned to Ross Combat Base.
- 6 Dec 70 (1) Company I (-) inserted FSB Ryder, OFCON 11th Marines, relieving Company L.
- (2) Company L returned to Ross Combat Base and assumed the mission of Regimental Reserve.
- (3) First platoon (-), Company I inserted on Hill 425 (998 462), OFCON 11th Marines, relieving 1st platoon (-) Company L.
- (4) Detachment, 1st platoon, Company I inserted on Hill 119 (988508), OFCON 11th Marines, relieving detachment, 1st platoon, Company L.
- (5) First squad (Rein), 2nd platoon, Company I inserted LZ Round Up (999315), OFCON 11th Marines, relieving 3rd squad (Rein), 2nd platoon, Company L.

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- (6) 3/5 Jump CP chop OFCON E 2/5 to 2/5. E/2/5 extracted from Operation Imperial Lake and returned to Baldy CB.
 - (7) Third platoon, Company K relieved 2nd platoon, Company K and assumed security of Hill 381 (994391). Second platoon, Company K returned to assigned AO Operation Imperial Lake.
 - (8) MajGen. WIDDECKE, CG, 1st Marine Division (-)(Rein) visited 3/5 Jump CP on Hill 381 (994391).
- 7 Dec 70 (1) First platoon, Company K inserted as QRF (CM 980368). 2/5 chop OFCON 1st platoon, Company K to 3/5 Jump CP.
- 8 Dec 70 (1) Col. UTTEL, Asst Chief of Staff, G-3 visited 3/5 Jump CP Hill 381.
- 11 Dec 70 (1) Company L (-) inserted into Operation Imperial Lake (CM 984396) relieving Company K (-).
- (2) First platoon, Company L inserted on Hill 381 and relieved 3rd platoon, Company K. First platoon, Company L assumed security of Hill 381.
 - (3) Company K assigned the mission of Regimental Reserve.
- 13 Dec 70 (1) Col. JUDGE, CO, 5th Marines, and staff visited 3/5 Jump CP on Hill 381.
- 16 Dec 70 (1) Gen LEE, CG, 2nd ROK Brigade, visited Ross Combat Base.
- (2) Mr CONN of Martin/Marietta and Mr ZABEL of China Lake, visited Hill 381 in connection with Lazor Bomb control experimentation.
- 17 Dec 70 (1) 3/5 Jump CP chop OFCON H 2/5 to 2/5. H 2/5 extracted from Operation Imperial Lake and returned to Baldy CB.
- (2) Second platoon, Company L relieved 1st platoon, Co L and assumed security mission of Hill 381. First platoon returned to Operation Imperial Lake.
- 18 Dec 70 (1) 11th Marines chop OFCON 1st platoon (-) Company I to 3/5. First platoon (-), Company I returned to Ross Combat Base from Hill 425.
- 19 Dec 70 (1) Company K inserted into Operation Imperial Lake (CM 975 365).

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- (2) Company M (-) extracted from Operation Imperial Lake and returned to Ross Combat Base. Assumed the mission of Regimental Reserve.
 - (3) 3/5 chop OFCON 1st platoon (-), Company I 3/5 to 11th Marines. First platoon (-), Company I inserted Hill 218 (028373).
- 20 Dec 70 (1) M 1 extracted from Hill 510 (945405) and returned to Ross Combat Base.
- (2) Third platoon, Company M assigned mission of QRF under OFCON 5th Marines and located at Baldy Combat Base.
 - (3) MajGen WIDDECKE, CG, 1st Marine Division (-)(Rein), visited 3/5 Jump CP, Hill 381 (994391).
- 22 Dec 70 (1) 3/5 Jump CP chop OFCON F 2/5 to 2/5. F 2/5 extracted from Operation Imperial Lake and returned to Baldy CB.
- (2) 5th Marines chop OFCON 3rd platoon, Company M 3/5 to 3/5 Jump CP. Third platoon, Company M 3/5 inserted Operation Imperial Lake (CM 005390).
- 23 Dec 70 (1) Col. JUDGE, CO, 5th Marines, visited 3/5 Jump CP, Hill 381.
- 24 Dec 70 (1) 11th Marines chop OFCON detachment, 1st platoon, Company I 3/5 to 3/5. Detachment of 1st platoon, Company I extracted Hill 119 (988508) and returned to Ross Combat Base.
- (2) MajGen WIDDECKE, CG, 1st Marine Division (-)(Rein), visited 3/5 Jump CP, Hill 381.
- 25 Dec 70 (1) 3/5 Rear chop OFCON detachment, 1st platoon, Company I 3/5 to 11th Marines. Detachment, 1st platoon, Company I inserted on Hill 218 (028373).
- 27 Dec 70 (1) Second platoon, Company L extracted from Operation Imperial Lake and returned to Ross Combat Base.
- (2) Second platoon, Company M inserted Operation Imperial Lake and assumed security of Hill 381.
- 28 Dec 70 (1) Col. JUDGE, CO, 5th Marines visited 3/5 Jump CP, Hill 381.
- 30 Dec 70 (1) Col. JUDGE, CO, 5th Marines visited 3/5 Jump CP, Hill 381.

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1. TOPICS

a. Personnel and Administration

(1) Strength. The Battalion began the month with a total strength of 36 Marine Officers, 1110 Marine Enlisted, 3 Navy Officers, and 55 Navy enlisted. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines now has a total on board strength of 33 Marine Officers, 1122 Marine Enlisted, 3 Navy Officers, 51 Navy enlisted.

(2) Morale. Morale and fighting spirit was and continues to be excellent. Ninety-seven (97) persons participated in the out-of-country R&R, and 9 persons participated in the In-country R&R program at China Beach during the month.

The weekly worship schedule:

SUNDAY

0830 (Prot) - - - - - Ross Combat Base
1330 (Cath) - - - - - Ross Combat Base

On 3 Dec 1970, the Battalion Chaplain conducted 1 memorial service for 1 Marine killed during the month of November.

(3) Postal Services. Postal services during the month of December continued with efficiency. Mail delivery continues to be accomplished by a regularly assigned courier on a daily basis whenever received from Division.

(4) Discipline. During the month there were 25 Office Hours, 6 Summary Court-Martial, 14 Special Court-Martial and 1 General Court-Martial.

(5) Awards. There were 8 Purple Hearts awarded to members of the Battalion during the month of December. Three (3) Navy Achievement and 3 Navy Commendations were awarded during the month of Dec.

(6) Promotions. There were a total of 46 promotions during the month of December. The breakdown by rank is as follows:

REGULAR PROMOTIONS

PFC - - - - - 26
LCPL - - - - - 13
CHL - - - - - 3

MERITORIOUS PROMOTIONS

CHL - - - - - 4

(7) Internal Management.

(a) Administrative procedures continued with proficiency throughout the month. A total of 45 Marines were processed and returned to CONUS during the month of December. Emphasis continued to be placed on administrative discharge of personnel who do not conform to retention standards. One (1) Marine was recommended for administrative discharge and 8 were returned approved during the month of December.

(b) Casualties sustained by the Battalion during the month were as follows:

FRIENDLY CASUALTIES

KIA - - - - -	0	WIA - - - - -	0
WIA - - - - -	15	NBC - - - - -	0
POW - - - - -	0	MIA - - - - -	0
NBC - - - - -	10		

b. Enemy, Weather, and Terrain

(1) Enemy. Enemy activity was relatively light during the reporting period. Enemy initiated contacts were of the delaying and harassing type. The enemy was kept on the move by the operations conducted by USMC units in the AO preventing the enemy ability to mass large groups. The use of booby traps was not extensive except along avenues of approaches to his base camps. One instance of road mining occurred resulting in one ARVN truck being destroyed and 1 ARVN KIA.

(2) Weather. The weather was normal for the monsoon season with 11.23 inches of precipitation received. Visibility and mobility increased over the preceding month. The average high temperature was 81 degrees with an average low of 71 degrees.

(3) Terrain. Terrain encountered during the month consisted of the lowlands and rice paddies of Que Son District up into the rugged slopes of the Que Son Mountains to the North and South into the hills of the Chau Son Mountains.

(4) Statistics(a) Enemy Losses:

VC/NVA KIA	31
Detainees	28

(b) Weapons Captured:

AK 47	9
Carbines	2
Pistols	5
M-16	2
SKS	3

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(c) Ordinance Captured:

M-79 rounds	4
250 lb bombs	4
500 lb bomb	1
60mm rounds	20
82mm rounds	2
Chicom grenades	27
M-26 grenades	6
Small arms rounds	177
RPG rounds	14
105mm dud rounds	3
Basketball illum.	1
Claymore	1

(d) Food stuff Captured:

Rice	2345 lbs
Salt	155 lbs
Tea	10 lbs
Peanuts	70 lbs
Potatoes	55 lbs
Fish	1 lb
Creem	4 lbs
Salmon	9 lbs

(e) Enemy Fortifications:

Caves	133
Bunkers	24
Fighting holes	30
Base Camps/Harbor Sites	12

(f) Equipment Captured:

AK magazines	11
Typewriters	3
Jack	40
Flags	49
E-tools	2
Record Player	1
Radio (Civilian)	2
Hammocks	26
Belts	17
NVA helmets	3
Comm wire	1 roll
Canteens	4
82mm mortar sight	1

Shovels	75
Telegraph Keys	3
Radio headsets	5
Radio antennas	3
Compasses	2
Radio (Chicom)	3
Alarm clocks	2
Material	500lbs approximately
Clothes	200lbs approximately
Medical gear	70lbs approximately

(g) Mines/Boobytraps. A total of 14 booby traps were encountered. Thirteen were found, 1 was detonated resulting in 1 USMC WIA. The USMC WIA was from F 2/5, who was attached to 3/5 Jump Co from 2 to 17 December 1970. Types and number of devices:

M-79 rounds	1
M-26 grenades	2
60mm rounds	3
Chicom grenades	4
82mm rounds	1
LAAW	1
81mm rounds	1
FLG rounds	1

c. Organization and Operations

3rd Battalion, 5th Marines was organized in accordance with the T/O except for an additional platoon size unit which was given an exclusive mission of Combined Unit Pacification Program activities in the villages of Son Lanh and Tra Binh. No units were attached, but supporting elements occupied Ross Combat Base in direct or general support. Tenants at Ross Combat Base included:

Det, Radio Relay Flt, Comm Co. HQ Bn
 Det, Support Company, 1st Eng.
 A Btry, 2nd 94th Artillery
 Army Cyclops, 29th Artillery Btry, 24 Corps
 K Btry, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines
 D Btry, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines
 HST, Company C, 1st SI Battalion
 Det, Bulk Fuel Company
 3rd Flt, Company B, 1st Eng
 Det, IX, Division Exchange
 Det, Company A, 1st Motor Transport Battalion
 Det, 1st Battalion, 44th Artillery

The operations conducted by the Bn during the month consisted of battalion, company, and platoon size operations. Battalion size operation (Imperial Lake) was conducted by 3/5 FWD Co at H-381. Although the operation was battalion size, all companies involved operated independently of each other. Operations from RCS were combat patrols to interdict enemy movement in the AO, to disrupt his food gathering efforts, to reduce and/or dispel his propaganda efforts, and to prevent his massing.

(1) Supporting Units/Agencies

(a) Engineers. Third platoon, Company B, 1st Eng Battalion supported 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines during the month of December. The primary mission continued to be the daily accomplishment of the mine sweep from Ross Combat Base, one half distance to Baldy Combat Base.

(b) Shore Party. Company A, 1st Shore Party Battalion provided a Helicopter Support Team to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines throughout the month, for the control and functioning of LZ Ross.

(c) Mine/Booby Trap Detection Teams. Twenty one (21) Mine/Booby Trap Detection Teams utilizing Mine/Booby Trap dogs were employed by subordinate units of the Battalion contributing to the reduction of casualties during the period.

(d) Interpreters. Two (2) interpreters were employed by the Battalion and its subordinate elements during the month of December.

(e) Snipers. Fifteen (15) scout/snipers from the 5th Marines Scout Sniper Platoon supported subordinate elements of the Battalion, also six (6) scout/snipers from 1st Marines supported elements of the Battalion during the reporting period.

(2) Air Support. During the month of December 1970, the 1st Marine Air Wing provided the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines with the following air support:

(a) Helicopters flew a total of 84 medevac missions to evacuate 113 personnel. The personnel consisted of 16 WIA and 105 MHC medevacs classified as follows:

	E	F	R	KIA
US	18	30	61	
ARVN, AF, LP				
CIVILIANS		1	3	
MISC				
TOTAL	18	31	64	

(b) Helicopter gunships flew 26 missions including a troop lift and 6 visual reconnaissance flights. Gunships also expended ordnance 11 times in support of ground troops.

(c) Helicopter transportation was provided for 29 troop lifts totalling 1124 personnel. Most of these troop lifts were in support of Operation Imperial Lake.

(d) 98 OV-10 aircraft were used during the month. Of these, 7 covered troop movements, 11 controlled air strikes, 52 expended ordnance on target and 28 executed visual reconnaissance missions.

(e) Fixed wing aircraft flew 42 combat missions consisting of 21 beacons and 16 close air strikes.

(f) Two (2) glide missions were flown.

(g) Three (3) hot spots were flown.

(3) Artillery

(a) During the month of December, artillery fire support for the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines increased from the previous month's level. This was due to 3/5 assuming OICON of Operation Imperial Lake. Forward observers attached to maneuver elements controlled 87 observed missions expending 1794 rounds artillery. Intelligence/preemptive targets in support of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines activities numbered 76 missions, expending 968 rounds.

(b) D Btry, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines and K Btry, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, located at Ross Combat Base, supplied the majority of fire support. Considerable fire support was also supplied by E Btry, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines located at LZ Ryder, and by A Btry, 2nd 94th Artillery located at Ross Combat Base.

(c) The 3/5 FSCC was split during December due to Operation Imperial Lake. No unusual difficulties were encountered due to the split.

(d) In addition to the fire support given directly to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, the Battalion FSCC also coordinated artillery fire support of Popular Force units from Que Son.

d. Plans. It is anticipated that the same commitments made in the Battalion during December will continue during January. After January it is anticipated that Operation Imperial Lake will end. Several lucrative areas remain in or near the Battalion AO for company size operations. Future plans are to exploit these areas as soon as available troop assets permit.

e. Training

(1) Division Schools. Members of the Battalion attended the following Division Schools during December.

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>	<u>ASSIGNED</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>
Land Mine Warfare School	6 days	23	23
Forklift School	4 weeks	3	3

(2) Battalion Training. A total of 78 persons attended the Battalion Indoctrination School during the month of December. Also the following courses of instruction were scheduled and completed at Battalion level during the month of December.

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>INSTRUCTION TEAM</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
Mine/Booby Trap Countermeasures	1st Engineer Battalion	3 Hours
	Contact Team	3 Classes

(3) Company Training. The following instructions were accomplished by the companies of the Battalion during the month of December.

H&S COMPANY

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
Care & Clean 106MM	55 Hours
Care & Clean 50 Cal.	30 Hours
Care & Clean XM 174	20 Hours
Flame Tanks	45 Hours
81mm Gun Drill	2 Hours
M-53 Sight	1 Hour
Care & Clean 81mm	1½ Hours
M-16 Plotting Board	1½ Hours
FO School	10 Hours
Radio PRC 25	10 Hours
Fam Fire Weapon	13 Hours

COMPANY I

Patrol & Ambush Tips	1½ Hours
Map Reading	1 Hour
Drug Abuse	1 Hour
Foot Care	1 Hour
Guard Procedures	1 Hour

COMPANY K

Combat Patrols	1 Hour
First Aid	1 Hour
Booby Traps	1½ Hours
Drug Abuse	1½ Hours
Prevention of Immersion Foot	2 Hours

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<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
Care & Cleaning of M-16 & .45	2 Hours
Field Sanitation & Hygiene	1 Hour
Mapping & Compass	2 Hours
Methods of Waterproofing Equipment	1 Hour
Supply & Logistics	1 Hour

COMPANY L

Call for Fire	1 Hour
Setting Claymores	1 Hour
Setting Trip Flares	1 Hour
Mapping & Application	2 Hours
Setting of Ambush	1 Hour
Springing of Ambush	1 Hour
Radio Procedures	1 Hour

COMPANY M

Alcoholic Beverages; control of	1 Hour
Off limits establishments and areas	1 Hour
Request Mast	1 Hour
Public Relations with Vietnamese Nationals	1 Hour
War Crimes	1 Hour
Geneva Convention Rules of Engagement	1 Hour

f. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply

(1) General. Logistics activity increased greatly during the month of December. The "A" Jump CF moved on Hill 381 on 2 Dec, and assumed command of the companies of 2/5 and 3/5 for Operation Imperial Lake. The logistics Chief established an S-4 Forward in order to coordinate and control logistics for Hill 381 and the companies in Imperial Lake. Meanwhile, logistic activities continued at Ross Combat Base with particular emphasis on the areas of supply and embarkation.

(2) Resupply. In order to cope with the increased requirements of Operation Imperial Lake, an L3A Team was established at the LSU, Baldy Combat Base. During the first half of the month, 90% of the resupplies were helolifted out of Baldy in order to avoid double-handling and double-transporting the materials. During the second half of the month, resupplies to units in the field ran at a ratio of 65% from Baldy and 35% from Ross Combat Base. On Christmas day, hot chow, cold beer and sodas and gifts were delivered to all Marines.

(3) Supply. The annual physical inventory was completed during December. Property records were adjusted and I/E deficiencies were placed on order. By the end of the month, the majority of the personnel holding key billets in supply were O3's due to normal rotation and the shortage of 3041's. Therefore, much emphasis was directed toward individual instruction and on-the-job training. Supply continued to take corrective action on the discrepancies noted by the GMI. In preparation for the standdown, much non-essential or rarely used gear was retrograded to the Embarkation Center at Hill 34. A new Supply Chief reported aboard on 14 December 1970.

(4) Motor Transport. During December the following licenses were issued: 3 for the M151A1, 19 for the M274A2, and 1 for the M37A1. The maintenance situation deteriorated somewhat as the percentage of rolling stock and deadline rose to 26%. This was due partly to slow arrival of replacement parts. The Battalion still lacks four of the six mechanics it rates. A new Motor Transport Officer arrived on 20 December, and a new Motor Transport Chief reported aboard on 1 December. Because of the establishment of an LSA Team and its requirements to handle resupplies, one attached 2½ ton truck was sent to Balcy, leaving three attached for housekeeping chores at Ross CB.

(5) Engineer Support

- (a) Drainage work for the 3/5 Messhall.
- (b) One S&A Hut constructed for Delta Btry.
- (c) Eighteen loads of gravel delivered for K Btry gun pits.
- (d) Advised and assisted Vietnamese in building bridge over Song Ly Ly.
- (e) Blasted large boulders away from perimeter wire.
- (f) LZ on Hill 270 was expanded and IOP tower was raised.
- (g) Constructed a one-hole head for Vietnamese workers.
- (h) Installed new dock-in guard shack.
- (i) Pumped approximately 400,000 gallons of water.
- (j) Repaired many roads at Ross and in the villages.
- (k) Daily mine sweep on Route 535.

Engineer projects that were not completed as scheduled included:

- (a) Wiring in the perimeter lights, due 29 December.
- (b) Unclogging the drains at the Messhall, due 29 Dec.
- (c) Providing 40 new faces disposal barrels, due 29 Dec.
- (d) Construct three 4 hole heads, due 15 December.

The last three (3) items are contributing heavily to deteriorating sanitation condition at Ross Combat Base.

(6) Food Services. The new Mess Sergeant assumed his duties on 7 December. Problem areas have been; a shortage of burner parts, a shortage of cooks (six under T/O, and maintenance of the reefer units. A field mess was established with the Forward CP on Hill 381. All of the units are now receiving hot chow at least once a week and are getting fresh fruits and vegetables regularly.

(7) Embarkation. Embarkation preparation has shown significant improvement during the month of December. All 4 cube boxes have been received and constructed. Ninety per cent of them are painted and marked. Almost all of the UCM's are revised and correct. The MELS deck has been updated to a satisfactory level. The most outstanding problem at the present is the lack of specially built mount-out boxes. Several requests have been submitted for engineer assistance with negative results.

(8) Medical. Personnel strength has dropped to 50 corpsmen, with three in the hospital. There were 1904 patients seen at the BAS in December, 480 being Vietnamese. Medcaps were conducted twelve times this month, and a total of 1126 Vietnamese were treated. 500 immunizations were given to Marines this month. BAS initiated an in-service training program for corpsmen. It is held for two (2) hours each Tuesday and Thursday. A breakdown of communicable diseases shows:

- (a) Venereal 06
- (b) Syphilis 0
- (c) Gonorrhea confirmed by smear 06
- (d) Location: 4 from Tanang, 1 from village, 1 from Hong Kong.

Primary cases at Ross Combat Base:

(a) Superficial fungal infections	55
(b) Bacterial skin infections	53
(c) UMI infections	58
(d) FUO	29
(e) Malaria diagnosed by smear	05
(f) Diarrhea	34
(g) Rx for glasses	25
(h) Immersion Feet	68
(i) Rx for controlled drugs	75
(j) Orthopedic	32

e. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

(1) Civic action during the month of December has increased significantly due to the availability of materials and supplies. All projects were successfully coordinated with Que Son District HQ and MACV. The most notable accomplishment during the month was the Vietnamization of the Son Thanh Village Milk Distribution Program which benefits four schools and 1385 children.

(2) Medical Assistance.

(a) The 3/5 BAS is currently training two Vietnamese females as nurses. The BAS also assists the more serious patients at Que Son Hospital.

(b) The total number of Vietnamese treated by MED-CAPS during the month of December was 1126.

(3) Industrial Relations. An average of 35 Vietnamese were employed through the assistance of In-Kind Fund.

(4) A breakdown of Civic action conducted during the month of December is as follows:

(a) 1 December to 5 December

(1) 2 Dec 70

(a) Donated 375 lbs of milk to Son Thanh Village school system.

(2) 4 Dec 70

(a) MedCap.

(b) 6 December to 12 December

(1) 7 Dec 70

(a) Donated 375 lbs of milk to Son Thanh .

(b) MedCap.

(c) Donated 50 sheets of tin and 430 board feet of lumber to Son Thanh School.

(d) Conducted English Instruction Program.

(2) 8 Dec 70

(a) Continued English Instruction Program.

(b) MedCap.

(3) 9 Dec 70

(a) MedCap.

(b) Donated 80 pieces of culverts to military security service.

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(4) 11 Dec 70

(a) MedCap.

(c) 13 December to 19 December

(1) 13 Dec 70

- (a) Donated 375 lbs of milk to Son Thanh.
- (b) Donated 9 steel pots and 18 plastic jugs to Son Thanh to supplement milk distribution.

(2) 14 Dec 70

- (a) Conducted English Instruction Program.
- (b) Donated 25 pieces of steel matting to military security services.
- (c) Donated 250 lbs of rice to families who were subjected to a VC terrorist raid.

(3) 15 Dec 70

- (a) MedCap.
- (b) Conducted English Instruction Program.

(4) 16 Dec 70

- (a) Supplied Son Thanh Village with timber and lumber to construct a bridge.
- (b) MedCap.

(5) 18 Dec 70

- (a) MedCap.
- (b) Donated 4 truckloads of ammunition boxes to Buddhist School for repairs.

(6) 19 Dec 70

- (a) Donated 6 truckloads of ammunition boxes to District Headquarters.

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(d) 20 December to 26 December

(1) 21 Dec 70

(a) Conducted English Instruction Program.

(b) Donated 16 bags of cement to Son Thanh Bridge and 5 bags of cement for a well in Son Thanh.

(2) 22 Dec 70

(a) Conducted English Instruction Program.

(3) 23 Dec 70

(a) Continued English Instruction.

(b) MedCap.

(4) 24 Dec 70

(a) Distributed 400 lbs of candy to area children.

(b) Donated 150 school kits to C CUPF for use at Thanh Tranh School.

(5) 26 Dec 70

(a) MedCap.

(e) 27 December to 31 December

(1) 27 Dec 70

(a) Held Christmas Party for approximately 250 Vietnamese.

(2) 28 Dec 70

(a) Conducted English Instruction Program.

(3) 29 Dec 70

(a) English Instruction Program.

(b) MedCap.

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(4) 30 Dec 70

(a) MedCap.

h. Psychological Operations.

(1) In accordance with CG, 1st Marine Division msg dtd 130415Z Dec 70, psychological operations have been increased considerably.

(2) During December, over 12 million leaflets were dropped over the AO. Additionally daily aerial broadcasts were run over the AO emphasizing in particular the Chieu Hoi Program.

(3) The movie team was employed three (3) separate times at Que Son High School, Son Thanh School, and Son Xuan Village (DT C57353).

(4) The Armed Propaganda Team was employed for five (5) days in six villages.

(5) The Cultural Drama Team was employed for a total of seven (7) performances.

(6) Patrols leaving Ross Combat Base passed 300 Chieu Hoi comic books and 2,000 Chieu Hoi leaflets to the local populace.

i. Communications.

(1) The communications platoon continues to support the battalion operations. During the month of December, the communications platoon was tasked with the mission of supporting both the 3/5 Forward CP at Hill 381 and the 3/5 Rear at Ross Combat Base. This has not posed any unusual difficulties although there is little radio back-up.

(2) The primary equipment used is the UHF family of radios, voice and secure voice equipment. The following equipment is used most frequently: AN/IRC 25, AN/IRC 77/KY 38, AN/IRC 75 and the AN/IRC 41 used on occasion by the TACF.

(3) The AN/IRC 25 is the primary radio used in the field due to its light weight and dependability. The AN/IRC 25 remain our best means of communications in mobile situations. Its one limitation is, of course, an insecure net.

(4) The AN/IRC 77/KY 38 is utilized at all levels whenever possible, due to its secure net capabilities. All companies possess a Battalion secure net capability.

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	010001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0040H	0150H	2	010040H	Task organization of static positions sent to Regt.	S-3
0135H	0150H	3	010135H	Informed H&S CUFP, Co M, and IOD on H-270 of Friendly adjacent day acts for 1 Dec 1970	S-3
0745H	0810H	4	010715H	Alpha CUFP on day patrol found 1 M-79 HE round stuck face down in mud at 020347. Unit destroyed in place.	S-3
0745H	0805H	5	010745H	Bn position report	S-3
0900H	1010H	6	010900H	Forecast of operations for 2 Dec 70 sent to Regt	S-3
1025H	1050H	7	010955H	M 1 (001352) on day patrol received approx 8 round burst of automatic sniper fire from 999351 wounding 1 Marine. Unit returned SAF and swept area with negative results. A priority medevac was called, and completed.	S-3
1040H	1100H	8	011050H	Frag Order to Company M	S-3
1100H	1115H	9	011100H	3/5 Jump CP is standing by to be helolifted to H-381 to be briefed by 2/5.	S-3
1150H	1221H	10	011150H	Bn position report.	S-3
1330H		11	011200H	Recon day positions	S-3
1325H	2155H	12	011245H	IOD Team on H-270 sighted 2 VC with weapons and packs dressed in black washing in rice paddy. Unit fired 4 B-Hive and 10 HE from 106 RR. First B-Hive round hit and killed 1 VC. Remaining VC fled into treeline.	S-3
1400H	1416H	13	011400H	Bn position report	S-3
1555H	1610H	14	011555H	Bn position report	S-3
1745H	1815H	15	011745H	Bn position report	S-3

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1805H		16	011800H	Recon night positions.	S-3
1946H	20005H	17	011946H	3/5 Air support requirements for 2 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3
2328H	2340H	18	012328H	3/5 request 1st Plt, Co I be chopped OPCON to Recon Bn upon transfer from LZ Rainbow to H-510.	S-3
2400H		19	012400H	3/5 TACP ran 2 medevacs from Ross CB and 1 priority evac for M1. Ad- vanced party (CP) were helolifted to H-381.	S-3
2400H		20	012400H	3/5 FSCC observed negative fire miss sions in support of 3/5 over the past 24 hours.	S-3
				SUMMARY:	
				1 Marine WIA priority, 1 VC KIA.	
2400H	2400H	21	012400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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IN	OUT				
0001H	0001H	1	020001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0730H	0737H	2	020730H	Bn position report	S-3
0900H	1037H	3	020900H	Forecast of operations for 3 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3
0930H	0940H	4	020930H	Bn position report	S-3
1145H	1151H	5	021145H	Bn position report	S-3
1145H		6	021145H	Imperial Lake AO extended as follows: Fm boundary at BT 050430 - to - 0540 - to - 0240 north and east along boundary to close	S-3
1220H		7	021220H	Recon position report	S-3
1400H	1407H	8	021400H	Bn position report	S-3
1450H	1600H	9	021245H	M 3 (991321) while on patrol unit came upon 2 males, age 35-40, working in rice paddy. Males had negative ID's and were detained.	S-3
1456H	1605H	10	021245H	M 3 (991321) while interrogating 2 detainees unit received 35 rounds sniper fire from approx 4 VC/NVA. Unit retaliated using 300 rounds of M-60, 100 rounds M-16 and 1 LAAW, called 81mm fire mission, swept area with negative results.	S-3
1515H	1600H	11	021500H	M 3 (986316) while on patrol M 3 found 250 pounds of rice hidden under haystack, and 650 pounds of rice in a hootch. Standing by to evacuate.	S-3
1530H		12	021530H	3/5 assumed control of operation Imperial Lake at 021530H Dec 70	S-3
1600H	1630H	13	021600H	Bn position report	S-3
1750H		14	021545H	M 3 (986316) while continuing search of hootch unit found 350 lbs of rice. Destroyed rice with C-4	S-3

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IN	OUT				
1955H		15	021955H	Msg to I-6 - Dogs will remain in field and be turned over to M Co.	S-3
2000H		16	022000H	Msg to 3/5 Forward - Request grids for M Co LZ and the AO they will be working.	S-3
1800H	2005H	17	022005H	Bn position report	S-3
2245H		18	022245H	3/5 TACP air support requirements for 3 Dec 70.	S-3
2335H		19	022335H	Frag Order to Co M.	S-3
2336H		20	022336H	Additional Intell on Frag Order to Co M	S-3
2337H		21	022337H	M Co Imperial Lake AO	S-3
				SUMMARY:	
				M 3 detained 2 males ages 35-40. M 3 also found 1250 900 pounds of rice.	
2400H	2400H	22	022400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	
	0340H	23	020235H	Late Entry: Friendly D/Acts near your AO.	S-3

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	030001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0640H	0650H	2	030230H	Two plt believed members of 105 MF Bn attacked Que Son (044347) fm NE throwing fire bombs and burning at least 3 huts. VC/NVA also opened up with SAF. Friendlies returned SAF & 60mm HE on suspected enemy position. Called for Illum. Action broken at 030330H. Results 1 KIA, 8 WIA and 1 VC KIA.	S-3
	0735H	3	030730H	Bn rear position report.	S-3
	0840H	4	030745H	Info for zippe brief for 3 Dec 70	S-3
	1125H	5	030945H	Bn rear position report	S-3
	1400H	6	031130H	Bn rear position report	S-3
1245H		7	031245H	Clear following area for movement of Recon AO extended	S-3
1250H		8	031250H	Recon noon position report.	S-3
1330H		9	031330H	M Co strength report w/attachments and corpsmen.	S-3
	1400H	10	031350H	Bn rear position report.	S-3
	1730H	11	031600H	Bn rear position report.	S-3
	1805H	12	031745H	Bn rear position report.	S-3
		13	031845H	A CUPP (020347) while in N/pos a PSDF was setting out a claymore that accidentally went off when he connected the heelbox. PSDF was slightly wounded by back blast and not medevaced. There were no other casualties.	S-3
2230H		14	032005H	Helo requirements for 4 Dec 70 for 3/5 Forward.	S-3
		15	032015H	C CUPP (020335) while in N/pos unit had trip flare go off in front of their position. Unit initiated SAF in area of trip flare & fired 60mm Illum	S-3

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	2304H	16	032230H	and swept area with negative results Helo requirements for 4 Dec 70.	S-3
		17	032400H	TACP air requirements for 3 Dec 70 Two close air strikes, two medevacs and 1 troop lift.	S-3
		18	040030H	FSCC support for 3 Dec 70: there were no fire missions for 3/5 rear in past 24 hours. SUMMARY: Que Son attacked resulting in 1 VC KIA, 1 friendly KIA and 8 WIA's. A CUFP had 1 PSDF WIANE fm back blast of claymore.	S-3
2400H	2400H	19	032400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0001H	0001H	1	040001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
		2	032306H	Air support request for 4 Dec 70	S-3
	0735H	3	040735H	Bn rear position report.	S-3
	0740H	4	040740H	Water Bull request (PS F)	S-4
0840H		5	040840H	Med Resupply (PS 4)	S-4
	0945H	6	040900H	Forecast of operations for 5 Dec 70	S-3
	1000H	7	040950H	Bn rear position report.	S-3
1105H		8	041105H	Resupply L-21 H-270 - 1 M-79	S-3
1115H		9	041115H	3/5 AO extension	S-3
1125H		10	041125H	Resupply for PS-4A on HILL 381	S-4
	1220H	11	041200H	Bn rear position report.	S-3
1215H		12	041215H	Resupply messhall (H-381)	S-4
1230H		13	041230H	Addition to resupply of Aroma Hotel on H-381.	S-4
1400H	1800H	14	041400H	While in Day position PF's told C CUPP Squad Leader that there had been 1 VN farmer shot at grid 019323. PF's said that there was approx 2-3 VC in area. Unit then formed a small patrol and proceeded to area where person was shot. Body was found with 2 AK rounds in back of head, no VC/NVA were in sight. Patrol returned to Ross with body.	S-3
	1527H	15	041400H	Bn rear position report.	S-3
	1755H	16	041550H	Bn rear position report.	S-3
	1805H	17	041750H	Bn rear poaitionreport.	S-3
1750H		18	041750H	M Co positions to 3/5	S-3
	1750H	19	041740H	Request pass OPCON of M 1 to Recon	S-3

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
				effective 041740H	
1410H		20	041910H	Recon night position	S-3
1925H		21	041925H	Air request for (PS F) for 5 Dec 70	S-3
	2055H	22	042020H	3/5 Air requirements for 5 Dec 70	S-3
	2125H	23	042120H	Results of debrief of Co I sent to 3/5	S-3
2132H		24	042132H	Request for equipment by PS-3A	S-3
2150H		25	042150H	AO extension to warcloud approved by Regt.	S-3
2225H		26	042225H	Time on AO extension to warcloud extended to 051800H	S-3
				SUMMARY:	
				C CUPP found 1 VN civilian shot by VC/NVA with aid from EF's.	
2400H	2400H	27	042400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	050001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0145H		2	050145H	C CUPP (018335) while in N/Pos units PF had 1 trip flare go off in front of their position at 015335. Unit opened fire w/SA and M-79 HE, swept area with negative results.	S-3
0715H	0717H	3	050715H	Bn rear position report.	S-3
0758H		4	050758H	Co I sighted 1 active enemy Base	S-3
0759H		5	050759H	Helo request format	S-3
0830H	0845H	6	050830H	Forecast of Operations for 6 Dec 70	S-3
1000H	1005H	7	051000H	Bn position report for rear	S-3
1340H	1410H	8	051030H	While on pat I 2 observed 9 civilians carrying a quantity of foodstuffs. Civilans were detainee and sent ITT.	S-3
0145H		9	051045H	Co M-1 ammo report.	S-3
1200H	1325H	10	051200H	Bn rear position report.	S-3
1300H		11	051310H	Recon noon report of positions	S-3
1330H		12	051330H	Resupply for K 3 & CP	S-3
1400H	1415H	13	051400H	Bn rear position report.	S-3
1450H		14	051450H	Priority resupply for K CP	S-3
1650H		15	051215H	M 3 (975364) while on pat unit fd large NVA Base Camp consisting of 5 huts, with tunnel complex, capable of housing 120 men, connected. 1 head was located and believed to be last used approx 30 days before. There were numerous trails leading into camp fm all directions. Numerous gear w/fd including Documents, AK-51 mag. & typewriter unserviceable.	S-3
1715H		16	051415H	M 3 while searching camp fd this additional gear: 1 AK-47, 1 AK mag, 3 usable typewriters, 1 complete green	S-3

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				NVA uniforms, 4 shirts various shades of green, 1 pack, 8 Plt size flags, 36 Co size NVA flags, 1 post NVA flag, 2 Campaign banners, 3 bundles of documents ranging fm Pay Records to pictures of Hu Chi Min, and various misc gear.	
1525H	1535H	17	051525H	Request for M Co N/D Acts	S-3
1545H		18	051545H	Co I N/Acts change.	S-3
	1545H	19	051600H	Bn rear position report	S-3
1750H		20	051700H	I 23 (993334) while on pat unit detained 1 female age 35 and 1 male age 12. Detainees seem to have useful info tell so will be held until forwarded for interrogation.	S-3
1735H		21	051735H	Recon night positions	S-3
1610H		22	051610H	Ao changes for 1/5 and Recon.	S-3
1800H		23	051800H	Air request for 3/5 Forward.	S-3
1845H		24	051800H	Bn rear position report.	S-3
1820H		25	051820H	Change to Recon night positions	S-3
1900H		26	051830H	A CUPP (023345) while in N/pos unit sighted 2 VN personnel wearing black pajamas and carrying wpns entering treeline at 019348. Unit prepped tree line w/10 M-79 HE and swept area w/neg results	S-3
1900H		27	051900H	Bn forward request M Co continue intensive search of Base Camp.	S-3
2130H		28	052000H	Air support requirements for 6 Dec 70	S-3
2300H		29	052300H	TACP support for 5 Dec 70: majority of aircraft on weather hold	S-3
2307H	2307H	30	052307H	I 2 detainees were turned over to ITT and later released as innocent civilians	S-3
0100H		31	060100H	Arty support for 5 Dec 70 negative SUMMARY: I 2 detained 9 civilians, M 3 found Base Camp & various gear & documents and I 23 detained 2 civilians.	S-3
2400H	2400H	32	052400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H		1	060001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
	0905H		2	060945H	Bn rear position report	S-3
0830H	0725H		3	060830H	Resupply for Co M	S-4
	0920H		4	060900H	Forecast of Opns for 7 Dec 70	S-3
	1030H		5	061000H	Bn rear position report	S-3
1050H			6	061050H	Resupply for BAS on H 381	S-3
1115H			7	061115H	AO change of North 3/5 Boundary	S-3
1120H			8	061120H	Addition to resupply of M Co	S-3
1115H			9	061115H	Clothing resupply for PS 4A at H-381 for H&S personnel	S-4
1130H			10	061130H	3/5 chopped OPCON E 2/5 to 2/5 effective 060930H Dec 70	S-3
0945H			11	060945H	PF Day And Night Acts for 6/7 Dec 70	S-3
1200H			12	061200H	Addition to Spot Rep 051215H Dec 70: M-3 also fd 70 oz duplications ink, 75 Stencils sheets, 1 ream bond paper, 12x18, 2 bundles of various documents, 1 38 cal pistol, smith & wesson, 1 Soviet Russian Flag, various types of NVA clothing, 1 NVA pack, 1 ammo can, Medical gear, 1 ammo can w/rice approx 20 lbs and various documents ranging from personnel roster to propaganda	S-3
1230H	1230H		13	061220H	Change in M Co D/Acts 7 Dec 70	S-3
1255H			14	061250H	Recon noon positions	S-3
1300H			15	061300H	Resupply for K 3	S-3
	1310H		16	061235H	Bn rear position report	S-3
0500H	0500H		17	060500H	Late Entry: Unit location report for 5 Dec 70	S-3
0600H	0600H		18	060600H	Situation report for 4 Dec 70	S-3
1300H			19	061300	Resupply required for K 3 rehab at 381	S-3
1350H	1620H		20	061350H	Bn rear position report	S-3

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	1410H		21	061410H	Addition to A CUPP's Acts.	S-3
	1420H	1420H	22	061420H	Strength Report for Co I	S-3
	1500H	1500H	23	061500H	Resupply for H CP & H 3	S-3
	1500H	1500H	24	061500H	Weather permitting request AO on station at 033318, 0715 7 Dec 70. Patrol return route is CP #8 033325, CP#9 032330, CP#10 028332, CP#11 023335. Patrol will have radio available for TAGP frag patrol call sign Charlie 2.	S-3
	1520H	1520H	25	061520H	Resupply for H 2 AT 002406	S-4
	1540H	1540H	26	061540H	Resupply for H 1 AT 993404	S-4
	1615H		27	061615H	Message fm Regt: submit weekly plans forecast for period 130001H Dec to 192400H Dec 70 to this COC by 061800H Dec 70	S-3
	1745H	1745H	27	061745H	Forecast of Opns for 7 Dec 70	S-3
	1800H		29	061800H	Resupply for Fox 2/5	S-4
	1850H	2100H	30	061850H	Air requirements for 7 Dec 70	S-3
	1821H	1821H	31	061821H	Recon night positions	S-3
	1720H	1906H	32	061720H	Change in N/Acts for Co L	S-3
	1912H	1917H	33	061912H	Message to M 6: Ensure all captured gear is properly tagged before evacuation.	S-3
	1941H	1941H	34	061941H	Change of N/Acts for A CUPP	S-3
	2010H	2020H	35	062010H	Change to Air support request...	S-3
	1230H	1315H	36	061230H	Late Entry: M 31 (978364) Definitive VC/NVA Hospital area. Remains of destroyed medical gear in large quantity 40 approx documents fd in area indicate return of VC/NVA in 15/20 pay to area Document dated 30 Nov 70.	S-3
	1230H	1300H	37	061230H	Late Entry: M 31 (978364) while on day patrol M 31 came upon a base camp area with 6 hooches, 10 caves. Hooches believed to be 1 to 2 weeks old. Upon entering camp encountered 1 VC/NVA. Took VC/NVA under fire expending 6 M 26 frags, 70 M 16 rds. VC	S-3

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					returned fire with 4 rnds M-16. Search of area proved neg, destroyed hootches.	
1520H		1615H	38	061335H	Late Entry: M 21 (980362) fd en base camp containing 3 huts made of large boulders, holds about 15 VC/NVA destroyed poles that supported rocks.	S-3
1810H		1911H	39	061715H	A CUPP (012345) while on day patrol took 2 rounds fm above en grid. Unit returned fire w/8 rnds M-16 in the direction of en then pursued to area. Swept area w/neg results. Civilians said en ran to the North.	S-3
1826H		1940H	40	061805H	L 2 (007347) while moving to night pos unit recieved 2 sniperrnds fm S approx 200 meters. Did not return fire	S-3
2130H			41	062130H	Air support requirements for 7 Dec 70	S-3
2240H		2250H	42	062204H	M 3 (975364) 1 VC/NVA approached base camp area fm NW. Was spotted by perimeter watch and was taken under fire. Expended 3 M-16 rnds. Results unknown, prob neg. Will search at 1st light and send follow up spot.	S-3
		2015H	43	062000H	Bn reap position report	S-3
2010H			44	062010H	Change to air support requirements	S-3
2030H			45	062030H	Weekly plan summary;	S-3
		2200H	46	062200H	Bn reap position report.	S-3
					SUMMARY: M 3 fd misc gear. M 31 fd VC/NVA hospital & documents dated 30 Nov 70. M 31 fd base camp upon entering encountered 1 VC/NVA engaged fire w/neg results.	
2400H		2400H	47	062400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0001H	0001H	1	070001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0500H	0955H	2	062300H	Late Entry: (999316) H-270 reported that about 062300H Dec 70 2 VC/NVA cut wire on SW side of HILL. Scout sniper fired two rounds of M-16 fire. Possibly 1 VC/NVA KIA, will check out area at 1st light.	S-3
0500H	0930H	3	070130H	H-270 reported that about 0130H they received 1 round of possible 81mm mortar round and it landed in trash dump on south side of Hill.	S-3
0730H	1110H	4	070715H	Defend called in that they had 2 VC/NVA in open rice paddy running in N direction. Called in fire mission to 3/5 Whiskey who fired one WP rnd and 40 HE rnds. 1 VC/NVA KIA confirmed by Defend.	S-3
0715H	0940H	5	070715H	All wire cut in area of SW side of H-270 except new row of concertina that had just been laid. Wire had been pulled back to form a path through wire. No blood stains were fd where sniper fired.	S-3
0812H	0812H	6	070812H	Msg fm Fwd to Hearn: K-1 will be inserted as ORF at approx 980378 will keep you advise of K 1 progress and exact position when ever completed.	S-3
0829H	1043H	7	070830H	Air requirements for 8 Dec 70	S-3
0900H	1000H	8	070900H	Forecast of Opns for 8 Dec 70	S-3
1025H	1025H	9	070900H	Unit location Rep for 6 Dec 70	S-3
1030H	1030H	10	071030H	Resupply Request for H-381	S-3
1115H	1135H	11	071100H	M 3 (975364) destroyed en base camp. The complex of bunkers and huts burning fm demolitions and also salted caves with 5 crystals.	S-3
	1040H	12	071055H	AO extension for PS K 1	S-3
	1110H	13	071103H	OLC H-270 repair wire on H-270	S-3
	1147H	14	071145H	Bn rear report	S-3
1015H		15	071200H	Que Son reported troops in area burning huts.	S-3

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		1230H	16	071230H	Recon noon position	S-3
		1414H	17	071400H	Bn position report	S-3
		1604H	18	071545H	Bn position report	S-3
		1741H	19	071730H	Bn position report	S-3
1915H			20	071935H	Resupply for K 2	S-4
2000H			21	072000H	Resupply for K 3	S-4
		2005H	22	072000H	Bn rear report	S-3
2000H			23	072000H	Weekly plan summary;	S-3
2125H			24	072125H	Unit location report	S-3
		2200H	25	072200H	Bn rear report	S-3
2315H			26	072330H	Defend info PSR AG AO ext to Defend	S-3
		2400H	27	072400H	Bn rear report	S-3
					SUMMARY:	
					W Btry got 1 VC/NVA KIA and wire on H-270 cut by 2 VC/NVA	
2400H	2400H		28	072400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0001H	0001H	1	080001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0200H	0300H	2	080200H	Battalion position report.	S-3
0400H	0505H	3	080400H	Bn position report	S-3
0618H	0918H	4	080545H	C CUPP (019337) while in night pos 2 trip flares were set off on N side of C CUPP perimeter. PF observed 1 person with rifle running to E outside wire. PF opened fire with M-16 firing approx 200 rnds. Swept area with negative results.	S-3
0600H	0644H	5	080600H	Bn position report	S-3
0720H	0810H	6	080720H	Informed M Co of adjacent day acts	S-3
0800H	0850H	7	080800H	Bn position report	S-3
0800H	0856H	8	080800H	Forecast of Opns for 9 Dec 70 sent to Regt	S-3
1000H	1010H	9	080950H	A CUPP (024345) at 0730 8 Dec 70 2 VN males came to back gate of A CUPP to Chieu Hoi. Chieu Hoi's are: Pham Van age 51; Thai Tan age 27. Both of Thon Ba (H) Son Khaah (V). Questioning revealed that there are 4 more VC in Thon Ba (H): Vo Cu 21 VC leader; Boi Hoang 20; Lu Binh 20; and Le Thi Phong 20, Chieu Hoi's sent to Que Son District	S-3
1040H	1050H	10	081005H	M 3 (979363) while on pat M 3 came upon small cave complex. Caves could have approx 15-20 people. Search cave finding samon cans and other such signs indicating inhabating 1-2 weeks ago.	S-3
1015H	1021H	11	081015H	Bn position report	S-3
1105H	1115H	12	081050H	M 3 (981394) while on pat M 3 came upon small cave complex. Search of caves revealed various types of ord.	S-3
1145H	1210H	13	081145H	Bn position report.	S-3
	1155H	14	081140H	SH to A, AG, info PSR&F AO clearance	S-3

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1250H		15	081440H	While on pat M 2 fd enemy base camp which had in it various cooking utensils & improvised timber to support boulders, could hold 12 people and was inhabited 2 day before. Destroyed and searched w/negative results.	S-3
1435H	1435	16	081330H	Bn position report	S-3
	1400H	17	081400H	Recon noon positions	S-3
	1450H	18	081450H	Air support requirements for 9 Dec 70.	S-3
1600H		19	081634H	Advised of status for M Co	S-3
1600H		20	081600H	Co M 3/5 Request Permission to Ross for Resupply.	S-3
1500H	1545H	21	081535H	L 3 fd 2 hooches containing 130 lbs rice. Rice was bad & hooch was old and not used. L 3 destroyed rice, approved by S-3 and sample of rice will be brought to S-2.	S-3
1630H	1630H	22	081615H	Bn position report.	S-3
1645H		23	081645H	H Co resupply	S-3
1645H		24	081725H	While on pat L 33 fd 2 unoccupied huts w/bunkers beneath them containing 75 lbs rice, 3 bottles of pills & a type written document w/a carbon copy warning the villagers to avoid contact w/the Marines. L 33 destroyed huts & bunkers & rice will keep sample.	S-3
	1815H	25	081800H	Bn position report	S-3
1800H	1935H	26	081800H	New PFB for L 3 994346	S-3
1913H	2030H	27	081930H	While in N/Pos C CUPP obs 1 T-Flare go off at 020335. C CUPP then received 1 HE incoming rnd of undetermined nature. C CUPP also received fire w/SAB and frags, swept area w/neg results.	S-3
1900H	1900H	28	081900H	M Co Resupply	S-3
1915H	1924H	29	081915H	PSM D/Acts 9 Dec 70 pending resupply	S-3
	2030H	30	082000H	Bn position report	S-3

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
2025H	2240H	31	082155H	While set in N/Pos L 3 obs 4 VC/NVA moving south out of the hills. Unit initiated contact w/claymores & SAF resulting in 3 VC/NVA KIA. Unit searched area & fd 3 bodies, 1 AK-47, 3 packs containing misc gear. VC/NVA wearing black shirts & Black shorts. Unit moved into new ambush site.	S-3
	2230H	32	082200H	Bn position report.	S-3
2210H		33	082330H	New PFB for L 3 992353	S-3
2235H		34	08235H	Change in Acts for L (-)	S-3
2245H		35	082245H	Unit locations for 7 Dec 70	S-3
2245H		36	082245H	Weather report	S-3
2245H		37	082245H	Unit locations for 8 Dec 70	S-3
2245H		38	082245H	Sit Rpt Arty	S-3
2245H		39	082245H	Forecast of Opns.	S-3
	0035H	40	082400H	Bn position report	S-3
				SUMMARY:	
				A CUPP received 2 male Chieu Hois, L 3 got 3 VC/NVA KIA's today.	
2400H	2400H	41	082400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	090001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0200H	0305H	2	090200H	Bn position report	S-3
0400H	0415H	3	090400H	Bn position report	S-3
0635H	0645H	4	090635H	Bn position report	S-3
0800H	0900H	5	090725H	L 3 (990350) returned to previous night ambush site and searched area finding 1 38 cal pistol w/holster. Unit's KCS informed Cmdr that he thought this pistol belonged to enemy platoon Sgt. Unit also fd photograph of the owner of the pistol on his person in a wallet. Unit continued with assigned day acts.	S-3
0800H	0835H	6	090800H	Bn position report	S-3
0815H	0825H	7	090815H	Forecast of Opns for 10 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3
1015H	1055H	8	091015H	Bn position report.	S-3
1200H	1200H	9	091200H	Recon moon positions	S-3
1201H	1215H	10	091201H	Recent intell reports that HQ elements 1st VC Bn is moving fm 9640 to 956372. The route is not known and it is possible that the move could involve your AO.	S-3
1230H	1230H	11	091230H	Resupply for Co F	S-4
1145H		12	091145H	Military clearance for 2/5 AO	S-3
1145H		13	091120H	Intell report	S-2
1610H		14	091415H	Frag Order	S-3
	1505H	15	091415H	Bn position report	S-3
1500H		16	091500H	3/5 D/N Acts	S-3
1530H		17	091500H	Resupply for F 2	S-3
1535H		18	091535H	Intell report	S-2

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
1653H		19	091653H	Recon night positions	S-3
1740H		20	091650H	Friendly N/Acts of PFs near CUPP	S-3
	1840H	21	091750H	Bn position report	S-3
1810H		22	091900H	AO change for Opn Imperial Lake	S-3
1830H		23	091830H	Gas report from Co K	S-1
1830H		24	091810H	Air support requirements for 10 Dec 70	S-3
1855H		25	091820H	Intell report	S-2
	2105H	26	092100H	Bn position report	S-3
	2215H	27	092200H	Bn position report	S-3
	2335H	28	092300H	Bn position report	S-3
				LATE ENTRIES	
2025H		29	092025H	Follow up 990350 L 3 fd 1 Chicom 1 pack, 2 bells, 3 uniforms and 2 helmets	S-3
1250H		30	091408H	While on pat L 12 received SAF fr 4-6 VC/NVA. Unit returned fire & cal- led Arty F/M at 1255. 1st rnd 1315, EOM 1330H. Unit continued w/D/Acts to search area.	S-3
1520H		31	091615H	L 12 while on pat spotted 2 VC/NVA 1 w/pack 1 w/rifle. Unit fired at VC/NVA who returned fire & fled. Further check of area fd 1 VC/NVA KIA with pack, checked body and fd 1 Roll of uncut material (black) 40x4. 1 M-26 Frag, 1/2 gal of kerosene, 50 lbs rock salt, 4 small cans of cream (roll of material has label that might show where it was bought)	S-3
				SUMMARY	
				L 3 captured 1 38 cal pistol and L 12 got 1 VC/NVA KIA.	
2400H	2400H	32	092400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0001H	0001H		1	100001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0010H			2	100005H	CG msg 070835Z Dec 70 (info cover- ing contacts)	S-3
0015H			3	100003H	Resupply for MS86	S-4
		0145H	4	100200H	Bn position report.	S-3
0220H			5	100220H	AO clearance	S-3
		0430H	6	100400H	Bn position report.	S-3
		0630H	7	100600H	Bn position report.	S-3
0810H			8	100800H	Request AO extension into Recon Haven	S-3
0950H			9	100900H	Forecast of opns for 11 Dec 70	S-3
1033H			10	101033H	Resupply for 3/5 4A	S-4
		1145H	11	101145H	Bn position report.	S-3
1205H			12	101150H	Intell report on TPO-10	S-2
1228H			13	101228H	Recon noon positions	S-3
		1430H	14	101400H	Bn position report	S-3
1700H			15	101700H	Forecast of operations	S-3
1700H			16	101700H	Unit locations report	S-3
1700H			17	101700H	Req for S-3 Mine/B/T Contact Team	S-3
1720H			18	101720H	Clearance for Duster	S-3
1800H			19	101800H	Recon night positions	S-3
		1810H	20	101800H	Bn positions report	S-3
1805H			21	101805H	AO extension to 2/5 approved	S-3
		1930H	22	101930H	Bn position report.	S-3

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IN	OUT				
2000H		23	102000H	Medevac guidance fm PSF3 to H, I, K, M, L & PSR	S-3
2055H		24	102055H	Weather report.	S-3
2230H		25	102315H	While in N/Pos C CUPP had 1 trip flare go off in front of their pos at 018335. C CUPP fired SAF then swept area w/negative results.	S-3
2055H		26	102055H	Weather report.	S-3
	2222H	27	102200H	Bn position report.	S-3
2300H		28	102300H	Weather report.	S-3
2305H		29	102305H	Weather report.	S-3
2345H		30	102345H	Unit Locations report.	S-3
2345H		31	102345H	Weather report.	S-3
	0001H	32	102400H	Bn position report.	S-3
				SUMMARY:	
				C CUPP had trip flare go off, fired SAF w/negative results	
2400H	2400H	33	102400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0001H	0001H	1	110001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0200H	0220H	2	110200H	Bn position report.	S-3
0400H	0410H	3	110400H	Bn position report.	S-3
0600	0600H	4	110600H	Bn position report.	S-3
	0800H	5	110800H	Bn position report.	S-3
0910H		6	110900H	Forecast of opns for 12 Dec 70	S-3
	1015H	7	111000H	Bn position report.	S-3
1030H		8	111030H	Strenght report for L 3/5	S-3
	1200H	9	111200H	Bn position report	S-3
1305H		10	111305H	Recon noon positions	S-3
1330H		11	111330H	Resupply for M 3/5	S-4
1555H		12	111555H	Resupply for HILL 381	S-4
	1617H	13	111600H	Bn position report.	S-3
1737H		14	111737H	Recon night positions	S-3
1830H		15	111830H	K 3 N /A 11 Dec 70	S-3
1745H		16	111925H	FSB Ryder HST called for emergency medevac for USMC w/106 temperature, medevac complete.	S-3
1926H		17	111926H	1 emergency medevac for I GP.	S-3
2000H		18	112000H	Frag Order	S-3
	2026H	19	112000H	Bn position report.	S-3
2055H		20	112055H	Late entry	S-3
2015H		21	112015H	AO for period 120830H to 130830H	S-3
	2145H	22	112145H	Air request for 11 Dec 70	S-3
	0110H	23	112245H	Intell report of LZ Ross	S-2

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					JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
		0100 H	24	112400H	Bn position report. SUMMARY: I CP at FSB Ryder had one emergency medevac for fever of unknown origin.	S-3
2400H		2400H	25	112400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0001H	0001H	1	120001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0200H	0210H	2	120200H	Bn position report	S-3
0600H	0600H	3	120600H	Bn position report	S-3
0710H	0730H	4	120710H	Air requirements for 13 Dec 70	S-3
0800H	0820H	5	120800H	Forecast of opns for 13 Dec 70	S-3
0835H	0835H	6	120835H	Resupply for Co M	S-4
1015H	1030H	7	121015H	Bn position report.	S-3
1100H	1100H	8	121100H	Co K assigned AO for 130830H to 140830H is UL 9935 LR 0133	S-3
1255H	1255H	9	121255H	Resupply for M 1	S-4
1337H	1337H	10	121337H	Resupply for Co I	S-4
1130H	1130H	11	121130H	5th Mar extended F 2/5 AO fm 0948 west to 0848 SW to 075474 NW along railroad track; to 063478 S to 065457 NE to 0642 E to 0942 NE to 108432 NW along railroad track to 090452 N to 0946 NE to 100468 NW to close.	S-3
1435H	1435H	12	121435H	AO change passes on stay W or 99 GL and S of 38 GL	S-3
1536H	1536H	13	121536H	Forecast of opns for 10 Dec 70	S-3
1536H	1536H	14	121536H	Forecast of opns for 11 Dec 70	S-3
1536H	1536H	15	121536H	Unit location report for 11 Dec 70	S-3
1536H	1536H	16	121536H	Forecast of opns for 13 Dec 70	S-3
1030H	2030H	17	121030H	M 3 (975364) while on pat fd enemy base camp w/ various gear. Base camp used approx 3 or 4 days before by 1-2 NVA. Destroyed gear. and spread CS crystals	S-3
1105H	1105H	18	121105H	K 12 (007358) while on pat fd 1 B/T consisting of 1 M-26 frag fixed w/ trip wire. Frag was on side of trail and	S-3

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					wire extended across trail. B/T destroyed in place.	
1400H	1400H		19	121400H	(978368) M 22 fd small cave capable of holding 1 person. spread CS crystals.	S-3
1355H			20	121405H	While on pat K 12 fd 1x60mm rnd approx 4 ft off trail. Unit blew ord in place.	S-3
1400H			21	121515H	3 VN boys brought ord to FSB Ross at 121400H Dec 70. S-2 paid 3500\$VN ord was destroyed. Ord consisted of 28 M-79 rnds, 1x60mm, 2 Chicoms.	S-3
		1846H	22	121545H	Bn position report.	S-3
1805H			23	121805H	Change N/A for K 1 CP amb (014363) K 11 amb (018364). K 12 amb (014364)	S-3
		1849H	24	121807H	Bn position report.	S-3
1810H			25	121810H	Recon night positions	S-3
1815H			26	121815H	5th Marines chops E 2/5 OPCON 1/5 eff 121530H # 2/4 insert at 963408 to 958399 at 121555H	S-3
1840H			27	121840H	N/D Acts for 3/5 for 12/13 Dec 70	S-3
1840H			28	121840H	Request items fm HQ Btry 11th Mar and Fwd to IOD Team onto 4A	S-4
		2048H	29	122000H	Bn position report.	S-3
		2058H	30	122058H	Air request for 13 Dec 70	S-3
2127H			31	122137H	D/N Acts for H&S CUPP for 13 Dec 70	S-3
		2253H	32	122240H	Bn position report.	S-3
2255H			33	122255H	Unit locations report	S-3
2310H			34	122310H	Bn position reports are not required after 1800 unless changed.	S-3

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2300H	2350H	35	122320H	While in N/Pos H-270 eastern most bunker rec 1 Chicom which landed approx 30-35 meters short of bunker. I 2 ret fire w/M-79&M-16 also fired 5 mds 81mm area will be searched in morning.	S-3	
2315H	0058H	36	122315H	While in N/Pos an explosion of unk origin occurred approx 50m fm the nearest bunker on the N side of FSB Ryder. Explosion sounded like a frag. I CP fired M-79 HE and illum around area of explosion. Area will be searched in morning.	S-3	
				SUMMARY: K 12 found 1 booby trap and destroyed it in place, HILL 270 received 1 Chicom and FSB Ryder received one explosion of unk origin with negative results.		
2400H	2400H	37	122400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:		

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0001H	0001H	1	130001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0020H	0119H	2	130054H	While setting in nite pos I CP on FSB Ryder received 1 explosive fm unk origin approx 75m W of H. Unit through M-26 frag in area around explosive w/ neg results.	S-3
0830H	0840H	3	130830H	Forecast of opns for 14 Dec 70	S-3
0900H		4	130900H	Resupply for PS4A (H 1)	S-4
1000H		5	131000H	Air request for 14 Dec 70	S-3
	1050H	6	131000H	Bn position report.	S-3
	1215H	7	131200H	Bn position report.	S-3
1245H		8	131245H	Resupply for H 3 & Co	S-4
1300H	2115H	9	131300H	M 2 obs 11 VC/NVA in groups of 2&3 at grids: 979368 - 986365. 9 were male & 2 female. All dressed in black except for 1 male who was wearing NVA uniform. 2 more males then came into the area & the group then congregated in a treeline the area they were located in was an area of previous VC sightings. M 2 called F/M at 1315H will search area at 1st light.	S-3
1410H	1727H	10	131410H	While moving into PPB M 3 obs 4 NVA dressed in green wearing packs & rifles NVA first initiated fire by firing AK-47 fm approx 75m. M 3 ret fire w/SAF and M-79 resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA, 1 AK-47 w/mag, 4 Chicoms, 1 45 mag w/rounds, 1 pr forseps, 1 pk dry bandages, 9 bottles of assorted medical gear, 2 bottles of penicillen, 7 vials var drugs, 5 vials glucose, 39 chloroquine phospnate, 1500 pages ass't documents, 1 3x5 Russian flag, 1 2x3 NVA flag 3 packs, 1 wallet, 3500 piasters.	S-3
1430H		11	131430H	Resupply for H 2	S-4
1447H		12	131447H	Resupply for PSM	S-4

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1536H		13	131536H	Resupply for H 3	S-4
1540H	1615H	14	131540H	K 2 CP while set in FFB rec approx 3 rnds SAF. Fire came fm approx 300m unit searched area w/neg results.	S-3
	1645H	15	131615H	Bn position report.	S-3
1745H		16	131745H	Recon night positions	S-3
	1815H	17	131800H	Weekly plan summary	S-3
2020H		18	132020H	Resupply L (-)	S-4
2030H		19	132030H	Resupply L 3	S-4
2030H		20	132030H	Air request for 14 Dec 70	S-3
				SUMMARY:	
				FSB Ryder received 1 explosive, M 3 had 1 VC/NVA KIA and fd misc gear.	
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0001H	0001H	1	140001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
	0803H	2	140800H	Forecast of opns for 15 Dec 70	S-3
1000H	1616H	3	141000H	M 2 searched area of 13 Dec 70 fm finding 2 destroyed hooches, fd 1 dud 105mm rmds, destroyed in place neg results.	S-3
1110H		4	141110H	Request return of Special Service letter releasing E6 Vansicle. Delay in this matter will result in his being unable to go to the field w/K Co	S-3
1115H		5	141115H	PS4A request safari light batteries	S-4
	1205H	6	141200H	Bn position report.	S-3
1211H		7	141211H	PS3/PSK6 AO for 150830H to 161700H Dec 70 Ref: Frag 0 112000H Dec 70	S-3
	1401H	8	141400H	Bn position report.	S-3
	1707H	9	141600H	Bn position report.	S-3
1415H	1723H	10	141415H	M 2 while on pat came upon hooch. MCS called for 2 males to come who did but one ran back in upon seeing USMC. M 2 threw 1 M-26 in hooch & searched it. Fd 1 25 yr old male to females (22 & 12) 1 5 yr old male all with minor shrapnel wounds. All detained at LZ Baldy, also fd 2 packs 15 lbs of rice, 1 poncho liner 1 mos net, and 1 poncho	S-3
1736H		11	141736H	Recon night position	S-3
	1940H	12	141800H	Bn position report.	S-3
1845H		13	141845H	Request AO ext. for 2/5	S-3
1915H		14	141915H	Resupply for PSF4A	S-4
1930H		15	141930H	Approved AO ext for 2/5	S-3
1930H		16	141930H	Resupply for 2/5 F 1 & F 3 =	S-4
2030H		17	142030H	Request AO time ext for 1/5 AO	S-3

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2050H		18	142050H	Approved 1/5 AO Extension SUMMARY: M 2 sent four detainees to LZ Baldy	S-3
2400H	2400H	19	142400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0001H	0001H	1	150001H	JOURNAL OPENED:		
0030H		2	150030H	Resupply for HILL 270		S-4
0750H	0940H	3	150750H	While on patrol K 31 received 6 rounds SAF fm treeline approx 150-200 meters away. K 31 returned fire w/M-79 and 8 60mm. Swept area w/neg results		S-3
	0821H	4	150800H	Forecast of operations for 16 Dec 70		S-3
	0915H	5	150800H	Bn position report		S-3
0810H	0955H	6	150810H	K 31 while on pat rec 3 rnds SAF and 1 Auto burst of 20 rnds. fm treeline approx 600m away. K 31 ret fire w/2 LAAWS, 10 M-79 & SAF, area presently being swept. will follow up		S-3
0820H		7	150820H	Follow up to 150810H unit searched area with negative results.		S-3
	1110H	8	151000H	Bn position report.		S-3
	1200H	9	151200H	Bn position report.		S-3
1320H	1415H	10	151320H	K 3 CP while on pat fd 2 B/T's consisting of 2 chicombs w/pull friction fuse firing device in trail. B/Ts were approx 20m apart on trail w/tripwire extended across trail. Unit blew in place.		S-3
1400H	1745H	11	151400H	VN boys brought ordnance to gate of Bess. Ord consisted of 24 M-79 rnds, 5 LAAWS, 1 60mm, 1 82mm, 1 M-26 & 1 Chicom. Paid 3900\$ VN and destroyed ordnance.		S-3
1400H	1410H	12	151400H	Bn position report.		S-3
1425H		13	151425H	Recon noon positions		S-3
	1930H	14	151800H	Bn position report.		S-3
1831H		15	151831H	Recon night positions		S-3
1831H		16	151831H	Approved AO for 2/1 Mar.		S-3

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
1900H		17	151900H	Addition to M Co resupply.	S-4
1903H		18	151903H	Addition to Aroma F resupply	S-4
1910H		19	151910H	Villagers rpt 3 VC w/3 AK-47 and 1 K 54 pistol were in the hamlet 200 m due west of Que Son Dist last night. Villagers said they were checking out our defensive barrier for possible attack fm ASAP to 20 Dec 70	S-3
2050H	2205H	20	152050H	Opns conducted for 15 Dec 70	S-3
2107H		21	152107H	3/5 AO extension approved.	S-3
2126H		22	152126H	Air request 16 Dec 70	S-3
2320H		23	152320H	Adjacent PF Acts sent to GUPP	S-3
				SUMMARY:	
				K 31 received sniper fire and K 3GP found two booby traps. Paid 3900\$ VN for ordnance brought to Ross by VN boys, ordnance was destroyed.	
2400H	2400H	24	152400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0001H	0001H	1	160001H	JOURNAL OPENED	
0755H	0755H	2	160755H	Bn Position Report	S-3
0800H	0740H	3	160800H	Forecast of operations for 17 Dec 70	S-3
1236H		4	161236H	Recon Noon Position	S-3
1400H	1400H	5	161400H	Bn position report	S-3
1430H		6	161430H	Regt for Black hammer	S-3
1430H		7	161430H	Unit location for 14 Dec 70	S-3
1430H		8	161430H	Weekly plan summary	S-3
1430H		9	161430H	Forecast of operations for 14 Dec 70	S-3
1430H		10	161430H	Forecast of operations for 15 Dec 70	S-3
1430H		11	161430H	AO extension 0011	S-3
0835H	1030H	12	160835H	Summary of enemy activity	S-3
0835H	1030H	13	160835	While searching out area 987354, K 1 found 1 booby trap consisting of 1 M-26 frag with trip wire firing device. Booby trap was found on side of trail. Booby trap was destroyed in place.	S-3
	1015H	14	160955H	AO approved for K Co to work in.	S-3
1200H	1405H	15	161130H	K 13 on patrol in vicinity of 984350 received 10-15 rounds of enemy fire from a hhotch by a treeline in vicinity of 984348. Unit returned small arms fire and swept area with netative results.	S-3
1300H	1410H	16	161220H	K 13, while on patrol came across 2 vietnamese women abd 3 Vn children. age of women was 20 years and 40 years. 2 male children aged 7 years and 8 years. 1 female child age 8 years. Civilians were questioned by S-2 personnel negative information.	S-3

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	1600H	17	161600H	Bn position report.	S-3
1725H		18	161721H	Recon night positions.	S-3
1835H		19	161835H	Regt approved AO extension for 1/5	S-3
	2235H	20	162105H	Operations conducted for 16 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3
	2306H	21	162300H	Notified personnel on Hill 270 of K 2S-3 AO and areas K 2 will be working in.	S-3
	2335H	22	162315H	Informed H&S CUPP 3/5 of PF operations near CUPPs AO	S-3
		24	161500H	Late entry: air request sent to Regt	S-3
		25	162400H	SUMMARY: K 13 found 1 booby trap M-26 frag with tripwire.	
2400H	2400H	26	162400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	170001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
1030H	171740H	2	161030H	Late Entry: 3/5 Chaplain, while driving in convoy to LZ Baldy, from Ross Combat Base, the vehicles had slowed down for bridge construction in vicinity of 036344. Chaplain heard a fizzing sound and turned to see a black object about the size and shape of a chicom grenade, going end-over-end, emitting whirls of smoke. The chicom struck the edge of the jeep trailer and bounced into a rice paddy. Chicom did not detonate, apparently a dud round.	S-3/F
0755H		3	170755H	Message from 3/5 S-3 to 3/5 Rear to execute frag order subdividing H Co's AO.	S-3/F
0800H	1045H	4	170800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0800H	0955H	5	170800H	Forecast of Operations for 18 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
1000H	1047H	6	171000H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1100H	1645H	7	171030H	K 21 while on patrol spotted 1 VC/NVA wearing green utilities, in heavy brush approximately 25 meters away in vicinity of 993320. 1 VC/NVA attempted to flee, pointman commanded him to halt. When he did not halt the pointman opened fire with M-16 killing VC/NVA. 1 VC/NVA male KIA did not have an ID Card. He was approximately 20 years old and was wearing green NVA utilities.	S-3/F
1200H	1600H	8	171100H	PF 102 (021364) observed 7 armed VC/NVA, in the vicinity of 022367. PF 102 called contact fire mission under Rules of Engagement. 3/5 81mm mortar fired 1 WP and 40 HE rounds. PF 102 swept the area and found 1 VC/NVA KIA by 81mm mortar rounds.	S-3/F

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1500H	1620H	9	171115H	K 2 while on patrol found 1 cave with 2 branch caves in the vicinity of 992318. Large cave was approximately 20'x10'x15' and could hold 10-15 people. Branch caves were approximately 5'x3'x2'. Caves appeared to be used recently. Unit searched caves and found fresh cooking fire, various cooking utensils, and gardening tools. Unit seeded caves with CS crystal. Cooking utensils and tools were destroyed.	S-3/F
1405H		10	171405H	3/5 FWD sighted 14 VC/NVA, in the vicinity of 974321. Requested possibility of QRF being inserted in that area. 3/5 Rear denied request due to fact that K 2 was in the area.	S-3/F
1450H		11	171415H	K 2 while on patrol found 2 hootches. While checking area (988313) observed 4 VC/NVA wearing blue and black shirts and carrying packs, approximately 30 meters away fleeing N into a treeline. Unit initiated fire with approximately 10 rounds M-16 fire with negative results. While checking out the area, unit found 1 web belt, 10 pairs of black shorts, 1 canteen pouch, 1 first aid pouch, battle dressing, 1 M-16 magazine with 20 rounds, 1 hammock, and 1 M-26 frag. Unit destroyed gear.	S-3/F
1610H		12	171608H	Recon noon positions.	S-3/F
		13	171630H	AO extension granted to Company K.	S-3/F
1830H		14	171826H	AO extension granted to Marine Liaison team Duy Xuyen from 5th Marines.	S-3/F
1930H	180255H	15	171855H	While on PFB (985315) K 2 observed 2 VC/NVA dressed in dark clothing moving east (985313) to a treeline. Unit could not tell if VC/NVA were armed. K 2 initiated fire with M-60. Unit searched the area with negative results.	S-3/F
	2206H	16	172130H	Operations conducted for 17 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F

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2200H		17	172200H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F	
2300H		18	172319H	2/5 AO extension cancelled. Summary: K 21 killed 1 VC/NVA. PF 102 called 3/5 81mm mortar fire mission on 7 VC/NVA, resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA.	S-3/F	
2400H	2400H	19	172400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.		

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0001	0001	1	180001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
	1040	2	180800H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0805		3	180805H	3/5 Forward informed 3/5 Rear of area F Co. 2/5 will be working in.	S-3
	1025	4	180900H	Forecast of Operations for 19 Dec 70, to Regt.	S-3
	1045	5	181000H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0930	1045	6	180900H	LATE ENTRY: K2 on patrol (vic 980320) received 01 burst of (approx 10 rounds) of automatic fire and approx 10 M-79 rounds. Unit searched area with negative results.	S-3
1350		7	181350H	Message from 5th Marines in reference to their frag-order 68-70 160721Z. D-Day is 19 Dec, H-Hour is 0900.	S-3
	1410	8	181400H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1415		9	181415H	Recon Noon Positions	S-3
1445	1519	10	181415H	K2 (vic 016326) in route to Ross was charged by 02 water bulls which were irritated by scout dogs. Dog Handler fired M-16 into air trying to stop the bulls. One bull continued to charge, Dog handler shot at bull and wounded it in the rear section. K2 proceeded to Ross. S-5 is investigating incident. Initial public was negative.	S-3
1520		11	181520H	Message from Regt to 3/5 concerning Admin bird and resupply.	S-3
	190035	12	181600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1830		13	181830H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
	2000	14	181950H	Operations conducted for 18 Dec 70. Sent to Regt.	S-3

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2358		190043	15	182000H	I2 in night defense position on Hill 270 (998315) was proved tentatively for approx 60 min. Probe consisted of movement outside the wire and 01 suspected RPG. Unit called by fire; 81mm, 60mm, M-79 HE, M-26 frags. Unit will search area at first light. I2 received no casualties and no damage. Unit reported 01 probable VC/NVA KIA.	S-3
			16	182015H	<p>Memorandum to Journal from XO Telephone conversations between Regt S-3 and 3/5 Bn XO, about the occupation of Hill 218.</p> <p>Requirement is to provide a section of 106mm R.R. for hill 218. A section of 106mm RR was requested from elsewhere. Gear plus personnel, because present deployment is as follows:</p> <p>01 Section- Hill 318 01 Section- Hill 270 03 Guns at Ross 01 Gun- Deadline</p> <p>Regt S-3 advised that Bn S-4 contact Regt S-4 to obtain an emergency temporary loan of 02 106mmRR. He stated he would try and obtain trained personnel to man the guns but did not believe he could do so.</p> <p>Regarding utilization of Regimental Reserve:</p> <p>Major Darling stated, he was well aware of our limited assets but none the less, one platoon of the Regt Reserve to Quick Reaction Force; and he stated we could use one platoon to operate in the AO around Ross Combat Base. Leaving one platoon and company group at Ross for the reserve.</p>	S-3
		2235	17	182150H	Informed H&S Cupp platoon of adjacent D/Acts for 19 Dec 70.	S-3
190020H		190106	18	182230H	I (-) CP in night defensive position received 01 incoming chi-com approx 20 meters outside of wire.	S-3

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2326	190050	19	182245H	Unit opened fire with M-16 and M-79 illumination and HE. Unit then spotted 03 VC/NVA fleeing away from towards the east. Again unit opened fire using small arms, M-79 and 60mm. Unit called in 81mm fire mission on enemy's suspected route of travel. Negative further results. Ordinance expended. Approx 40 rounds M-16, 15 rounds M-79 HE, and 30 rounds 81 HE. Alpha Cupp in night position (vic 023345) received approx 07-10 rounds of carbine semi-automatic fire from direction of Queson District Headquarters Alpha Cupp tried to determine source of fire. Checked area with starlight under illumination. Negative results.	S-3
2305		20	182305	AO extension request for 2/5. SUMMARY: I 2 on hill 270 took 01 incoming round believed to be RPG. Unit called in night reconnaissance by fire results. 01 probable VC/NVA KIA. Telephone conversation between Regt S-3 and 3/5 Bn XO concerning occupation of Hill 218. I (-) on FSB Ryder received 01 incoming Chi-com. Unit spotted 03 VC/NVA fleeing from wire.	S-3
2400		21	182400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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	0001H	0001H	1	190001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
		1400H	2	190004H	Frag order to Co M	S-3
			3	190048H	Regt informed 3/5 that black hammer will be working in our area. When working in our area Black Hammer and Regt 2/2 will be on our Bn Tac Net.	S-3/
		0115H	4	190115H	Disposition of forces after occupation of HILL 218. Msg was sent fm 3/5 Bn XO to 3/5 Fwd.	S-3
		0750H	5	190800H	Forecast of Opns for 20 Dec 70	S-3
		0815H	6	190800H	Bn position report	S-3
0930H			7	190925H	Resupply request for Co L	S-3
		1020H	8	191000H	K Co 11 while performing Flip-Flop CH-46 approached LZ (983363) and crashed in LZ. CH-46 caught fire almost immediately, several secondary explosions then occurred, presumably fm 60mm ammo carried by K Co troops. Crash not caused by enemy fire. M Co in area provided immediate security for downed helo. 1st Medevac carried 05 emergency and 3 priority at 1150H. The helo at this time is still burning and secondaries are still occurring. At least 2 more medevacs are still left, 1 emer, 1 prior M Co is still searching area for further wounded.	S-3
		1145H	9	191200H	INTERIM: All K Co personnel accounted for along w/all crew members, 18 USMC, 1 USN, 1 KCS. Casualty total: 11 emer/5 routines/4 priority. Priorities are subject to change once personnel are examined. All NBC.	S-3
		1556H	10	191235H	FINAL: All medevacs are complete. M Co still is providing security for crashed bird. Bird is still smoldering and M-60 MG are still on bird. It is required a Recon Team be sent fm Division to strip the helo.	S-3

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IN	OUT				
	1254H	10	191230H	Bn position report.	S-3
1315H	2106H	11	191315H	3/5 received word fm Que Son that an ARVN hit a land mine resulting in 1 KIA. B/T was 105mm pressure detonated. Also it was reported that 4 VC/N?VA entered ville at 072379 and killed 1 Vietnamese civilian. Dispatched engineers off to scene to investigate mine sweep of road now being conducted G CUPP is aware of what happened.	S-3
	2045H	12	191400H	Bn position report.	S-3
1410H		13	191410H	Recon moon positions	S-3
1645H		14	191645H	AO approved for 2/5 by Regt	S-3
	2051H	15	191722H	Air requirements for 20 Dec 70	S-3
	2305H	16	192105H	Ops conducted for 19 Dec 70	S-3
2010H		17	192010H	Recon night positions	S-3
	2215H	18	192215H	Msg fm 3/5 to Regt Flip Flop between K Co and K Co completed at 191420H	S-3
	2221H	19	192221H	I 1 (-) inserted on H-218 at 191435H Dec 70. Total personnel 1 Off, USMC 18 Enl USMC 1 Enl USN, 1 Section 106RR w/7 persons and 1 60mm mortar.	S-3
				SUMMARY: Bird crashed injuring 20 persons of K Co. and ARVN truck hit land mine killing 1 ARVN.	
2400H	2400H	20	192400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	200001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0130H		2	200130H	Resupply request for H-270	S-3
	0815H	3	200250H	Notified saucer GUPP of adjacent Friendly PF D/Acts for 20 Dec 70	S-3
	0742H	4	200724H	Air request from 3/5 forward for 21 Dec 70	S-3
0755H		5	200755H	Resupply request fm 3/5 Fwd	S-3
	1034H	6	201000H	Bn position report	S-3
1050H		7	201050H	5th Marines Chop OEGON E 2/5	S-3
	1140H	8	201140H	AG for M Co to operate sent to M Company	S-3
	1338H	9	201200H	Bn position report	S-3
1500H		10	201500H	Msg fm 5th Mar concerning change in frequencies at 201500H Dec 70	S-3
	1515H	11	201500H	Informed M Co of HES GUPPs N/Acts for 20 Dec 70.	S-3
1525H		12	201525H	Recon noon positions	S-3
	1930H	13	201930H	S-4 informed all units that there will be no routine resupply on 25 Dec 70 due to Hot Chew requirements	S-3
	2030H	14	202030H	Air requests for 21 Dec 70 sent to regt.	S-3
	2215H	15	202100H	Weekly plan summary sent to regt	S-3
2124H		16	202124H	Recon night positions	S-3
	2340H	17	202340H	Msg to 3/5 Fwd concerning resupply	S-4
	0137H	18	200900H	Late Entry: Forecast of Opns for 21 Dec 70 sent to Regt	S-3
	0145H	19	202145H	Opns conducted for 20 Dec 70 sent to Regt	S-3
0145H	0355H	20	202250H	Late Entry: M I CP while in N/Pos heard movement outside lines. Ambush was in vicinity of 002359. USMC threw 1 Frag which hit a tree branch and ex- ploded hitting USMC who threw it. M then moved A/S. Results: 1 USMC Emer Evac with wounds in head.	S-3

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				GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
2400H		2400H	21	202400H	<p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>M 1 CP had 1 USMC WIA emergency medevac today</p> <p>JOURNAL CLOSED:</p>	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	210001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
	0130H	2	210050H	Information for ADC visit to 3/5 units sent to Regt.	S-3
0145H		3	210145H	Received casualty report fm M Co	S-1
0504H	0504H	4	210504H	Notified H&S CUPP of adjacent friendly d/acts for 21 Dec 70	S-3
	0800H	5	210800H	AO for 220830H Dec 70 to 230830H Dec 70	S-3
	0845H	6	210845H	Report to have M Co 3/5 to go fm Check Point 2 to grid 974334, to check out incident fm the shooting last night. After unit had checked it out return to check point 3 and continue their patrol.	S-3
0800H	0923H	7	210800H	Bn position report	S-3
1210H	1602H	8	211210H	Bn position report	SS-3
0800H	1315H	9	210800H	Forecast of opns for 22 Dec 70	S-3
	1355H	10	211355H	Report on M 22 about helo fire night, negative findings	S-3
	1425H	11	211425H	Recon noon positions	S-3
	1450H	12	211450H	Assigned AO for 230830 to 240830 is as follows: Fm 9734 to 0034 to 0036 to 9836 to close in a stright line	S-3
1000H	1523H	13	211000H	Bn position report	S-3
1600H	1607H	14	211600H	Bn position report	S-3
1800H	1815H	15	211800H	Bn position report	S-3
1910H		16	211910H	Recon night positions	S-3
	2100H	17	212100H	3/5 air support requests for 22 Dec 70 sent to Regt	S-3
	2050H	18	212020H	Operations conducted for 21 Dec 70 sent to Regt	S-3
1320H	1400H	19	211320H	Resupply request for Co K Late Entry.	S-3
				SUMMARY:	
2400H	2400H	20	212400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0001H D	0001H	1	220001H		JOURNAL OPENED:	
0045H		2	220045H		Resupply for 270	S-4
0135H	0245H	3	220135H		Perimeter security on bunkers #5 at Ross CB spotted movement with radar device. Radar picked up 5 objects moving slowly toward perimeter in front of bunker #5. When object got approx 200m fm perimeter, the personnel on bunker #5 fired 3 M-79 HE rounds at the movement. Moving object disappeared and radar has not picked up anymore movement.	S-3
	0325H	4	220325H		Informed H&S CUPP and Co M of adjacent D/Acts for 22 Dec 70	S-3
	0710H	5	220710H		Addition to Resupply to H-381	S-3
	0755H	6	220755H		Forecast of Opns for 23 Dec 70	S-3
0800H	0835H	7	220800H		Battalion position report	S-3
	0930H	8	220930H		Air traffic request for 23 Dec 70	S-3
1010H	1021H	9	221010H		Bn position report	S-3
	1120H	10	221120H		Resupply for H-381	S-4
1400H	1415H	11	221400H		Bn position report	S-3
1230H	1324H	12	221230H		M 12 while on pzt came across B/T homemade Chicom with tripwire. Approx 3 in high 2 India C-4. B/T blown in place with M-26 frag.	S-3
1511H		13	221511H		Informed M Co of assigned AO	S-3
	1600H	14	221535H		3/5 XO sent msg to Co I concerning missing gas masks.	S-3
	1851H	15	221600H		Bn position report	S-3
1700H		16	221700H		Beacon night positions	S-3
	1705H	17	221705H		Msg to 3/5 Fwd about resupply	S-4
	1730H	18	221730H		Informed H-280 that their resupply is staged but due to no birds to deliver they have not been resupplied.	S-3
1835H		19	221730H		I 2 on H-270 received 2 dud 61mm rds approx 50m W of top of hill. IOB coordinated w/hostage frag, scarface 16 and 14. Scarfaces expended on board ordnance on suspected en mortar pos. 994314	S-3

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					JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
		1851H	20	221800H	Bn position report	S-3
		2040H	21	222040H	Air requirements for 23 Dec 70	S-3
2145H		2200H	22	221715H	LATE ENTRY: IOD on H-218 observed utilities near a concrete structure in a treeline. 1 VC/NVA was carrying a rifle others were carrying rice and supplies, 3/5 106 section on 218 fired 4 rds 106 HE, killing 2 VC/NVA and destroyed structure. Other VC/NVA fled into tree- line. This late report has been reported through 11th Marines channels	S-3
2035H			23	212035H	LATE ENTRY: Resupply request for 3/5 Fwd. SUMMARY: Perimeter watch spotted movement on bunker #5, H-270 rec 2 and 61mm rds, and 3/5 106 section on H-218 got 2 VC/NVA KIA's today.	S-4
2400H		2400H	24	222400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	230001H	JOURNAL OPENED	
0005H	0045H	2	230005H	Informed M Co and H&S CUFP of Adjacent S-3 Acts.	
	0820H	3	230820H	Forecast of Opns for 24 Dec 70	S-3
0800H	0826H	4	230800H	Bn position report	S-3
1000H	1015H	5	231000H	Bn position report	S-3
	1045H	6	231045H	Resupply request My position	S-3
1200H	1217H	7	231200H	Ref my 211035H Dec 70 (Resupply)	S-4
1200H	1217H	8	231200H	Bn position report	S-3
	1246H	9	231246H	Recon noon positions	S-3
1400H	1413H	10	231400H	Bn position report	S-3
	1515H	11	231515H	Resupply at 005388	S-3
	1820H	12	231820H	Recon night positions	S-3
1840H	1850H	13	231840H	Bn position report	S-3
	1920H	14	231920H	Assitned AO to Co M	S-3
	2020H	16	232000H	Opns conducted for 23 Dec 70	S-3
	2230H	17	232225H	Informed IOD on H-270 of Co M AO	S-3
	0128H	17	232355H	Informed Regt of troop strenght at 3/5 wh le people are at show in DaNang	S-3
				SUMMARY:	
2400H	2400H	18	232400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0001H	0001H	1	240001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
	0058H	2	240040H	Notified H&S CUPP and Co M of adjacent D/Acts for 24 Dec 70.	S-3
	0710H	3	240710H	PS K Casualty report	S-1
	0810H	4	240810H	Forecast of Ops for 25 Dec 70	S-3
0815H	0820H	5	240815H	Bn position report	S-3
	0940H	6	240910H	Request to furnish ice for holiday meal	S-4
1000H	1110H	7	241000H	Bn position report	S-3
	1100H	8	241100H	Air request 25 Dec 70	S-3
	1115H	9	241115H	Holiday route of engagement	S-3
1230H	1230H	10	241230H	Instructions for Christmas & New Years	S-3
	1009H	11	241009H	PS 6 desires to obtain fox hole covers for construction.	S-4
1200H	1210H	12	241200H	Bn position report	S-3
	1244H	13	241244H	Recon naen positions	S-3
	1740H	14	241740H	RF amb TOD 1900 TOR 2300	S-3
1400H	1410H	15	241400H	Bn position report	S-3
	1803H	16	241803H	Tell when truce will standdown at 241800H Dec 70 to 251800H Dec 70	S-3
1828H	1855H	17	241825H	Bn position report	S-3
	1845H	18	241845H	Recon night positions	S-3
	2110H	19	241920H	An explosion occurred at Ross combat Base between H&S Co and K 2/11 Btry positions in open space. Cause of explosion was not known. An observer said explosion was not large enough to be a mortar round or a frag. No mortar flashes were observed and neg en movement around lines. Area was searched with neg results. Lines were alerted.	S-3
	2105H	20	242110H	Operations Conducted for 24 Dec 70	S-3
2400H	2400H	21	242400H	SUMMARY: JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0001H	0001H	1	250001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0530H	0550H	2	250830H	Informed CUPP of adjacent D/Acts for 25 Dec 70	S-3
	0800H	3	250800H	Forecast of Opns for 26 Dec 70	S-3
	0900H	4	250900H	Resupply request at my position	S-4
	1120H	5	251120H	AO for 260830H-270830H Dec 70	S-3
1202H	1250H	6	251202H	Bn position report	S-3
	1210H	7	251210H	Recon noon positions	S-3
1400H	1400H	8	251400H	Bn position report	S-3
1600H	1650H	9	251600H	Bn position report	S-3
	1710H	10	251710H	Recon night positions	S-3
	1730H	11	251730H	Resupply request delivery 26 Dec 70	S-3
	1800H	12	251800H	In accordance with the Holiday truce msg, this unit will resume normal combat operation in our AO at 251800H Dec 70	S-3
	1810H	13	251810H	Need resupply from PS 4	S-4
1810H	1820H	14	251810H	Bn position report	S-3
		15		Msg fm Col JOHNSON about Christmas	S-3
	1900H	16	251900H	Air request for 26 Dec 70	S-3
	1930H	17	251930H	AO for 270830-280830H Dec 70 for Co M	S-3
	2045H	18	252030H	Opns conducted for 25 Dec 70	S-3
	2126H	19	252126H	Air request for 26 Dec 70	S-3
	2340H	20	252308H	Informed H-270 of M Co AO and Acts	S-3
				SUMMARY:	
2400H	2400H	21	252400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0001H	0001H	1	260001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0023H	0102H	2	260023H	Informed Company M and Saucer CUPP of adjacent acts for 26 Dec 70.	S-3/F
0130 H	0141H	3	260030H	Personnel on bunker 16 at Ross CB reported what sounded like wire being cut in front of their position. The QOD had cyclops use light and infrared light in the area. An 81mm mortar illumination mission was fired and 08 rounds were expended. At this time the area was H & I with 03 HE M-79 rounds fired.	S-3/F
0800H	0820H	4	260800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0810H	0810H	5	260810H	Forecasts of Operations for 27 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
0845H	0845H	6	260845H	Request gear to 3/5 Rear 10.	S-4/F
0845H	0854H	7	260845H	Resupply to 3/5 4.	S-4/F
0850H	0850H	8	260850H	Resupply sent to M 3. (005388)	S-4/F
0900H	0900H	9	260900H	Request for all 5th Marines Sniper Teams to return to Baldy Combat Base for priority training.	S-3/F
0945H	1010H	10	260945H	Possibility of visit at 1320H from O-9.	S-3/F
0945H	1415H	11	260945H	While on day patrol A CUPP observed 02 males heading E on the road. They crossed the river at the grid 009350 and were met by 06 females carrying baskets. The females had just sat the baskets down when A CUPP spotted. The women started running in a westerly direction and the men split directions, 1 ran north and 1 ran west south. PF fired warning shots over the heads of the women, four of them stopped and were detained.	S-3/F
0950H		12	260950H	Following resupply for L 3 at 994391.	S-3/F

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1000H	1140H	13	261000H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1030H	1030H	14	261030H	Air requirements for 27 Dec 70.	S-3/F
1230H	1425H	15	261230H	While on day patrol, in position; C CUPP PF's informed them that there was 1 PSDF soldier had been shot by 04 VC/NVA at grid 018330 while working in the field. C CUPP picked up the dead soldier who had been shot twice in the head with an M-16. They questioned the civilians who said 04 VC/NVA had shot the PSDF and ran in a westerly direction. C CUPP returned to their position.	S-3/F
1235H		16	261235H	Message pertaining to illumination incident on H-218 242400H Dec 70.	S-3/F
1236H	1255H	17	261236H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1250H		18	261250H	Recon noon position.	S-3/F
1310H	1310H	19	261310H	Message pertaining to when the snipers would be relieved on H-270.	S-3/F
1400H	1406H	20	261400H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1600H	1645H	21	261600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1820H		22	261820H	Recon night position.	S-3/F
1853H	1853H	23	261775H	Air requirements for 27 Dec 70.	S-3/F
1800H	1817H	24	261800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1930H		25	261930H	AO granted to F Co from Regt.	S-3/F
2026H	2157H	26	262026H	A CUPP while set in ambush site vicinity (014345) received 01 chicom from the westerly direction. Resulting in 1 USMC WIA. A CUPP returned fire with S/A, M-79 HE, and M-60 machine gun. A CUPP then received approximately 30-50 rounds of AK fire from 150 meters to the west. Unit then called 81mm illumination and HE mission, under the rules of engagement.	S-3/F

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2130H	2130H	27	262130H	Unit received 10 81mm illumination and 10 81mm HE. Ambush returned to A CUPP position and brought WIA to Ross Combat Base. Area will be searched in the morning. Operations conducted for 26 Dec 70. S-3/F sent to Regt.	
2400H	2400H	28	262400H	Summary: Bunker 16 at Ross Combat Base heard cutting sounds in the wire. OOD checked out the situation, with negative results. C CUPP in day position was informed that 04 VC/NVA killed 1 PSDF soldier while he was working in his fields. A CUPP ambush received 1 chicom wounding 1 USMC. Results was 1 USMC priority medevac. JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	270001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0035H	0035H	2	270035H	Informed Company M of adjacent friendly PB day acts for 27 Dec 70.	S-3/F
0800H	0750H	3	270800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0805H	0805H	4	270805H	Forecasts of Operations for 28 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
0815H	0810H	5	270815H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0925H		6	270925H	AO for 280830H to 290830H Dec 70.	S-3/F
1000H	1000H	7	271000H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0715H	0825H	8	270715H	Late Entry: A 3 CUPP ambush at 014345 searched out area of their ambush site with negative results.	S-3/F
1200H	1229H	9	271200H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1409H		10	271409H	Recon noon position.	S-3/F
1600H	1656H	11	271600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1830H		12	271830H	Recon night position.	S-3/F
1830H	1900H	13	271830H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1940H	1940H	14	271940H	Weekly Plan Summary sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2120H	2130H	15	272120H	Operations conducted sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2150H	2150H	16	272150H	AO assigned to Company M.	S-3/F
2225H	2309H	17	272225H	A CUPP in vicinity (019347) was returning from ambush site and heard movement to the North about 25 meters away. Unit threw 01 M-26 grenade and swept the area with negative results.	S-3/F
2310H	2310H	18	272310H	Informed Saucer CUPP, Co M, Co L 2nd platoon of friendly adjacent acts.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	19	272400H	Summary: A CUPP heard movement when returning from ambush. Unit threw a grenade and swept the area with n/results. JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	280001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0645H	0645H	2	280645H	Air requirements for 29 Dec 70.	S-3/F
0755H	0755H	3	280745H	Forecasts of Operations for 29 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
0846H	0846H	4	280846H	Interrogative: 260900H Dec 70; concerning return of sniper teams.	S-3/F
0805H	1000H	5	280805H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1000H	1040H	6	281000H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1200H	1249H	7	281200H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1200H		8	281200H	Requests 3/5 AO extension; Duration 020600H Jan to 052400H Jan; Purpose: to conduct Cat II Operations.	S-3/F
1400H		9	281400H	AO for 300800H to 310830H Dec 70.	S-3/F
1400H	1416H	10	281400H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1453H		11	281453H	Recon noon position.	S-3/F
1615H	1624H	12	281615H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1716H	1716H	13	281716H	Air requirements for 29 Dec 70.	S-3/F
1722H		14	281722H	Recon night position.	S-3/F
1800H	1825H	15	281800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
				Summary: 3/5 Rear requests AO for proposed operation in Chau Sons.	
2400H	2400H	16	282400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	290001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0005H	0005H	2	290005H	3/5 informed all units of friendly day acts for 29 Dec 70.	S-3/F
0600H	0610H	3	290600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0815H	0900H	4	290815H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
2305H		5	282305H	Late Entry: AO for 310830H to 311800H Dec 70.	S-3/F
1020H	1025H	6	291020H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1015H	1015H	7	291015H	L 2 while on patrol received 10 rounds of AK sniper fire. Searched area with negative results.	S-3/F
1030H	1030H	8	291030H	L 2 while on patrol pointman tripped B/T which failed to detonate. B/T was 105 round with M26 grenade and trip wire. Destroyed in place.	S-3/F
1100H	1100H	9	291100H	L 2 while on patrol found 5 bunkers ranging from 5'x 5' to 5' x 15'. Searched area around bunkers with negative results. Unit blew the bunkers.	S-3/F
1130H	1130H	10	291130H	M CP, smoke signal from 1 fire to north of their position. Fire mission requested by 81mm mortars and received fire mission immediately.	S-3/F
2300H	2300H	11	292300H	Late Entry: AO for 011800H to 020730H Dec 70.	S-3/F
1212H	1225H	12	291212H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1235H		13	291235H	Recon noon position.	S-3/F
1300H	1300H	14	291300H	Resupply from Recline 86 to S-4.	S-4/F
1330H		15	291330H	L 2 received approximately 15 sniper rounds from SW while set in PPB. Return fire with 15 rounds of M79. Swept area with negative results.	S-3/F
1604H	1620H	16	291604H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F

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1415H		17	291415H	Boundaries which are effective from 301200H Dec 70 to indefinite.	
1800H	1855H	18	291800H	Battalino position report.	S-3/F
1830H	1830H	19	291830H	Resupply list from I 2 to 3/5 Rear	S-4/F
1845H	1845H	20	291845H	Air requirements for 30 Dec 70.	S-3/F
1935H	1935H	21	291935H	Frag Order to L 2 and I 2.	S-3/F
1955H	1955H	22	291955H	Frag Order sent to I 2.	S-3/F
2000H		23	292000H	Recon night position.	S-3/F
2040H	2040H	24	292040H	Resupply for Co K for 31 Dec 70.	S-4/F
2055H	2105H	25	292055H	Operations conducted for 29 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2315H	2330H	26	292315H	Informed all units of friendly acts Summary: L 2 found 5 bunkers, also received sniper fire two separate times. M 1 observed smoke from VC fire and called 81mm fire mission.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	27	292400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	300001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0050H	0140H	2	292330H	A CUPP (023345) in night position S-3/F PF's had early warning device, M26 grenade tied to a fence 100 meters in front of PF's position. PF's fired into the area with M-16 and swept the area 150 meters to west and 200 meters from N to S with negative results.	
0015H	0630H	3	300015H	Informed L 2 and IOD on Hill 270 of RF's operation.	S-3/F
0600H	0626H	4	300600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0820H	0820H	5	300820H	Forecast of Operation for 31 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
0925H	0925H	6	300925H	Air requirements for 31 Dec 70.	S-3/F
1005H	1010H	7	301005H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1200H	1215H	8	301200H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1230H	1521H	9	301230H	M CUPP (998320) while on sweep found 1 cave AT 998320. Cave was 40' long, 5' high, and 5' wide. Cave had been gased recently. Search of the cave revealed ammo and food. Upon continuing the sweep, M CUPP found a cave at 004320, 15'x5'x5'. Cave had not been recently used and contained some broken urns. AO working with M CUPP observed animals by a cave near 988320 and guided M CUPP to the area. M CUPP found cows tied to the entrance of a small cave. Further search revealed a larger cave 50 meters away, which was approximately 20'x20'x5'. Cave contained three wooden beds, fish traps, fresh woodshaving. M CUPP searched all caves and three gas into all of them. PF's brought the cows and rice backed to the villagers. All other items found were destroyed in place.	S-3/F
1300H	1300H	10	301300H	Recon noon position.	S-3/F

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1615H	1635H	11	301615H	Battalion position.	S-3/F
1630H	1755H	12	301630H	M 1 (99333) spotted 4 enemy with packs, and 1 rifle. M 1 chased the enemy. The enemy spotted M 1 and hid. M 1 fired 30 rounds of M-16. Swept the area with negative results.	S-3/F
1745H		13	301745H	Recon night position.	S-3/F
1803H	1910H	14	301803H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1840H		15	301840H	Resupply list from Hill 270.	S-4/F
1930H		16	301930H	Resupply request from Hill 381.	S-4/F
1951H	1955H	17	301951H	Operations conducted for 30 Dec 70 sent to Regt. Summary: M-6SUPP on search and destroy found one cave 40'x5'x5'; with ammo and food, one cave 15'x5'x5', and one cave with cows tied to the entrance, and one cave which was 20'x20'x5'.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	18	302400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	310001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0105H	0200H	2	310105H	Informed M GUPP of friendly day acts for 31 Dec 70.	S-3/F
0630H	0700H	3	310630H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0800H	0815H	4	310800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0900H	0940H	5	310900H	Forecast of Operations for 1 Jan 1971 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
1007H	0930H	6	310930H	Air requirements for 1 Jan 71.	S-3/F
1007H	1030H	7	311007H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1030H	1120H	8	311030H	L 21 while on day patrol (998338) found a bunker. Unit checked the bunker out with negative results. Following drag marks along a trail, unit found USMC 782 gear. Gear consisted of 2 helmet liners, 1 camouflage helmet cover, 1 pair of boots, 1 soft cover. Gear was in good to new condition. Bunker was destroyed in place.	S-3/F
1200H	1330H	9	311200H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1415H	1441H	10	311415H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1500H	1505H	11	311500H	Message to M 2 from M 6 for a witness to a court-martial.	S-3/F
1545H	1545H	12	311545H	Resupply request from IOD H-270.	S-4/F
1600H	1620H	13	311600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1800H	1805H	14	311800H	New Year's Truce: Standdown of 3/5 Rear has been achieved as of 311800H Dec 70.	S-3/F
1801H		15	311801H	Resupply request for Company I.	S-4/F
1801H	1815H	16	311801H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1830H		17	311830H	Recent night position.	S-3/F

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
1900H	1916H	18	311900H	Addition to Air requirements for 1 Jan 71 sent to Regt,	S-3/F
2120H	2121H	19	312120H	Operations conducted for 31 Dec 70 sent to Regt. Summary: L 21 discovered a bunker and asserted US 782 gear around that immediate area.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	20	312400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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1530H	1530H	1	021530H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
1530H	1530H	2	021530H	On 021530H dec 70, 3/5 assumes control of Operation Imperial Lake, Companies E, F, H, I, and K. 3/5 will continue assigned mission.	S-3/F
1530H	1530H	3	021530H	3/5 Forward informed Companies H, E, F, and I of Forward CP's radio frequencies.	S-3/F
1620H	1700H	4	021620H	Resupply sent to 3/5 Rear.	S-4/F
1745H	1800H	5	021745H	H 6 request permission to fire practice fire of 60mm on grid 995407. Permission granted.	S-3/F
1800H	1815H	6	021800H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
1820H	1830H	7	021820H	Resupply sent to 3/5 Rear.	S-4/F
1855H	1900H	8	021855H	Informed Hotel 2/5 of friendly adjacent acts.	S-3/F
1915H	1930H	9	021915H	Resupply sent to Rear 3/5.	S-4/F
2020H		10	022020H	Regt approves the following AO extension as follows: Upper left 9346, Lower Right 0043. Duration is 030600H to indefinite.	S-3/F
2000H		11	022000H	Regt approves AO extension, Upper left 9742, Lower Right 9841. Duration is 020700H Dec 70 to 031200H Dec 70.	S-3/F
1915H		12	021915H	Status report from Company I.	S-3/F
2125H	2235H	13	022125H	Informed Company K of friendly adjacent day acts.	S-3/F
2005H		14	022000H	Request grid for Company M LZ and AO.	S-3/F
2230H		15	022200H	Intelligence Report.	S-2/F
2250H		16	022150H	Operations conducted for night of 2 Dec 70, sent to Regt.	S-3/F

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2240H		17	022240H	Helo requirements for 3 Dec 70.	S-3/F
1800H	2000H	18	021740H	Late Entry: I CP (984364 & 979371) observed 1 VC/NVA dressed in dark clothing wearing a pack moving north. Called E. M. at 1725H, 1st round hit at 1734, E. O. M. 1803. Fired 2 WP, 62 rounds of HE. I CP observed 1 large secondary explosion approx. size of a 250 lb bomb. Excellent coverage of target area.	S-3/F
2000H		19	022100H	Operation Imperial Lake. 3/5 conduct intensified day/night acts to establish small unit security patrols organized to provide maximum flexibility in enemy contact. In addition, increase tempo of deliberate ambush action of small unit level.	S-3/F
2230H	2310H	20	022305 H	Frag Order to Company M.	S-3/F
2300H	2320H	21	022315H	Company M AO while in Imperial Lake. From blue to 964370 to 963360 to 975360 to 982368 to 977372 to 971373 to close.	S-3/F
2300H	2300H	22	022330H	Additional target area (Intell)	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	23	022400H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
				Summary: 021530H Dec 70, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines assumes control of Operation Imperial Lake Area. I CP observed 1 secondary explosion (approx 250 lb bomb) during fire mission.	
2400H	2400H	24	022400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	
			021655H	Late Entry: URS 970412 - 300 meters radius. Called fire mission.	
			021930H	Late Entry: URS 974394 - 250 meters radius. Called fire mission.	

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IN	OUT				
0001H	0001H	1	030001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0145H	0150H	2	030145H	Battalion position report	S-3/F
0730H		3	030730H	URS 972387 200 meter radius. E2B to search the area.	S-3/F
0730H	0740H	4	030730H	Message to all commanders to ensure day activities are slow and methodical.	S-3/F
0830H		5	030830H	Company F 2/B request replacements for scout snipers.	S-3/F
0815H	1220H	6	030815H	Forecasts of Operations for 4 Dec 70, sent to Regt.	S-3/F
0840H	0845H	7	030840H	Message to all Imperial Lake Area Company Commanders: Spot reports should be submitted timely and accurately.	S-3/F
1010H	1230H	8	030945H	I 2 while on patrol (003406) found enemy camp site. Area had frame for over night hootches capable of housing 15 men. Area also had old cooking fires. A thorough search of surrounding area produced 2 shirts and 1 pair of socks.	S-3/F
1005H		9	031000H	Message from Regt: It is imperative that night and day acts be submitted no later than 1600H.	S-3/F
1050H	1055H	10	031030H	Message to all commanders: Submit all resupply requests to this CP by 1600, 2 day in advance.	S-3/F
1120H	1255H	11	031058H	H 2 (001408) while conducting search and destroy, found the following items: 1 AK 47 rifle and magazine without rounds. 1 booster for RPG, 1 homemade pack, containing 1 pair of VC/NVA shirt and trousers. Gear was found along a trail in bushes and rocks. All gear will be evacuated.	S-3/F

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5th Marines
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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
1100H	1110H	12	031100H	Request information on how many dogs, M-15 mine detectors and snipers detached to the companies.	S-3/F
1120H		13	031110H	Regt reminds all units that captured ordnance will not be evacuated by helicopters until EOD renders it safe for transportation.	S-3/F
1155H	1315H	14	031155H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1240H		15	031200H	Recon day positions.	S-3/F
1235H	1390H	16	031200H	E 1A (980381) on day patrol found a natural cave 8'x13' capable of holding 5 to 6 people. Unit checked cave floor and walls with negative results. Then blew cave with C-4 and CS gas.	S-3/F
1250H		17	031230H	Clearance for recon teams. Area from 981434 - 985430 - 970400 - 970417 to close.	S-3/F
1400H	1525H	18	031345H	E 2 (975387) found a tunnel which branched in two directions for approx. 5' downhill and 3' in height and believed to be a water washout. Tunnel was blown with C-4.	S-3/F
1545H	1715H	19	031545H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1655H		20	031655H	Strength report from Company M.	S-3/F
1700H		21	031330H	Late Entry: Regt received sightings of 12 Vc with packs and rifles at 928426 and employed RRF (K 1). K 1 was inserted at on 927427 at 031505H.	S-3/F
1827H		22	031800H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
1835H	1925H	23	031800H	H 2 while sandbagging rice which was discovered 250930H Nov 70, unit discovered approx. 250 lbs of rice on the bottom of storage bin was infested with lice and maggots. Permission was granted to destroy bad rice. 500 lbs or more of the rice is bagged and awaiting extraction.	S-3/F

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1940H		24	031940H	Regt approves AO extension for 2/1 to the northwest of our AO.	S-3/F
2000H		25	031945H	3/5 Air support requirements for 4 Dec 70 sent to 3/5 Rear.	S-3/F
2145H	2200H	26	032100H	3/5 Forward CP (994391) Marine on post 7 heard movement approx. 50 meters in front of his position. Shortly thereafter, post 7 received 1 incoming chi-com grenade, landing 15 meters short of bunker. Post 7 returned small arms fire, M-79 and called 81mm illumination. Security patrol will search area in the morning.	S-3/F
2155H	2205H	27	032155H	Operations conducted.	S-3/F
		28	032400H	URS reports for 3 Dec 70. (1) 030730 Dec 70 - 972387 200 meters. E patrol searched area with negative results. (2) 030955H - 981397 200 meters. E Co called 81mm mission will search area tomorrow. (3) 031150H - 014392 200 meters. K platoon searched area with negative results. (4) 031510H - 978384 E Co. platoon searched with negative results. (5) 031510H - 976391 100 meters Co. E patrol searched with negative results. (6) 031510 - 010418 750 meters F Co. fired OBS 105 mission. (7) 031510H - 943362 750 meters out of our AO. (8) 031530H - 972394 400 meters. H Co. searched with negative results. (9) 031700H - 979390 100 meters. Will search tomorrow. Summary: H 2 found 1 AK 47 rifle and magazine, 1 RPG booster, 1 pack with clothing. F 2 found enemy camp site. Several URS's were reported and taken action on.	
2400H	2400H	29	032400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	040001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0750H	0845H	2	040750H	Forecast of Operations for 5 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
0730H	0735H	3	040730H	Strength report from Companies E, F and K.	S-3/F
0920H		4	040920H	Resupply sent to 3/5 Rear.	S-4/F
1005H		5	041005H	Strength report from Company H.	S-3/F
1012H		6	041012H	Meal and ammo count for Company H.	S-3/F
1020H		7	041020H	Message from 3/5 Rear to Forward: Return all nets and slings on helicopters. Do not remove slings from water bulls. Inform Companies to return nets. Critical for future resupplies.	S-3/F
1050H		8	041050H	Message from 5th Marines to 1/5, 2/5, 3/5, 2/1. Black Hammer Operation in the following zone: 100465 to 100447. Zone 1: From BT 0747 to 0944 to close. Zone 2: From AT 9636 to BT 0036 to BT 0034 to AT 9834 to AT 9831 to AT 9631 to close. Zone 3: From BT 0036 to 0239 to 0540 to 0538 to 020375 to close. Zone 4: From AT 880436 to NE along 5th Marines Boundary to 908460 to 9446 to 9443 to 8943 to NW to close.	S-3/F
1210H	1220H	9	041205H	Insert of Company M completed, 041140. LZ 1 M 3 & CP (977368), LZ 2 M 2 (979373). Company M presently consolidating.	S-3/F
1215H	1225H	10	041210H	Battalion position report.	B-3/F
1230H	1450H	11	041230H	Resupply sent to 3/5 Rear.	S-4/F
1150H	1300H	12	041140H	Late Entry: E 2A (978389) located a cave that could hold approx. 3 people. Cave was 6'x8'. Checked area with negative results. Cave was blown using C-4 and approximately 3 lbs and also C-s.	S-3/F

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
1200H	1330H	13	041130H	Late Entry: E 3C (980399) located a cave had opening into a larger cavity, that could approximately 15'x 10' x 4' with 2 entrances. Checked area with negative results. Cave was blown with approximately 3 lbs C-4 and C-S.	S-3/F
0905H	1335H	14	040850H	Late Entry: E 2 (984389) located a natural cave at above grid, cave could hold approximately 10 people. Cave had not been used for approximately 2 months. Cave was 10' x 15' in diameter.	S-3/F
1300H	1315H	15	041300H	Message to all Company Commanders: No captured live ordnance will be brought aboard an aircraft. If you feel live captured ordnance is of intelligence value, an EOD assistant team will be brought to your position.	S-3/F
1345H	1350H	16	041345 H	5th Marines approves following extension of Recon Haven 231P. Area (1): From (AT 8943) to 9143 to 9141 to close. Area (2): From (AT 9339) to 930367 to E along road to 963363 to N on District Boundary to 970380 to 944 38 to close. Duration: As soon as possible to indefinite.	S-3/F
1340H	1340H	17	041340H	H 1A addition to day acts.	S-3/F
1600H	1650H	18	041452H	E 2 CP (014415) Marine found 1 HE round (M79) wrapped in burlap sack laying in small clearing. When round was destroyed it was discovered that a M26 grenade was booby trapped underneath the sack. Booby trap was blown in place.	S-3/F
1530H	1635H	19	041535H	H 1A/990407 while on searching mission of URS unit found 5 natural v caves; one cave large enough for 5 persons, three caves large enough for 2-3 persons and one cave large enough for one person. Area was thoroughly search with negative results. C-S crystals were applied to all caves.	S-3/F

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1730H	1738 H	21	041730H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1905H		22	041803H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
	1826H	23	041820	3/5 Forward requests duration on on grid square 0240 be extended until 061200H.	S-3/F
1900H	1915H	24	041900H	3/5 air requirements for 5 Dec 70 sent to 3/5 Rear.	S-3/F
2122H		25	042110H	Debrief of Company I reveals : (1) Enemy Base Camp located at 981367. (2) Dense vegetation in Company M AO. (3)	S-3/F
2115H	2127H	26	042115H	3/5 Forward CP submitted to 3/5 Rear a list of items to help companies working in Imperial Lake AO, better accomplish their missions.	S-3/F
2221H		27	042200H	Regt approves AO extension for Recon UL 970425 LR 975415 as soon as possible 051800H.	S-3/F
2255H	2350H	28	042255H	Operations conducted for 4 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2300H		29	042300H	Regt approved and Imperial Lake AO extension. Adding 9 square grids to the eastern AO.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	30	042400H	URS siv URS were searched with negative results. Summary: 5 discoveries of natural caves, 1 booby trap found and destroy- ed. Negative enemy contact.	
2400H	2400H	31	042400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	050001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0700H	0730H	2	020700H	Debrief of Company I concerning southern AO of Imperial Lake Area 1: An active enemy base camp is located 981367 (this has been confirmed by other sources) 2: Vegetation may require MCI being dropped from Helos. CAS will cause problems also.	S-3/F
0715H	0755H	3	050715H	Message to all commanders: Any helo requests other than resupply, such as RTD's, R&R, etc, must be submitted to this station by 1630 the day before the lift will take place.	S-3/F
0730H	0810H	4	050730H	Forecast of Operations for 6 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
0800H	0855H	5	050800H	Message to all Commanders: Subj: AO extension from 0043 east 0543 S to 0540 W to 0240 to 005390 to 005380 to 000375 to 990370 to 980363 to 970360 to 963360 to 963370 to 970360 to 970407 to 977410 to 984420 to 9943 to 0543, Company will incorporate.	S-3/F
0940H	1235H	6	050920H	ELD (979380) located a natural cave approx. 7' x 12' that could hold 3-4 people. Cave had not been used for approx. 1 week also founded was some broken crockery. Cave was checked for false walls and floors within negative results. Cave blown with C-4 and approx. 1 lb of C-s.	S-3/F
1000H	1030H	7	051000H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1016H	1016H	8	051016H	Strength report from Company H.	S-3/F
1130H	1130H	9	051130H	Strength report from Company M.	S-3/F
1140H	1230H	10	051135H	ELD (983377) found cave that could sleep approx. 2 people. It was 6' x 8! It appeared to have been used 2-3 weeks ago. Check area with negative results. Blown with C-4 and approx. 1 lb C-s gas crystals.	S-3/F

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1200H	1220H	11	051200H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1310H	1310H	12	051310H	Recon noon positions.	B-3/F
1225H	1350H	13	051225H	K 33 (999397) while on patrol K 33 found 2 shallow caves approx. 5'x3'. Searched area and found one US E-Tool and canisters containing approx. 100 lbs of rice. Canisters were buried in the caves. Rice was destroyed, due to lack of an LZ. Caves were blown and area surrounding. Area searched with negative results.	S-3/F
1310H	1500H	14	051325H	H 2 (006403) while on patrol H 20 found a small VC harbor site consisting of a torn down hootch and collapsed bunker area 10'x10'. It appeared that artillery had destroyed the area. Searched area and found 1 empty VC/NVA pack 1 VC/NVA canteen.	S-3/F
1400H	1435H	15	051400H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1410H	1510H	16	051400H	H 3 (003402) while on patrol H 3 found 1 61mm mortar B/T located on side of a small trail. Round was buried and a trip wire was attached across the trail. B/T had a pull-friction type firing device. Blew B/T in place.	S-3/F
1515H	1525H	17	051515H	Message to M6. It is imperative that night and day acts reach this HQ by 1100. Company M is now 3 1/2 hours late. Request you submit as soon as possible.	S-3/F
1520H	1528H	18	051520H	Notified FLA (008407) and H 2B (004407) of friendly adjacent acts.	S-3/F
1645H	2145H	19	051215H	Late Entry: M 3 (975364) while on search and destroy found large NVA base camp which consisted of 5 hootches 1, 10x30; 1, 15x25; 1, 10x15; 1, 10x10; and 1, 8x10 connected with natural tunnels complex with sleeping area underneath boulders capable of housing approx.	S-3/F

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					120 persons. There was an under ground stream running through the middle of the complex and an assesable head located above complex. Area believed to have been used one month ago for classroom/Hason. A number of trails lead into the base camp from all directions. The following gear was found and accounted for: 1 AK 47 rifle and magazine, 1 magazine for AK 51 assault rifle, 3 serviceable typewriters (1 made in Germany), 1 manual ink press, 3 viles of medicon, 8 platoon size NVA flags, 36 company size NVA flags, 1 post NVA flag, 2 campaign banners, 4 bolts of cloth, 3 bundles of documents ranging from pay records to pictures of Ho Chi Minh, 1 complete NVA uniform, 1 pack, 3 kilos of EPSOM salt, 1 lb molasses, 2 oz. salt, 3 oz pepper, shaving gear, 2 basketball illumination parachute.	
1635H		1930H	20	051535H	Late Entry: F3 (015403) on day patrol found a small enemy base camp consisting of 1 natural cave large enough to hold 15 to 20 persons, and natural harbor sites. The following gear was captured and destroyed, in place: 1 M26 grenade, 2 M79 HE rounds, 2 smoke grenades, 3 pop-ups, 1 US canteen and canteen cup, assorted clothing, 1 poncho liner, cooking utensils, 2 US helmets and stacks of fire wood.	S-3/F
1600H		1750H	21	051600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1735H			22	051700H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
1800H			23	051700H	Message to Company M 6 instructing him to continue intensive search of objective area.	S-3/F
2215H		2230H	24	052100H	3/5 Forward CP observed light (029385) which appeared to be signalling a ridge to the south. Called 81mm fire mission at 2100, first round hit at 2000 fired 1 WP and 20 HE EOM at 2215. 50% target coverage. Unable to observe	S-3/F

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				unable to observe results due to darkness.	
2200H	2210H	25	052200H	Operations conducted for 5 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2320H		26	052320H	Regt sent the latest TAOR for Imperial Lake A0 at 3/5's request.	S-3/F
1010H		27	051010H	1/5 was granted by Regt. an A0 extension into Recon Haven 231P. Late Entry:	S-3/F
2400H		28	052400H	Today there were 9 URS taken action on with negative results. Summary: K 3/5 found 2 caves, E-toal and 100 lbs of rice. H 2/5 found 1 B/T. H 2/5 found small VC harbor site. M 3/5 discovered large NVA base camp and captured 1 AK 47 rifle, 47 NVA flags, 4 typewriters, various documents, medical gear, foodstuff, assorted clothing, 1 manual ink press. This base camp would effectively conceal and shelter approximately 120 persons. F 2/5 unit found small enemy base camp capable of housing 15-20 persons and assorted ordnance and gear.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	29	052400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001	0001	1	060001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3/F
0730	0800	2	060730H	Forecast of operations for 07 Dec 70 sent to M Regt.	S-3/F
0800	0810	3	060800H	Casualty report from Co. K	S-3/F
0825	0840	4	060753H	FCP (024405) Fox 1/4 called air strike on suspected enemy position at above grid. Jets on station at 0747 off at 0755. Air strike resulted in one secondary explosion of unknown size.	S-3/F
1000	1650	5	061000H	Battalion Position Report	S-3/F
1015	1035	6	061015	Message to Commanders of Companies H, M, K. AO change of N. Boundary. From 9741 NE to 977414 E to 980414 to 983424 to 992430 to BT 007430 to 014434 to 018429 to 025433 to 038429 to 050438 to close.	S-3/F
0930	1120	7	060930H	Late Entry. 3/5 Chop Opcon E 2/5 to 2/5. Effect 060930H Dec 70.	S-3/F
1230		8	061230H	Message from Regt. clearing following AO for QRF inserts area UL 955410 LR 980390 duration as soon as possible to 061800H Dec 70	S-3/F
1230	1517	9	061230H	While on patrol M-31 came upon a B.A.S. camp area, while entering area point element observed 01 VC/NVA armed with M-16, dressed in black fleeing to the NW approx 50 meters away. VC was taken under fire with small arms and M-79. M-3 searched heavily vegetated area with negative results. Will submit follow up. Terrain- Cloudy/Mountain.	S-3/F
1240		10	061200H	Recon Noon Position	S-3/F
1230	1250	11	061230H	AO ext as soon as possible to 1800 today for QRF UL 955410 LR 980390.	S-3/F

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1340	1410	12	061545H	Add to spot report for 0570, 70 oz. duplicating ink. 75 stencil sheets 01 bonded paper. 2375 sheets white duplicat- ing paper, 12"xl8". 2 Bundles various doc- uments. 1x38 Cal pistols, Smith & Western 01 Southern Russian Flag various types of NVA clothing. 01 NVA pack, 01 ammo can, med ass gear. 01 Ammo can of rice approx 20 lbs. Various documents including per- sonal rooster.	S-3/F
1330		13	061330H	Submit weekly plans forecast for per- iod 130001H Dec 70 to 192400H Dec 70 to this C.O.C. by 061800H Dec 70.	S-3/F
1506		14	061506H	Weekly plans summary for week of 070001H Dec 70 sented to Regt.	S-3/F
1615		15	061600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3/F
1800	1855	16	061230H	M3 (978364) Unit came upon BAS type camp area, consisting of 06 hootches be- lieved to have been used last 1 to 2 weeks prior. Also found 03 caves capable of holding 15 persons. The following gear was captured: large quantities of medical gear destroyed, approx 40 docum- ents (some dated as late as 30 Nov 70), 02 M-16 magazines, assorted cooking gear, assorted NVA clothing and 02 surgical masks. (LATE ENTRY)	S-3/F

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1612	1847	17	061530H	M-2 (980362) found enemy base consisting of 03 hooches made of large boulders, supported by poles. Capable of holding 05 people apiece. Poles supporting hooches were blown, destroying hooches.	S-3/F
1605	1739	18	061600H	Intell from Regt. locating 02 enemy bunkers at 006406. Message relayed to Companies H & F. Fox 2/5 will search area tomorrow.	S-3/F
1815		19	061800H	Recon Night Positions	S-3/F
1847		20	061820H	3/5 Air requirements for 07 Dec 70 sent to 3/5 rear.	S-3/F
1900	1905	21	061900H	Message to Company M-3/5 reminding to insure all captured gear is properly tagged before evacuating.	S-3/F
1925	1930	22	061925H	Operation conducted for 07 Dec 70 Sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2020		23	062020H	All air requirements must be submitted to Regt. via formal radio message. No later than 0900H, preceding day.	S-3/F
2250	2305	24	062204H	M-3 (975364) perimeter guard observed 01 VC/NVA moving toward perimeter in a northwesterly direction approximately 75 meters away. Guard initiated 03 rounds M-16 fire and lost sight of enemy. Unit will search area at first light and submit follow-up.	S-3/F
		25	062400H	Action was taken on 09 URS reports all with negative results. Summary: M-3 discovered a VC/NVA medical treatment area and a large quantity of destroyed medical gear and documents. M(-) found an additional amount of enemy gear while continuing search of base camp which was discovered	S-3/F

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2400	2400	26	062400H	<p>yesterday; additional gear; 01.38 Smith & Western pistol, South Russian flag, documents, clothing, pack, 20 lbs rice, and paper and ink for ink press found the previous day. M-2 found enemy base camp con- sisting of boulders supported by poles</p> <p>JOURNAL CLOSED</p>	S-3/F

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0001	0001	1	070001H	Journal Opened	S-3/F
0735	0850	2	070655H	Fox 2 CP. (028412) while bringing in Claymores from night positions 01 USMC tripped a M-26 boobytrap. Resulting in 01 Emergency Evac. Boobytrap was located in grass and was tripwire detonated. Called Medivac 070658H completed. 070721H. Res. 01 WIA Emergency Medivac	S-3/F
	0740	3	070740	Spot Report relayed to Rear.	S-3/F
	0745	4	070745H	Battalion Position Report	S-3/F
	0745	5	070745H	Be advised K-1 will be inserted as Q.R.F. at approximate grid 980378 will keep you advised of K-1 progress and exact position when insert is completed.	S-3/F
	0805	6	070805H	Air requirements for 08 Dec 70 for 3/5 forward sent to 3/5 Rear.	S-3/F
	0900	7	070900H	Forecast of Operations	S-3/F
	0950	8	070950H	Battalion Position Report	S-3/F
	1003	9	071003H	Intelligence Reports Grid 015413 is known as the "kitchen" and is where local VC congregate to eat. Report from 3/5 rear to Co. Fox.	S-3/F
	1045	10	071045H	3/5 forward C.P. assumes opcon of K-1 as off 10000H K-1 presently located grid 979369.	S-3/F
	1050	11	071050H	A.O. for K-1 while in P.S.M. A.O. P.S. 3 for approaching following A.O. Ext for PSK-1 UL977374 LR 985366 grid is as soon as possible to indefinite	S-3/F
1100		12	071100H	From 5th Marines To 3/5 & 2/5 effective 071000 H Dec. 70. Opcon of 1st platoon K 3/5 passes from 2/5 to 3/5.	S-3/F

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1140		12	071100H	Final spot on enemy Base camp has been completely destroyed with Demo. All caves blown and seeded with C.S. gas crystals at grid 975364	S-3/F
	1210	14	071200H	Battalion Position Report	S-3/F
1225	1245	15	071200H	Fox 2 (029413) while moving to CP position Fox 2 found 3 250 LB bombs which were dud rounds. Rounds seemed to have hit without detonation. Fox 6 requested E.O.D. assistance to help destroy rounds.	S-3/F
1232		16	071232H	Recon Noon Positions	S-3/F
1400	1450	17	071245H	H2 (002408) on day patrol found cave entrance. Entrance went approx 12 feet down and led into a cave 20 feet long and 5 feet wide. A complete search of cave produced 40 LBS of salt. Salt was destroyed and walls of cave seeded with CS gas.	S-3/F
1402	1455	18	071315H	H2 (006408) on day patrol found NVA Hospital in a cave. The cave had 04 levels which could accommodate 7 persons each. Nearby there was a partially destroyed thatched hootch. Area appeared to have been worked previously by friendly units. Cave was seeded with CS gas.	S-3/F
1410	1500	19	071330H	F3 (015402) on patrol found one dud 500 lb bomb. Unit attempted to destroy bomb but did not have enough C-4 on hand to complete destruction. Unit will return to sight and destroy bomb after being resupplied with additional amount of explosives.	S-3/F
1345	1530	20	071345H	Battalion Position Report	S-3/F
1500	1530	21	071415H	K-1 (978366) found NVA Base camp consisting of five hooches large enough to house eight persons each. Captured gear consisted of one	S-3/F

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1510	1535	22	071420H	M-2 Carbine rifle, assorted cooking gear, 20 lbs rice, medical equipment 01 NVA cartridge belt, two packs containing one flashlight, one watch, one .45 magazine, one bayonet scabbard K-1 (980367) found cave complex consisting of five caves capable of holding five to eight persons each and were 8x10x5 feet. Area appeared not to have been used for several weeks. Unit searched area and found one fugiya record player and one sony transistor radio. Caves seeded with CS gas.	S-3/F
1633		23	071500H	E.O.D. team arrived by helo at F2 position on request, to destroy bombs earlier described. Team advised F2 to leave dud bombs alone due to the depth in which they were buried.	S-3/F
1740	1920	24	071730H	Recon Night Positions	S-3/F
1830	1930	25	071710H	An element of K-1 left behind to further search base camp discovered the following additional gear, 10 lbs tea, one NVA uniform, one brown uniform, one holster for 9mm pistol, two candles and one lamp.	S-3/F
1910	2020	26	071730H	Fcp (018411) acting on intell report of VC/NVA eating area known as the Kitchen, peppfired area (0154413) with multi-shot and called A.O. which expended on board ordinance. F1 searched area with negative results.	S-3/F
1940	2025	27	071845H	F2 (032417) while prep-firing area around new PPB, observed 3-4 figures at 033421, unit initialed small arms fire, M-79, 60mm Mortars and laaws. Unit developed a reinforced squad to search area but had negative results.	S-3/F

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2030	2040	28	072015H	3/5 forward CP H-381 observed a stationary light, believed to be enemy signaling. Called 81mm fire mission at 2015H, 1st round 2020 fired WP and ten H.E., EOM 2030H, with 50% target coverage.	S-3/F
2107	2155	29	07 2107H	Operations conducted for 08 Dec 70. Sent to K Regt.	S-3/F
2400		30	072400H	There were six URS fired on today. Summary: 01 Marine WIAE Company F2/5 found three 250 lbs. bombs, one 500 lbs. bomb. Company H2/5 found cave and NVA Hospital. Company K3/5 found NVA base camp containing one M-2 Carbine, cooking gear, 20lbs rice, medical gear. K also found a cave complex.	S-3/F
2400	2400	31	072400H	Journal Closed	S-3/F

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	0735	2	080735H	To Co "M" D/Acts near yours KI D/Ptl 0830-1530	S-3/F
	0740	3	080740H	Battalion Position Report	S-3/F
	0825	4	080825H	Air Requestments for 09 Dec 70	S-3/F
	0935	5	080935H	Message to Co K. Friendly D/Acts 08 Dec 70 near yours. M3 D/Ptl	S-3/F
	0840	6	080840H	Late Entry. Forecast of Operations for 09 Dec 70.	S-3/F
0950	1010	7	080950H	Spot Report. At 0730 08 Dec 70. 02 Vietnamese came to back gate. A cupp Chuhoi. Chuhoies are: Pham Van Li, Age 51. Thai Tan, age 27. Both of than BA (H) Son Khanh (V) questioning revealed that there are 04 more VC in Than Ba (H) Vo Cu, age 20. Ly Binh age 20 and Lethiphong, age 20. Chu Loia sent Que son District HQ's Rainy/Hamlet.	S-3/F
	1615	8	081015	Battalion Position Report	S-3/F
1050	1230	9	081050H	Spot Report. M-3 (979363) While on Patrol M-3 came upon a small cave complex consisting of 4 caves (1) 15x20 (2) 5x8 caves (3) 10x10. M-3 searched area thoroughly and found various ordinance and 01 weapon. M-3 will return to area after resupply and destroy caves with Demo and C-S Rounds. Were destroyed in place. (Caves) Rainy/Mountains res 961mm Rounds without warheads. 1x82mm without warhead. 01 U.S. Cal. 45 Pistol.	S-3/F
1200		10	081200H	From 5th Marines. This Command Che- aris following A.O. area. From (BT 0542) East to 0942 South to 0941 SW. to 0739 West to 0539 north to close. Durat ion: 090600H-102400H Dec 70. Purpose: Cat II combat Oper.	S-3/F

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	1215	11	081210H	Battalion Position Report=	S-3/F
1300		12	081300H	Recon Noon Positions	S-3/F
	1355	13	081350H	Battalion Position Report	S-3/F
1500	2050	14	081250H	M-2 (972363) on day patrol found an enemy base camp with timbers supporting bolders 12x12 feet and 8x5 foot cave. Capable of holding approx 12 people. In the area was assorted cooking gear. Unit destroyed cooking gear and supporting timbers.	S-3/F
1445	1735	15	081400H	F2 follow-up spot on DEG 071845H Dec 70 F2 (030417) searched area (033421) where green smoke was sighted with negative results.	S-3/F
1530	1608	16	081530H	Advised all units of projected weather reports, and advised control of rations.	S-3/F
1724		17	081700H	Recon Night Positions	S-3/F
1754	1900	18	081720H	K1 (986373) observed three VC/NVA armed, dressed in dark green clothing carrying packs, moving in an easterly direction in a treeline. Unit called 81mm f.m. at 1720, 1st Round 1726H, fired two wp and 20 HE, EOM 1748H. Excellent target coverage when first round hit, enemy fled into treeline. Unit will not search area because it is tactically unfeasible.	S-3/F
2000	2008	19	082000H	Operations conducted for 08 Dec 70 Sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2035	2100	20	082035H	Regt requests all captured items from Co. M3/5 be forwarded for intell request acknowledged	S-3/F
2400		21	082400H	Six URS reports fired on, one searched by patrol	S-3/F

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2400		2400	22	082400H	<p>Summary: M3 captured one 45 US pistol, nine - 61mm Rounds, one-82mm Round. M2 captured assorted cooking gear.</p> <p>Journal Closed</p>	S-3/F

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	0750	2	090745H	Battalion Position Report	S-3/F
	0835	3	090820H	Message from PSF S-2 to PSR S-2 Usually reliable sources for 09 Dec. 985403, 450 Meters, 971396-300 meters 974391-500meters, 989381-100 meters, 982388-100 meters, 954415-500 meters, 977372-200 meters, 977391-600 meters, 982388-100 meters.	S-3/F
	0947	4	090845H	Message from PSF S-2 to PSR S-2 Caves for 09 Dec. 04 small (15x20) caves 979363, 01 small (8x5) cave 972363. Enemy Sightings: 03 VC/NVA with packs, rifles, and were moving east 986373.	S-3/F
	0959	5	090850H	Air Requestments for 10 Dec 70.	S-3/F
	1015	6	090905H	Battalion Position Report	S-3/F
	1015	7	090905H	Late Entry: Forecast of Operations for 10 Dec 70/	S-3/F
0952		8	090952H	Message from Sand Hurst to PSR RSF, Gulf 6. BS due to interest by higher hdg and emphasis on intell. Screening all items of captured enemy equipment, to include weapons & pistols will be forwarded to rear. If war souvenirs are desired, items should be tagged. Retention of equipment by personnel in the field is not authorized. Disseminate widest coverage.	S-3/F
	1000	9	090955H	Message from PS3 to Ps Mike 6 and Kilo 6. Intell reports that head- quarters element 1st VC regt is moving from grid 9640 to 956372. The route is not known and it is possible the move would involve your AO.	S-3/F
1300		10	091030H	PS K-1, (990372). K-1 while on patrol observed 03 VC/NVA male's dressed in black moving within a tree line. Could not tell if had weapons.	S-3/F

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				K-1 sent Unit into treeline and found 03 VN children only female's adults and 5 Vn children. Only 01 female processed an I.D. All will be detained and forwarded to Queson for questioning, as they seemed to have knowledge of VC in area. 03 females, age 33, 35, 37. 03 female children, age- 8, 8, 5. 02 male children's, age- 8, 10	
1140		11	091140H	Message from Ps rear to PS forward. Intell up to date on Queson Mountains.	S-3/F
1155		12	091155H	Recon Noon Positions	S-3/F
	1443	13	091230H	Frag Order for Co "Lima"	S-3/F
	1440	14	091400H	Battalion Position Report	S-3/F
1520	2025	15	091305H	Late Entry: F-3 (015406) on patrol found rice cache on outskirts of a base camp. Area consisting of 150 lbs in bags and 90 lbs spread in piles on the ground. Unit also found comm. wire running to the East where it ended at a stream. Bagged rice was taken to Fox cp. The base camp area consisted of seven caves and one 20 feet deep well. One cave was 40x50x7 feet, one 10x20x7 feet, and 5 smaller caves approx 6x8x6 feet. The following items were fd and destroyed: 2 banana mag. 5 Chicom 50x7.62 rnds, 25 AK rnds, 1XM-79 rnd, 1XM-26, 1 RPG booster, comm wire, 1 helmet. A vietnamese book, and one wallet were returned to CP. Unit will return early 10 Dec to seed with CS and destroy caves.	S-3/F
1532H	1555H	16	091430H	F 2 (027407) on pat fd one Chicom with pull friction release and trip wire booby trap located on side of trail and covered w/leaves. Booby trap destroyed.	S-3
1400H	1824H	17	091400H	A0 change for operation Imperial	S-3

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				Lake sent to all units concerned.	
1530H	1545H	18	091530H	All URS report since 02 Dec 70 sent to Company L	S-3
1700H		19	091630H	Recon night positions	S-3
1836H		20	091817H	NBC Cas Rep for one Marine in Co K 3/5	S-1
2035H	2047H	21	092035H	Operations conducted for 9 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3
2314H		22	092300H	Regt approved military clearance to 2/5's AO	S-3
		23	092400H	Today eight URS report were fired fired on.	S-3
				SUMMARY:	
				Eight Vn detained. F 2 discovered one booby trap. F 3 fd rice cache and enemy Base Camp containing various ordnance and personnel effects.	
2400H	2400H	24	092400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001H	0001H	1	100001H	JOURNAL OPENED	
0024H		2	071635H	CG message: all contacts, friendly S-3 casualties, and any forms of enemy in coming rnds will be transmitted to Division by the most expedient methods possible in the form of preliminary spot report.	
0215H		3	100215H	Reference message DTG 092250H Dec 70. Political clearance has been given to 2/5 AO extending as modified.	OS-3
	0845H	4	100800H	Bn position report,	S-3
0815H		5	100815H	Message fm 5th Mar to Riogrand War Cloud info 2/5 3/5 F and Rear. Request clearance of following AO extension into Recon Haven 231-P area fm 9741 south to 9739 west to 954390 north trail to 956410 east to close, duration 110600H to 142400H Dec 70. Purpose: #2/5(-) to exploit recent enemy activity and also further evaluate experimental weapons drop.	S-3
	0825H	6	100825H	Forecast of operations 11 Dec 70	S-3
	0847H	7	100830H	Message fm PSF S-2 to PSR S-2 usually reliable sources for 9 Dec 70: 987383 100m, 989384 500m, 970396 500m, 973394 500m, 977390 250m, 973393 100m, 013406 500m, 970389 200m, 984393 400m, 984390 100m.	S-2
0925H	1132H	8	100900H	F 2B (025412) while on pat unit fd 1x250 lb dud bomb. Bomb was not hidden and was not a booby trap. F 2B destroyed bomb in place w/C-4.	S-3
	1015H	9	100915H	Msg fm PSF S-2 to PSR S-2 Intell reports: There is supposed to be a large food storage area known as Dong Long in vicinity of either grid 0139 or 0140 source feels 0140 is most likely grid.	S-2
	1115H	10	100945H	Bn position report	S-3

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		1020H	11	101000H	Msg fm PSF S-2 to PSR S-2 Intell indicates that the enemy is going to booby trap his storage area. When booby traps are encountered it is possible that some type of cache is in the area.	S-2
		1015H	12	101000H	Msg fm PS3 to AR Fox 6 and Hotel 6. Intel reports a large rice storage area called Dong Long is located in grid Squares 0139 or 0140.	S-2
1105H		1130H	13	101050H	Fox 2B (023412) while on pat unit fd 1 spider hole approx 3 ft deep. Spider hole was located in grassy area did not seem used recently. F 2B used 1 M-26 in hole and searched immediate area with negative results.	S-3
		1200H	14	101145H	Bn position report.	S-3
1210H			15	101210H	Msg fm 3/5 S-2 rear to 3/5 S-2 Fwd. Ref intel reports on TRG-10 for grid 11130H Dec. Be advised Lima is due to be inserted in same general area as soon as weather permits.	S-2
1225H			16	101225H	Recon noon positions	S-3
1255H		130H	17	101245H	F 1A (004412) while on pat unit fd natural harbor site below large overhanging rock. Large enough to hold 5-6 men, inside site unit fd 1 rice basket chop sticks and one NVA canteen, site could not be destroyed because of size of rocks. F 1 A searched immediate area with neg results, equipment was destroyed in place.	S-3
		1425H	18	10130H	Bn position report.	S-3
1605H		1630H	19	091305H	Final Spot Report: F 3 (015406) continued search of Base Camp w/neg results. Remaining rice was destroyed in place because bags were ripped open when left and most of rice was damaged. Cave could not be destroyed for size of boulders, therefore, the cave	S-3

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				was seeded with 24 lbs of CS crystals	
1550H	1645H	20	101535H	F 2 (039415) on pat fd cooking fire and enough chow for 3-4 persons. Fire was still warm indicating use about one hour before. Unit fd foot prints going in opposite direction of patrols approach. Tactics used were methodical searching of rocky areas and stream bed for natural caves, havens or rest areas. Unit followed foot prints until lost in rocks, and thoroughly searched camp site w/neg results. Unit will exploit 11 Dec.	S-3
1700H	1708H	21	101700H	Bn position report.	S-3
1742H		22	101715H	Recon night positions	S-3
1752H		23	101730H	Regt approves AO extension for 2nd Bn, 5th Mar.	S-3
1900H	1920H	24	101820H	K 2 (998377) in N/Pos observed 3 VC/NVA wearing black clothing and packs moving south approx 900meters away (995366). Unit fired two 60mm WP and two 60mm HE rnds to mark target for Cobras on station which received neg clearance fm 3/5 Rear. Unit could not pursue due to AO boundary, so S-3 advised Co L of sighting.	S-3
1930H	1940H	25	101930H	Guidance msg sent to all Co Cmdrs relative to NBC medevac request.	S-3
	2107H	26	102190H	NBC medevacs for 10 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3
2130H	2215H	27	102130H	Frag Order to Co E 2/5	S-3
2135H	2220H	28	102135H	Operations conducted 10 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3
		29	102400H	URS results for 10 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3
				SUMMARY:	
				F 2 fd one 250 lb bomb. El fd a	

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2400H	2400H	30	102400H	<p>natural barbor site capable of housing 5-6 persons.</p> <p>JOURNAL CLOSED:</p>	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	110001H Dec	JOURNAL OPENED.	
0100H	0931H	2	110700H	Forecast of operations	S-3/F
	0930H	3	110745H	Bn position report.	S-3/F
0815H	0840H	4	110815H	Message fm PSF S-2 to PSR S-2 F 1 fd natural harbor site large enough for 4-5 men 004112. F 2 found warm fire & chow for 3-4 people 039415. K 2 spotted 3 VC/NVA at 99536.	S-3/F
	0900H	5	110900H	Air request for 11 Dec 70	S-3/F
	1020H	6	110945H	Bn position report.	S-3/F
1000H		7	111000H	Message fm 5th Mar to PSF with your clearance would like to reschedule TPQ-10 at 975390 to 982393 on element 1 front 4 today at 1310H or 1510H require 1500 meters stand off. Please advise.	S-3/F
	1135H	8	111125H	Bn position report.	S-3/F
1300H		9	111300H	Recon noon position	S-3/F
	1355H	10	111320H	Message fm PS4A to AR F 6 submit list of supplies previously ordered but which were not received this date.	S-3/F
1600H	1605H	11	111600H	Bn position report.	S-3/F
1625H	1640H	12	111600H	L 2 (983390) while checking N/Pos discovered a pressure release type booby trap on trail approx 20 meters fm LZ. Booby trap estimated 82mm mortar. Booby trap was blown in place.	S-3/F
1745H	1905H	13	111715H	3/5 Forward CP (994391) observed five VC/NVA on LZ fm which K 1 was extracted. One dressed in black, four dressed in green utilities one carried M-16. Direct fire from 105RR on H-381 fire fm 105mm was directed on tgt, four rnds 106 beehive, and 12 rnds WP and 30 rnds HE fm 105mm. Excellent tgt coverage, but surveillance could not be made five probable enemy KIA.	S-3/F

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1805H	1828H	14	111730H	H 2 (001408) on D/pat discovered rock complex with two caves and five hootches built within large natural rock formations. One cave has ten benches cut in it and appears to be an assembly area or medical center - no items were fd to indicate exactly what it was. A thorough search of area produced two chicoms which were destroyed in place. Rock formation precluded destruction of area. Area will be subject of extensive Day Acts on 12 Dec. Unit will exploit entire area.	S-3/F
1730H		15	111730H	Recon night positions	S-3/F
2129H	2145H	16	112129H	Operations conducted 11 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2335H	2340H	17	112335H	URS results for 11 Dec 70	S-3/F
2345H	2350H	18	112345H	NBC medevacs for 11 Dec 70	S-3/F
				SUMMARY: L 2 discovered one booby trap, H 2 discovered two caves, five hootches and two Chicoms in large natural cave complex.	
		19		Late Entry: Co L(-) inserted into Imperial Lake AO on LZ 983380 to conduct Cat III Opns. S-3 informed all companies commanders to implement revised companies AO.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	20	112400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0001	0001	1	120001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3/F
0110		2	120010H	Intell in Vic Ross Combat Base and current enemy situation, from 3/5 Rear.	S-3/F
	0705	3	120655H	Air Requestments for 13 Dec 70.	S-3/F
	0900	4	120750H	Forecast of Operations	S-3/F
	0855	5	120800H	Battalion Position Report	S-3/F
1000	1015	6	120900H	L-23 (985387) Unit while searching area of a trail found 04 well constructed caves. 01 cave complex, 02 rooms approx 25'x15' ext. 95m. back in S.E. Direct the 3 remain caves, consist of 01 room, approx 10'x10', ext back 15 meters S.E. direct. The caves appeared not have been used for sometime. Unit searched caves throughly with neg results: Unit seeded caves with CS crystals and is continuing to search area of Day Acts.	S-3/F
	0955H	7	120950H	Bn position report	S-3/F
1150H	1230H	8	121100H	L 22 (983393) while searching area of H: side L 22 fd 2 caves approx 5x10 meters, 2m fm small stream. They fd the ground inside was freshly dug up indicating possible recent activities in past day or 2. L 22 probed inside and out of caves with neg results. Seeded with CS crystals. Continues planned activity.	S-3/F
	1500H	9	121110H	NS 87 (994391) NS 87 sighted 5 VC/NVA with 3 packs and two wpns dressed in camo utilities moved into a hootch. Delta Btry fired 60 rnds HE first rnds 1150H last rnd 1245H. 12 rnds adjusted on tgt excellent area coverage.	S-3/F
	1140H	10	121130H	Message fm 5th Mar extends to PS Fwd. 5th Mar extends foll 2/5 AO.	S-3/F
1240H	1340H	11	121200H	L 22 (982382) while searching, L22	S-3/F

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					found a tunnel 3x3 in Dia & approx 25' long which opened into a cave consisting of another tunnel 3x3 in Dia led out of a cave & open into a rocky tree area. A new trail led from the rocky area. The cave appeared to be unused for approx 2 weeks unit searched area thoroughly & seeded with CS crystals.	
	1222H		12	121200H	Bn position report	S-3/F
1259H	1334H		13	121230H	F 2B (020413) while on pat fd 1 grave seemed to have been dug within last week, F 2B dug up graves and fd 2 VC/NVA bodies had not been deteriorated & appeared to have been killed by shrapnel both VC/NVA were wearing green uniforms also fd 1 photograph and a small amount of Documents	S-3/F
1345H	1720H		14	121300H	L 2 (98238) while searching area, unit fd two caves one 6x6 and 15' long The other was 4x4 and 15' long. Caves appeared to have been unused for a long period of time. Area was searched with negative results and caves seeded with CS crystals.	S-3/F
	1458H		15	121400H	Bn position report.	S-3/F
1515H	1730H		16	121030H	M 3 (975364) on pat found enemy base camp and cooked food indicating one or two VC/NVA had used the area for a short period of time approx three days prior. The following gear was fd and destroyed five bottles ink, five empty medical viles, cooking gear, M-16 cleaning gear, three rnds 7.62mm small pack containing medical gear. CS crystals were seeded throughout area. (Late Entry).	S-3/F
1520H	1725H		17	121400H	M 2 (978363) fd small cave made of fallen rocks, capable of holding one person. Unit spread CS crystals around area.	S-3/F
1800H			18	121530H	5th Mar chops E 2/5 OPCON 1/5 eff 121530H. E 2/5 inserted AT 963403.	S-3/F

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1625H	1935H	19	121545H	and AT 958399. H 2 (013403) while on Rover route H 2B fd l cave between small base camp & harbor site in order to get to cave entrance H 2B had to crawl threw a small draw. All consisting of natural rock fondation approx 15x15 & would house approx 10-15 people. H 2B searched out area & found the following items listed 1 USMC canteen cup with a M-26 inside of it. On each side of cup was 1/2 block of C-4, seperate fm this was 2 white smokes (M-18) 3 popups (USMC) 3 M-79 HE wraped in cloth and 1 30 rounds carbine mag with 15 rnds, all gear was blown in place and caves was seeded with CS crystals.	S-3/F
1707H		20	121630H	L CP (985351) spotted VC/NVA) spotted wearing black l with rifle moving up draw. Fired 60mm fm on tgt. Fired 2 rounds HE unable to observe results will check area on tomorrows patrol. VC fled south in to treeline.	S-3/F
1809H		21	121809H	Recon night positions	S-3/F
2140H	2155H	22	122140H	Operations conducted for 12 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
	0040H	23	122205H	3/5 forward CP (994391) night pos observed movement on east end of Hill, approx 18 VC/NVA carrying rifles, no packs or helmets. One possible radio man. All wearing dark clothing moving in a formation toward H-381. Called 81mm mortar mission at 2230H, fired three rounds WP and 50 rnds HE. Called Black hammer (2305) on station running observation. Upon Blackhammers departure (2335) CP saw one VC/NVA move and called five rnds 81mm HE all rounds on tgt with excellent coverage. Using starlight, four bodies could be observed sprawled in the open. Patrol will search thoroughly at first light, four possible VC/NVA KIA.	S-3/F

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IN	OUT				
2310H		24	122310H	Bn position reports are required every two hours, starting at 0600, until 1800, no reports are required after 1800 unless there is a change	S-3/F
	0100H	25	122400H	URS results for 12 Dec 70 sent to Regt. SUMMARY: L 2 found nine caves and 2 tunnels F 2 found grave with two VC/NVA bodies, M Co fd base camp which contained, five bottles ink, five empty medical viles cooking gear, M-16 cleaning gear, small amount medical gear, M 3 found one small cave, H 2 fd one cave 15x15 containing M-26 inside canteen cup, one block C-4 two white smokes, three pop-ups, three M-79 HE rnds, one carbine mag w/15 rnds.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	26	122400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0001	0001	1	130001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3/F
	0245	2	130150H	3/5 CP (Forward) 994391 night position observed about 15 VC/NVA moving N.E. Appeared to be carrying bodies. One appeared to be on a stretcher. It appeared 8 were carrying weapons. Observation was made by Starlite Scope. Fired 81mm Mortar Mission. Started 0200 end 0220. Fired 4 rounds W/P. 11 rounds of H.E. Excellent target coverage, no further movement observed. This is possibly same group previously reported. Entire area will be searched at first light.	S-3/F
	0651	3	130600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3/F
	0740	4	130730H	Forecast of Operations	S-3/F
	0855	5	130745H	Battalion Position Report	S-3/F
0932		6	130845H	L-33 (974387) While on plt L33 found 01 boobytrap laaw, trip type. Blown in place. Patrol continues on assigned mission.	S-3/F
	0943	7	130930H	Air Requestments for 14 Dec 70.	S-3/F
0953	1045	8	130945H	L-33 (974387) while searching area of boobytrap laaw. Unit found 01 81mm round. Buried in ground approx 25 meters from boobytrap. Unit believed round to be boobytrapped. Unit blew round in place and is continuing to search area.	S-3/F
	1015	9	130940H	Battalion Position Report	S-3/F
	1010	10	130945H	Amplification to spot reports 122205H and 130150H SH3 informed.	S-3/F
	1515	11	130945H	3/5 Forward (994391) Spotted two hootches at 994374. Called hostage eagle and hostage farmer on station to check out area. Grid was cleared for onboard ordnance. AO's expended onboard ordnance damaging one hootch and	S-3/F

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					destroying five. Negative bodies were observed.	
1040		1450	12	131040H	L-2 (985395) found five caves, two were 5'x10'x5' and three were 5'x5'x4'. All located in natural rock formation along stream bed with no trails from stream to caves. Unit found expended AK47 casings. Area was seeded with CS crystals.	S-3/F
1130		1450	13	131100H	L-3 (971391) patrol spotted three VC/NVA in green utilities, with packs and rifles approx 700 meters from unit (968388) moving southwest out of AO. Trail was a large rapid, transit and enemy was moving, quickly. Unit initiated SAF and enemy returned fire and used treeline as cover. Unit pursued enemy to point of contact and found pack containing one pair of como utilities, eight cans of salmon, two eagle batterys, two M-26 frags, one document and approx 160 lbs of salt. Gear and documents will be evaced as soon as possible.	S-3/F
1200		1234	14	131200H	Battalion Position Report	S-3/F
1420		1515	15	131200H	H-2 (011406) found two caves capable of holding 10-15 persons. (15'x25'x15'). Caves were searched with negative results. Seeded with CS crystals. Area appeared to have been worked by gunships, and air strikes. No signs of enemy activity.	S-3/F
1300		1520	16	131200H	3/5 Forward ID (994391) observed three VC/NVA moving from east to west (031378). Two dressed in black, one in Khaki and appeared to be carrying mortatr tube of possibly ammo cannister. An attempt was made to insert Quncr reactionary force due to poor visibility the insertion was not executed.	S-3/F

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1250	1450	17	131230H	L-2 (980408) observed one VC NVA coming out of tunnel. Unit initiated SAF and enemy fled back into tunnel. Unit then threw one WP grenade and one M-26 into tunnel causing entrance to cave in. There were no other entrances and Blood Trail at mouth of tunnel was large. One VC/NVA KIA.	S-3/F
2120	2250	18	131300H	M-2 (979368) observed 11 VC/NVA at 986365 ten dressed in black and one in NVA type uniform (9males and 2 females). After 15 minutes of constant surveillance, two more males appeared and entire group gathered at treeline where previous enemy contact and sightings are prevalent. Unit consulted S-3, then called fire missions (74x155 mm rounds and 104 rounds of 105mm). Called from at 1315H, 1st round 1323H 1505H last round. Excellent target coverage. Unit will search area at first light. Five probable KIA.	S-3/F
1400	1450	19	131315H	L-2 (984398) found one dud 105 mm round. Unit destroyed round.	S-3/F
1400	1450	20	131400H	Battalion Position Report	S-3/F
1430	1515	21	131405H	H-2 (011406) found four reinforced Bunkers (8x10'). Bunkers were dug on side of finger with small stream running by. Bunkers were destroyed.	S-3/F
1700	1900	22	131410H	M-3 (975364) observed four VC/NVA at 975366 dressed in green. As unit closed in on enemy, enemy opened fire with AK 47. Unit returned fire and to point of contact to find one enemy dead, with pack and rifle. Enemy was corpsman or courier for medical supplies. Pack contained, 04 chi-coms, 1x45 magazine with rounds, 01 pair of scissors, 01 pair of forceps, 01 bandage, 09 bottles of medicine, 02 bottles of penicillin, 07 vials, drugs, 05 vials glucose, 39 chloroquine pills, 02 vials antibiotics, 1500 pages of documents, 01x3x5	S-3/F

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1510	1540	23	131145H	Russian flag, 01 2x3 NVA flags, 01 wallet with 3500 piasters. All items will be executed as soon as possible. H-3 (016404) found small Harbor site large enough for three or four persons. Unit also found what could possibly be an ammo pit.	S-3/F
	1515	24	122205H	Follow-Up: 3/5 Forward Cp dispersed 11 man patrol off north end of Hill 381 to search in methodic "S" style patrol, the area of last night's activities. Unit searched for seven hours but found no solid evidence of enemy. There were many speed trails in the area.	S-3/F
1545	1610	25	131545H	Battalion Position Report	S-3/F
1745	1920	26	131640H	F-2 (034403) Spotted one male age 30, wearing green shirt and khaki shorts (033399) unit followed VN into small ville, at which time he fled from hootch. Unit captured him and KCS with unit advised them to detain him. Detainee had I.D. card and the following items in his pack: 01 hammock, 01 green uniform, 01 bottle of LSA, 10 AK rounds. Detainee and gear will be evaced to Baldy CB, as soon as possible.	S-3/F
1747	1925	27	131739H	H-1 (001401) found two RPG rounds, in open area which appeared to have been hit by arty or air. Rounds destroyed.	S-3/F
1740		28	131730H	Recon Night Positions	S-3/F
1815	1935	29	131815H	Battalion Position Report	S-3/F
1924	1930	30	131924H	F-6 requested permission to exploit F-2 into grid square 0239 where detainees was captured. S-3 granted.	S-3/F
2015	2120	31	132015H	Operations conducted for 13 Dec 70. Sent to Regt.	S-3/F

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		32	131115H	Late Entry: Col. Judge & Staff members arrived.	S-3/F
		33	131245H	Late Entry: Col. Judge & Staff members departed.	S-3/F
2400	2400	34	132400H	Summary: Co. L-3/5 found five caves, 01 tunnel, 01 dud 105mm round, killed one VC/NVA, found one pack with 100 lbs of salt, documents. Co. M-3/5 found called fire mission and got five probable KIA's. M-3 killed one VC/NVA and captured his AK-47 and pack containing medical supplies, 1500 pages of documents, 3500 piasters, and two flags. Co. H-2/5 found two caves, four bunkers, one harbor site, and two RPG rounds. Co. F-2/5 detained one 30 year old male and pack.	
2400	2400	34	132400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3/F

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0001H	0001H	1	140001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
	0630H	2	140620H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	0810H	3	140740H	Forecast of Opns for 15 Dec 70	S-3/F
	0754H	4	140745H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	0952H	5	140930H	Bn position report	S-3/F
0855H		6	140855H	Msg fm L 6 to PS 3 for request the following fm 980383 to 9838 to 965385 to 965405 to Close at 9740. Purpose to exploit trail and sighting on 13 Dec 70 end of msg. Request not granted.	S-3/F
	1145H	7	141130H	Bn position report	S-3/F
1155H		8	141155H	Recon noon positions	S-3/F
1240H	1315H	9	141130H	L 33 (989398) while searching area unit discovered 2 caves 4x4' entrances and 10x10x5. Unit found 2 used flash-light batteries 4 empty chow cans, c/rats and fish, presently opened in cave and 1 Chicom approx 5m above entrance to caves. Caves seeded and blown. Chicom destroyed unit continues search along ass patrol.	S-3/F
1255H	1327H	10	141200H	F 2 (033399) unit went on pat to ville where detainee was captured on 13 Dec, all vietnamese seemed friendly, there was only 1 male and he was elderly. Mood is in contrast to reaction received on 13 Dec. Unit feels this area has not been worked for awhile and recommended exploitation. F 2 checked out all with neg results, area will be subject of future activity for Company.	S-3/F
1630H	1800H	11	141300H	M 2 (986362) follow up Unit searched area of yesterday's fire mission finding 1 destroyed hootch and one badly damaged. Unit fd one did 105mm rnd and destroyed it. Neg futher results.	S-3/F
1430H	1545H	12	141340H	L 2 (986396) while searching area fd suspected en mortar site located at a fork in trail on a 10'x10' clearing From this site was almost prefect 360 degrees visability of area. Unit fd	S-3/F

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				one safety device fm a mortar rnd in the clearing. Unit determined area had not been recently used. Unit will return safety device to determine size of rnd. Coordinates were plotted as counter mortar target.	
1400H	1455H	13	141400H	Bn position report	S-3/F
1737H	1815H	14	141415H	M 2 (986365) on pat came upon a hootch. KCS with unit called for inhabitants to come out. Two 25 year old males came out, then one ran back into hootch after seeing the Marines. Unit threw one M-26 into hootch and searched area finding 25 year old male who ran one 22 year old female, one 10-12 year old female and one 5 year old male. All had slight shrapnel wounds and will be detained, since none had ID cards. A further search of area produced two packs containing 30 lbs rice, 1 poncho and liner and 1 mosquito mat. all were evacuated to Baldy.	S-3/F
1650H	1810H	15	141500H	H 2 (006406) fd small harbor site with three bunkers 8'x10' and one destroyed hootch. A search of area revealed one 82mm mortar site. Area had been unoccupied for approx two months and appeared to have been bombed.	S-3/F
1700H	1920H	16	141530H	L 1 (999395) while working along base of H-381 heard movement and thought they saw a figure. Unit searched area thoroughly and fd a vace and threw two M-26 frags, then searched interior and fd one cartridge belt, eight AK-47 rnds and other signs of use within last two weeks. Unit was directed by S-3 to exploit area 001386 for intel target. Whomever, target never materialized.	S-3/F
1715H		17	141700H	Regt approved AO extension for ROK Marines	S-3/F
1750H		18	141730H	Recon night positions	S-3/F
1757H	1820H	19	141757H	Bn position report	S-3/F
1900H	2045H	20	141850H	F CP (017416) observed one trip	S-3/F

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					flare detonated at their old CP position (018411) and initiated 60mm mortar, multi shots, M-60 and M-79 fire. Will search area early 15 Dec.	
1850H			22	141850H	Regt approved AO extension for 2/5	S-3/F
2010H	2050H		22	141945H	3/5 Fwd H-381 IOD sighted three signaling lights, flashing in vicinity of recent en activity (977370). Unit sent fire mission to Echo Btry which fired seven WP and 12 HE. Lights extinguished.	
2107H	2126H		23	142107H	Ops conducted for 14 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2120H			24	142110H	Regt approved AO extension for 1/5	S-3/F
2220H	2225H		25	142220H	Weekly plans summary sent to Regt	S-3/F
2306H	0010H		26	142306H	URS results for 14 Dec 70	S-3/F
					SUMMARY:	
					Co L fd 3 caves one Chicom and one en mortar site, Co M detained 5 fd 2 hootches one dud 105mm md, 30 lbs rice, one poncho and liner and one mosquito net, and two packs, Co H fd 3 bunkers, one hootch, and one en mortar site.	
2400H	2400H		27	142400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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	0652H		2	150620H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	0837H		3	150800H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	1000H		4	150800H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	0833H		5	150840H	Air request for 16 Dec 70	S-3/F
	1005H		6	150930H	Msg fm PS 3 to SH interrogative ROKMC positions within 2000m out mutual boundary. Box 026450 - 036450 - 040438 036435	S-3/F
	1010H		7	150955H	Bn position report	S-3/F
			8	151015H	H 3 (010410) while move on pat route H 3A move down shop fd l egg shape object about size of Lemon. was about 5 meters off trail not camoflage but in bushets object was yellow in color and definatly manufactured with no markings on top of object appeared to be pressure release device. Object was blown in place. H 3A resume their patrol.	S-3/F
0825H	0943H		9	141850H	(Late Entry) F CP Fla searched area with neg results	S-3/F
0810H	0952H		10	150810H	PS L Crew Served Weapons Report passed on to rear.	S-3/F
1116H	1231H		11	151045H	L 31 (974388) while searching area. L 31 discovered 2 small caves 3x3x3 and 3x7x9 ft enter cave no evidence of recent occupation, caves were seeded with CS crystals and blown. Patrol continues on assigned patrol.	S-3/F
	1330H		12	151200H	Bn position report	S-3/F
1245H	1325H		13	151205H	L 33 (976394) while on pat unit fd l cave approx 10x10x5 ft in size. Cave had elephant grass spread on the floor. Unit determined cave had not been recently occupied. Unit destroyed cave with CS crystals. Unit continues search of area.	S-3/F

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1438H		14	151438H	Recon noon positions	S-3/F
1515H	1600H	15	151255H	H 1A (998392) while on rover elements of H 1A fd one base camp, which consisted of approx 20 caves which could accomodate 4-5 persons. Each base camp has not been occupied for approx 2 months. Area was searched w/neg results. Caves seeded and blown, pat continued on assigned mission.	S-3/F
1425H	1516H	16	151255H	H 2C (006407) while on rover elements of H 2C fd small harbor sight at about grid 006407. Area appeared to have been occupied within the last week. Harbor consisted of 4 small caves which could accomodate approx 3-4 people and 1 cook shack area appeared to have been bombed. Area was searched with neg results, patrol continues on assigned mission.	S-3/F
	1525H	17	151410H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	1640H	18	151600H	Frag Order for Box and Lima	S-3/F
1600H	1700H	19	151600H	Bn position report	S-3/F
1800H	1905H	20	151800H	Bn position report	S-3/F
1815H	1910H	21	151835H	Regt approved AO for 2/1 NorthWest of Imperial Lake AO	S-3/F
1840H		22	151835H	3/5 requests Imperial Lake extension	S-3/F
1845H		23	151840H	Recon night positions	S-3/F
2000H	2025H	24	151920H	Fox GP (017416) while set in pos received one incoming mnd believed to be 60mm rnd. Landed approx 200 meters outside lines, neg casualties. Unit prep fired area around their pos and will preform a crater analysis early 16 Dec 70	S-3/F
2030H	2145H	25	152030H	Change to weekly plan summary sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2105H	2130H	26	152105H	Addition to air requirements for 16 Dec 70	S-3/F
2115H		27	152110H	Regt approved 3/5's request for AO	S-3/F

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
2230H	2246H	28	152230H	Operations conducted for 15 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2240H		29	152240H	3/5 prepared to Chop H 2/5 to 2/5 on 16 Dec 70	S-3/F
2353H	0020H	30	152353H	URS results for 15 Dec 70 sent to Regt. SUMMARY: L 3 fd two small caves, H 1 fd cave complex consisting of 20 caves capable of holding 4-5 persons, and H 2 fd 4 small caves and one cook shack.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	31	152400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0001H	0001H	1	160001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0001H	0027H	2	160001H	Forecast of Opns for 17 Dec 70	S-3/F
0610H	0630H	3	160010H	Bn position report	S-3/F
		4	160637H	Bn tac 2 (55.95) commenced having a high squeak jamming. Each Co was contacted by 3/5 rear, each company was told to turn off set for 10 seconds to see if the problem was in one of the sets. H Co 2/5's radio set was the case and fixed.	S-3/F
0730H	1050H	5	160730H	Air support requirements for 17 Dec 70 submitted.	S-3/F
0735H	1050 H	6	160735H	Bn position report	S-3/F
0940H	1025H	7	160940H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	1204H	8	151511H	Late entry: M 3 (984370) on patrol for one cave and the following ordnance in the area, five B-40's one RPG, two 82mm fuses, two fuses for 60mm mortar, one RPG booster. All destroyed. Cave was 5x5x4' seeded with CS.	S-3/F
		9	161200H	Insertion of Quick reaction force into Imperial Lake AO.	S-3/F
		10	160810H	Co F observed approx 25 VC/NVA vicinity 034428 en had packs, rifles and moving North.	S-3/F
		11	160825H	3/5 informed Regt of lucrative target, Regt fringed Quick reactionary force.	S-3/F
		12	160835H	Coordination made between ROKMC and QRF, F 2/5 advised to not disturb target.	S-3/F
		13	160840H	QRF airborne	S-3/F
		14	160900H	Co F confirmed target still hard.	S-3/F
		15	160850H	Two A 4's one A-6 available	S-3/F
		16	160905H	Co F lost visual contact with target in Ravine.	S-3/F
		17	160925H	CH-46 touched down on LZ, took fire upon approach.	S-3/F
		18	160930H	Lift complete of QRF.	S-3/F

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1315H		19	160940H	HCA fragged remainder of G 2/1 for insertion.	S-3/F
		20	161030H	G 2/1 in and exploiting target.	S-3/F
		21	161210H	F 3 (020430) spotted three VC/NVA moving toward them (021430). Unit engaged enemy with SAF and en fled. Unit then spotted two more VC/NVA carrying packs and weapons and dressed in green utilities. Unit searched area, as Marines entered base camp area received two RPG rnds and AK-47 fire fm three VC/NVA who fled west. Returned SAF and called AO on station, CAS fm 1330-1347 dropping a total of 20 bombs. AO and four cobras expended. OBC continued sweep and fd four VC/NVA KIA, two AK-47's mag, six Chicoms assorted documents, cooking utensils, clothing, pills one small barrell of fish, and two packs. The base camp area consisted of several man made caves with sleeping accomodations enough for an en company. One Marine WIA minor (non evac). Area will be further exploited 17 Dec.	S-3/F
1237H	1342H	22	161230H	Recon noon positions	S-3/F
1330H		23	161320H	L 21 (976386) fd what appeared to be a zapper training camp, consisting of twelve well constructed bunkers (10'x10') with concentina and barbed wire. There was also one practice Chicom. Unit determined area to have been unoccupied for approx one year. Bunkers seeded with CS crystals and blown.	S-3/F
1416H	1620H	24	161355H	M 3 (980376) fd one classroom hootch (15'x30') with bamboo benches and padding and small hut approx 5'x8'. Unit destroyed both hootches.	S-3/F
1400H	1405H	25	161400H	Bn position report	S-3/F
		26	161400H	Special Lazer bomb control device VIP's came to Hill 381 to demonstrate and test new lazer bomb control and departed at 1745H.	S-3/F

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1505H	1515H		27	161430H	M 3 (980375) fd one empty hootch 10'x15' which had not been recently used. Unit destroyed hootch.	S-3/F
1630H			28	161630H	Due to frequency interference, 2/5 will switch 2/5 Tac 1 with 2/5 Tac 2	S-3/F
			29	171700H	H 2/5 extracted fm Imperial Lake AO	S-3/F
1725H			30	161715H	Recon night positions	S-3/F
1830H			31	161830H	Regt approves AO extension for Quick Reactionary Force.	S-3/F
1855H			32	161855H	Regt request time extension for Quick Reactionary Force.	S-3/F
2045H	0025H		33	162000H	L 3 (976394) while in night pos spotted movement in rockformation approx 200 meters to the north, across a draw. Unit initiated fire with M-60 and M-79. Then dispatched L 33 across draw to search area. Squad fd blood spot three inches in diameter. Search called due to approaching darkness L 3 will conduct another search at first light.	S-3/F
2135H	0017H		34	162135H	Opns conducted for 16 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2355H	0035H		35	162355H	UBS results for 16 Dec 70. SUMMARY: M fd three hootches one cave with assorted ordnance. L fd what appeared to be a zipper training area. F killed 4 VC/NVA, captured misc gear. Quick Reactionary Force inserted vic 034428 on sighting of approx 25 VC/NVA.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H		36	162400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0600H	0615H		2	170600H	Bn position report	S-3/F
0730H	0800H		3	170730H	Message fm PS 3 to AR Box PS L execute my Frag Order subdividing H Co AQ;	S-3/F
0735H	0815H		4	170735H	Forecast of operations	S-3/F
0735H	0815H		5	170735H	Bn position report	S-3/F
0930H	1030H		6	170930H	Msg fm PS 3 to SH 3 msg in regards to H-425 exchange. PS presently has only TE allowance of 82mm mortars. Recom- mend only a temporary loan to 11th Marines. When PS provides security on H-425 be returned to that unit. This seems the easiest admin wise. PS 6 concurs advise.	S-3/F
			7	170910H	Lazer bomb control and Division Photographer. Same personnel returned plus two others - Mr Conn of Martin/ Miretta, Mr L.V. ZABEL China Lake. CySgt HURLERY Div Photo was sent by SH 5 to cover H-381 and efforts made there on. All visitors departed 1235H.	S-3/F
	1015H		8	171000H	Air request for 18 Dec 70	S-3/F
	1058H		9	171000H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	1200H		10	171200H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	1545H		11	171230H	M 3 (988376) while on pat M 3 fd 2 hootchs approx 20 meters apart. Their were 9 children male female ages between 1 to 12 years old. No adults visible also fd various medical pills and powders, adults clothes, rice, peanuts, 1 pack with rock salt. Destroyed food. Will bring back medical gear for evac area will be kept under surveillance.	S-3/F
1400H	1510H		12	171400H	Bn position report	S-3/F
1330H	1510H		13	172000H	(Follow up) L 3 searched area of movement thoroughly with neg results. Unit fd slip marks blood spots and foot prints were en fled.	S-3/F

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		14	171600H	Bn position report	S-3/F
1620H		15	171620H	Recon noon positions	S-3/F
1525H	1650H	16	171500H	PSM3 (989374) while on patrol M 3 fd 1 dud 82mm mortar rnd. Rnd was not booby trapped. Destroyed in place. Continued on assigned patrol.	S-3/F
1600H	2115H	17	171600H	Bn position report	S-3/F
1745H	0125H	18	171700H	F 3 (021430) F 3 returned to base camp fd on 16 Dec to conduct through search of area and fs addit onal letters and 10 lbs rice, rice destroyed and letters returned (unit will return 18 Dec) while enroute to CP unit discovered a complex of training and staging area vic 023431 F 3 estimated base camp would house approx 100 persons. F 3 fd 30 AK-47 rnds, 50 .45 rnds 20 letters, training booklets, 25 lbs, salt 05 one gallon cans of kerosine, assorted medical gear, cooking utensils, several lamps, news papers, and propaganda material. All papers and booklets returned to CP, all other gear destroyed. While returning to CP, unit discovered two more base camp areas vic 023435 as large as the first, due to approaching darkness, unit was forced to abandon the later discoveries. Unit will return 18 Dec to completely search and destroy area.	S-3/F
1800H	2115H	19	171800H	Bn position report	S-3/F
1800H		20	171800H	H 2/5 task OPCON 2/5	S-3/F
1843H		21	171843H	Regt approved AO extention for west Oranage	S-3/F
1900H	2115H	22	171915H	Co F second plt helolifted to H-381	S-3/F
1940H	2115H	23	171940H	Operations conducted 17 Dec 70 sent to Regt	S-3/F
2145H	2337H	24	172145H	URS results for 17 Dec 70 sent to Regt	S-3/F

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2206H		25	172206H	Recon night positions	S-3/F
2345H		26	172345H	Regt cancelled 2/5's AO extention to our North East	S-3/F
2035H		27	172035H	Received Intel report from Regt. derived from captured documents and POW that 18-23 Dec. En forces are planning a period of increased of- fensive activities through out Quang Nam Providence.	S-3/F
				SUMMARY:	
				M fd 82mm mortar rnd dud. F fd complex of Base Camps/staging areas containing misc gear.	
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	0600H	0612H	2	180600H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	0745H	0940H	3	180745H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	0750H	0940H	44	180750H	Forecast of Opns for 19 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
	1010H	1030H	5	180938H	F 1 (026424) fd 2 caves that were man made and could hold approx 14 men. Cave had floor of bamboo sticks and grass. Also fd one large cooking pot and two large fire places with outlets so smoke couldn't be seen fm air. Both caves appeared to be recently used caves will be seeded with CS and blown.	S-3/F
	0940H	1035H	6	180940H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	1050H	1230H	7	181015H	M 2 (985374) fd 2 hootchs under construction 5'x8' containing medicine and had writting on walls. Medical gear and a copy of writting returned to CP. Everything else destroyed.	S-3/F
	1200H	1230H	8	181154H	F 3 (016431) observed VC/NVA at 018429 and En simultaneously spotted F 3. Marines initiated SAF and en fled. F 3 then searched area but could find no indication en was hit.	S-3/F
	1200H	1225H	9	181200H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	1322H	1358H	10	181225H	L 31 (974400) fd twl "L" shaped bunkers (3'x2'x6'x2') 3' deep constructed of earth and logs. Unit searched area with negative results and destroyed bunkers. Unit determined bunkers had not been recently used.	S-3/F
	1345H		11	181345H	D-Day is 19 Dec 70, H-Hour is 0900H for frag order 48-70.	S-3/F
	1413H		12	181413H	Recon day positions	S-3/F
	1638H	0040H	13	181615H	F 3 (023433) while searching base camp discovered 17 Dec fd misc gear.	S-3/F

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				Base camp was seeded and destroyed Unit then returned to base camp dis- covered 16 Dec, to completely destroy and found one VC/NVA body wrapped in plastic to be buried, and all rice and fish which was scattered had been re- piled, which meant the enemy had re- turned to site. All food destroyed with c-4. Unit then moved north to (023434) and found one man made/ natural hootch, 6'x12' with two levels Top level living quarters down ladder to sleeping area. Also discovered five natural harbor sites with glass canopies built within for protection from rain, sleeping mats for two per- sons in each site. Further down trail unit found two natural caves 10'x10' Both caves had five openings with man-made camouflage covers. One cave contained four sleeping platforms with ladders to each level. One table with desk and six shelves. There was also an area with two well-constructed beds, believed to be honcho quarters. This area was separate and had a bell at entrance. At entrance to cave a rock was located between a crevice which served as a table and provided a long distance view to the east and southeast. Assorted gear was found. Gear was destroyed and all documents and papers returned to CP. Unit then moved north and discovered another base camp which will be searched 19 Dec 70/	
1545	1635	14	181545H	Battalion Position Report	S-3/F
1745	1800	15	181745H	Battalion Position Report	S-3/F
1800	1820	16	181800H	3/5 Fwd. requests four additi- onal men for defense.	S-3/F
1830		17=	181830H	Regt requests all cargo nets to be put on next bird.	S-3/F
1830		18	181830H	Recon Night Positions	S-3/F

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2145	2240	19	182145H	Frag Order to Co. K	S-3/F
2210	2315	20	182210H	Operations Conducted 18 Dec. Sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2305		21	182305H	Regt requests AO extension for 2nd Bn, 5th Marines.	S-3/F
181510	1610		181550H	Late Entry: CO 2/5 visited 3/5 Forward Cp Summary: Co F 1 found two caves (capable of holding 14 men). F3 found 02 Base Camps containing 12 documents 10 photos, 500 training booklets, medical gear, assorted papers, news- paper clippings, cooking gear, per- sonal letters, assorted clothing, medical gear. Co M-2 found two hootches. Co L-3 found two "L" shaped bun- kers.	S-3/F
2400	2400	22	182400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3/F

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0000H	0001H	1	190001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0020H	0110H	2	190020H	URS results for 18 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
0023H		3	190023H	Black Hammer to be in Imperial Lake AO in early morning.	S-3/F
0120H		4	190120H	Disposition of forces after occupation of Hill 218, message from 3/5 Rear.	S-3/F
0600H	0630H	5	190600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0600H	0645H	6	190600H	Message to Regt: Ref, your request for AO extension. Request denied as modification pertains to 3/5 AO.	S-3/F
0745H		7	190745H	Strength report from Co L.	S-3/F
0745H	0810H	8	190745H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0930H	1020H	9	190930H	Forecasts of Operation for 20 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
0945H	1020H	10	190945H	Battalion position report,	S-3/F
1035H		11	191035H	Strength report from Co. F.	S-3/F
1145H	1300H	12	191145H	Battalion position report,	S-3/F
1215H	1258H	13	191200H	L 11 (987388) while on patrol found 1 cave approximately 8' x 12' x 8'. Cave didn't appear to have been used recently, but 3 caves in vicinity did appeared to have been used. Caves were seeded with CS crystals. L 11 is continuing search of the area.	S-3/F
1320H	1340H	14	191320H	Message to Co. L: Does Co L have a sniper, E-4 Taylor, if so, send whole team back on next helicopter.	S-3/F
1345H	1410H	15	191345H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1405H		16	191405H	Recon noon position.	S-3/F
1450H		17	191450H	Message from Co F to S-3 & S-4.	S-4/F

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1030H		18	191030H	Late Entry: At 1030H during flip-flop with Co K and Co M, the first bird crashed and burst into flames while attempting to make a landing. 15 men from 3/5 were aboard and 5 crew members. All apparently escaped with their lives and the majority suffered only minor injuries. All were evacuated. Final disposition unknown this time. (98336B)	S-3/F
1340H	1630H	19	191340H	Lazor Beam personnel again visited our position today.	S-3/F
1400H	1845H	20	191300H	L 1 (988384) found one natural cave complex consisting of approximately 12 caves. Caves ranged in size from one man caves to 10'x 15'x 15' and showed signs of human improvements. A speed trail in the vicinity of the caves showed use within last five days. Caves have been sectioned off for fire places and a large amount of freshly cut fire wood was found inside and out of the caves. Caves were seeded with CS crystals and fragged with M26 grenade.	S-3/F
1400H	1800H	21	191300H	F 2 (002386) found cave complex which looked like an old village not recently inhabited. Position had animal pens and stone walls which are over grown with vegetation. Also has trough made of bamboo to pipe in water. Unit found 1/2 container of CS crystals with cap on. All trails in the area were over grown. Unit seeded area with CS crystals.	S-3/F
1455H	1755H	22	191450H	F 1 (023431) returned to base camp to continue search. Unit found additional training booklets, assorted documents and approximately 75 lbs of rice. Unit began destroying area.	S-3/F
1545H	1843H	23	191545H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1710H	1755H	24	191630H	L 1 (982384) found one cave 12x12x14 with log floor not recently used. Unit seeded cave with CS.	S-3/F

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IN	OUT				
1745H	1846H	25	191745H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
2002H	2233H	26	191815H	K 2 (988377) while moving to night position observed 2 VC/NVA dressed in green utilities with weapons and packs moving north approximately 20 meters away. Unit initiated small arms fire with M-16. Killing one and wounding 1, KIA was 25 year old male, WIA was 18 year old male. Unit captured 1 AK 47, 1 9MM pistol, 2 packs containing 1600 piasters, 1 set brown utilities, 2 ponchos, 2 hammocks, 3 small bags warm chow, 1 photo album, 1 small notebook and 1 personal letter. Medevac called for first light for WIA due to darkness and poor LZ.	S-3/F
1915H		27	191915H	Regt approves AO extension for 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines as modified.	S-3/F
2016H	2240H	28	1945H	Co K (983363) observed 2 VC/NVA dressed in dark clothing with packs and rifles at (982349) move into a hootch. Unit called 105mm fire mission at 1815 expending a total of 51 rounds. End of mission was at 1920H. Target received excellent coverage. Unit will search area 20 Dec 70.	S-3/F
2115H	2248H	29	191450H	Late Entry: F 1 (023434) returned to base camp to search and destroy. It consisted of three man-made hootches large enough for one enemy platoon, with 15 four man sleeping mats, with ladders between levels. Hootches also contained tables and benches. Around the area there were green vines with cans attached to simulated concertina and apron wire. Amid vines were simulated bouncing betties. Platoon Commander feels this is a recently used sapper training area. Unit destroyed hootches, training area and equipment with C-4. Assorted documents found were returned to Co F CP.	S-3/F
2004H		30	192004H	Recon night position.	S-3/F

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2215H	2255H	31	192215H	315 Forward CP (H-381). A trip flare on perimeter was tripped and the bunker observing area heard movement directly in front. Two M26, 2 M79 rounds and three 81mm mortar were put in the area. Two M26 grenades were back after initial grenades were thrown from the bunker. Area will be searched at first light.	S-3/F
2310H	2320H	32	192310H	Operations conducted for 19 Dec 70 sent to Regt. Summary: Company L found 14 caves. Company K killed one VC/NVA and wounded one, also captured one AK 47, one 9mm pistol and two packs containing 1600 piasters and assorted gear. Company F found cave complex which appeared to be old village. F1 returned to previously discovered base camp and found what appeared seem to be assorted documents. F1 later found what appeared to be a recently used sapper training area. During insertion of K 2 one CH-46 helo crashed and all 20 members were injured but none were killed. Hill 381 received three incoming grenades and five rounds automatic burst.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	33	192400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	200001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0040H	0055H	2	200040H	URS results for 19 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
0215H		3	200215H	Texas Pete will visit H-381, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines CP today.	S-3/F
0605H	0615H	4	200605H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0740H		5	200740H	Strength report from Company F.	S-3/F
0800H	0800H	6	200800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0905H		7	200835H	L 33 (975393) found 2 bunkers approximately 4' x 4' x 4' under a large rock formation. Bunkers were constructed of bamboo and earth, and partially destroyed. Unit destroyed with C-4 and continuing search of the area. Unit determined bunkers not been used recently.	S-3/F
0935H		8	200935H	5th Marines chops E 2/5 OPOON 2/5 Forward upon insertion 2/5 Battalion Forward CP on Hill 510.	S-3/F
1004H		9	201004H	Message from Regt: Regt #2 D 86 may be used daily from 0600 to 1900 for required tactical reports. Net control will be SH-4 during this period. Net control will be Tac #1 from 1900-0600 daily, net II may be used for tactical traffic.	S-3/F
1005H	1045H	10	201005H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1049H	1145H	11	201000H	F 2 CP while set in at CP, one USMC had an infection on right arm. Corpsman recommended routine medevac. Called medevac 201003H completed 201055H.	S-3/F
1145H	1230H	12	201145H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1150H	1256H	13	201130H	L 31 (975389) while on day patrol unit found one cave approximately 3' x 7' x 10', cave contained 2 beds made of woven bamboo. Cave was seeded with CS.	S-3/F

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1030H	1430H	14	201030H	Lazor Beam personnel visited our CP. Arrived: 1030H Departed: 1500H	S-3/F
1050H	1125H	15	201050H	Texas Pete Arrived: 1050H Departed: 1125H	S-3/F
1135H	1610H	16	201125H	L 33 (974388) unit found 1 cave located in rock formation. Cave was approximately 5'x4'x4'. Cave had 1 entrance. Cave had not been recently occupied. Unit seeded with CS crystals and destroyed cave with C-4 and continuing with day acts.	S-3/F
1215H	1320H	17	201155H	L 31 (979387) found 1 double story cave. Upper story was 10'x10'x3', containing one bamboo rack. Lower story was 8'x3'x4', also containing 1 bamboo rack and fire appeared to be a week old. Unit seeded with CS crystals and destroyed with C-4, and continuing their patrols.	S-3/F
1232H	1615H	18	201210H	L 11 (979399) while on patrol found 1 cave 8'x12' with miscellaneous gear, several canisters, 1 torn poncho, some rages, 2 pairs Ho Chi Minh sandals, flashlight batteries, 5 gal. water can, US type, 1 US mashed. Cave was seeded with CS crystal.	S-3/F
1305H		19	201305H	Message from Regt: Within 5th Mar TAOR PHUG-CHI area Xuan Dang continues to be area of high intensity in contact/ action. It is requested that this be to be assigned a land clearing project as follows: UL 1242 S to 1239 E to 136 390 N follows Sang LyLy River to close 143420.	S-3/F
1400H	1502H	20	201400H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1520H		21	201520H	Recon noon position .	S-3/F
1420H	1620H	22	201410H	L 11 (978402) found 1 cave 8'x12'. Cave was not recently used. Unit also found 2 live AK 47 rounds in cave. Unit searched area thoroughly with	S-3/F

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				negative findings. Seeded caves with CS crystal.	CS
1600H	1631H	23	201600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1725H	1735H	24	201630H	L 11 (981401) while on patrol unit discovered 1 cave 15'x20'. Last used approximately 4 days ago. Pointman also found 2 B/T signs 15 meters from caves. Indicator was a stick with 3 rocks. Unit searched cave and vicinity of B/T with negative results. Cave was seeded with CS crystal.	S-3/F
1655H		25	201655H	Message from Regt: Due to helo commitments 25 Dec 70, request all resupply be scheduled for 24 Dec 70 or 26 Dec 70. Christmas dinner will be delivered during the after of 25 Dec 70.	S-3/F
1714H		26	201714H	Message from Regt: On 22, 23, 24 Dec 70, Christmas gifts for each Marine in the field will be delivered on normal resupply run or admin run. Request controlled distribution when gifts arrive.	S-3/F
1800H	1800H	27	201800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1930H	1945H	28	201930H	Informed all units that there will be no routine resupply on 25 Dec 70, due to hot chow request.	S-4/F
2225H		29	202225H	Recon night position.	S-3/F
2300H	2345H	30	202300H	URS results for 20 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2030H	0115H	31	202130H	Weekly Plan Summary.	S-3/F
2245H	0225H	32	202205H	F 1A (019414) sniper with unit spotted three VC/NVA (020409) moving N. Unit was unable to observe packs or weapons due to overcast. Unit called IOD to confirm sightings. Unit then fired 60mm mortar HE and illumination. Unit fired M79 and sniper believed to have hit one. Area will be searched.	S-3/F

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	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
2400H	2400H	33	202400H	<p>Summary: Company L found two bunkers and a total of three caves. L 1 found one cave which contained miscellaneous gear. Later in the day, the unit found a total of two more caves.</p> <p>JOURNAL CLOSED.</p>	

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0001H	0001H	1	210001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0007H	0229H	2	210007H	Operations conducted for 20 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
0600H	0752H	3	210600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0745H	0800H	4	210745H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0755H		5	210750H	Strength report from Company F.	S-3/F
0930H	1235H	6	210930H	Forecasts of Operations for 22 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
0945H	1215H	7	210945H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1003H	1235H	8	210950H	L 32 (977403) while on patrol unit found 1 cave 3'x4'x7'. Unit searched thoroughly with negative results. Cave was seeded with CS crystal and was blown.	S-3/F
1148H	1245H	9	211130H	F 1 (006406) while on patrol found 1 natural harbor site. Harbor site didn't seem to have been used recently, but did have a grass mat for sleeping. Cave could hold approximately 10 men. F 1 searched area thoroughly with negative results, F 1 left a trip flare in the area, could not seed or destroy since site was overhanging rocks with wide opening.	S-3/F
1200H	1215H	10	211200H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1400H	1735H	11	211400H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1415H	1420H	12	211415H	Recon noon position.	S-3/F
1500H		13	211500H	Message from Regt: Your boundary AT 9842 NE to 9943 E to 002340.	S-3/F
1535H	1725H	14	211520H	F CP (017416) AO working for F 1/4 spotted 1 VC/NVA wearing green uniform and carrying a weapon at grid 045413. On second pass VC/NVA dropped weapon and hid behind rice patty dyke. On third pass VC/NVA ran into a treeline.	S-3/F

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
				AO cleared grid with F6 and fired on board ordnance into the area where the VC/NVA was last spotted. Negative further sightings of VC/NVA in the area.	
1600H	1730H	15	211600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1800H	1820H	16	211800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1902H	2050H	17	211835H	K OP (985368) spotted five VC/NVA AT 994368 moving into a tree line carrying three rifles and five packs. Could not determine type of clothing. Scout sniper opened fire with two rounds hitting one VC/NVA once in the leg and once in the head, resulting in one VC/NVA KIA as observed through a scope and confirmed by other members of the OP.	S-3/F
1900H		18	211900H	Recon night position.	S-3/F
1945H	2010H	19	211945H	3/5 S-3 granted H 2/5 AO extension and informed Regt.	S-3/F
2000H	2020H	20	212000H	Operations conducted for 21 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2015H	2025H	21	212015H	URS results for 21 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
				Summary: Company K killed one VC/NVA. Company L found one cave approximately 3'x4'x7'. Company F found one natural harbor site.	
2400H	2400H	22	212400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	220001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0800H	0805H	2	220800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0855H	0900H	3	220855H	Change in day acts for F 3 (-).	S-3/F
0915H		4	220915H	Air requirements for 23 Dec 70.	S-3/F
0920H		5	220920H	Strength report from Company F.	S-3/F
0930H		6	220930H	Strength report from Company L.	S-3/F
0940H	1000H	7	220940H	Crew served weapons report from Company L.	S-3/F
1000H	1015H	8	221000H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1000H	1030H	9	221000H	Forecast of Operation for 23 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
1035H	1040H	10	221035H	Change in day acts for Company K.	S-3/F
1145H	1210H	11	221130H	F 3(-) (021431) while on patrol spotted 3 VC/NVA in area of base camp found at (023431). VC/NVA were wearing green uniforms and carrying packs and weapons. Unit continued moving toward VC/NVA but were spotted. Unit opened fire with M-60, M-16, and M-79 fire. VC/NVA fled to the E. Unit is now conducting sweep of the area.	S-3/F
1145H		12	221145H	Recon noon positions.	S-3/F
1200H	1201H	13	221200H	Battalion position report,	S-3/F
1244H	1250H	14	221244H	Casualty report from Company K.	S-3/F
1400H	1705H	15	221400H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
		16	221430H	L 13 (987402) while on patrol unit found 1 bunker/cave 9'x9'x12'. Entrance was partially caved in. Unit searched the area with negative results. Cave was seeded with CS crystals.	S-3/E
1600H	1705H	17	221600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F

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		18	221610H	F CP (017416) AO up for F 1/4 observed 1 bunker and 1 cave entrance at (045413). AO called air strike on station at 1620, off at 1630, expending 6 snake eye bombs and 3 napalm. BDA-4 bunkers, uncovered 2 caves; destroyed 1 cave.	S-3/F
1705H		19	221705	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
1810H	1920H	20	221630H	F 3 (034434) while on patrol found a base camp under construction, which consisted of five hootcheframes and numerous harbor sites with sleeping mats. Unit also found one pack containing assorted clothing and large bowl of rice. Unit destroyed all gear and hootches and seeded harbor sites with CS crystals.	S-3/F
1932H	1945H	21	221750H	L 31 (971390) while set in day ambush observed four VC/NVA with packs and rifles moving Southwest down a trail (971390) dressed in dark green uniforms. Unit initiated contact with small arms, claymores, and M-79 fire. Unit searched the area and found two VC/NVA KIA, two AK-47 rifles, three magazines, three packs, with five documents, 15 lbs of rice, small amount of dried fish, three NVA newspaper, one hand drawn map on overlay paper, two wallets, 12 photos, one chicom, one pack of salt, one pair sandals, one NVA canteen, section of parachute, three NVA belts, three battle dressings, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb block of TNT. All gear was returned to Company L CP.	S-3/F
1838H	1925H	22	221800H	K(-) while on patrol (978375) found B/T which consisted of one chicom with trip wire across trail. Unit destroyed the B/T.	S-3/F
1800H	1945H	23	221800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
2030H	2135H	24	222030H	AO extension for 3/5 to the SW of Imperial Lake AO is cancelled.	S-3/F

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IN	OUT				
2040H	2135H	25	222040H	Message to Regt: Co F 2/5 extracted at 221750H Dec 70. S-3 requests to know what boundarys are now in effect and will any Recon teams be inserted to Imperial Lake AO.	S-3/E
21330H	2315H	26	222130H	Forecast of Operation for 24 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2255H	2300H	27	222255H	Operations conducted 22 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2320H	0135H	28	222320H	URS results for 22 Dec 70 sent to Regt. Summary: Co L 31 killed two VC/NVA, captured two AK-47 rifles, five documents, and a hand drawn map, believed to be of high intelligence value. L 13 found one bunker/cave 9'x9'x12'. Co R found one chicom B/T. Co F found one base camp consisting of five hootches frames, and several harbor sites with sleeping mats.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	29	222400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	230001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0600H	0625H	2	230600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1830H		3	221830H	Late Entry: Message from S-4: Re- quest to know policy on beer (2 cans) to all units in the field. Can arrange for delivery with Christmas chow.	S-4/F
0807H	0807H	4	230807H	Air requirements for 24 Dec 70.	S-3/F
0800H	0800H	5	230800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0945H	0945H	6	230945H	Message to S-4: Direct you plan delivery of 1 can of beer and 1 can of soda per man for that day. Use actual field strength for determining number of each.	S-4/F
1000H	1000H	7	231000H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1000H	1008H	8	231000H	Message to all companies in Imperial Lake OPCON to 3/5 FWD: Direct you submit daily by 0830H, your strength by platoon and total company.	S-3/F
1009H		9	231009H	Strength report from Company L.	S-3/F
1015H		10	231015H	Change in day acts for Companies K and L.	S-3/F
1025H		11	231025H	Strength report from Company K.	S-3/F
1122H		12	231122 H	Strength report from M 3.	S-3/F
1145H	1220H	13	231145H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1305H	1310H	14	231240H	K 1 (979373) while on patrol unit found 1 M2 carbine barrel along side a trail, serial #87446. Barrel was badly rusted without the stock. Unit will bring the barrel back to K CP.	S-3/F
1300H		15	231300H	Recon noon positions.	S-3/F
1400H	1355H	16	231400H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F

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1415H	1450H	17	231415H	Colonel Judge Arrived: 1415H Departed: 1450H	S-3/F
1405H	1600H	18	231405H	Lazor Beam Arrived: 1405H Departed: 1600H	S-3/F
1515H		19	231515H	Addition to day acts for Co L.	S-3/F
1545H	1551H	20	231545H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1800H	1920H	21	231800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1820H		22	231820H	Recon night position.	S-3/F
1950H	2005H	23	231950H	URS results for 23 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2010H	2125H	24	232010H	Forecast of Operation for 25 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2015H	2340H	25	232015H	Regt request number of troops, LZ locations, frequency for communication with helos and call signs, for beer to be delivered 24 Dec 70. Request ack- nowledged.	S-3/F
2025H		26	232025H	Recon Haven #246.	S-3/F
2045H	2050H	27	232045H	Operations conducted for 23 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
				Summary: K 1 (979373) found one M2 carbine barrel.	
2400H	2400H	28	232400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	240001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0100H	0140H	2	240010H	IOD on Hill 381 observed 2 VC/NVA with lights moving from south to north AT (992377). Team was unable to observe packs, weapons, or distinguish type of clothing. Unit called 81mm fire mission, first round hit at 0030H, and the end of the mission was at 0045H, expending 42 HE rounds with 42 target hits resulting in two VC/NVA KIA.	S-3/F
0605H	0625H	3	240605H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0703H	0705H	4	240703H	Casualty report from Company K.	S-3/F
0715H	0715H	5	240715H	Addition to day acts for Company K.	S-3/F
0715H		6	240715H	Strength report from Company K.	S-3/F
0745H		7	240745H	Strength report from Company L.	S-3/F
0808H	0815H	8	240808H	Change in day acts for L-2.	S-3/F
0815H	0820H	9	240815H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0815H		10	240815H	Strength report from M 3.	S-3/F
1000H	1020H	11	241000H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1100H	1100H	12	241100H	Message to all Units 3/5: Holiday Rules of Engagement.	S-3/F
1100H	1115H	13	241100H	Division GEO Arrived: 1100H Departed: 1115H	S-3/F
1200H	1202H	14	241200H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1220H	1230H	15	241120H	K (979375) while set in CP unit spotted 1 VC/NVA with pack and rifle on the ridge line. Unit called 81mm fire mission, mission beginning at 1120H and ending at 1135H expending 3 WP, 20 HE with excellent coverage of target.	S-3/F
1300H	1405H	16	241230H	K 3 (975375) while on patrol unit found 3 caves approximately 3 meters, by 6 meters by 5 meters each. Caves	S-3/F

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				were reinforced with bamboo and have been used in last 3 weeks. One NVA canteen, 1 NVA bloodstained pack, 1 set NVA kakhi utilities badly torn, 1 M14 cartridge belt and small pieces of plastic from poncho or rain gear was found in the cave. Unit destroyed the gear.	
1300H		17	241300H	Recon noon positions.	S-3/F
1405H	1433H	18	241340H	L 11 (979377) while on patrol unit found approximately 300 lbs of rice in 2 bags. Bags appeared to be hastily hidden in a rock formation. Area around rice had fresh foot prints. Unit attempted to recover rice but the bags burst. Unit searched the area thoroughly with negative results further findings. Unit destroyed rice by throwing it into the stream and will return with sample of rice.	S-3/F
1345H	1355H	19	241345H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1530H	1555H	20	241415H	K 3 (974376) while on patrol unit found 12 small caves, sizes from approximately 3x4x4 to 3x6x6 with 8-10 bamboo racks inside, and 1 thatched roofed hootch. Area capable of housing 1 platoon. While checking area unit spotted 1 VC/ NVA wearing green utilities fleeing. Area further checked found 1 M-16 barrel, fresh human thesis, 1 60mm round, 2 105 rounds, 1 sandbag half full with blasting caps, 3 helmets (2 US, 1 NVA), 75 shovels made from 155mm canisters, 1 small bag of snails. Area seemed to be area for manufacturing booby traps, with 1 dud basketball illumination canister; contents of which were being used to fill blasting caps. One pair of female under pants with blood stain, 50 lbs of potatoes, 200 lbs of rice was found in rotten containers. Unit fired 8 M-16 rounds at fleeing VC/NVA and destroyed gear and chow.	S-3/F

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1545H	1556H	21	241545H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1515H	1525H	22	241515H	Texas Pete: Arrived: 1515H Departed: 1525H	S-3/F
1840H		23	241840H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
1800H	1900H	24	241800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1920H	1935H	25	241920H	Operations conducted 24 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
1925H	1943H	26	241925H	URS results for 24 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
	2041H	27	241515H	L 11 (979379) while returning to patrol base observed 6 VC/NVA sitting in front of a cave entrance to a base camp. Unit initiated small arms fire and observed 3 possibly 4 enemy fall. Remaining 2 enemy with assistance from the cave dragged all bodies away. Pat- rol entered site and found blood trails plus one VC/NVA KIA, one AK 47 and two magazines, one SKS rifle, two chicom radios, one partial radio, 24 packs, undetermined amount of documents, two possible gene- rators, four telegraph keys, four head sets, eight NVA belts, six chicom gre- nades, six cases of D batteries, 300 lbs of rice, medical supplies, two thermo- meters, two syringes, 50 malaria pills, two NVA rank insignia (red with star and one gold stripe).	S-3/F
	2311H	28	241515H	Correction to above spot report. Nine VC/NVA originally sighted, eight males, and 1 female, at base camp entrance. Camp size was 50 meters by 100 meters in radius from center. Re- mainder of L-1 linked up with L 11. One platoon from Company K will assist at first light 25 Dec 70 to exploit area to the fullest. Third platoon Company L is in blocking position on the high ground to the NE to assist as needed.	S-3/F

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2000H	2115H	29	242000H	<p>Forecast of Operations for 26 Dec 70 sent to Regt.</p> <p>Summary: Company L's first platoon discovered what appeared to be a large scale command post. Unit killed one enemy and captured an undetermine number of documents, one AK 47, one SKS rifle, assorted enemy ammunition and communications equipment, also assorted enemy gear and 300 lbs of rice. IOD on Hill 381 accounted for two VC/NVA KIA. Company K's third platoon found three caves which were approximately 3'x6'x5', on which had assorted blood stained NVA gear. K3 then found 12 small caves which appeared to be area for manufacturing booby traps. Also found in the area was 200 lbs of rice, 50 lbs of potatoes, and evidence of female presence.</p>	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	30	242400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	250001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0001H	0700H	2	250001H	Christmas message from Colonel JOHNSON.	S-3/F
0605H	0625H	3	250605H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0715H		4	250715H	Change in day acts for Company K.	S-3/F
0745H		5	250745H	Strength report from Company K.	S-3/F
0800H	0810H	6	250800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0855H		7	250855H	Strength report from M 3.	S-3/F
0920H		8	250920H	Message from Regt: This command confirms M 3 platoon chopped OPCON 3/5 Forward 221800H Dec 70.	S-3/F
0955H		9	250955H	Strength report from Company L.	S-3/F
1000H	1035H	10	251000H	Message to Regt: This confirms 3/5 Forward Holiday Truce standdown 241800H. All activities are in Compliance with higher HQ directives.	S-3/F
1000H	1030H	11	251000H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1050H	1115H	12	251050H	Gen. SIMMONS Arrived: 1050H Departed: 1115H	S-3/F
1145H	1150H	13	251145H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1205H		14	251205H	Recon noon position.	S-3/F
1205H	1215H	15	251205H	Message from 3/5 to Regt: LZ for extraction of captured gear.	S-3/F
1230H	1330H	16	251230H	R. Admiral GARRETT Arrived: 1230H Departed: 1330H	S-3/F
1455H	1530H	17	251300H	K 3 (973376) while on security patrol unit found a base camp. Search uncovered 40 B/T C-rations cans with C-4 in them. 35 of them had pressure release firing device, and 5 of them had pull friction. Also found were; 10 chicom grenades, 4 AK 47 magazines;	S-3/F

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				2 loaded, 200 rounds AK 47 ammunition, (1) 9mm pistol magazines, 4 sets of NVA green utilities, approximately 2 lbs. of documents, 2 factory made fuses, approximately 50 electrical blasting caps. Base camp consisted of 4 caves, approximately 6'x6'x8', and 1 thatched hootch approximately 6'x6'x4'. All ordnance was destroyed. Remainder of items are being prepared for extraction. Area will be checked thoroughly a second time.	
1400H	1420H	18	251400H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1525H	1725H	19	251430H	L 11 (974388) while on patrol unit found 1 straw hootch with 1 fortified bunker approximately 9'x10'x4'. The bunker was found to the right outside of the hootch. Further search of the area uncovered 1 tunnel 30 meters up trail extending 5 meters into hill. Tunnel exits seemed to have been caved in. Continued search found 1 bunker about 9'x10'x4'; inside bunker unit found 1 SKS rifle and 1 AK 47 magazine. Hootch was destroyed and area was seeded with CS crystal.	S-3/F
1515H	1800H	20	251515H	L 11 (979377) patrol while returning to patrol base sighted 9 VC/NVA (8 males, 1 female) sitting at the mouth of a cave. VC/NVA were dressed in green utilities. Unit initiated fire with small arms and M-79. Immediately four enemy fell. The others then dragged these away from the area. Unit then entered the area and commenced a thorough search of the area. Search was conducted quickly at first in an attempt to regain contact with the enemy. Once the entire camp was scouted and a detailed search began. The camp is approximately 125 meters square, consisted of 6 large caves and numerous small 1 or 2 man caves. The larger caves sizes and contents were: 2, 12'x12' with bamboo floors. First	S-3/F

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				cave was radio center or COC. These 2 caves were connected by an underground entrance. There were 2 more similarly connected. The last two were 15'x15' and appeared to be sleeping quarters. All caves were approximately 10 meters apart, and approximately 50 meters to the NE of COC cave complex. They ran on a line east to west. A 7'x12' cave was found which contained the telegraph equipment. A grass and bamboo hootch, 15'x22'x6' was also discovered. Dragged off into the brush was the body of one of the original 9 that were taken under fire. The original patrol was reinforced by the remainder of L-1 as well as at first light 25 Dec a platoon from Company K. All units continued a detailed search until 1430H when Company K sent L-1 back to Company L's position. Radio antennas were cables buried from sets to trees up inside or around the tree. Three chicoms, 3 portable generators, 3 cable antennas, 5 head sets, 3 telegraph keys, 10 lbs of radio tubes, transistors etc, 4 canvas packs, 6 poncho packs, 14 cloth packs, 100 lbs of NVA green and tan uniforms, one set NVA Lieutenant insignia, 300 lbs. of rice, 50 lbs. of salt, 2 compasses (1 military, 1 non military), 20 hammocks, 30 lbs. of tobacco, 1 E-tool, 2 alarm clocks, 6 chicom grenades, 1 M26 grenade, 2 medical kits with 8-10 lbs. of morphine, penicilium, syringes, malaria pills. Also found was 5 document cases (full), 10 lbs of loose documents, 6 cooking pots, assorted personal items (sandals, toilet gear), 8 wallets with pictures and letters, and 11 NVA belts.	
1600H	1610H	21	251600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1712H		22	251712H	Recon noon positions.	S-3/F
1800H	1820H	23	251800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F

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1800H	1819H	24	251800H	Message to Regt: 251800H Dec 70 3/5 Forward has recommended extensive Cat III Operations in assigned AO.	S-3/F
2147H	2200H	25	252147H	Operations conducted for 25 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2200H		26	252200H	Unit location report from Regt. Summary: Company K's third platoon found a base camp and booby trap factory, NVA utilities, and documents. Base camp consisted of four caves. Company L's first platoon a large amount of additional enemy gear in base camp discovered 24 Dec 70. L 11 also found one SKS rifle, one AK 47 magazine, one hootch, two bun- kers, and one tunnel approximately 30 meters long. L 1 was also credited with a total of four NVA killed in action.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	27	252400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001	0001	1	260001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
0635	0650	2	260635H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0735*		3	260735H	Strength Report from M-3	S-3
0800	0825	4	260800H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0805		5	260805H	Strength Report from Co. L	S-3
0830	0850	6	260830H	Forecast of Operations for 27 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3
0840		7	260840H	Strength Report from Co. K	S-3
0900		8	260900H	Message from Regt: Request you return all 5th Marines Sniper Teams to Baldy C.B. for priority training. Teams will be reassigned in completion of Rifle Range Training.	S-3
1000	1115	9	261000H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1130	1240	10	261045H	K 13 (975377) while on patrol unit found 01 RPG round set off side of a trail, near a tree. Firing de- vice unknown. Unit blew B/T in place.	S-3
1135	1235	11	261100H	K3 (975374) patrol while care- fully searching entire area surround- ing the base camp discovered 24 Dec. Found another smaller camp site. Site was three caves approx, 3'x3'x6'. Each had a series of bamboo rocks which could sleep a total of 12 peo- ple. In the caves were found 6 com- plete RPG rounds and 01 unservicable NVA pack. The site showed no signs of having been used recently. Caves, racks were destroyed. Seeded with CS. RPG rounds will be blown at PPB.	S-3
1200	1245	12	261200H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1250		13	261250H	Recon Noon Position	S-3
1400	1410	14	261400H	Battalion Position Report	S-3

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1625	1700	15	261545H	K CP (975377) while set in day OP unit received approx 05 enemy small arms rounds resulting in 01 friendly WIA. Unit spotted 02 VC/NVA wearing green utilities, fleeing southeast. Check of area found 01 blood trail and 02 packs containing approx 50 lbs of rice, personal items 01 Ak 47 clip, 01 wallet containing resupply list, razor blades, stamps, 02 hammocks. Unit returned fire, checked area out and called Emergency Medivac.	S-3
1600	1645	16	261600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1630	1635	17	261630H	Casualty Report from Co. K	S-3
1820		18	261820H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
1815	1830	19	261815H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1930		20	261930H	Regt approves AG extension for Co. F 2/5.	S-3
2055	2058	21	262055H	Operations Conducted 26 Dec 70.	S-3
2100	2105	22	262100H	URS results for 25 and 26 Dec 70. Sent to Regt. Summary: Co.K had one marine WIA Emergency. K1 found one booby trap. K3 found small base camp, three 3x3x6 caves which could sleep a total of twelve persons, also found were six RPG rounds.	S-3
2400	2400	23	262400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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0247	0250	2	270215H	3/5 CP (9994391) south east perimeter had one trip-flare go off between post, three and four. Post three observed one VC/NVA approx 30 meters away fleeing down hill. Posts threw six M-26 grenades. Base defence called 81mm fire mission at 0220H, expending 12 HE rounds. End of mission at 0234H with excellent target coverage, area will be searched at first light.	S-3
0600	0625	3	270600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0750		4	270750H	Strength Report from M3	S-3
0815	0825	5	270815H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0845		6	270845H	Strength Report from Co. L	S-3
0900		7	270900H	Strength Report from Co. K	S-3
0920	0930	8	270920H	Forecast of Operations for 28 Dec 70. Sent to Regt.	S-3
1000	1001	9	271000H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1000		10	271000H	Col request following AO extension from: 970395 to 9639 to 9638 to 9738 to close with boundary at 970386. AO extension denied, will request extension when possible.	S-3
1200	1215	11	271200H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1330	1345	12	271130H	Message to Regt: Copy 3A of 19 CG 1st MARDIV Msg. 231145z Dec 70 destroyed by burning this date.	S-3
1400	1545	13	271330H	Maj. Schulster sends: L3-1 (971386) while in day ambush unit spotted 2 VC/NVA males approaching. Enemy were dressed in green utilities moving from S to N and would not enter killing zone completely. Ambush	S-3

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				initiated contact with claymore, S/A M-79, then moved out to exploit. They found 01 VC/NVA KIA, 01 AK-50 assault rifle, 01 bag containing rain gear, 01 pair of green trousers, 50 lbs of polished rice, 5 lbs of salt, 01 ham- mock, quantity of blue cloth, 01 K-bar. Also found a heavy blood trail leading west. Followed trail and found 01 left hand severed between the wrist and elbow, plus a pool of blood slightly larger than a basketball. Search in heavy under-growth did not turn-up second body and rain precluded further training.	S-3
1400	1525	14	271400H	Weekly Plan Summary	S-3
1410		15	271410H	Recon Noon Position	S-3
1515		16	271515H	Addition Day Acts for M2 for 28 Dec 70.	S-3
1600	1630	17	271600H	Battalion Position Report for 1400 and 1600H.	S-3
1820		18	271820H	Recon Night Position	S-3
1840	1850	19	271840H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
2005	2010	20	272005H	Message to Regt : Interrogative when the AO extention granted aroma in our northwestern sector will be terminated: Desire to use high ground to further exploit trail network around the base camp found 24 Dec 70.	S-3
2035	2040	21	272035H	Summary: 3/5 CP URS for 27 Dec 70. Sent to Regt.	S-3
				Summary: 3/5 CP had 01 trip flare go off. L-3 got 02 VC/NVA KIA confirmed Also 01 AK-50 and misc gear.	
2400	2400	22	272400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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0600		0615	2	280600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0645			3	280645H	Air Requirments for 29 Dec 70	S-3
0800			4	280800H	Strength Report from CO.L	S-3
0800			5	280800H	Strength Report from Co.K	S-3
0800		0815	6	280800H	Battalion Positon Report	S-3
0915			7	280915H	Message from Regt about Snipers	S-3
0955		1010	8	280940H	K2 (975378) while on patrol unit found OI rusty, butx servicable M-16 along side of trail, serial # 914568. Unit will bring back weapon to CP.	S-3
1005		1030	9	281005H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1005		1030	10	281005H	Change in Day Acts for M2	S-3
1020		1020	11	281020H	Message to M3. Reorient your efforts toward the east and south of H-381, for the next 3-4 days.	S-3
1045			12	281045H	Message from Regt: This command requests 3/5 AO extentsion as follows UL (9332). LR (9827). Duration 020600H Jan to 052400H. Jan Purpose: Conduct Cat II Operations.	S-3
1025		1025	13	281025H	Message from Regt: Yours 272007H Dec 70. Line 2/5, AO has indefinite expirations date.	S-3
1120			14	281120H	Strength Report from M3	S-3
1130			15	281130H	Casualty Report from Co.K	S-3
1215		1305	16	281215H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1450			17	281450H	Recon Night Position	S-3
1415		1518	18	281415H	Col. Judge: Arrived: 1415 Departed: 1518	

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1600	1620	19	281600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1600	1645	20	281530H	K 2 (-), at 974381, while on patrol found 03 caves. 01 approx 4'x6'x4' and 02 approx 5'x10'x5', capable of holding 03 to 04 people each. Had not been inhabited recently. Search of area found 01 hammer, 02 screwdrivers, 01 flashlight, 01 pair of VC scissors, 02 ammo boxes of print material, 02 brasseries, 02 01x 03 pages of written documents. Unit destroyed everything except flashlight, brassaires, and 01 copy of each document and printed material.	S-3
	1855	21	281800H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	1905	22	281905H	As extention cancelled for 2/5 eff 301200H Dec 70.	S-3
	2025	23	282200H	Forecast of Operations for 30 Dec 70.	S-3
	2030	24	282015H	Operations conducted for 28 Dec	S-3
	0145	25	290110H	URS for 28 Dec 70. Sent to Regt.	S-3
				Summary: K2 found 01 M-16, serial # 914568, along side of trail. Hill 381 visited by Col. Judge at 1115H. K2 (-) at 974381, found 03 caves capable of holding 3-4 Persons each. Also found Misc. gear.	
2400	2400	26	282400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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0600H	0615H	2	290600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0725H	0725H	3	290725H	Air requirements for 30 Dec 70.	S-3/F
0800H	0810H	4	290800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0820H		5	290820H	Strength report from Company L.	S-3/F
0835H		6	290835H	Strength report from M 3.	S-3/F
0850H		7	290850H	Strength report from Company K.	S-3/F
1000H	1025H	8	291000H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1245H		9	291245H	Recon noon positions.	S-3/F
1340H	1430H	10	291330H	Casualty report from Company K.	S-3/F
1400H	1420H	11	291400H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1410H		12	291410H	Effective 301200H Dec 70: 1/5, 2/5, and 3/5 share boundary as follows: From (AT 9842) W to (AT 9742) S to (AT 9741 E to (AT 975410) SW to (AT 972400) W to (AT 9740) S to close (AT 9739) with present boundary.	S-3/F
1430H		13	291430H	Resupply request for Company K.	S-4/F
1610H	1750H	14	291530H	While on patrol, K 11 found 1 cave in the vicinity of grid 976378. Cave was 3'x5'x7' and contained 19 bolts, (1Mx 30M) of green cloth, 3 bolts of (1m x 30m) black cloth, 12 thimbles of thread, 15 lbs plastics (NVA poncho type), 4 vials of penicilium, 30 M-16 rounds, 1 carton of "Ruby Queen" cigarettes, 5 lbs of cigarette tobacco and 1 document. Unit also found 100 lbs of polished rice and 10 batteries, BA 42 type). Unit destroyed the rice, seeded the cave, and returned the rest of the gear to the CP where the plastic is being used for hootches and the remainder of the gear can be evacuated. 3/5 S-3 suggest that items be evacuated.	S-3/F

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To: 292400H Dec 70

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	MESSAGES SPOT REPORTS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
1600H	1630H	15	291600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1800H		16	291705H	K 3 (975377) while setting in day position unit spotted 1 VC/NVA approximately 20 feet away. Unit initiated fire with 10 M-16 rounds. Searched area with negative results.	S-3/F
1800H	1810H	17	291800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1820H	1840H	18	291820H	Informed Companies L and K of adjacent friendly acts for 29 Dec 70.	S-3/F
1910H	1925H	19	291910H	Change in night acts for 29 Dec 70.	S-3/F
1920H		20	291920H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
2105H	2115H	21	292105H	Operations conducted for 29 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2345H	0005H	22	292345H	URS results for 29 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
				Summary: K 11 found 1 cave which was approximately 3'x5'x7', containing miscellaneous gear. Also found 100 lbs of polished rice.	
2400H	2400H	23	292400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	300001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0620H	0630H	2	300620H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0725H		3	300725H	Strength report from Company K.	S-3/F
0745H		4	300745H	Strength report from Company L.	S-3/F
0750H	0805H	5	300750H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0920H	0930H	6	300920H	Forecast of Operation for 31 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
0932H		7	300930H	Strength report from M 3..	S-3/F
1000H	1010H	8	301000H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1020H	1025H	9	301020H	Informed Company L of AO boundary between 2/5 and 3/5.	S-3/F
1020H	1040H	10	300930H	L 12 on day patrol found 1 tunnel in the vicinity of 984387. Inside tunnel, unit found a dead fire which was recently used. Area was searched with negative results. Tunnel was seeded with CS crystal.	S-3/F
1200H	1200H	11	301200H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1220H	1250H	12	301205H	K 21 while on patrol came across 1 cave, approximately 5'x5'x10'. Upon search of the cave and the area, unit found 1 SKS rifle in excellent condition and 9 rounds. Unit brought the rifle and rounds back to their position. Location of cave is approximately (974387).	S-3/F
1315H	1500H	13	301255H	K 1 while on patrol found a cave complex (973373), capable of quartering approximately 90 people. The approximate size of the complex is 30, 2 to 3 man caves. Indications were that no large group had been there recently but possibly two to four people had been staying there. Search of the area uncovered 10, 60mm rounds,	S-3/F

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				1 chicom, 1 claymore, 10 AK 47 rounds, 2 AK 47 magazines, 2 AK 47 magazines pouches, and 2 to 3 lbs of medical supplies. Unit also found 2 NVA canteens, 10 RPG boosters, 1 plastic bags full of mortar charges, weighing about 2 lbs. All equipment and ordnance was destroyed, and caves were seeded.	
1300H		14	301300H	Recon noon positions.	S-3/F
1330H	1520H	15	301330H	M-33 baseball hand grenade has been suspended due to premature detonation. All units OPCON to 3/5 Forward have been notified.	S-3/F
1345H	1430H	16	301345 H	Col JUDGE and Staff visited 381. Arrived: 1345H Departed: 1518H	S-3/F
1400H	1415H	17	301400H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1600H	1620H	18	301600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1730H		19	301730H	Message from Regt: One squad of Company H 245 is still on Hill 848 (AT 979409) securing gear until weather permits helo extraction. Will notify when extraction is completed.	S-3/F
1750H		20	301750H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
1800H	1830H	21	301800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1945H	2155H	22	301945H	Operations conducted for 30 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
0045H	0100H	23	300045H	URS results for 30 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	24	302400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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From: 310001H Dec 70
To: 312400H Dec 70

IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	MESSAGES SPOT REPORTS JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	ACTION TAKEN
0001H	0001H	1	310001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0600H	0705H	2	310600H	Battalion position report..	S-3/F
0800H	0801H	3	310800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/E
0803H		4	310803H	Strength report from M 3.	S-3/F
0805H		5	310805H	Strength Report from Company K.	S-3/F
0815H		6	310815H	Strength report from Company L.	S-3/F
0850H		7	310850H	Message from Regt S-3: All units prepare to commence 24 Hour cease fire. Effective 311800H Dec 70. All units refer to CG msg 231145Z, on Rules of Engagement during the New Year Truce.	S-3/F
0915H	0915H	8	310915H	Air requirements for 1 Jan 71.	S-3/F
0900H	0920H	9	310900H	Acknowledge receipt of New Year's Truce message.	S-3/F
0930H	1130H	10	310930H	LtCol Moss visited Hill 381 Arrived: 0930H Departed: 1130H	S-3/F
0945H	0945H	11	310945H	Forecast of Operations for 1 Jan 71 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
1000H	1025H	12	311000H	Battalion position report.	S-3/E
1100H	1100H	13	311045H	Notified Co K, Co L, M 2 and M3 that the Holiday Truce will go into effect 311800H Dec 70. Truce expires 011800 Jan 71.	S-3/F
1200H	1215H	14	311200H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1400H	1430H	15	311400H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1430H	1435H	16	311430H	Message from 3/5 S-4 concerning count of people for chow and beer and soda.	S-4/F
1435H	1445H	17	311435H	Sent count of people for chow, beer and soda to S-4.	S-3/F

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
1600H	1614H	18	311600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1657H	1700H	19	311657H	H 3A is still located on Hill 848. 3/5 Forward informed Company L of H 3A position.	S-3/F
1800H	1840H	20	311800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1815H	1835H	21	311815H	3/5 Forward and units OPCON thereto have accomplished Truce standdown.	S-3/F
1845H		22	311845H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
1945H	2050H	23	311945H	Operations conducted for 31 Dec 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
				Summary: All units conducted Cat III Operations.	
2400H	2400H	24	312400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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