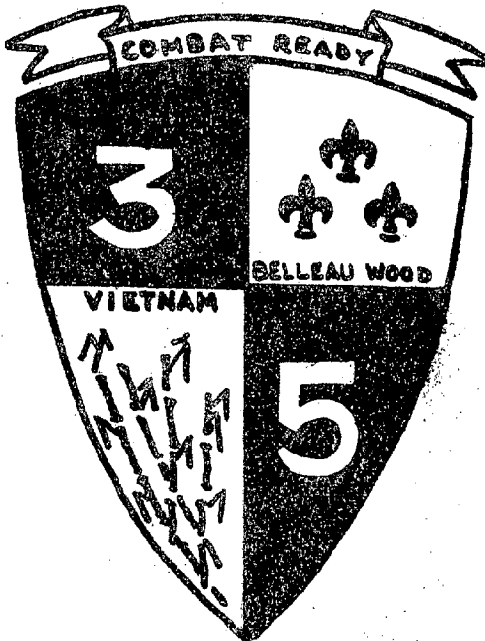


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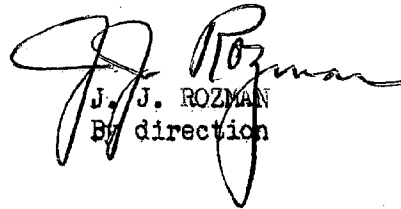
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✓(2) 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Journal

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

SIGNED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER


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ORGANIZATION DATA1. DESIGNATION

3rd Battalion, 5th Marines

COMMANDER

LtCol H. L. JOHNSON JR.

SUBORDINATE UNITSH&S Company
Company ICompany K
Company L
Company M

Capt J. T. MACNAMEE
1st Lt K. M. DUHE
1 Jan 71 - 28 Jan 71
1st Lt D. L. WEBER
29 Jan 71 - 31 Jan 71
Capt S. F. HARVEY
Capt H. W. DIAL
Capt V. L. SCHULTZ
1 Jan 71 - 3 Jan 71
1st Lt J. C. GARRETT
4 Jan 71 - 31 Jan 71

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 OFFICERSExecO
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Supply Officer

Communications Officer
Air Liaison Officers

Major J. J. ROZMAN
WO T. L. DULANEY
1 Jan 71 - 10 Jan 71
1st Lt W. F. DEUBLER
20 Jan 71 - 31 Jan 71
2nd Lt J. L. ENOLDSOHN
20 Jan 71 - 31 Jan 71
1st Lt J. F. REINER
1 Jan 71 - 20 Jan 71
1st Lt D. W. MORGAN
21 Jan 71 - 31 Jan 71
Major J. T. SCHULSTER
Capt M. O. FLETCHER
1st Lt J. J. REGO
1st Lt M. G. WATERS
1 Jan 71 - 20 Jan 71
1st Lt G. A. WELKER
21 Jan 71 - 31 Jan 71
Capt J. J. MARSHALL
1st Lt W. B. MAY
1st Lt D. E. HUBBARD

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STAFF OFFICERS

Chaplain

Medical Officers

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Lt J. R. FLETCHER
 1 Jan 71 - 7 Jan 71
 Lt S. S. KROLL
 1 Jan 71 - 17 Jan 71
 Lt R. D. SMITH
 17 Jan 71 - 31 Jan 71
 Lt R. L. STENNESS
 1st Lt M. L. HENRY

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMC

<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
37	1103

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<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
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3rd Battalion 5th Marines continued to conduct Category I, II and III Operations in the western portion of the 5th Marines AO and in the Que Son Mountains. Primary emphasis continued to be placed on Category III Operations in Operation Imperial Lake. The Jump CP continued to be located on Hill 381 (994391) and maintained command of the 3/5 portion of Operation Imperial Lake.

During January the 3/5 Jump CP normally controlled two rifle companies and one rifle platoon. On 18 January, Company Fox 2/5, was chopped OPCO to the 3/5 Jump CP and this increased the number of companies under the Jump CP to three (3). Company Mx 2/5 was chopped back to 2/5 Rear on 21 January. Currently the Jump CP commands two (2) rifle companies. One rifle platoon from these companies has the exclusive mission of security for Hill 381.

When not in Imperial Lake, Companies K, L and M were assigned the mission of Regimental Reserve and relief force for the Que Son District Headquarters (039348). The Reserve Company also provided one platoon for Category II Operations in the vicinity of Ross Combat Base (026343). On 28 January, Company M relieved Company I on FSB Ryder and LZ Round-Up (Ryder 949344; Round-Up - 999305), and LZ Ranchouse (999425). The units on FSB Ryder and LZ Round-Up were under the OPCON of the 11th Marines and theirs was a security mission. The unit on LZ Ranchouse provided security for the 1st Recon Battalion and remained under the OPCON of 3/5 Rear at Ross Combat Base.

On 1 January 1971, Company I maintained a company (-) on FSB Ryder, one platoon on Hill 218, and a squad (rein) on LZ Round-Up (Hill 270). All were under the OPCON of the 11th Marines. On 4 January 1971 the 11th Marines chopped OPCON of the 1st Platoon (-) Company I and the 1st Platoon (-) returned to Ross Combat Base from Hill 218 (028372). A detachment of the 1st platoon which consisted of its crew served weapons remained on Hill 218. On 11 January 1971, the 11th Marines chopped OPCON the detachment of the 1st Platoon, Company I to 3/5 Rear. The detachment of the 1st platoon then rejoined the 1st Platoon, Company I at Ross Combat Base. 1st Platoon, Company I was then utilized to conduct Category II Operations in the vicinity of Ross Combat Base until 24 January. On 24 January, 1st Platoon, Company I was helilifted to LZ Ranchouse and assumed a recon security mission remaining under the OPCON of 3/5 Rear. On 27 January 1971, Company I returned to Ross Combat Base and assumed the mission of Regimental Reserve, GRF for Que Son District Headquarters, and providing one platoon to conduct Category II Operations in the vicinity of Ross Combat Base.

On 12 January 1971, Company K returned to Ross Combat Base from Operation Imperial Lake. Company K assumed the mission of Regimental Reserve, GRF for Que Son District Headquarters, and provided one platoon to conduct Category II Operations in the vicinity of Ross Combat Base. On 19 January 1971 1st Platoon, Company K was inserted into Operation Imperial Lake (CM 015375) and chopped OPCON to Company L 3/5. On 22 January 1971 Company K (-) was inserted into Operation Imperial Lake (CM 9840). Also on 22 January 1971, 1st Platoon, Company K assumed the security mission on Hill 381, relieving 3rd Platoon, Company M.

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On 2 January 1971, Company L (-) was extracted from Operation Imperial Lake and returned to Ross Combat Base. Company L (-) assumed the mission of Regimental Reserve. Also on 2 January, the 2nd Platoon, Company L, which had been under the OPCON of Company M, was inserted into Operation Imperial Lake (CM 9036) and was chopped OPCON to 3/5 Forward CP. On 12 January 1971, Company L (-) was again inserted into Operation Imperial Lake (CM 9737) and assumed OPCON of 2nd Platoon, Company L.

On 2 January 1971, Company M (-) was inserted into Operation Imperial Lake (CM 9040). On 8 January 1971, the 3rd Platoon, Company M relieved the 2nd Platoon, Company M, and assumed a security mission on Hill 381. The 2nd Platoon, Company M then returned to its assigned AO in Operation Imperial Lake. On 22 January 1971, Company M was extracted from Operation Imperial Lake and returned to Ross Combat Base. The Company then assumed the mission of Regimental Reserve, QRF for Que Son District Headquarters and provided one platoon to conduct Category II operations in the vicinity of Ross Combat Base. On 27 January 1971, Company M was inserted on FSB Ryder, LZ Round-Up and LZ Ranchouse. The units on Ryder and Round-Up were chopped OPCON to the 11th Marines and the unit on LZ Ranchouse remained OPCON to 3/5 Rear. As of 31 January 1971, Company M (-) is located on FSB Ryder, 2nd Platoon, Company M is located on LZ Round-Up, and 3rd Platoon, Company M is located on LZ Ranchouse.

During the month of January 1971 the Company M CUPF Platoon continued its Combined Unit Pacification Program mission in the vicinity of Ross Combat Base, particularly in the refugee villages of Son Tanh and Tra Dinh.

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

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SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 2 January 1971 (1) Company H (-) inserted Operation Imperial Lake (CM 9840) relieving Company L (-).
- (2) 2nd Platoon, Company L, inserted Operation Imperial Lake (CM 0038). 3/5 Forward CP Hill 381 (994391), assumed OPCOM 2nd Platoon, Company L.
- (3) 3/5 Forward CP chopped OPCOM 3rd Platoon, Company M to Company H, Operation Imperial Lake.
- (4) Company L (-) assigned mission of Regimental Reserve.
- 3 January 1971 (1) LtCol MOSS, XO, 5th Marine Regiment, visited 3/5 Forward CP Hill 381.
- 4 January 1971 (1) 11th Marines Chopped OPCOM 1st Platoon (-), Company I to 3/5. 1st Platoon (-), Company I returned to Ross Combat Base from Hill 218 (028372).
- 6 January 1971 (1) BGen SIMONS, ADC, 1st Marine Division (-) (Rein) visited Ross Combat Base.
- 7 January 1971 (1) MajGen WIDECOME, CG, 1st Marine Division (-) (Rein) visited 3/5 Forward CP, Hill 381.
- (2) Detachment, 1st Battalion, 44th Army Artillery, departed Ross Combat Base for redeployment elsewhere in RVN.
- 8 January 1971 (1) MajGen WIDECOME, CG, 1st Marine Division (-) (Rein), Col JUDGE, CO, 5th Marine Regiment, and Col UTTER, Assistant Chief of Staff G-3 visited 3/5 Forward CP Hill 381.
- (2) 3rd Platoon, Company M relieved 2nd Platoon, Company H and assumed a security mission at Hill 381. 2nd Platoon, Company M returned to assigned AO Operation Imperial Lake.
- 10 January 1971 (1) LtGen JONES, CG, MACV, LtGen ROBERTSON, CG III MAF, MajGen WIDECOME, CG, 1st Marine Division (-) (Rein), BGen HOUGHTON, CS, MACV, Col JUDGE, CO 5th Marine Regiment, and Col UTTER, Assistant Chief of Staff G-3 visited 3/5 Forward CP, Hill 381.

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- 11 January 1971 (1) 11th Marines chopped OPCON Detachment, 1st Platoon, Company I to 3/5. Detachment 1st Platoon, Company I returned to Ross Combat Base from Hill 218.
- 12 January 1971 (1) Company L (-) inserted Operation Imperial Lake (CM 9737) relieving Company K.
- (2) Company K assumed mission of Regimental Reserve.
- (3) 3/5 Forward CP chopped OPCON 2nd Platoon, Company K to 3/5 Rear, Ross Combat Base. 2nd Platoon, Company K conducted Category II Operations in the vicinity of Ross Combat Base, and conducted foot march to Ross Combat Base.
- (4) 3/5 Forward CP chopped OPCON 2nd Platoon Company L to Company L.
- 16 January 1971 (1) General Leonard F. CHAPMAN, Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, visited 3/5 Forward CP, Hill 381. General CHAPMAN was accompanied by LtGen ROBERTSON, CG III MAF.
- 18 January 1971 (1) 2/5 chopped OPCON Company F 2/5 to 3/5 Forward CP Operation Imperial Lake. Company F 2/5 inserted Operation Imperial Lake (CM 0437).
- 19 January 1971 (1) 3/5 Rear chopped OPCON 1st Platoon, Company K to 3/5 Forward CP, Hill 381. 1st Platoon, Company K inserted Operation Imperial Lake (CM 015375).
- (2) BGen SIMMONS, ADC 1st Marine Division (-) (Rein) visited 3/5 Forward CP, Hill 381.
- 20 January 1971 (1) LtCol Moss, XO, 5th Marine Regiment, visited 3/5 Forward CP, Hill 381.
- 21 January 1971 (1) 3/5 Forward chopped OPCON Company F 2/5 to 2/5 Rear.
- (2) A Battery 2nd of the 94th Army Artillery departed Ross Combat Base for redeployment elsewhere in RVN.
- 22 January 1971 (1) Company K (-) inserted Operation Imperial Lake (CM 9640) relieving Company M (-).
- (2) 1st Platoon, Company K relieved 3rd Platoon, Company M and assumed security of Hill 381.
- (3) Company M assigned mission of Regimental Reserve.
- 23 January 1971 (1) Col JUDGE, CO, 5th Marine Regiment, arrived 3/5 Forward CP, Hill 381, for an overnight stay.
- (2) D Battery, 1st of the 82nd Army Artillery arrived Ross Combat Base.

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- 24 January 1971 (1) Col JUDGE, CG, 5th Marine Regiment departed 3/5 Forward CP, Hill 381.
- (2) Col BRYANT, USMC, visited 3/5 Forward CP, Hill 381, and Ross Combat Base while on Orientation Tour.
- (3) 1st Platoon, Company I inserted into LZ Ranchouse (COL427) and assumed recon security mission.
- 26 January 1971 (1) MajGen WIDDECKE, CG, 1st Marine Division (-) (Rein) visited 3/5 Forward CP, Hill 381.
- 27 January 1971 (1) Company M relieved Company I on FSB Ryder (949344), LZ Round-Up (999315), and LZ Ranchouse (999425). Company M (-) on FSB Ryder and 2nd Platoon, Company M at LZ Round-Up were chopped OPCON to the 11th Marines. 3rd Platoon, Company M remained under the OPCON of 3/5 Rear.
- (2) Company I returned to Ross Combat Base and assumed mission of Regimental Reserve.
- 30 January 1971 (1) MajGen WIDDECKE, CG 1st Marine Division (-) (Rein) visited 3/5 Forward CP, Hill 381.
- 31 January 1971 (1) The Honorable Mr. WARNER, Under-Secretary of the Navy, visited 3/5 Forward CP, Hill 381. The Honorable Mr. WARNER was accompanied by MajGen ROBERTSON, CG III MAF, MajGen WIDDECKE, CG, 1st Marine Division (-) (Rein), and Col JUDGE, CG, 5th Marine Regiment.

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a. Personnel and Administration

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

<u>FRIENDLY</u>		<u>CASUALTIES</u>	
KIA	- - - - - 3	WTANE	- - - - - 6
WIA	- - - - - 17	NBCD	- - - - - 0
LOW	- - - - - 2	MIA	- - - - - 0
NBC	- - - - - 20		

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b. Enemy, Weather and Terrain

(1) Enemy. Enemy activity was again relatively light during the reporting period. For the most part enemy initiated activity was harrassing type tactics. Enemy sightings consisted of small groups ranging from 2 to 20 in number. Intelligence reported the 577th Rocket Battalion supported by the 70th VC (LF) and 72nd VC (LF) Battalions had moved into the area in preparation for attacks during and following TLT. Contact with these units did not materialize.

(2) Weather. As the monsoon season drew to a close, temperatures remained relatively cool with the average high of 76 and damp cold nights, with an average night temperature of 64. Only .85 inches of precipitation was recorded, consisting of small showers throughout the period.

(3) Terrain. Predominant terrain features encountered were the lowlands and rice producing areas of Que Son District in the south up into the rugged slopes of the Que Son Mountains to the north.

(4) Statistics(a) Enemy Losses:

VC/NVA KIA	39
Detainees	46

(b) Weapons Captured:

AK 47	6
M-16	2
SKS	1
Pistols	3

(c) Ordnance Captured:

ChiCom Grenades	12
M-26 Grenades	8
Blasting Caps	22
60mm Rounds	18
500 pound Bombs	3
Smoke Grenades	2
105mm Rounds	1
250 pound Bombs	1
57 RR Rounds	1
Small Arms Rounds	716

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(d) Food Stuff Captured:

Rice	4155 pounds
Fish	5 gallons
Potatoes (Fresh)	105 pounds
Potatoes (Dried)	15-20 pounds
Wine	2 gallons
Salt	15 pounds

(e) Enemy Fortifications:

Caves	50
Huts	17
Base Camps	1
Bunkers	2

(f) Equipment Captured:

Belts	3
Battle Dressings	3
Hammocks	9
NVA Uniforms	3
Ponchos	9
Rain Jackets	2
Flags	2
NVA Canteens	3
Packs	13
NVA Helmets	2
NVA Compasses	1
Trip Wire	1 roll
Plastic	750 yards
Sleeping Mats	15
NVA Bush Covers	10
Assorted Clothing & Coth.	40 pounds
Assorted Medical Gear	25 pounds
Assorted Documents	20 pounds

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(g) Mines/Boby Traps: A total of 21 booby traps were encountered. Fifteen were found, 6 were detonated resulting in 9 Marines WIA, and 2 DOW.

(a) Types and Numbers of Devices:

105mm rounds	3
M-79 rounds	2
M-26 Grenades	6
60mm rounds	3
Basketball Illum	1
ChiCom Grenades	1
81mm rounds	1
500 pound bombs	1
Smoke Grenade W/Ch	1
155 round	1
40mm Duster round	1

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(1) Supporting Units/Agencies

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

(b) Shore Party. Company C, 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. Five (5) 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 this period.

(d) Sentry Dog Teams. Six (6) Sentry Dog Teams were utilized by the Battalion during the month contributing to the defense of Ross Combat Base and Hill 381.

(e) Scout Dog Teams. Ten (10) Scout Dog Teams were utilized by subordinate units of the Battalion during the month contributing to the early detection of VC/NVA and the searching of caves and bunkers.

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

(2) Air Support. During the month of January 1971 the 1st Marine Air Wing provided the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines with the following support:

(a) Helicopters flew a total of 67 medevac missions to evacuate 96 persons. Of these, there were 01 KIA, 19 WIA's, and 76 NBC medevacs consisting of:

	E	P	R	KIA
US	21	33	36	1
USN		1	2	
USA		1		
ARVN		1		
TOTAL	21	36	38	1

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(b) Helicopter gunships flew 14 missions, 6 covering troop movements and 8 expending on board ordnance.

(c) Helicopter transportation was provided for 9 troop lifts totaling 1208 persons. Most of these troop lifts were in support of Operation Imperial Lake.

(d) 112 OV - 10A Aircraft were utilized. Of these 13 covered troop movements, 5 ran reconnaissance missions, 48 ran visual reconnaissance, and 52 expended on board ordnance in support of 3/5 units.

(e) Fixed wing aircraft flew a total of 26 flights, of which 6 were tactical air strikes, 11 were beacon controlled, and 9 were laser guided bomb missions.

(f) One (1) basketball mission was flown.

(3) Artillery.

(a) During the month of January artillery fire support for the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines decreased from the previous month's level. This was due to a decrease of VC/NVA activity.

(b) Forward observers attached to units controlled 45 observed fire missions expending 1152 rounds of artillery. Intelligence/pre-emptive targets in support of 3rd Battalion 5th Marines numbered 182 missions, expending 1394 rounds.

(c) D Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, and K Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, both located at Ross Combat Base, supplied the majority of the fire support. Considerable fire support was provided by F Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, located at LZ Ryder and by A Battery, 2nd of the 94th Army Artillery located at Ross Combat Base. A Battery, 2nd of the 94th Army Artillery departed Ross Combat Base on 21 January 1971 and was replaced by D Battery, 2nd of the 94th Army Artillery on 23 January 1971.

(d) In addition to the fire support given to 3rd Battalion 5th Marines, the 3/5 FSCC also coordinated artillery fire support of Popular Force Units operating out of the Que Son District Headquarters.

d. Plans. It is anticipated that Operation Imperial Lake will end between 10 and 15 February 1971. No future operations are, at this time, planned due to the pending stand down date of the Battalion. All plans will be directed toward moving the Battalion to the stand down area.

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c. Training.

(1) Division Schools. Members of the Battalion attended the following Division Schools during the month of January:

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>	<u>ASSIGNED</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>
Land Mine Warfare School	6 days	20	20
Embarkation School	4 weeks	1	1
Basic Ammo Tech School	4 weeks	1	1
Basic Infantry Weapon School	4 weeks	1	1

(2) Battalion Training. A total of 146 persons attended the Battalion Indctrination School during the month of January 1971. Also, the following courses of instruction were scheduled and completed at Battalion level during the month of January 1971:

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>INSTRUCTION TEAM</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
Mine/Bosby Trap Countermeasures	1st Engineer Battalion Contact Team	3 hours 2 classes

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

H&S COMPANY

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
Land Mine Warfare	2 Hours
Gun Drill	1½ Hours
M-34 Sight	1 Hours
Care & Cleaning 81mm Mortar	2 Hours
M-16 Plotting Board	1½ Hours
F0 Training	2 Hours
XM-174 Care & Cleaning	4 Hours
Disassembly & Assembly of 50 cal. Machine Gun	6 Hours
106 Care & Cleaning	8 Hours
106 Maintenance	14 Hours
Field Fortifications	16 Hours
M-151 A1 (Jeep)	12 Hours
M-274 A2 (Mule)	6 Hours

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<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
Foot Care	1 Hour
Medevac Procedures	1 Hour
Map Reading	3 Hours
Communications Security	1 Hour
Booby Traps	1 Hour
First Aid	1 Hour

COMPANY K

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
Artillery FO Procedures	4 Hours
Firing of Laaw	2 Hours
Adjusting M-16 for Battle Sights & Quick Reaction/Kill	2 Hours
Prevention Of Malaria & Immersion Foot	2 Hours
Firing of M-79	2 Hours
Operation of 60mm Mortar	1 Hour
Operation & Procedures of PRC-25 Radio	1 Hour
Offensive & Defensive Combat	2 Hours

COMPANY L

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
Radio Procedure	1 Hour
Calling Medevac	1 Hour
Effective Patrolling	2 Hours
Setting Hasty Ambushes	1 Hour
Positioning Claymores	1 Hour
Noise Discipline	1 Hour
Preventive Medicine	1 Hour
Calling Fire Superiority & Maintaining Fire Discipline	1 Hour

COMPANY M

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
Care & Handling of POW's & Detainees	45 Minutes
Veteran's Benefits	45 Minutes
Protection Against Chemical Attack	1 Hour

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f. Logistics, Equipment and Supply

(1) General. Logistic activity continued at a high rate during the month of January 1971. The "A" Jump CP continued to operate from Hill 381 with the S-4 Forward coordinating logistics for the units in Imperial Lake. At Ross, logistic activity functioned to both support the Battalion in continuing combat operations as well as to step up the preparations for redeployment.

(2) Resupply. Resupplies for units in the field continued to originate from both Ross and Baldy Combat Bases, with approximately two-thirds being handled by the Logistic Support Team at Baldy. At no time was it necessary to call for emergency resupplies.

(3) Supply. During January, the adjustment of property records was completed and corrective action continued on informal records. Requisitions were obligated for \$96,000. Although no funds have yet been allocated for the third fiscal quarter, it is anticipated that those funds will be received during the first week in February. At the end of the month, the Battalion had 91% of its combat essential equipment on hand with 85% operationally ready. In preparation for redeployment, 80% of General Supply Class II items have been retrograded to Hill 34. The number of school-trained supply MOS personnel decreased to two (2) clerks and two (2) warehousemen. The new Supply Officer took charge of the account on 20 January 1971. On 29 January, a Division Supply Inventory Team reported in to assist in the final large-scale inventory prior to embarkation.

(4) Motor Transport. During January the following licenses were issued after proper instruction: 6 for the M51A1 and 4 for the M274A2. The deadline percentage of rolling stock has risen to 30%, most of the vehicles being MORN-3 or MORS-2. The Motor Transport section still has only two of the six mechanics it rates. In mid-January a detachment from B Company, 1st Motors, replaced the detachment from A Company in support of this Battalion.

(5) Engineer Support.

- (a) Daily road sweeps on Route 535.
- (b) Pumped 465,000 gallons of water.
- (c) Advised and assisted local Vietnamese in construction of a bridge over the Song Ly Ly.
- (d) Constructed an LZ and an IOD tower on Hill 270.
- (e) Constructed a ramp for cyclops.
- (f) Constructed a ramp for the generator.
- (g) Constructed two defensive positions.
- (h) Performed 20 hours of demolition work.
- (i) Installed culvert near the fuel pump.
- (j) Reditched $\frac{1}{2}$ of the roads at Ross.
- (k) Repaired a tower for D Battery.
- (l) Held demolitions classes for two rifle companies.
- (m) Rewired wiring for $\frac{1}{2}$ of the 3/5 perimeter.

The following engineer projects are still incomplete:

- (a) Construct 3x four-hole heads--due 15 December 1970.

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3rd Battalion 5th Marines was organized in accordance with the ACO except for an additional platoon size unit assigned to Company M which was given the exclusive mission of Combined Unit Pacification Program activities in the villages of Son Lanh and Tra Dinh. The units were attached but supporting elements occupied Ross Combat Base in direct or general support. Elements at Ross Combat Base included:

- Det, Radio Relay Platoon, Comm Company, HQ Battalion
- Det, Support Company, 1st Engineers
- A Battery, 2nd 9th Artillery (departed 21 January 1971)
- D Battery, 1st 82nd Artillery (arrived 23 January 1971)
- Army Cyclops, 29th Artillery Battery, 2d Corps
- Kilo Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines
- Delta Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines
- HST, Company C, 1st S&B Battalion
- Detachment, Bulk Fuel Company
- 3rd Platoon, Company B, 1st Engineers
- Detachment, PX, Division Exchange
- Detachment, Company A, 1st Motor Transport Battalion (departed 11 January 1971)
- Detachment, Company B, 1st Motor Transport Battalion (arrived 11 January 1971)
- Detachment, 1st Battalion, 4th Artillery (departed 7 January 1971)

The operations conducted by the Battalion during the month consisted of Battalion, company, and platoon size operations. The Battalion-sized operation (Imperial Lake) was conducted by 3/5 Forward CP on Hill 381. Although the operation was battalion size, all companies involved operated independently of each other. Operations from Ross Combat Base 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 him from massing.

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- (b) Provide 10 universal barrels--due 15 December 1970.
- (c) Provide 40 fence dig saw barrels--due 29 December 1970.

(6) Food Services. The Mess Section is still four under T/O for cooks. The field mess continued to operate on Hill 381, providing fresh and hot meals daily for the Jump GP. All other units in the field received hot meals or ration supplements and fresh food at least weekly.

(7) Embarkation. During the month of January emphasis was placed on the following areas:

- (a) Continuous building of the required mount-out boxes.
- (b) Update and maintenance of accurate UCI's and MDS deck.
- (c) Collection and retrograde of excess and unserviceable gear.
- (d) Training of the company and section Embarkation NCO's.

On 14 January 1971, Division Embark inspected the Battalion. 3/5 received a totally satisfactory rating, including an errorless MDS deck--the first unit to receive this rating in the Division.

(8) Medical. Personnel strength remains at 2 physicians and 51 corpsmen on board, with three in the hospital. There were 2170 patients seen at the BAS in January: 1250 military and 920 Vietnamese civilians. The IOL and IAL are nearly complete and prepared for embarkation. Medcaps were run twelve times this month, treating 1259 Vietnamese. Of the Marines treated, communicable diseases discovered at Ross were:

- (a) Gonorrhea confirmed by urethral smear: 16
- Geographic locations:
 - Local 1
 - DaNang 9
 - Bangkok 1
 - Hong Kong 1
 - Okinawa 3
 - Sydney 1
- (b) Syphilis: 0

Breakdown of cases treated at Ross:

- (a) Superficial fungus 48
- (b) Bacterial skin infection 74
- (c) URI infections 26
- (d) FUO 13
- (e) Malaria diagnosed by smear 2
- (f) Diarrhea 36
- (g) Psychiatric 10
- (h) Orthopedic 43
- (i) Rx for glasses 16
- (j) Immersion foot 3
- (k) Rx for controlled drugs 114

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g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action.

(1) During January three (3) significant civic action projects were completed. They were as follows:

(a) "Feed For Work Project". A bridge was completed on 24 January 1971, near Son Tanh Hamlet (017337) by 20 Vietnamese workers who were in turn supplied with food by the S-5. In addition, the S-5 supplied 12,000 board feet of lumber and 16x50 pound bags of cement. The total amount of food given to the workers during the month of January was: 150x50 pound bags of berque, 30x50 pound bags of corn, and five cases of oil. Additionally the Marines of 3rd Platoon, B Company 1st Engineers, aided the project significantly by providing technical advice and assistance.

(b) Son Tanh School. The Son Tahn School (025347) was completed on 20 January 1971. The project had started on 1 November 1970, with the complete cooperation of the Son Tanh Village Chief and villagers. 20-35 villagers were almost constantly working on the school. The S-5 supplied the 50 pound bags of cement and 6 truckloads of lumber as well as close supervision of the construction.

(c) Disabled Veteran's Building. The Disabled Veteran's Association Building was completed on 15 January 1971. It was built next to the hospital in Son Tanh Village, and approximately 23 Vietnamese constructed the building under the supervision of S-5. The S-5 provided 25x50 pound bags of cement and 8 truckloads of lumber. In addition the S-5 continued to supply food to the Association as well as making regular visits to the Building. In addition to the completed projects, a market place has been established and surveyed in Son Thuong Village. The S-5 will continue to lend supplies and support to this project.

The newly incorporated milk program continued to flourish during January. The S-5 gave Son Thuong villagers 150x50 pound bags of powdered milk. The milk is provided by the International Rescue Commission.

(2) Medical Assistance. Medcaps were conducted three times a week. 1259 Vietnamese were treated in Medcaps during the month of January. Additionally, another 920 Vietnamese were treated at 3/5 Battalion Aid Station.

(3) Industrial Relations Program. There were 40 Vietnamese workers employed daily at Ross Combat Base through the use of AIC funds.

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(4) A breakdown of Civic Action conducted during the month of January is as follows:

(a) 1 January to 7 January

(1) 1 January - picked up materials for Disabled Veterans Association project. Medcap was held at Son Xuan (123 people treated).

(2) 2 January - One truckload of wood to Son Thuong. Gave Chieu Hoi leaflets to Chiefs of Que Son, Son Tan, and Son Xuan villages (6,000 each).

(3) 4 January - English class at Que Son School. Medcap treated Son Thuan village, 90 people treated. Gave 400 blackboards to schools in area.

(4) 5 January - English class at Son Xuan. One truckload of wood to Son Thanh.

(5) 6 January - Medcap at Que Son School, 145 people treated. 40x50 pound bags powdered milk given to Son Tanh School. One truckload of wood and tin to Disabled Veteran's Association.

(b) 8 January to 14 January

(1) 8 January - Medcap at Son Thanh, 104 people treated. Pencils, pens, ink, paper and chalk delivered to the three (3) schools of Que Son District.

(2) 9 January - One truckload of wood to Son Lanh. Sanitation leaflets given to Son Tanh, Son Tan, Que Son, Son Xuan, Son Thuong villages, 3000 to each village.

(3) 10 January - 50x50 pound bags of barque, 10x50 pound bags of corn, 2 cases of oil to workers in the village. English class at Que Son High School. Medcap at Son Tanh, 115 people treated.

(5) 12 January - English class at Que Son High School. One truckload wood to Son Tan School.

(6) 13 January - Medcap at Son Tan village, 87 people treated. Toothbrushes, toothpaste, and soap to the schools of the Que Son District.

(7) 14 January - Delivered paper, pins, pencils books, and notebooks to schools of Que Son District. One truckload wood to Que Son School. 600 pounds of cement and 8 culverts given to Veteran's Association.

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(c) 15 January to 21 January.

(1) 15 January - Medcap at Que Son School; 65 people treated. One truckload of wood to Son Thanh workers.

(2) 16 January - 20x50 pound bags of baroque, 10x50 pound bags corn, and 2 cases of oil to workers on the village

(3) 17 January - Blackboards, pencils, paper to schools of Que Son District. Medcap at Que Son hospital, 120 people treated. 70x50 pound bags of powdered milk given to the schools of Que Son District. Chieu Hoi posters and leaflets given to village chiefs to distribute, 17000 posters, 20000 leaflets.

(4) 18 January - 2 truckloads of wood to Son Tan village and English classes at Que Son High School. Medcap held at Son Xuan village, 100 treated.

(5) 19 January - English classes at Que Son schools and paper and chalk were given to schools of Que Son District.

(6) 20 January - Medcap at Son Thuong market place, 135 people treated, 10,000 sanitation leaflets handed out during medcap. 2 truckloads of wood to Son Thuong Market.

(7) 21 January - 40x50 pound bags of powdered milk to Son Tanh. 21 bottles of vitamins to Que Son District Schools.

(d) 22 January to 28 January.

(1) 22 January - 20x50 pound bags of baroque, 10x50 pound bags of corn, 1 case of oil to the workers on the bridge. Medcap at Son Tanh, 95 people treated. 5000 Chieu Hoi posters handed out to villagers while on medcap.

(2) 23 January - English classes, and math classes, at Que Son schools. 1 truckload of wood to Que Son. Medcap in Thanh Phuoc, 80 people treated.

(3) 24 January - Distributed 17000 Chieu Hoi pamphlets and 12000 Chieu Hoi posters, and 15000 sanitation leaflets.

(d) 26 January to 29 January.

S-5 attended various lunches and dinners in connection with T&T. S-5 passed out 300 red envelopes to children on 27 January 1971. All village chiefs were sent cards and also the Prime Minister of South Vietnam by the Battalion Commander.

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(1) During the month of January over 6,000,000 leaflets were dropped in the 3/5 AO. Additionally, daily aerial broadcasts were run from 25-29 January with the theme being "Chieu Hoi, Go to the Light of Freedom."

(2) Handouts on Hodeaps totalled 1,500,000. In addition, patrols leaving Ross Combat Base continued to hand out Chieu Hoi "Free Passes".

(i) Communications

(1) The communications platoon continued to support the Battalion operations. During the month of January the communications platoon again supported both the 3/5 Forward CP on Hill 381 and 3/5 Rear at Ross Combat Base. The only problem this presented to the communications platoon was keeping adequate back-up radios.

(2) The UHF family of radios is the equipment most frequently used. These being the AN/PRC-25, AN/PRC-77/KY-38 combination for secure voice nets, AN/PRC-75 for TACP and on occasion TACP uses the AN/PRC-41.

(3) The AN/PRC-25 is the primary radio used in the field because of its light weight and dependability. The AN/PRC-25 is our best means of communications in mobile situations. Not being a secure voice radio is its one limitation.

(4) The AN/PRC-77/KY-38 combination is used at all levels whenever possible, due to its secure voice capabilities. All companies possess a battalion secure voice net capability.

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0001	0001	1	010001H	JOURNAL OPENED	
	0035	2	010035H	Message from MDF to MDR from Col Johnson.	S-3
	0330	3	010330H	From 3/5 XO to 3/5 CO, Message	S-3
0600	0600	4	010600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0837	0905	5	010837H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0930	1000	6	010930H	Forecast of Operations for 02 Jan 71.	S-3
1005	1035	7	011005H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	1045	8	011045H	From MDM6 to MDR: Subj: number of pay's in troop lift for 02 Jan 71.	S-3
	1200	9	011200H	Message to have all 106 personnel H-381. You are to be delivered 02 Jan 71.	S-3
1200	1240	10	011200H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1115	1240	11	011115H	A Cupp (02436) (01930): Women entered A Cupp PSN and reported that 12 armed VC were located at 01930. PF's immediately reported to area and found 03 males, 01 females, armed. PF's fired and VC fled to the SW. Searched area out and found VC propaganda sticks stuck in ground, telling marines not to fight against VC.	S-3
1420	1440	12	011420H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1600	1654	13	011600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1800	1910	14	011800H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1800	1915	15	011800H	In accordance with Holiday cease fire message, this battalion will resume normal combat operation within our AO at 011800H Jan 71.	S-3
1935		16	011935H	Recon Night Position	S-3

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0905	0905	17	011945H	Co. M, resupply request	S-3
2100	2120	18	011947H	A Cupp (018333) in ambush position observed 03 VC/NVA approx 75 meters northwest of ambush site. Enemy moved across trail in opposite direction of ambush. Ambush was initiated hastily in hopes of killing enemy before they were out of range, with 01 claymore, 01 laaw, 150 M-16 rounds and 15 M-79 rounds. Enemy returned 30 rounds SAF while fleeing. Unit called 81mm illum mission at 1950H. Unit pursued enemy approx 100 meters until a treeline halted pursuit. Unit then returned to point of contact and searched with negative results.	S-3
2112	2200	19	012112H	Operations conducted 01 Jan 71, Sent to Regt. SUMMARY: PF's with A cupp found propaganda telling marines not to fight against VC.	S-3
2400	2400	20	012400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	020001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0510H	0605H	2	020500H	Informed units of friendly day acts.	S-3/F
0600H	0615H	3	020600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0610H	0630H	4	020610H	Forecast of Operations for 3 Jan 71 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
0807H	0808H	5	020807H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0915H	0915H	6	020915H	AO for 030830H - 040830H.	S-3/F
1003H	1030H	7	021003H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1200H	1235H	8	021200H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1400H	1435H	9	021400H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1624H	1630H	10	021624H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1800H	1820H	11	021800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1820H	1840H	12	021820H	Air requirements for 3 Jan 71.	S-3/F
1935H		13	021935H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
2005H	2020H	14	022005H	Operations conducted for 2 Jan 71 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
				Summary: Negative enemy contact 2 Jan 1971.	
2400H	2400H	15	022400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001	0001	1	0001H	JOURNAL OPENED	
0600	0630	2	030600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0830	0620	3	030830H	Forecast of Operations for 04 Jan 71.	S-3
	0700	4	030700H	Strike Report for 03 Jan 71.	S-3
0815	0829	5	030815H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1000	1000	6	031000H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	1100	7	031100H	AO for 050830-0700830.	S-3
	1115	8	031115H	2/5 AO ext.	S-3
	1150	9	031150H	Correction in Ao ext for 2/5.	S-3
	1135	10	031135H	Resupply for 04 Jan 71.	S-3
1204	1240	11	031204H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	1135	12	031335H	Recon Noon Position	S-3
1407	1410	13	031407H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1600	1600	14	031600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	1730	15	031730H	Recon Night Position	S-3
	1820	16	031820H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1830	1850	17	031830H	Addition to Resupply for 04 Jan 71	S-3
2100	2115	18	031915H	L 1 (988328) in night position received approx 30-40 rounds of small arms fire from estimated five enemy (988330). Unit returned small arms fire and called illum. From 1st round 1920, extended two 105 rounds EOM 1925, while illum was being fired unit then received 10 more small arm rounds. Unit searched area with negative results and will further search at first light.	S-3
1845	1950	19	031845H	Weekly Plans Summary to Regt.	S-3

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1930	2020	20	031930H	3/5 Air Requirments for 04 Jan, sent to Regt.	S-3
2055	2100	21	032055H	Operations conducted 03 Jan 71, sent to Regt.	S-3
2215	2220	22	032215H	List of significant findings in Co. M's present AO, sent to 3/5 Fwd. SUMMARY: L 1 received approx 40 rounds small arms fire whil set in night position.	S-3
2400	2400	23	032400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001	0001	1	040001H	JOURNAL OPENED	
0600	0615	2	040600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0800	0815	3	040800H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	0822	4	040822H	Strength Report for 04 Jan71	S-3
	0945	5	040850H	L-1 (979326) While moving from night ambush, point man tripped M-26 booby trap, with pressure release device, on detonation of booby trap unit received fire from west from 100 meters approx by 06 VC/NVA. Booby trap seemed to be nastily set Unit returned fire with small arms and M-79 and M-60 machine gun. Unit called Emerg medivac, medivac completed. Searched area with negative results, continuing with day act.	S-3
1000	1000	6	041000H	Forecast of Operations for 05 Jan71	S-3
1015	1020	7	041015H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1030	1305	8	041030H	L-1 (976324) (984328) While on patrol received approx 30-40 rounds small arms fire from estimated 06 VC/NVA located in treeline. L-1 returned fire with small arms fire, M-79, M-60 and called in 81mm, called FM at 1030, Received first round at 1035, EDM 1100. Received 02 WP and 20HE. L-1 then swept area with negative results.	S-3
	1125	9	041125H	Air requirements for 05 JAN71	S-3
	1135	10	041135H	Recon Night Position	S-3
	1430	11	041150H	L-2 (976322) while on patrol found 01 105mm Booby trap off trail in heavy bush. Round has rope attached to its end, which led to a 5 ft. deep hole which was about 15 meters away. It was command detonated. Unit destroyed the round in place and continued their patrol.	

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IN	OUT				
1200H	1254H	12	041200H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1210H	1405H	13	041210H	L 11 (983316) while searching the area found 1, 100 gallon barrel half full, 2 M-16 ammo crates (wooden type) full approximately 200 lbs total. Unit destroyed the rice by burning it. A sample will be sent to S-2.	S-3/F
1310H	1510H	14	041310H	L 1 CP and L 13 (983321) (984325) while setting up day OP and waiting for L 1 to complete search and destroy of rice, received 4 sniper rounds from a treeline. Unit called 81mm fire mission on the treeline.	S-3/F
1310H	1510H	15	041310H	C CUPP (010330) while on day patrol, found a bunker. Unit searched the bunker. The size of the bunker was 8'x6'x4'. The bunker had two entrances facing the south and west. The bunker was empty and had not been used recently. Unit destroyed the bunker with CS and C-4.	S-3/F
1345H	1555H	16	041345H	L 12 (982318) while on patrol found 1 cave complex recently occupied. Complex had wooden floors. One wooden chest was found outside the cave. Chest contained 4 lbs of school type books and pamphlets. School material was screened by KCS and have no intelligence value. Also found was 1 helmet, 1 rain jacket, and 4 tables. Complex consisted of 2 caves. First cave was 3'x10', with two entrances, one in the side and one in the top. Second cave was 3'x4', with one entrance. Unit searched the caves with negative further findings. Caves were destroyed.	S-3/F
1350H	1350H	17	041350H	Recon Haven modified 231.P from present boundary AT (9542), South to AT (9539), East to AT (9739).	S-3/F
1400H	1436H	18	041400H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1415H	1545H	19	041415H	Positive IP of Friendly on Friendly before firing.	S-3/F

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1430	1435	20	041430H	Message to H-381, to get Cpl Bahl in today for R&R.	S-3
1345		21	041345H	Casualty Report from 3/5 Forward K, to S-1 - K8	S-3
	1745	22	041550H	L-11 (973325) (973327) While moving to Day Position pause, unit received 07-08 sniper rounds. From the NW. Unit returned fire with M-79 and checked area with negative results. Unit continued on.	S-3
	1650	23	041650H	USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE	S-3
	1706	24	041706H	Recon Night Position	S-3
	1730	25	041706H	Casualty Report from 3/5 K to 3/5 S-1, K-8.	S-3
1800	1840	26	041800H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	1908	27	041908H	Air requirements for 05 Jan 71.	S-3
1930	2145	28	041850H	L-12 (969316) While moving to night ambush, point element with scout dog, observed two VC/NVA (969317) moving south. Point man opened fire hitting one VC/NVA in chest. The second enemy opened fire, wounding one USMC in leg. The second VC/NVA then dropped his rifle, picked up the dead VC and fled. The remainder of the squad then joined the point man, and called an emerg medivac, completed at 1935H. Squad researched area and found one M-16 rifle, one SKS, and one VC/NVA KIA, one Marine WIA.	S-3
2100	2155	29	042000H	Alpha CUPP (023345) While preparing for night act, PF with Marines was wounded by accidental discharge. Squad leader inserted beehive round in M-79 and closed breech. Weapon was pointed toward the ground.	S-3

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				The PF approached as the weapon was locked. The weapon discharged without being triggered wounding PF in the ankle. PF brought to Ross BAS. M-79 brought to CUPP C.P. for a more complete investigation.	
2020		30	042020H	Casualty Report from Company L	S-1
2225	2240	31	042050H	L-12 (969323) While in ambush position unit's claymore was blown, unit then heard moaning. Unit believed claymore was tampered with and was disconnected by enemy. Unit called artillery illumination and searched area with negative results.	S-3
2300	2315	32	042300H	Operations conducted 01 Jan 71 sent to Regiment SUMMARY: 02 Marines WIA Emergency, one PF wounded by accidental discharge. L1 accounted for 01 VC/NVA KIA, and one M-16 and one SKS rifle captured. L1 also captured and destroyed a total of 200 pounds of rice. Discovered a cave complex consisting of two caves, and one booby trap found.	S-3
2400	2400	33	042400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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0001	0001	1	050001H	JOURNAL OPENED	
	0545	2	050545H	Recon Haven 247 from 050001H to 122400H Jan 71.	S-3
0600	0656	3	050600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0630	0645	4	050630H	Forecast of Operations for 06 Jan 71.	S-3
0819	0840	5	050819H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	0954	6	050845H	L-1 (989328) while on day patrol 2nd man in column tripped 01 M-79 B/T B/T was located in middle of trail and pressure detonator. L-1 called priority Med-evac. Search of area revealed a 2nd M-79 B/T, rigged with pressure detonator and located 25 meters east of 1st B/T. B/t was destroyed in place.	S-3
	0913	7	050913H	From 3/5 XO S-2 to 3/5, 2/5: Pow report: 3D Co 531 St Bn Loc caves VIC 965382 (19 Dec 70).	S-3
	0917	8	050917H	From 3/5 XO to M-3 actual: Request ASAP verification of planned arrival date on R&R in Hawaii.	
	1200	9	051220H	L 1-3 (987328) (994335) unit while on patrol obs 5 VC/NVA sitting in D/Ambush. Unit engaged w/en and fired approx 15 rnds of M-79 and approx 200 rnds of M-60 fire and approx 150 rnds of SAF. Unit called 81mm F/M of 30 rnds of HE. Gunbirds were called at 1000H and arrived on station at 1040H Gunbirds fired 200 rnds of 7.62 and 300 rnds of 40mm. Unit searched area and fd 3 blood trails.	S-3
	1020H	10	051005H	Bn position report	S-3
	1045H	11	051045H	Cas report for 5 Jan 71	S-1
	1125H	12	051125H	Air req for 6 Jan 71	S-3
	1155H	13	051155H	Recon noon positions	S-3
	1225H	14	051205H	Bn position report	S-3

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	1225H	15	051225H	Usually Reliable Source	S-3
	1330H	16	051330H	Resupply for 6 Jan 71 for Co K	S-3
	1407H	17	051400H	Bn poation report	S-3
	1402H	18	051402H	URS, Grid 05561, 200 meter Radius	S-3
	1603H	19	051600H	Bn poation report	S-3
	1920H	20	051803H	Bn position report	S-3
	1858H	21	051800H	An AO fm 050830 @ 070830 Jan 71 at UL 973, LR 0033	S-3
	1810H	22	051810H	Recon night positions	S-3
	1820H	23	051820H	Gas rpt at 051245H Jan 71	S-3
	2000H	24	052000H	Troop losses fm 5 Jan - 28 Feb 71	S-3
	2220H	25	052000H	Opns conducted 5 Jan 71 sent to Regt.	S-3
	2325H	26	052225H	L 31 (980353) in amb pos observed 4 VC/NVA moving NE along trail carrying packs and rifles. L 31 initiated contact with 2 claymores and M-60, killing 2 VC/NVA and capturing 2 AK-47 rifles, 3 packs, misc documents, 100 lbs rice and 1 bolt white cloth. Unit searching area for remaining 2 en w/neg results	S-3
				SUMMARY: L 1, one Marine WIA priority evac. L 1 observed 5 enemy and initiated contact. L 3 killed 2 VC/NVA and cap- tured 2 AK-47 rifles, and misc gear.	
2400H	2400H	27	052400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0001H	0000H	1	060001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0055H	0146H	2	060010H	I CP (FSB Ryder) detected on defensive perimeter, movement. Bunker threw one grenade, 60mm mortar fired four illumination rounds, 81mm fired 11 rounds illumination and 15 rounds of HE on likely route of egress. One VC/NVA was sighted and two more grenades were thrown. Unit searched area with negative results.	S-3/F
0600H	0629H	3	060600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0800H	0815H	4	060800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0910H	0910H	5	060910H	AO for 070830 - 090830: from 9633 to 9735 to 9933 to close.	S-3/F
1000H	1057H	6	061000H	Forecast of Operations for 7 Jan 71 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
1010H	1010H	7	061010H	Resupply request for Hill 381.	S-4/F
1215H	1247H	8	061215H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1220H		9	061220H	Recon noon positions.	S-3/F
1240H	1240H	10	061240H	Change in Recon noon positions.	S-3/F
1330H	1710H	11	061330H	L 31 (980338) while on patrol received fire from 5 VC/NVA. VC/NVA were located in a treeline approximately 150 meters to the west. Unit returned fire with small arms fire, M79 and M60 and requested an AO. Unit began search and received fire from treeline to the west, resulting in 2 emergency, 1 priority, and 1 routine medevac. Medevacs were completed. Unit prep fire treeline with M79 and M60. Unit then began search of the area and found 2 bunker and 2 hootches. Bunkers were heavily reinforced. Bunkers were destroyed with C-4 and seeded CS crystals. Continued search with negative findings. Unit continued with daily activities.	S-3/F

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1405H	1405H	12	061405H	Regt0 5312.1 states that in event of death or injury of a dos handler, an after action report is required.	S-3/F
1435H	1435H	13	061435H	On 4 Jan 71, Company K discovered an ammo cache.	S-3/F
1600H	1728H	14	061600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1715H		15	061715H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
1830H	1850H	16	061830H	L 3 CP (985348) while preparing to move from daytime position to night ambush, received 1 round sniper fire killing 1 USMC. Fire came from SW approximately 150 to 200 meters away. Unit swept the area with negative results. Medevac for permanent routine will be completed at first light on 7 Jan 71. Unit brought USMC KIA with them to night ambush.	S-3/F
1910H	1910H	17	061910H	Recon night positions changed.	S-3/F
1800H	1940H	18	061800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1950H	1950H	19	061950H	Resupply for 7 Jan 71.	S-4/F
2110H	2110H	20	062110H	Air requirements for 7 Jan 71 .	S-3/F
2130H	2205H	21	062100H	I Co. CP (Ryder) detected movement on southeast side of the hill in front of lines. Marines detonated 1 claymore and made a visual check of the area with aid of 81mm illumination with negative results. Summary: L 3: Two Marines KIA, 2 Marine WIA's Priority medevac; 1 USMC WIA Routine medevac. L 3 found two well constructed bunkers and two hootches.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	22	062400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	070001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0600H	0700H	2	070600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0600H	0715H	3	070600H	Forecast of Operations for 8 Jan 71 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
0800H	0810H	4	070800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0930H	0930H	5	070930H	Resupply for 10 Jan 71.	S-4/F
0945H	0945H	6	070945H	Operation RF-110 from 071400H - 071800H, area: 080406 to 080410 to 070410 to 065400 to close.	S-3/F
1012H	1030H	7	071012H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1030H	1030H	8	071030H	This command chops Company C 1/5 OPCON 1st MarDiv effective 071000H Jan 71.	S-3/F
1035H	1035H	9	071035H	Reference to resupply request for 5 Jan 71.	S-4/F
1147H	1147H	10	071147H	Message to get all of Company I personnel off Hill 218, 08 Jan 71 with their weapons and gear.	S-3/F
1200H	1210H	11	071200H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1255H		12	071255H	Recon noon positions.	S-3/F
1400H	1405H	13	071400H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1800H	1836H	14	071800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
2100H	2136H	15	072015H	I 33 LP (949344) received one chicom and 3-4 rounds of small arms fire from the northeast approximately 60 meters away. Chicom landed 15 meters in front of their position. Unit returned small arms fire, claymores, M26 grenades. Unit was aided with 81mm illumination, area was visually searched with negative results.	S-3/F
2000H	2040H	16	072000H	Air requirements for 8 Jan 71 sent to Regt.	S-3/F

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
2020H	2053H	22	072020H	Operation conducted for 8 Jan 71 sent to Regt. Summary: I 33 LP received one chicom and 3-4 rounds of small arms fire. Negative casualties.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	23	072400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	080001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0100H	0105H	2	080010H	I CP (Ryder) in defensive position heard movement on the east side of LZ Ryder. Unit initiated small arms fire and claymore during process, unit received 1 chicom landing three meters in front of post, resulting in 1 USMC with minor concussion which did not require a medevac. Unit then prep fired the area with M-79.	S-3/F
0100H	0200H	3	080025H	Ross Combat Base sentry on post 16 detected movement approximately 75 meters in front of his position. Sentry alerted the guard shack and requested permission to fire at movement. The OOD brought a sentry dog to the post and immediately alerted to the movement. Marine fired approximately six M-16 rounds into the area, hand illumination was fired and post 20 re-post seeing three figures in front of their post approximately 200 meters away and initiated four rounds of M16 in the area. Area will be searched at first light.	S-3/F
0812H	0845H	4	080812H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0840H	0840H	5	080840H	AO for 090830H - 110830H Jan 71. From 0134 to 9834 to 9830 to 0130 to 0131 to 9931 to 9932 to 0132.	S-3/F
1003H	1015H	6	081003H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1030H	1045H	7	081030H	Forecast of Operation for 9 Jan 71 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
1200H	1205H	8	081200H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1110H	1236H	9	081110H	L 12 (971344) while on patrol unit body of 1 VC/NVA.. Body appeared to have been killed by artillery. Body was a male approximately 25 years old and dressed in green pajamas. Body was 10' from entrance to a cave which was 4'x4'x5'. Search of cave revealed	S-3/F

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				dishware for approximately 10 people. Also found a second cave which was 60' from the first cave. Cave was approximately 20'x4'x20' with cardboard floor. Searched area with negative results. Cave was seeded with CS crystal and blown. Dishware was also destroyed.	
1400H	1534H	10	081400H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1515H	1515H	11	081515H	Resupply request from Company M.	S-4/F
1512H	1512H	12	081512H	Request for hot chow from Company K.	S-4/F
1530H	1530H	13	081530H	Request resupply for Hill 381.	S-4/F
1600H	1611H	14	081600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1650H	1650H	15	081650H	Air requirements for 9 Jan 71.	S-3/F
1730H	1730H	16	081730H	Message to I 6 to pick up an inoperable mule.	S-3/F
1800H	1815H	17	081800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1845H	1845H	18	081845H	Resupply request for M 2 AT 976394.	S-4/F
1850H	1850H	19	081850H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
1900H	1900H	20	081900H	Resupply request for M 1 and M(-) for 10 Jan 71 AT 981393.	S-4/F
2135H	2140H	21	082135H	Change in M Cupp day acts for 9 Jan 71.	S-3/F
2255H	2255H	22	082255H	Operation conducted for 8 Jan 71 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	23	082400H	Summary: I CP (Ryder) received 1 chicom, resulting in 1 USMC(M). Ross Combat Base, post 16 and 20 spotted movement in front of the lines and fired approximately 10 rounds small arms fire with unknown results. L 12 found 1 VC/NVA body and 2 caves, containing dishware. JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001		0001	1	090001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
0600		0617	2	090600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
		0605	3	090605H	Adjacent day acts for 09 Jan 71.	S-3
		0725	4	090725H	Adjacent day acts for 09 Jan 71.	S-3
		0725	5	090725H	From MD-4, A request of 02 pallets of 81mm HE.	S-3
0805		0813	6	090805H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
		0820	7	090820H	From Recline 86 to MD-4, A resupply of heat tabs and G-rats.	S-3
0900		0904	8	090900H	Forecast of operations for 10 Jan	S-3
1000		1004	9	091000H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0900		0950	10	090900H	L 1-3 (99832) while on day patrol, found 01 M-26 B/T with pressure device for detonation on trail. Unit destroyed B/T in place, and continued on day patrol.	S-3
1215		1222	11	091215H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
		1320	12	091320H	AO ext as follows: At 000375 S to 0037 S to 99530 to 9835 N to close with present boundary.	S-3
1110		1420	13	091110H	C Cupp (030330) (030326) While on day patrol, received approx 7 or 8 AK rounds from a treeline approx 400 meters to the south. C Cupp did not return fire because they had no definite target. Treeline was searched with negative results and continued on day patrol.	S-3
		1400	14	091400H	Recon Noon Position	S-3
1411		1425	15	091411H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1600		1608	16	091600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3

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	1655	17	091655H	Intell Report: URS 028352, radius 600 meters.	S-3
	1751	18	091751H	Air requirments for 10 Jan 71.	S-3
	1830	19	091830H	Recon Night Position	S-3
	1900	20	091830H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	1845	21	091845H	Air Requirments for 3/5 Forward for 10 Jan 71.	S-3
	1900	22	091900H	Resupply for 3/5 Forward	S-3
	2020	23	092000H	L Co. night and day acts, sent to Recline 86.	S-3
	2015	24	092005H	PF activity on 10 Jan 71.	S-3
	2030	25	092020H	Message to I-11, concerning to return to Ross Combat Base.	S-3
	2130	26	092125H	Operations conducted for 09 Jan 71, sent to Regt.	S-3
				SUMMARY: L 1-3 found 01 B/T and des- troyed it in place. C Cupp received 7-8 rounds and searched area with negative results.	
2400	2400	27	092400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001	0001	1	100001H	JOURNAL OPENED	
0600	0612	2	100600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0605	0617	3	100605H	Adjacent Friendly Day Acts for 10 Jan 71.	S-3
0610	0625	4	100610H	Adjacent Friendly Day Acts for 10 Jan 71.	S-3
0800	0835	5	100800H	Forecast of Operations for 11 Jan 71.	S-3
0830	0835	6	100830H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0800	1145	7	100800H	From MDR to Recline 86 to tell where Mike Cupp will be on 10 Jan 71.	S-3
1000	1030	8	101000H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	1020	9	101020H	AO for 110830-120830H Jan 71.	S-3
	1137	10	101137H	URS at 009325 at 101110H	S-3
1200	1225	11	101200H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1225	1245	12	101225H	Interrogation of NVA PFC captured by K 3/5 reveals following resupply route: Unit departs Hon Tan, follow the ridgelines to the east to Thon Ba (At 9932) to Loc Dai (At 9938) to Nghi Trung (Bt 0239) across flatlands of Nghi Trung #1 and #2 (Bt 0238) to the pick up point at the foot of Dong Mong Hill (Bt 0138) and return to Non Tan using same route.	S-3
	1310	13	101310H	Herbicide Operations.	S-3
1340	1355	14	101340H	L 3-2 (997305) while on Day patrol found 01 empty reinforced bunkers. Bunker is 8x8. Unit destroyed bunker with C-4.	S-3
1415	1525	15	101415H	Changes in Day and Night Acts for 10 Jan 71, to Recline 86 and Saucer Cupp.	S-3

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1416	1630	16	101416H	Changes in Lima's night and day acts for 10 Jan 71 to Blue Spruce.	S-3
1430	1500	17	101430H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	1500	18	101500H	URS 500 Meters at 990310.	S-3
1515	1525	19	101515H	URS send to Recline 86, LCo. (990310).	S-3
	1530	20	101520H	Plt PF amb 038316 by approx 10 VC, 01 PF captured, 01 PF KIA, 03 PF Plt currently moving into area from the North and Northeast.	S-3
1605	1645	21	101605H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	1610	22	101610H	Recon Night Position	S-3
1615	1615	23	101615H	L Co and Mike Cupp night acts for 10 Jan 71. Send to Rec 86.	S-3
	1655	24	101655H	A resupply description for 10 Jan 71, from K to S-4.	S-3
	1730	25	101730	Air Requirments for 11 Jan 71.	S-3
1800	1815	26	101800H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	1854	27	101854H	Recon Night Position	S-3
0045		28	091905H	Late Entry: Recline 86 obs 10 VC/NVA moving in northwest in a treeline with 01 water bull. All wearing black except 01 who was wearing light cloths, weapons could not be observed. Fired 09 106 rounds and 05 Hept with excellent coverage. Negative search to treeline.	S-3
2205		29	092320H	Late Entry: Rec 86 spotted 01 VC/NVA in treeline with 01 stationery light and no weapon. Fired 15 HE mortar rounds with 03 direct hits. Negative search to VC in treeline.	S-3
	1947	30	101947H	Weekly Plan Summary	S-3

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	1945	31	101930H	Flip Flop due for L (-) and 12 on 12 Jan 71.	S-3
	2010	32	102010H	Air Requirments for 11 Jan 71, Sent to Regt.	S-3
	2200	33	102150H	OPns cond't for 10 Jan 71, Sent to Regt.	S-3
				Summary: L 3-2 found 01 bunker (8x8). Rec 85 spotted 10 and 01 VC/NVA at different times and called fare mis- sions both times with neg results.	
2400	2400	34	102400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001	0001	1	110001H	JOURNAL OPENED	
0600	0625	2	110600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0605	0630	3	110605H	Adjacent friendly day acts for 11 Jan 71.	S-3
0610	0630	4	110610H	Adjacent friendly day acts for 11 Jan 71.	S-3
0800	0807	5	110800H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0800	0800	6	110800H	Forecast of Operations for 12 Jan 71.	S-3
1000	1000	7	111000H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1005	1030	8	111005H	URS 150 meters radius 029353	S-3
1200	1230	9	111200H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1229	1250	10	111229H	URS at 023355 400 meters	S-3
	1300	11	111300H	Recon Noon Position	S-3
1402	1415	12	111402H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1600	1720	13	111600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1812	1830	14	111812H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1750	1825	15	111750H	To Recline 86, to inform them of L Co night acts and Mike Cupp acts	S-3
	1755	16	111755H	Intell Report: Provided information that approx 100 NVA are located vicinity center of mass at 965300.	S-3
1930		17	111930H	Air Requests for 3/5 Forward for 12 Jan 71.	S-3
1945		18	111945H	Recon Night Positions.	S-3
	2045	19	112045H	Air Requirments for 12 Jan 71.	S-3
2130		20	112045H	I-2 (999314) while in night position, unit observed 01 VC/NVA running west to east. VC/NVA was approx 25-50	S-3

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2305		21	112135H	<p>meters away. I-2 initiated fire with 05 SAF and 02 81mm HE and 01 60mm illum. Will search area at first light.</p> <p>I-2 (999314) Unit heard music from area of previously spotted VC/NVA. I-2 called 81mm fire mission expanding 10 rounds of HE. Music was stopped. Will search at first light.</p> <p>SUMMARY: I-2 spotted 01 VC/NVA and initiated SAF and 02 81mm HE, then heard music coming from same area so fired 10 more rounds of 81mm HE with no results.</p>	S-3
2400	2400	22	112400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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0001	0001	1	120001H	JOURNAL OPENED	
0026	0035	2	120026H	Message from XO to 3/5 Comm O	S-3
0600	0740	3	120600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0610	0630	4	120610H	Adjacent day acts for 12 Jan 71.	S-3
0615	0635	5	120615H	Co. K day acts for 12 Jan 71, Sent to Regt Saucer Cupp.	S-3
0605	0702	6	120605H	Adjacent day acts for 12 Jan 71, sent to Regt L Co.	S-3
0620	1350	7	120620H	Co. K day acts for 12 Jan 71, sent to Recline 86.	S-3
0806	0815	8	120806H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1000	1025	9	121025H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	1025	10	121025H	URS at 013339 400 meters	S-3
	1050	11	121050H	Resupply Request for 15 Jan 71.	S-3
1202	1222	12	121202H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	1215	13	121215H	Recon Noon Position	S-3
1406	1415	14	121406H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1440	1440	15	121440H	Co. K night acts, sent to Rec 86	S-3
1515	1515	16	121515H	Mike Cupp night acts, sent to Recline 86.	S-3
1515	1530	17	121515H	3/5 Forward Chops Opcon K Co. to 3/5 Rear and assumes opcon L Co. (-).	S-3
1610	1620	18	121610H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1600	1630	19	121600H	Co. K night acts for 12 Jan 71, sent to L Co. Forward.	S-3
1803	1815	20	121803H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	1820	21	121820H	Recon Night Position	S-3

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	1910H	22	121910H	Air Request for 13 Jan 71	S-3
	2000H	23	121950H	Air requirements for 13 Jan 71 sent to Regt.	S-3
2115H		24	122115H	Correction to Recon night positions	S-3
	2200H	25	122200H	Operations conducted for 12 Jan 71 sent to Regt.	S-3
				SUMMARY:	
				3/5 conducted category II operations	
2400H	2400H	26	; 22400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0001	0001	1	130001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
0050	0050	2	130050H	Instruction in employment of supporting arms to MDK6, 16	S-3
0600	0630	3	130600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0600	0630	4	130600H	Day acts for 13 Jan 71, sent to Regt.	S-3
0600	0655	5	130600H	K-2 day acts, sent to 3/5 Forward.	S-3
0600	0650	6	130600H	Adjacent day acts for 13 Jan 71, sent to cupp.	
0600	0645	7	130600H	K-1 day acts for 13 Jan 71, to Recline 86.	S-3
0600	0855	8	130600H	Day acts sent to recline 86, for I Co.	S-3
	0850	9	130850H	Salute Report	S-3
0900	0915	10	130900H	Forecast of Operations for 14 Jan.	S-3
1000	1010	11	131000H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	1020	12	131020H	Change in Flt Report	S-3
1330	1420	13	131120H	MDK-2 (982345) (979345) while on day patrol, unit was approaching 02 hooches when they spotted 01 VC/NVA wearing black pajamas with rifle fleeing into treeline. Unit received approx 20 rounds automatic small arms rounds fire from treeline. Unit returned fire with approx 75-100 rounds of M-16 fire. Unit called 81mm at 1122 rounds complete at 1200H, expending 02 WP and 50 HE rounds. Unit checked area finding 01VN male, approx 40yrs old. 01 VN female approx 30 years old. 01 fem, 07 yrs old. 01 document, 03 pairs black PJ's, 60 lbs of rice, Epsom salt, medical powder. Unit checking area and rest of treeline.	S-3

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1200	1225	14	131200H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1200	1200	15	131200H	Message from K-2, concerning detainees.	S-3
	1335	16	131335H	Recon Noon Position	S-3
1406	1420	17	131406H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1614	1805	18	131455H	MDK-1 (998309) (991302) while setting in FPB, spotted 01 VC/NVA, called 81mm fire mission, beginning at 1500 and ending at 1515, expending 01 WP and 21 HE. Unit proceeded to search area.	S-3
	1555	19	131555H	A resupply to M (-) and M 2.	S-4
1600	1655	20	131600H	I-3 (949345) while checking out defensive wire, found 01 marine corps cartridge belt with 02 hand-made Chicoms made from blastings caps and bamboo. Blown in Place.	S-3
	1545	21	131545H	From MD2 Rear to Aroma-2. Intell Report.	S-3
1600	1814	22	131600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	1800	23	131655H	K 1-3 (997310) while on patrol tripped a unk B/T, requiring 03 Emergency Med-Evac. Med-Evac requested at 1700H for 03 USMC WIA.	S-3
	1781	24	131781H	AO extentsion request for 2/5.	S-3
1800	1827	25	131800H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1815	1815	26	131815H	K Co. and Mike Cupp night acts for 13 Jan 71, sent to Recline 86.	S-3
1822	1829	27	131822H	PF night activity for 13 Jan 71, sent to Recline 86.	S-3
	1930	28	131930H	Air Requirments for 14 Jan 71.	S-3
	0040	29	131655H	K 1-3 (992309) "Final" had halted to take break and set in a 360 deg.	S-3

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				perimeter in a tree line surrounding a rice paddy. As the point man moved out he had to pass the rear element of K 1-3. It was at this time while passing the rear man he tripped the booby trap 60mm. The point man and the man behind him and rear elements were all WIA. Called Med-Evac and KI-1 came to aid. K 1-3 and received 25 rounds SAF. Returned Saf and scarfaced expended 7.62. Med-Evac complete at 1705H. Searched area of sniper fire with negative results.	
1835		30	131835H	Recon Night Position	S-3
0301		31	132001H	Message from Regt 6 to 3/5 R&F, stating 3/5 has done a good job.	S-3
				SUMMARY: K-2 detained 03 Vietnamese and found 60lbs of rice, 01 document, misc gear. I-3 found ordance and blew it in place. K 1-3 had 03 USMC WIA as a result of 01 60mm booby trap.	
2400	2400	32	132400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001H	0001H	1	140001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0110H	0205H	2	140015H	I 3 LZ Ryder (941343) 1 light spot- ted that blinked periodically. 81mm F/M called in and light was extinguished.	S-3/F
0600H	0625H	3	140600H	Bn position report	S-3/F
0610H	0700H	4	140610H	D/Acts for 14 Jan 71 to CUPP	S-3/F
0610H	0700H	5	140605H	D/Acts of A&C CUPP sent to K Co	S-3/F
0605H	0650H	6	140610H	D/Acts of A&C CUPP sent to I Co	S-3/F
0700H	0820H	7	140700H	Forecast of Opns for 15 Jan 71	S-3/F
	0930H	8	140745H	A CUPP 3 (006340) while on combined USMC/PF pat obs 2 VN crossing a rice paddy. They were w/wpns & moving SE. PF's 99 told personnel to halt & the 2 VN fled into treeline, PF's fired approx 100 rnds at the personnel. Search of area proved negative.	S-3/F
	1045H	9	140920H	K 2 (982345) while preparing to move fm FPB received 25 rnds SAF fm 1 VC/NVA located approx 300 m to the NE in a small village. K 2 returned SAF and called in Emer Evac which was complete at 0945. Search of area proved negative.	S-3/F
1320H	1332H	10	141045H	K 12 (997310) while on pat unit rd 1 500 lb bomb that was not rigged as B/T and they destroyed it in place.	S-3
	1309H	11	141200H	I 1 (996336) while on pat received approx 10 rnds AK-47 fire fm treeline approx 800 m to the SW. Called 81mm F/M, 1st rnd 1205 expending 1 WP and 20 HE EOM 1220H.	S-3
1200H	1205H	12	141200H	Bn position report	S-3
	1215H	13	141215H	Recon noon positions	S-3
	1430H	14	141220H	K 1 (997315) while on pat obs 2 VC/ NVA W/Parks and wpns crossing a rice paddy going into a treeline approx 2,000 m away. Called 81mm F/M, 1st round 1225, EOM 1300 expending 6 WP and 43 HE w/excellent coverage. Did not search due to distance.	S-3
1400H	1425H	15	141400H	Bn position report	S-3

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1607H	1610H	16	141607H	Bn position report	S-3	
	1617H	17	141517H	Air request for 15 Jan 71	S-3	
1811H	1845H	18	141811H	Bn position report	S-3	
1620H	1630H	19	141620H	N/Acts for M CUPP & Co K sent to Recline 86	S-3	
	2030H	20	142030H	Air requirements for 15 Jan 71	S-3	
	1945H	21	141735H	K 1 (990315) while set in PFB obs 1 VC/NVA dressed in black w/wpn approx 1000 m to the south moving into a tree-line. Fired 1 60mm HE w/neg results and then called 61mm F/M. Recline 86 then took over due to better vision. 1st rnd 1745, EOM 1830, fired 1 WP & 40 HE rnds. Recline obs 1 VC/NVA enter a hootch and did not come out, hootch received 1 direct hit.	S-3	
	2058H	22	141941H	Msg fm 3/5 EO to Collective concern- ing volunteers for adjutant.	S-3	
2105H		23	142105H	Recon night positions	S-3	
	2245H	24	142110H	Post #24 (RCB) obs possible movement approx 40 m to his front outside wire. Officer of the Day was contacted and gave the sentry permission to fire 08 rounds. Obs area under M-79 illum w/neg results. Will search area at 1st light.	S-3	
	2331H	25	142300H	Opns conducted for 14 Jan 71 sen to Regt.	S-3	
				SUMMARY: I 3 called in 61mm F/M on blinking light w/unk results. A CUPP w/FF's opened fire, on 2000 after they refused to halt. K 2 had 1 USMC WIA (E) as a results of 25 rnds sniper fire. K 12 fd 1 500 lb bomb and destroyed it in place. I 1 received 10 rnds SAF and called 61mm F/M w/neg results. K 1 called in 61mm F/M on 2 VC/NVA w/unk results. K 1 called in 61mm F/M on 1 VC/NVA w/unk results. Post #24 initiated SAF w/permission of OD ob suspected movement.		
2400H	2400H	26	142400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	DECLASSIFIED	

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0001	0001	1	150001H	JOURNAL OPENED	
0440	0300	2	150245H	RCB bunker #24 threw 01 frag at suspected enemy in wire with the permission of the officer of the day. Will search in morning.	S-3
	0701	3	150600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	0832	4	150700H	Forecast of Operations for 16 Jan 71.	S-3
0800		5	150800H	Message concerning FF day acts.	S-3
1030	1030	6	150850H	L-1 (997344) Unit on patrol found 01 B/T consisting of 155mm round of M-26 frag used as a primer. Unit destroyed in place.	S-3
	1050	7	151000H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1030		8	151030H	Resupply for H-381.	S-4
	1216	9	151200H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1300	1310	10	151105H	K-2 (012304) Unit on patrol received 150-200 rounds automatic SAF and harrasing sniper fire from tree-line. K-2 returned SAF and called in Arty fire mission, which was not cleared because of friendlies. Recline 86 spotted 02 VC/NVA in vicinity but also could not fare.	S-3
1210		11	151210H	Recon Noon Position	S-3
1345		12	151345H	Resupply for Recline 86.	S-4
	1430	13	151430H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	1435	14	151435H	Message concerning replacement of 106 personnel in the forward.	S-3
1750		15	151510	K-33 (993317) Unit on patrol received 20 rounds SAF from treeline 150 meters to SE. Unit returned with SAF and then while checking the area (992316) hit 01 B/T consisting of 01	S-3

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				105mm round packed in C-4 with pressure release device, set off of trail. B/T resulted in 01 USMC WIA Emer-Evac.	
	1530	16	151530H	Air Request for 16 Jan 71.	S-3
	2105	17	151535H	C-Cupp (993316) Unit on patrol with K-32 received sniper fire from 01 VC located to the west. C-Cupp 6 went to the high ground to get a better view, when he hit 01 B/T consisting of 105mm packed with C-4, resulting in 01 USMC WIA Emer-Evac. Upon completion of Med-evac, Cupp and K-32 searched area for sniper with negative results.	S-3
	1855	18	151855H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	2000	19	152000H	Recon Night Position	S-3
	2150	20	152150H	Air Requirments for 16 Jan 71, sent to Regt.	S-3
	2235	21	152205H	Operations conducted for 15 Jan 71, sent to Regt.	S-3
2247		22	152220H	A Cupp (018348) Point man spotted 01 VC/NVA to his front moving west. Point man initiated SAF with 10 rounds with M-16. Unit searched area with negayive results.	S-3
				SUMMARY: K-2 had 01 Emer-Evac as results of B/T. C-Cupp had their 6 Emer-Evac as result of B/T, and I-1 found and destroyed 01 B/T.	
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0001H	0001H	1	160001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
	1130H	2	152220H	Late Entry: Point Man initiated a contact at 152220H. Checked personnel gear in morning and fd that rnd had gone through his M-16 mag and utilities causing a slight burn on his upper arm. Burn was treated by corpsman.	S-3
	0630H	3	160600H	Bn position report	S-3
	0649H	4	160605H	Adjacent D/Acts for 16 Jan 71 sent to CUPP	S-3
	0652H	5	160610H	Adjacent D/Acts for 16 Jan 71 sent to Co K	S-3
	0711H	6	160615H	Adjacent D/Acts for 16 Jan 71 sent to K Co	S-3
	0835H	7	160700H	Forecast of Opns for 17 Jan 71	S-3
	0843H	8	150830H	Bn position report	S-3
	0950H	9	160950H	Resupply request for 17 Jan 71	S-3
1201H		10	161201H	Resupply from M Co	S-3
	1000H	11	161000H	Bn position report	S-3
1235H		12	161115H	K 32 (987311) (983309) received automatic burst of approx 39 SA rnds 300 m to the south. Returned w/approx 100 rnd SAF, 01 LAAW, 05 M-79 rnds, 50 M-60 rnds, 60mm rnds, 12 HE and 1 WP. Called 81mm F/M at 1120H, expending 30 HE, 3 WP EOM at 1145H. Checking out the area.	S-3
1116H		13	161116H	Resupply for H-381	S-3
	1202H	14	161200H	Bn position report	S-3
	1400H	15	161400H	Recon noon positions	S-3
1510H		16	161410H	K 32 (992314) (989333) spotted 5 VC/NVA w/wpns. Called 81mm F/M at 1407H expending 3 WP and 6 HE. Unit made check, w/neg results	S-3
	1417H	17	161415H	Bn position report	S-3
	1735H	18	161640H	While on patrol, unit fd 1 dud 105 mm HE rnd that was not set as booby trap and was blown in place.	S-3
	1625H	19	161611H	Bn position report	S-3
	1827H	20	161800H	Bn position report	S-3

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	1817H	21	161817H	Msg fm L 2 to S-4	S-4
	1915H	22	161800H	A CUPP (02345) Vo Ban, 56 year old VN died while being rushed to BAS today as a result of a booby trap set by PF's in their perimeter wire. PF's have been told on many occasions not to set B/T in their wire.	S-3
	1930H	23	161930H	Recon night positions	S-3
1849H	1922H	24	161810H	K 2 FPB (991332) unit received 10 sniper rnds fm 1 VC/NVA who was spotted fleeing to west. K 2 returned w/SAF and 4 60mm rnds w/neg results	S-3
2150H	2240H	25	162030H	I 3 (Ryder) spotted 2 lights and Called 81mm F/M in on them w/unlk re- sults due to darkness and terrain.	S-3
2040H	2150H	26	162055H	Intel report	S-2
2110H	2110H	27	162110H	Resupply for H-381	S-4
2142H		28	162142H	Air Requirements for 17 Jan 71 sent to Regt.	S-3
	2125H	29	162055H	D/Acts sent to Que Son	S-3
	2130H	30	162100H	D/Acts of PF's sent to Rec 85	S-3
	0145H	31	170140H	Opns conducted for 16 Jan 71 sent to Regt.	S-3
				SUMMARY:	
				01 VN (Vo Ban) died today as a result of a PF set Booby Trap.	
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0001	0001	1	170001H	JOURNAL OPENED	
0700	0725	2	170700H	Battalion Position Reports	S-3
0700	0715	3	170700H	Forecast of Operations	S-3
0800	0805	4	170806H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	0937	5	170840H	K-3 (990318) (991323) While on patrol, received approx 55 AK-47 rounds from east. 02 VC/NVA located in treeline, approx 250 meters to the south. K-3 returned fire with 02 laaws, 30 M-60 rounds, and called in 81mm fire mission. First round 0840. E.O.M. 0900, expending 05WP and 34 HE. K-3 presently searching area.	
0930	1040	6	170915H	K-2-3 (989334) (989335) While checking area of fire mission, unit received approx 10 rounds AK-47 auto fire from approx 100 meters from the north. Unit returned fire with M-16 and M-79; checked area with negative results.	S-3
1020		7	171020H	Message from Moon Dash 4: to Moon Dash 4A, resupply request.	S-3
1050		8	171050H	Message from Rummage 3 to Moon Dash 3 on A.O. for 3/5	S-3
1120		9	171120H	CAS Report from Moon Dash forward to rear.	S-3
1120		10	171120H	USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE	S-3
1255	1300	11	171230H	L-1 (003356) While on patrol unit found 03 pounds of documents in ammunition can, 01 USMC Identification Tags and Geneva Convention Card, name and service number on cards, E,I,T, L.M. 5166. 01 NVA Captain insignia, 01 NVA canteen, and 01 canteen cup; bringing all gear back to FPB.	S-3

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1245		12	171245H	Message from Rummage to Moon Dash forward and rear on new A.O. extension for 3/5.	S-3
1304		13	171304H	Message from Kilo to Moon Dash rear, regarding information on Spot Report for Morrow, Thomas Louis.	S-3
1415		14	171415H	RECON NOON POSITIONS	S-3
	1475	15	171415H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	1610	16	171600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1650		17	171650H	Air Request for 18 Jan 71	S-3
	1905	18	171855H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1900		19	171900H	Recon Night Position	S-3
	1950	20	171950H	Message from S-2 Rear to S-2 Forward, CUPP and K concerning Battalion infiltration during TET.	S-2
	2025	21	172025H	Weekly Plan Summary	S-3
	2206	22	172105H	Adjacent Day Acts for 18 Jan 71	S-3
	2245	23	172155H	Change in Kilo's Day Acts for 18 Jan 71.	S-3
	2145	24	172145H	Air requirements for 18 Jan 71	S-3
	2250	25	172215H	Adjacent Day Acts for 18 Jan 71	S-3
	2240	26	172220H	Adjacent Day Acts for 18 Jan 71	S-3
	2251	27	172230H	Operations conducted for 17 Jan 71 sent to Regiment.	S-3
				Summary: I-1 found 03 pounds of documents in ammunition can and 01 USMC Identification Tag and Geneva Convention Card. Name and service number on card, E, I, T, L.M., 5166 Unit also found miscellaneous gear.	
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0001H		0001H	1	180001H	JOURNAL OPENED	
		0722	2	180605H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
		0807	3	180700H	Forecast of Operations for 19 Jan 71	S-3
		0819	4	180810H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0915			5	180915H	Resupply request from Company Lima	S-4
0950			6	180950H	P F DAY Acts for 18 Jan 1971	S-3
		1035	7	181015H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1245		1355	8	181145H	I - 1 (996346) While on patrol came upon 02 hootches containing 07 VN civilians who said that there were approximately 1000 Vietcong recently heading into Sniper Valley. Also found 02 M-16 magazines with rounds.	S-3
1234			9	181234H	Resupply request from I - 2	S-4
		1301	10	181235H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1347			11	181347H	Recon Noon Positions	S-3
		1532	12	181400H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1602			13	181602H	Message concerning Fox 2/5 being chopped OPCON to 3/5 at 181600H Jan	S-3
1645			14	181645H	Resupply request for H - 381	S-4
1650			15	181650H	Fox troop insertion completed	S-3
		1805	16	181800H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
		1810	17	181740H	Night Acts sent to Recline 86	S-3
1845			18	181845H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
		2015	19	182015H	Air requirements for 19 Jan 71	S-3
2015			20	182115H	C - CUPP 2 (008338) Received 01 chicom from vicinity where they had previously heard movement.	S-3

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				(cont.) Returned fire with SAF and 01 Claymore, then swept area 150 meters to the NW and 200 meters to the West with negative results.	
	2345	21	182345H	Interrogation Report	S-3
	0050	22	190045H	Operations conducted for 18 Jan 1971 sent to Regiment	S-3
	0200	23	190200H	Addition to air requirements for 19 Jan 1971	S-3
				SUMMARY: Late Entry: Recent intelligence indicates elements in front 4 locations. I - 1 found 07 VN civilians and C - CUPP received 01 chicom and returned fire with negative results.	
2400	2400	24	182400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001H	0001H		1	190001H	JOURNAL OPENED	
	0545		2	190450H	Adjacent Day Acts for CUPP & Co. K	S-3
	1705		3	190700H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0845	1030		4	190810H	C CUPP 3 (01735) received 05 rounds of sniper fire from the SW as they were beginning their patrol. Unit moved into area of sniper fire and observed 02 VC/NVA moving in a treeline at 998328. VC/NVA were dressed in green and had weapons. Unit initiated SAF and M-79 and called 81mm F/M at 0820H, 1st round 0825, EOM 0840, expending 02 WP and 10 HE rounds. Swept area with negative results.	S-3
0845H	0855		5	190815H	K-3 (984306) While on patrol unit found 01 M-26 frag set up as Booby Trap with pull friction type fuse, set 01 off trail. Blew B/T in place	S-3
0904			6	190904H	Resupply request for H-381	S-4
	1005		7	191000H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1045	1145		8	191030H	K-3 (985305) While on patrol unit found 250 pound bomb and blew it in place. Unit received 05 sniper rounds from from approximately 200 meters to the NW at 984307 while searching area. Returned fire with 60mm, 01 WP and 03 HE, 06 M-79, and 3 M-60 rounds. Searched area with negative results.	S-3
1110	1145		9	191040H	K-3 (984304) While set in PPB received 03 rounds of sniper fire. Returned with SAF, 08 M-79 HE and 02 60mm HE. Searched with negative results.	S-3
	1115		10	191000H	Forecast of OPERATIONS for 20 Jan 71	S-3

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IN	OUT				
1300H	1415H	11	191140H	K-32 (987313) Received approx 50-75 rounds of sniper fire while on patrol, from estimated 02 VC/NVA. Returned fire with SAF, 02 laaws, 12 M-79, and called 81mm F/M, 1st round 1145, BOM 1250, expending on board ordnance, and K-32 is presently searching area.	S-3
	1145	12	190930H	Current Enemy Sitation	S-2
	1210	13	191200H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1200		14	191200H	Additional Resupply request for H-361	S-4
0950	1210	15	190950H	Message concerning KCS	S-2
1245		16	191245H	Recent Noon Positions	S-3
1330	1405	17	191300H	K-31 (997310) While on patrol received 30-35 rounds auto AK-47 fire, from ridgeline to E, from estimated 03 VC/NVA. Returned fire with 01 laaw, 07 M-79 HE and SAF. Did not sweep area due to its being out of AO.	S-3
1320		18	191330H	AO change effective 200001H to 262400H Jan 71.	S-3
1515		19	191515H	Resupply request for Recline 86	S-4
1520		20	191520H	Message concerning the relief of snipers at Recline 86.	S-3
1522	1745	21	191522H	Message concerning security for FSB Ranchouse.	S-3
1655	1745	22	191525H	K-32 (986305) Point, man detonated 01 M-26 B/T with tripwire across trail. Unit called in 02 emerg medivac and 01 Priority evac which was completed at 1604.	S-3
1700	1730	23	191525H	C CUPP (001336) Received 03 sniper rounds while on patrol. Unit immediately pursued into treeline.	S-3

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				(cont.) 01 VC/NVA as a result of a frag he threw at one Marine. Marine was also wounded in action also 01 VC/NVA male was a KIA and 01 VC/NVA female was WIA as they tried to flee. Female was not found after search but 01 large blood stain was found. USMC medivac was completed at 1553.	
	1710	24	191600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1845	1900	25	191615H	K-32 (986305) Received approx 40 rounds SAF from approx 200 meters to the SW. Returned fire with SAF and M-79, searching area with negative results.	S-3
1700		26	191700H	Resupply request for forward	S-4
1730		27	191730H	Message concerning M-26 A1	S-3
1745		28	191745H	Air Request for 20 Jan 71	S-3
	1810	29	191800H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1830		30	191830H	Message concerning the return of the 10 to Ross Combat Base.	S-3
	1850	31	191832H	Change in Night Acts for 19 Jan 71	S-3
	1845	32	191836H	Night Acts for 19 Jan 71	S-3
1925	2005	33	191845H	K-3 (987307) Received 02 SAF from approx 400 meters to the SW. Unit called 81mm fire mission, 1st round 1845, EOM 1859, expending 04 WP and 15 HE. A negative search due to darkness.	S-3
1850		34	191850H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
2020	2110	35	191940H	A CUPP (014355) in ambush site heard movement and initiated fire with SAF and 01 claymore with negative results.	S-3

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1955		36	191955H	Air requirements for 20 Jan 71	S-3
2035	2115	37	191955H	A CUPP 4 (011438) Moving into section ambush received 01 incoming grenade. Returned 40 rounds SAF and put out illumination with 26 M-79. Called for 60mm from A CUPP C.P. and got illum. Swept area with negative results.	S-3
	2125	38	192019H	I-2 (999314) Detected movement about 60 meters from wire. Fired 60mm HE rounds and 85 M-26 frags. Will search at first light	S-3
	2200	39	192045H	C CUPP 2 (000336) in ambush took one frag. Returned with SAF and swept with negative results.	S-3
	2140	40	192130H	Operations conducted for 19 Jan 71	S-3
0055	0230	41	192345H	I - 2 (999314) perimeter was probed by 01 VC/NVA on inside of hill. Fired SAF and 81mm with 01 probable WIA.	S-3
				SUMMARY: Numerous sniper incidents and probing and C CUPP got 02 confirmed VC/NVA KIA's.	
2400	2400	42	192400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	
			192200H	Late Entry: C CUPP (018315) while in position took 01 incoming chicom. Fired 10 M-79 with negative results.	S-3

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0001	0001	1	200001H	JOURNAL OPENED		
0600	0610	2	200600H	Adjacent Day Acts for 20 Jan 71	S-3	
0600	0630	3	200600H	Adjacent Day Acts for 20 Jan 71	S-3	
0600	0610	4	200600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3	
0700	0750	5	200700H	Forecast of Operations for 20 Jan 71	S-3	
0805	0805	6	200805H	Battalion Position Report	S-3	
	0900	7	200900H	AO Boundaries for 2/5	S-3	
	0950	8	200950H	AO Boundaries for 3/5	S-3	
1000	1035	9	201000H	Battalion Position Report	S-3	
	1135	10	201135H	Resupply for H-381	S-4	
1200	1205	11	201200H	Battalion Position Report	S-3	
1205	1255	12	201205H	K-2 (008350) While moving to PFB received 20-25 rounds auto fire from tree line. K-2 returned fire with SAF, 05 rounds M-79 HE. Called emerg medivac, complete at 1224.	S-3	
	1305	13	201305H	Recon Noon Positions	S-3	
	1310	14	201320H	Casualty Report for Company K	S-1	
	1320	15	201320H	Resupply for Company Fox (038418)	S-4	
	1345	16	201345H	Change Day ACTS for 20 Jan 71	S-3	
1405	1415	17	201405H	Battalion Position Report	S-3	
1610	1650	18	201610H	Battalion Position Report	S-3	
	1626	19	201626H	Change in Night Acts for K Company	S-3	
	1645	20	201635H	K & M CUPP Night Acts, sent to Recline 86	S-3	
	1820	21	201820H	Recon Night Positions	S-3	

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1735	1825	22	201055H	K-2 (994344) While on patrol, came upon a ville, during search of area detained 01 male, age 22-25 years, and found 100 pounds of rice and 100 pounds of potatoes. Found 09 leaves with writing on them. Unit destroyed rice and potatoes. Are waiting to extract detainees and are bringing leaves back to PFB.	S-3
1810	1845	23	201725H	K-3 (995353) While set in PFB spotted 07 VN. Unit detained these people because they could not explain what they were doing so far from the ville.	S-3
	1945	24	201800H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1845		25	201845H	Air requirements for 21 Jan 71	S-3
1900		26	201900H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
1917		27	201917H	Message concerning visit of CG III MAF	S-3
1935		28	201935H	Resupply for hill 381	S-4
	2050	29	202050H	Air requirements for 21 Jan 71 sent to Regiment	S-3
	2105	30	202100H	Corrections in Day Acts for 21 Jan 71	S-3
2140	2250	31	202140H	I - 2 (999344), on Hill 270 received 01 chicom resulting in 02 USMC WIA. Called in 81mm F/M, 1st round 1955, EOM 2200, expending 02 HE. Will search at first light.	S-3
	2210	32	202200H	Additions to Air requirements for 21 Jan 71	S-3
	2230	33	202030H	Operations conducted for 20 Jan 71	S-3
2240		34	202240H	Casualty Report from I-2	S-1
		SUMMARY: K-2 had 03 WIA's today as a result of sniper fire. A total of 08 VN detained and 100 pounds of rice and potatoes found. I-2 had 02 WIA's as result of chicom. 202400H JOURNAL CLOSED			
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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001	0001	1	210001H	JOURNAL OPENED	
0630	0650	2	210630H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0630	0700	3	210630H	Adjacent Day Acts for 21 Jan71 sent to Kilo CUPP	S-3
0630	0710	4	210630H	Adjacent Day Acts for 21 Jan 71 sent to Kilo	S-3
0800	0820	5	210800H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0800	0810	6	210800H	Forecast of Operations for 22 Jan71 sent to 5th Marines	S-3
	0845	7	210845H	Resupply for Mike for 23 Jan 71	S-4
1000	1010	8	211000H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0830	0930	9	210830H	From Moon Dash Rear to Moon Dash Forward: Pay and R&R from Delta Battery personnel.	S-3
0830	0930	10	210830H	To 3/5 I Concerning pay and R&R from Delta battery personnel.	S-3
0830	0945	11	210830H	To Recline 86, concerning pay and R&R from Delta battery personnel.	S-3
0830	1000	12	210830H	To 3/5 L - concerning pay and R&R from Delta battery personnel.	S-3
0830	1010	13	210830H	To Recline 86 - concerning pay and R&R from Delta battery personnel.	S-3
0830	1015	14	210830H	To 3/5 Kilo - concerning pay and R&R, from Delta battery personnel.	S-3
0830	1020	15	210830H	To Mike 3/5 - concerning pay and R&R, from Delta battery personnel.	S-3
1200	1220	16	211200H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	1222	17	211222H	Recon Noon Positions	S-3
1408	1410	18	211408H	Battalion Position Report	S-3

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IN	OUT				
1551H	1600H	22	211551H	Information to Recline 86 concerning night acts.	S-3/F
1810H	1830H	23	211810H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1835H		24	211835H	Company K Imperial Lake TAOR.	S-3/F
1850H		25	211850H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
1935H		26	211935H	Drop the zone resupply for 22 Jan 1971.	S-4/F
2105H		27	212105H	Resupply request for Company I.	S-4/F
2145H		28	212145H	Air requirements for 22 Jan 1971.	S-3/F
2240H	2345H	29	212210H	FF's at A CUPP reported 140 NVA AT 985343. NVA were hiding in bunkers. 3/5 FSCC called a fire mission on the grid. D Btry, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines fired first round at 2300H, ending the mission at 2330H, using 44 HE fuze delay. K Btry, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines fired 5 HE fuze delay. 81's observed 1 large secondary explosion. Black Hammer is currently checking the area.	S-3/F
2230H		30	212230H	Operations conducted for 21 Jan.	S-3/F
2320H		31	212320H	Addition to air requirements for 22 Jan 1971.	S-3/F
2345H	0040H	32	212345H	Bunker 7 spotted movement. COD ordered guard to fire 7 M-16 rounds, and 2 M-79 rounds HE. Object was seen dropping into gully. Area will be swept at first light. Summary: Artillery fired on suspected 140 NVA, grid 985343. Bunker 7, located at Ross Combat Base, fired on movement with negative results.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	33	212400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	220001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0615H	0655H	2	220615H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0630H	0713H	3	220630H	Adjacent day acts for 22 Jan 71 sent to CHFP.	S-3/F
0630H	0722H	4	220630H	Adjacent day acts for 22 Jan 71 sent to Company K.	S-3/F
0750H	0800H	5	220750H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0800H	0810H	6	220800H	Forecast of Operations for 23 Jan 71 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
0955H	1000H	7	220955H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1150H	1230H	8	221150H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1220H		9	221220H	Recon noon positions.	S-3/F
1327H		10	221327H	Addition to Recon noon positions.	S-3/F
1420H	1425H	11	221420H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1550H	1600H	12	221550H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1750H	1750H	13	221750H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1820H		14	221820H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
1833H	1845H	15	221833H	Company M night acts for 22 Jan 71.	S-3/F
1930H	2000H	16	222000H	Air requirements for 23 Jan 71.	S-3/F
1947H		17	221947H	Subj: Rules of Engagement.	S-3/F
2100H	2025H	18	222025H	M 3 ambush and PPB for 22 Jan 71, located AT 000357. M 31 ambush was located AT 995353.	S-3/F
1930H	1900H	19	221900H	Recline 86 spotted 5 VC/NVA at grid (972322) with packs and rifles and 1 rocket. Batteries K and D fired 34 HE of 105mm. First round was fired at 1630H, ending the fire mission at 1647H with negative results.	S-3/F

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IN	OUT				
2000H	2010H	20	222000H	Operations conducted for 22 Jan 71.	S-3/F
2015H		21	222015H	Subj: Indiscriminate firing of weapons.	S-3/F
2115H	2115H	22	222115H	Adjacent day acts for 23 Jan 71.	S-3/F
2154H	2154H	23	222154H	Subj: Countermeasures against SFL.	S-3/F
2315H	2315H	24	222315H	Subj: Threat of increased enemy activity in Quang Nam (P) during TET Holiday.	S-3/F
2340H	2340H	25	222340H	Change in Company M's day acts for 23 Jan 1971. Summary: Units of 3/5 conducted Category II Operations through the day.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	26	222400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	230001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0600H	0630H	2	230600H	Change in TOD for day acts for Co. M's first platoon.	S-3/F
0745H	0750H	3	230745H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0800H	0824H	4	230800H	Forecast of Operation for 24 Jan 1971.	S-3/F
1015H	1020H	5	231015H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1146H		6	231146H	Casualty report from Company L.	S-1/F
1148H		7	231148H	Casualty report from Company L.	S-1/F
1150H	1205H	8	231150H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1325H		9	231325H	Recon noon positions.	S-3/F
1350H	1355H	10	231350H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1508H		11	231508H	Message from SgtMaj to 1stSgt of Company H&S.	S-1/F
1550H	1555H	12	231550H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1610H	1615H	13	231610H	Friendly adjacent night acts sent for 24 Jan 1971 sent to Recline Co.	S-3/F
1720H	1720H	14	231720H	Air requirements for 24 Jan 1971.	S-3/F
1755H	1810H	15	231755H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1908H	1915H	16	231908H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1830H		17	231830H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
2045H	2221H	18	232045H	I CP (949344) unit as security patrol for FSB Ryder was probed in the SE part of their positions by an unknown number of VC/NVA. Unit initiated small arms fire and visually checked the area with the aid of illumination. Will search the area at first light.	S-3/F
2120H		19	232120H	Message concerning shackling of grids.	S-3/F

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2025H	2105H	20	232025H	Air requirements for 24 Jan 1971.	S-3/F
2040H	2106H	21	232040H	Operations conducted for 23 Jan 71.	S-3/F
2140H		22	232140H	Message concerning shackling of grips.	S-3/F
2145H	2145H	23	232145H	Adjacent day acts for 24 Jan 71.	S-3/F
2209H	2209H	24	232209H	Addition to air requirements for 24 Jan 1971.	S-3/F
2300H	2300H	25	232300H	Adjacent day acts for 24 Jan 71.	S-3/F
2300H	2300H	26	232300H	Message concerning the return of personnel to Ross Combat Base.	S-3/F
				Summary: I CP initiated small arms fire on suspected probe of FSB Ryder with unknown results.	
2400H	2400H	27	232400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	240001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0030H		2	240030H	Message concerning resupply for Recline Co.	S-4/F
0745H	0745H	3	240745H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0900H	0935H	4	240900H	Forecast of Operations for 25 Jan 1971 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
0940H		5	240940H	Message from Company I concerning a security patrol.	S-3/F
1015H	1025H	6	241015H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1030H		7	241030H	Message concerning resupply for L 2.	S-4/F
1135H		8	241135H	Addition to L 2's resupply.	S-4/F
1235H	1245H	9	241235H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1300H	1405H	10	241300H	M 23 while on patrol observed 1 VC/NVA dressed in black, carrying a weapon, moving in an easterly direction approximately 200 meters to the North. Unit initiated small arms fire. VC/NVA fled to the East. Unit is currently searching the area. It is believed that the VC/NVA was wounded.	S-3/F
1345H	1355H	11	241345H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1545H	1600H	12	241545H	M 23 (990341) swept the area where they previously fired upon 1 VC/NVA. Unit found a large pool of blood, 2 lbs. of rice, 1 blasting cap, 1 green uniform, 1 poncho, 1 M-16 magazine (empty), and a two feet long piece of trip wire. Captured equipment will be forwarded to S-2.	S-3/F
1600H	1635H	13	241600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1700H	1700H	14	241700H	Message to Co. L, that there is 1 Marine who is still in the field, who is supposed to be transferred.	S-1/F
1735H		15	241735H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F

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1745H	1955H	16	241745H	Air requirements for 25 Jan 71.	S-3/F
1800H	1818H	17	241800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1805H		18	241805H	Resupply request for Company I.	S-4/F
2000H	2000H	19	242000H	Weekly Plan Summary.	S-3/F
2100H	2115H	20	242100H	Operations conducted for 24 Jan 71.	S-3/F
1945H	2000H	21	241820H	M 21 (999340) while moving into their night ambush site, found 1 155mm round rigged with a pull action device and 3 ft. of trip wire. B/T was found on the side of the trail and it appeared to have been set two to three days ago. B/T will be destroyed at first light. Summary: M 23 initiated fire on 1 VC/NVA, resulting in a pool of blood. M 2 also found 2 lbs. of rice, 1 blasting cap, 1 green uniform, 1 poncho, 1 empty M-16 magazine, two feet of trip wire, and 1 B/T consisting of 1 155mm round.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	22	242400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	250001H	JOURNAL OPENED;	
0400H	0415H	2	250400H	Adjacent H day acts for 25 H Jan 1971.	S-3/F
0700H	0650H	3	250700H	Forecast of Operations for 26 Jan 1971 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
0800H	0830H	4	250800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0830H		5	250830H	AO extension for 3/5.	S-3/F
0920H	0935H	6	250900H	M 2 (996335) while returning to Ross, observed 2 females (ages 30-50) moving SW down a trail. Females hid a sandbag containing 1 gallon of wine and 1000 P's. Another gallon of wine was found 20 ft from the sandbag. Unit detained both females and returned to Ross.	S-3/F
0940H		7	250940H	Water resupply for Recline 86.	S-4/F
1035H	1040H	8	251035H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1155H		9	251155H	AO change for 2/5 and 3/5.	S-3/F
1345H	1415H	10	251245H	M 3 (991331) while in PFB, received 20-25 rounds from a treeline (988332) to the west. Rounds came from an estimated 1 VC/NVA with a M-16 or a carbine. Unit returned fire with 2 M79 rounds, and approximately 60 rounds small arms fire. Unit also called 81mm fire mission. First round hit at 1240H, ending the mission at 1250H, expending 1 WP, and 17 HE rounds. Unit checked the area with negative results.	S-3/F
1305H		11	251305H	AO for 23rd Infantry.	S-3/F
1307H		12	251307H	Recon noon positions.	S-3/F
1405H	1420H	13	251405H	Battalion Position report.	S-3/F

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1545H	1615H	14	251545H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1720H	1730H	15	251700H	Night acts for I 2 for 25 Jan 1971.	S-3/F
1745H	1811H	16	251715H	M 3 (991331) while in PPB, unit received approximately 30 rounds small arms fire from 1 VC/NVA located in a treeline (993332). Unit returned fire with 10 M79 rounds, 40 rounds of M60, and approximately 60 rounds of M-16 fire. M 3 is currently searching the area.	S-3/F
1755H		17	251755H	Air requirements for 3/5 FWD for 26 Jan 1971.	S-3/F
1815H	1815H	18	251815H	Adjacent night acts for 25 Jan 1971.	S-3/F
1815H	1818H	19	251815H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1840H		20	251840H	AO extension for 3/5.	S-3/F
2035H	2130H	21	251930H	I 1 (Ranch House) while in defensive position had 1 trip flare go off on the north side of their position. At the same time, the south side of their perimeter received 1 incoming chicom, which landed about 30 meters from the nearest hole. Unit threw 4 grenades and fired 3 M79 rounds in the area where the trip flare went off. Unit also threw 4 grenades and fired 3 M79 rounds into the area where the incoming chicom was received. Unit will search the area at first light.	S-3/F
2030H	2309H	22	252030H	Message to Co L concerning personnel who are being reassigned.	S-3/F
2130H	2252H	23	252130H	Air requirements for 26 Jan 1971 sent to Regt.	S-3/F

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IN	OUT				
2220H		24	252220H	C CUPP (018336) while in night position had 2 trip flares go off. Unit fired 2 M79 HE rounds. Unit swept the area to the south with the aid of 60mm illumination. Unit completed the sweep with negative results.	S-3/F
2300H	2321H	25	252300H	Operations conducted for 26 Jan 1971 sent to Regt. Summary: M 2 detained 2 females. M 3 received occasional sniper fire while in PFB. I 1 (Ranch House) received 1 incoming chicom grenade.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	26	252400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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IN	OUT				
0001H	0001H	1	260001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0002H	0036H	2	260002H	Informed units of friendly adjacent day acts for 26 Jan 71.	S-3/F
0700H	0800H	3	260700H	Forecast of Operations for 27 Jan 1971 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
0800H	0805H	4	260800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0900H		5	260900H	M CUPP (008339) while on patrol C CUPP encountered a well used enemy bunker. It was unoccupied but a 40mm Duster round was set as a B/T with a wire attached. Two exits were found, one facing N and one facing NW. Size was 2'x4'; interior size was 4'x10'. B/T and bunker were blown in place.	S-3/F
0945H	1010H	6	260945H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0955H	1025H	7	260955H	Change in day acts for Co M for 26 Jan 1971.	S-3/F
1145H	1205H	8	261145H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1225H	1232H	9	261115H	M 1 (994347) while on patrol received 30 rounds of small arms sniper fire from a treeline (988341). Unit returned fire with 6 M79 HE and 2 60mm HE rounds. Unit swept the area with negative results.	S-3/F
1230H	1249H	10	261230H	Message concerning VIP visit to Hill 270.	S-3/F
1310H		11	261310H	Recon noon positions.	S-3/F
1430H	1552H	12	261430H	M 112(980338) while on day patrol observed 6 VC/NVA moving W, about 200 meters away (978338). VC/NVA were dressed in black and green clothing and appeared to be carrying a mortar tube. Unit could	S-3/F

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				not tell if the rest were armed. M 1 fired about 100 rounds of M60 and 50 rounds of M16 fire. VC/NVA disappeared into a treeline. Unit swept the area with negative results.	
1445H	1520H	13	261445H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1635H	1640H	14	261635H	Adjacent night acts for 26 Jan 71 sent to CUPP.	S-3/F
1700H		15	261700H	Casualty report from Company L.	S-3/F
1740H		16	261740H	Resupply request from Company K.	S-4/F
1801H	1801H	17	261801H	Informed Company I that flip-flop will take place 27 Jan 1971.	S-3/F
1805H	1810H	18	261805H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1810H	1810H	19	261810H	Message from 3/5 Rear to 5th Marines acknowledging Truce Stand-down.	S-3/F
1840H		20	261840H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
1845H		21	261845H	Message from Regt concerning security patrols and LP's.	S-3/F
2020H	2045H	22	262020H	Air requirements for 27 Jan.	S-3/F
2040H	2040H	23	262040H	Informed all units of illumination usage.	S-3/F
2040H	2100H	24	262040H	Message to SgtMajor.	S-3/F
2050H	2150H	25	262050H	C CUPP (018336) while in night defensive position received 4 rounds of small arms fire from vicinity (016335). Unit fired 60mm illumination and observed 4 VC/NVA, about 200 meters away fleeing to the W. Unit initiated fire with	S-3/F

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IN	OUT	NO	GROUP		JOURNAL	OPENED/CLOSED		TAKEN
2130H	2130H	26	262130H		10 rounds M79 HE and 100 rounds small arms fire. Unit swept the area with negative results.			
					Operations conducted for 26 Jan 1971 sent to Regt.			S-3/F
					Summary: M CUPP found 1 well used bunker. Bunker was B/T with 40mm round. Unit destroyed both round and bunker. M 1 received sporadic sniper fire while on patrol. M 11 spotted 6 VC/NVA which appeared to be carrying a mortar tube. TET Truce went into effect at 261800H Jan 1971. C CUPP received about 4 rounds from 4 VC/NVA.			
2400H	2400H	27	262400H		JOURNAL CLOSED.			

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0001H	0001H	1	270001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0325H	0340H	2	270325H	Friendly acts for 27 Jan 71.	S-3/F
0700H	0710H	3	270700H	Forecast of Operations for 28 Jan 1971 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
0800H	0800H	4	270800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0810H	0830H	5	270810H	Change in day acts for 27 Jan.	S-3/F
0840H		6	270840H	AO extension for 3/5.	S-3/F
1000H	1006H	7	271000H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1145H		8	271145H	Resupply for Company L.	S-4/F
1150H	1215H	9	271150H	Day acts for Company M.	S-3/F
1200H	1220H	10	271200H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1250H		11	271250H	Recon noon positions.	S-3/F
1300H	1300H	12	271300H	Adjacent day acts for 27 Jan.	S-3/F
1600H	1600H	13	271600H	Adjacent night acts for 27 Jan.	S-3/F
1700H	1725H	14	271655H	Recline 86 (H-270) observed approximately 20 VC/NVA dressed in green utilities with weapons and packs AT 980347. Enemy was moving in an easterly direction on an old road. CUPP units were all alerted and Recline 86 will continue to observe. A fire mission will be called at 1800H if VC is still in sight.	S-3/F
1710H		15	271710H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
1800H	1802H	16	271800H	Message concerning Combat Opns resumed.	S-3/F
1815H	1834H	17	271815H	Change in acts for 27 Jan 71.	S-3/F

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1945H	2005H	18	271945H	ICD (H270) observed 20 VC/NVA with packs and rifles move from 980347 to 989351, where they moved into a treeline and stopped. A TOT was fired on enemy. First round was fired at 1820H, and ending the mission at 1851. Total rounds expended: Artillery, 248; 81mm, 119; and 106's, 27. TOT resulted in 7 VC/NVA KIA, and 3 VC/NVA probable KIA.	S-3/F
2020H	2044H	19	272020H	Air requirements for 28 Jan.	S-3/F
2145H	2145H	20	272145H	Message concerning Area III clearance of fire.	S-3/F
2300H	2305H	21	272300H	Operations conducted for 27 Jan 71 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2335H	2340H	22	272335H	KBA distribution to participating units in TOT. 3/5 81mm were credited with 1 VC/NVC KIA. Summary: 3/5 was granted AO extension. ICD (H270) spotted 20 VC/NVA. TOT was fired, resulting in 7 VC/NVA KIA, and 3 probable enemy KIA.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	23	272400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	280001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0220H	0240H	2	280020H	I 2 (H-270) while in night defensive positions, heard movement approximately 40 feet outside the wire to the west. Unit fired 1 M79 HE Round in the area of the movement. The round hit a rock, bounced back and exploded. Marine who fired the round received 1 piece of shrapnel in the left temple. Unit called 1 emergency medevac at 280010H, medevac was completed at 280120H.	S-3/F
0048H		3	280048H	Casualty report from I 2.	S-3/F
0325H	0630H	4	280325H	Informed units of adjacent day acts for 28 Jan 1971.	S-3/F
0630H		5	280630H	Adjacent day acts for 28 Jan 1971.	S-3/F
0700H	0720H	6	280700H	Forecast of Operations for 29 Jan 1971 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
0800H	0850H	7	280800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0830H		8	280830H	Resupply for Company K.	S-4/F
1000H	1005H	9	281000H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1011H		10	281011H	Resupply for Company L.	S-4/F
1030H		11	281030H	Resupply for 3/5 Forward.	S-4/F
1200H	1205H	12	281200H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1310H		13	281310H	Casualty report from I 2.	S-3/F
1312H		14	281312H	Recon noon positions.	S-3/F
1420H	1435H	15	281420H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1430H		16	281430H	Message concerning police of	S-3/F

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1435H	1435H	17	281435H	Adjacent day acts for 28 Jan.	S-3/F
1445H	1445H	18	281445H	Adjacent day acts for 28 Jan.	S-3/F
1600H	1750H	19	281600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1655H		20	281655H	Message concerning B/T dog for Company L.	S-3/F
1655H	1730H	21	281655H	Message concerning request for KCS's.	S-2/F
1730H		22	281730H	Message concerning request for Booby trap dogs.	S-3/F
1733H		23	281733H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
1810H	1850H	24	281810H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1810H	1852H	25	281810H	Change in day acts for 29 Jan.	S-3/F
1925H	1935H	26	281925H	Casualty report from Company L.	S-3/F
2050H	2115H	27	282050H	Operations conducted for 28 Jan 1971 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2110H	2110H	28	282110H	Air requirements for 29 Jan .	S-3/F
				Summary: I 2 had one USMC NHC emergency medevac.	
2400H	2400H	29	282400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	TAKEN
0001H	0001H	1	290001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0026H		2	290026H	Resupply for H-270.	S-4/F
0125H	0130H	3	290125H	Adjacent day acts for 29 Jan 1971 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
0245H		4	290245H	Weather report.	S-2/F
0800H	0820H	5	290800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0700H	0832H	6	290700H	Forecast of Operations for 30 Jan 1971 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
0700H	0026H	7	290700H	Recline 86 resupply.	S-4/F
0820H	0846H	8	290820H	Change in day acts for 29 Jan 1971.	S-3/F
1000H	1055H	9	290930H	I 32 (997339) while on patrol found a blood trail that led from a treeline to a hootch. Unit followed the trail to the hootch and found 2 females, ages 42 & 50 with ID cards, and 2 males, ages 7 & 9. One boy informed the unit that 6 VC/NVA with weapons had passed.	S-3/F
1010H	1010H	10	291010H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1100H	1110H	11	291025H	I 31 (995348) while on patrol received 2 rounds of M16 fire from approximately 200 meters to NW. Enemy positions were checked out with negative results. Negative fire was returned.	S-3/F
1055H		12	291055H	Message concerning realignment of messmen.	S-4/F
1045H	1025H	13	291045H	Message concerning realignment of messmen.	S-4/F
1140H		14	291140H	Message concerning EEI report.	S-3/F

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1220H	1250H	15	291220H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1405H	1405H	16	291405H	Friendly adjacent night acts for 29 Jan 1971.	S-3/F
1537H	1545H	17	291537H	Message concerning misplacement of gear.	S-4/F
1552H	1727H	18	291400H	I 31 (997345) while on patrol found one sign "CAMDI" on a trail. Unit moved up the trail and found fresh dirt and 1 60mm round. Round was not being rigged as a B/T. It looked as if it was either being buried or trying to be activated. Unit blew round in place with C-4.	S-3/F
1600H		19	291600H	Resupply for Company K.	S-4/F
1610H	1635H	20	291610H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1754H		21	291754H	Air request for 3/5 Forward.	S-3/F
1805H	1820H	22	291805H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1815H		23	291815H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
1820H	1900H	24	291820H	Message to IOD on Hill 270 concerning resupply.	S-4/F
1950H	1950H	25	291950H	Air requirements for 30 Jan.	S-3/F
2030H	2035H	26	292030H	Operations conducted for 29 Jan 1971 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2212H	2220H	27	292212H	Change in day acts for 30 Jan.	S-3/F
2320H	2400H	28	292320H	Informed units of adjacent friendly day acts for 30 Jan 1971.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	29	292400H	Summary: I 32 found a blood trail and followed it with negative results. I 31 received 2 rounds sniper fire. JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001	0001	1	300001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
	0117	2	30040H	Message from 3/5 XO to all units regarding preparation of fitness reports.	S-3
	0245	3	300115H	Perimeter guard on Bunker #6 spotted movement in wire, threw 01 M-26 frag grenade, and 01 pop up illumination with negative results.	S-3
0235		4	300235H	Weather Report	S-2
	0813	5	300700H	Forecast of Operations for 31 Jan 71	S-3
	0840	6	300800H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	0857	7	300850H	Msg concerning Passwords	S-2
	1025	8	301020H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	1105	9	301105H	Msg concerning individuals being transferred to 1st Marines	S-3
1204		10	301204H	Message concerning replacement of personnel on Hill 381.	S-3
	1220	11	301215H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1240		12	301240H	Message concerning replacements for messmen.	S-3
		13	301350H	Message concerning LZ's for pickup of transferred personnel.	S-3
	1240	14	301250H	Message concerning readiness posture.	S-3
1410		15	301410H	Recon Noon Positions	S-3
	1425	16	301420H	Message concerning intelligence.	S-3
	1430	17	301420H	Battalion Position Report	S-3

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	1515	18	301455H	Message concerning Sgt NAVARRA, B.R. S-3	
	1500	19	301500H	Message concerning the destruction of Round Up (Hill 381).	S-3
	1520	20	301520H 301520H	Message concerning destruction of Round Up.	S-3
	1625	21	301600H	Friendly adjacent night acts for 30 JAN71.	S-3
1625		22	301625H	Medical resupply for Company K, 2nd Pz toon.	S-3
1712		23	301712H	Air requests for 3/5 forward for 31 JAN71.	S-3
	1745	24	301740H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1804		25	301830H	Message concerning transfer of personnel to 1st Marines.	S-3
1830		26	301830H	Message concerning K Company grids for personnel being transferred.	S-3
1940		27	301940H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
	2000	28	Air requirements for 31 JAN71. 302000H		S-3
	2115	29	302110H	OPERATIONS conducted for 30 JAN71.	S-3
2400	2400	30	302400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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0001	0001	1	310001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
0130	0130	2	310005H	Informed units of adjacent day acts for 31 Jan71.	S-3
0125		3	310125H	Resupply request for Hill 270.	S-4
0245		4	310245H	Weather Report	S-2
	0400	5	310310H	Ross Combat Base Perimeter heard movement in front lines Movement was approxiamtely 30 meters away behind a small rise. Personnel on Bunker # 23 threw 02 M-26 frag grenades and checked area with the aid of illumination with negative results.	S-3
	0408	6	310325H	Ross Combat Base perimeter guard on Bunker # 27 summoned the OOD to verify movement in front of lines. OOD observed a light which was believed to be about 250 meters away, moving towards perimeter. Personnel on Bunker # 27 fired 20 rounds small arms fire at the light. Light was extinguished and cyclops was called to check out area with negative results.	S-3
0700	0915	7	310700H	Forecast of Operations for 01 FEB71, sent to Regiment.	S-3
0800	0805	8	310800H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0950	1000	9	311000H	Battalion Position Report.	S-3
1005		10	311005H	Resupply request for BAS Forward.	S-3
1015	1020	11	311015H	Air requiriements for 31 JAN71. sent to Regiment.	S-3
1045	1110	12	311045H	Message to all units informing them to return all scout snipers to their parent unit.	S-3

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1155	1157	13	311155H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1210	1240	14	311210H	Resupply request from K Company	S-3
1255		15	311210H	Recon Noon Positions	S-4
1255	1400	16	311320H	Message from 106 Hill 381 to rear 106's.	S-3
1400	1415	17	311400H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1540	2005	18	311540H	Informed Hill 270 of friendly adjacent night acts.	S-3
1833	1855	19	311600H	Hill 270 (999316) observed 06 VC/ NVA moving up hill. Called 81mm fire mission, expending 69 rounds. A 105mm fire mission was called in and D Battery 02 WP rounds, and 66 HE for effect. 14 rounds M-79 and 02 M-79 gas rounds were fired. 35 60mm rounds were expended. 200 M-60 Mchine Gun rounds were fired and AO and 02 bobras came on station and expended OBO reporting 01 secondary explosion.	S-3
	1615	20	311600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	1630	21	311620H	Informed units of adjacent night acts for 31 JAN 71.	S-3
	1925	22	311830H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1900		23	311900H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
1830	2010	24	312030H	Air requirements for 31 JAN 71 01 FEB 71	S-3
	2030	25	312030H	Weekly Plan Summary	S-3
	2100	26	312045H	Operations conducted for 31 JAN 71.	S-3
	2110	27	313110H	Intelligence Report	S-2

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2400	2400	28	312400H		<p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>Perimeter guard at Ross Combat Base reported movement outside the wire.</p> <p>IOD on Hill 270 observed 06 VC/NVA and called a fire mission on their position.</p> <p>JOURNAL CLOSED</p>			S-3

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0001H	0001H		1	010001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
	0600H		2	010600H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	0800H		3	010800H	Bn position report	S-3/F
0800H			4	010800H	Strenght rpt from Co L	S-3/F
0810H			5	010810H	Strength rpt from Co K	S-3/F
0810H			6	010810H	Strength rpt from M 3	S-3/F
	1020H		7	011000H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	0940H		8	010930H	Late Entry: Forecast of opns for 02 Jan 71	S-3/F
	1210H		9	011200H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	1450H		10	011230H	While conducting a security patrol K 32 sighted 02 NVA wearing green utilities and carrying packs. The en also sighted the patrol and fired 04 rnds at the pat and endeavored to flee to the east. K 32 returned SAF and moved into the area finding 01 NVA KIA. Upon search of area unit fd 03 new packs 05 AK mags, 01 canteen, 03 bush covers, 01 pair of USMC rain trousers, 15 yards of camouflage material, 02 NVA helmets, 01 Chicom, 02 M-26 Frags, 01 NVA compass 08 sets of NVA utilities, 04 pair of socks, 05 towels, tripwire, 03 battle dressings, 02 pounds of assorted documents, 01 personal diary and cooking gear. All of above gear was fd in the vicinity of 973370.	S-3/F
	1420H		11	011400H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	1600H		12	011600H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	1850H		13	011800H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	1850H		14	011800H	Msg fm MD 3 to Rum: 3/5 Fwd recom- mended extensive category III opns as of 011800H	S-3/F
1925H			15	011925H	Recon night positions	S-3/F
	2125H		16	012150H	Opns conducted for 01 Jan 71 sent to Regt	S-3/F
	0020H		17	020015H	URS for 01 Jan 71 sent to Regt SUMMARY: K 32 sighted 02 NVA and got 01 NVA KIA after en initiated fire and fd misc gear.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H		18	012400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	020001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
	0600H	2	020600H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	0800H	3	020800H	Bn position report	S-3/F
0850H		4	020850H	Strength rpt for Co K	S-3/F
	1018H	5	021000H	Forecast of opns for 03 Jan 71	S-3/F
	1008H	6	021000H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	1215H	7	021200H	Bn position report	S-3/F
		8	021100H	Late Entry: Troop flip-flop M Co (-) relieved Co L (-) in Opn Imp Lake 1st and 3rd platoons w/L Co relieved 3rd platoon M Co in central AO. 2nd platoon M Co remains on H-361 as CP security. Imp Lake now consists of K Co, M Co and 2nd platoon L Co.	S-3/F
	1500H	9	021400H	Bn position report	S-3/F
1540H		10	021540H	Msg concerning resupply requests from companies.	S-4/F
	1614H	11	021600H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	1635H	12	021800H	Recon night positions	S-3/F
	1635H	13	021800H	Bn position report	S-3/F
2025H		14	022020H	Opns conducted for 02 Jan 71 sent to Regt	S-3/F
	2340H	15	022335H	URS for 02 Jan 71 sent to Regt	S-3/F
				SUMMARY:	
				Units of the Battalion Forward conducted category III operations today. Also M Co (-) relieved Co L (-) in Opn Imp Lake.	
2400H	2400H	16	022400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0001H	0001H	1	030001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
	0615H	2	030600H	Bn position report	S-3/F
0715H		3	030715H	Strength rpt from Co K	S-3/F
	0805H	4	030800H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	0830H	5	030820H	Informed L 2 and M 2 of Friendly adjacent D/Acts for 03 Jan 71	S-3/F
0830H		6	030830H	Strength rpt from Co M	S-3/F
	0930H	7	030910H	Forecast of opns for 04 Jan 71	S-3/F
0925H		8	030925H	Strength rpt from L 2	S-3/F
	1030H	9	031000H	Bn position report	S-3/F
1010H	1130H	10	031010H	AO request for 2/5 LtCol MOSS - arrived 1110H LtCol MOSS - departed 1140H	S-3/F
1240H	1345H	11	031130H	L 23 on pat fd a seven cave complex in vicinity 999389. Sizes of caves are 16x10x5, 4x3x3 (2), 20x5x3, 10x10x5 (2) and 03 of these caves have been recently used. Unit fd fire places sleeping quarters, empty "C" ration cans, fish cans, 03 homemade animal traps, numerous sandbags and 02 USMC canteens. Twelve trails entered the area, two of which were obvious speed trails. Unit also fd 01 US ID Tag Name on tag is DELANEY, J. E. 258 31 51. L 23 destroyed area and gear.	S-3/F
	1225H	14	031200H	Bn position report	S-3/F
1335H		15	031335H	Recon noon positions	S-3/F
	1414H	16	031400H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	1600H	17	031600H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	1610H	18	031800H	Bn position report	S-3/F
1750H		19	031750H	Recon night positions	S-3/F
	1900H	20	031900H	Weekly plan summary	S-3/F
	2050H	21	032040H	Opns conducted for 03 Jan 71	S-3/F
	2231H	22	032230H	URS for 03 Jan 71 sent to Regt	S-3/F
				SUMMARY: L 23 fd 01 cave complex consisting of 07 caves containing misc gear and 01 US ID tag: DELANEY, J.E. 258 31 51.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	23	032400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	040001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
040745H		2	031930H	Late Entry: Extended L 2 AO and Co M that they should move their main CP to an elevation that will facilitate resupply.	S-3/F
	0745H	3	032000H	Late Entry: Extended L 2 AO	S-3/F
	0615H	4	040615H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	0750H	5	040340H	Adjacent D/Acts for 4 Jan 71	S-3/F
	0710H	6	040710H	Informed Co M of previous significant findings in Co M8s AO	S-3/F
0730H		7	040730H	Strength report for Co K	S-3/F
	0805H	8	040800H	Bn position report	S-3/F
1000H		9	041000H	Strength report for Co M	S-3/F
	1020H	10	041000H	Forecast of Opns for 5 Jan 71	S-3/F
	1020H	11	041000H	Bn position report	S-3/F
1005H		12	041005H	Strength report for L 2	S-3/F
1140H	1210H	13	041030H	L 22 pat discovered a Base Camp and possible mortar site 1 cave (7x7x4) and 1 hootch about 5x5x4. Search of area disclosed fresh grave w/1 VC/NVA male body. The body was approx 25 years old and died of shrapnel wounds. Unit also fd various cooking utensils, 460 pounds of M-16 ammo, 1 NVA canteen, 1 US canteen, 1 roll of copper wire about 50 ft long, 1 bamboo spear, 1 electric blasting cap and unit also found 1 M-26 booby trap and blasting cap at mouth of the cave. Unit destroyed camp and B/T and continued pat. Base camp in vic of 009389.	S-3/F
1150H	1220H	14	041045H	K 32 onpat came upon a small hootch w/1 VC/NVA wearing green utilities. Hootch was near a stream and is possibly an OP judging fm its position and view. K 32 initiated SAF killing 1 VC/NVA male. VC/NVA was about 20 years old. He was wearing 4 shirts and had a wallet with 2 pages of writing. Unit continued pat after destroying hootch. Unit will bring wallet and papers to CP for evacuation hootch was in vic of 973384	S-3/F

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IN	OUT				
		15	041130H	Received word that CG FMF Pac (Lt Gen JONES) is expected to visit H-381 about 1500 10 Jan 71 for approx 25 min	S-3/F
1135H		16	041135H	Recon noon positions	S-3/F
	1200H	17	041300H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	1345H	18	041345H	Casualty report fm Co K	S-1/F
	1400H	19	041400H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	1617H	20	041600H	Bn position report	S-3/F
1715H		21	041715H	Msg concerning challenging at night	S-3/F
1720H	1725H	22	041720H	Casualty report for Co K	S-1/F
1725H		23	041725H	Recon night position	S-3/F
	1830H	24	041800H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	2100H	25	042050H	Opns conducted for 4 Jan 71 sent to Regt	S-3/F
	0037H	26	050035H	URS for 4 Jan 71 sent to Regt	S-3/F
				SUMMARY: L 22 fd a Base Camp at 009389 containing misc gear and 1 VC/NVA body in fresh grave. K 32 fd 1 hootch and initiated fire killing 1 VC/NVA.	
2400H	2400H	27	042400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0001H	0001H		1	050001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
	0700H		2	050320H	Adjacent D/Acts sent to L 2 and M 2	S-3/F
0545H			3	050545H	Recon Haven AO	S-3/F
	0625H		4	050620H	Bn position report	S-3/F
0750H			5	050750H	Strength rpt for Co K	S-3/F
	0815H		6	050800H	Bn position report	S-3/F
0805H			7	050805H	Strength rpt for Co M	S-3/F
	0945H		8	050930H	Informed L 2 and Co M of Recon Haven AO	S-3/F
	1015H		9	051000H	Bn position report	S-3/F
			10	051030H	K 1 on pat came upon 1 NVA Base Camp (Ref spot rep 011230H) in vic of grid 973370. Base Camp had been searched before. Recheck of Base Camp revealed 3 maps (VN) and 1 plastic overlay w/grease markings on it. Also about 1 lb of written documents. Gear will be evacuated on 1st available bird.	S-3/F
	1120H		11	051110H	POW reports that 3 "D" Co 531 in caves in vic of 965382 on 19 Dec 70 men of this unit is to receive rice fm Dong Nung (vic of Que Son Dist) and store it in the Hon Tau Mts (USMC Designation is H-953)	S-3/F
1115H			12	051115H	Strength rpt for L 2	S-3/F
1140H			13	051140H	Recon noon positions	S-3/F
	1256H		14	051200H	Bn position report	S-3/F
1245H	1833H		15	051245H	Casualty report for Co K	S-3/F
	1400H		16	051400H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	1620H		17	051600H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	1815H		18	051800H	Bn position report	S-3/F
1800H	1855H		19	051800H	L 3 newly assigned AO	S-3/F
1805H			20	051805H	Recon night positions	S-3/F
	2020H		21	052010H	Ops conducted for 5 Jan 71 sent to Regt	S-3/F
	2025H		22	052015H	URS for 5 Jan 71 sent to Regt	S-3/F

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	2210H	23	051900H	<p>3/5 Fwd at 994341 possibly had friendly incurred wounds fm M-26 grenade. Victim GARCIA, S.D. LCPL 2618200 M Co prognosis was determined good by 3/5 surgeon. Alleged offender SANTIAGO S.L. LCPL 2593809 Result 1 USMC Emer Evac</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>K 1 researched Base Camp fd on 1 Jan and fd additional misc gear. 3/5 Fwd had possible friendly incurred wounds fm M-26 grenade.</p>	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	24	052400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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IN	OUT				
0001H	0001H	1	060001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
	0720H	2	060515H	Adjacent D/Acts sent to K, M, M2 and L 2	S-3/F
	0615H	3	060600H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	0630H	4	060615H	Strength rpt for Co K	S-3/F
	0755H	5	060755H	Air requirements for 7 Jan 71	S-3/F
0830H		6	060800H	Strength rpt for Co M and L 2	S-3/F
	0805H	7	060805H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	1020H	8	060950H	Forecast of Opns for 7 Jan 71	S-3/F
	1005H	9	061000H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	1245H	10	061200H	Bn position report	S-3/F
1220H		11	061220H	Recon noon positions	S-3/F
1230H		12	061230H	Msg concerning Bn position reports	S-3/F
1245H		13	061245H	URS from Regiment	S-3/F
1405H		14	061200H	Late Entry: L 23 on pt fd 1 cave in vic of 001396. Unit searched cave with negative results. Cave had not been used recently. Cave dimensions are 12x5x20	S-3/F
1305H		15	061305H	Msg concerning Dog Handlers	S-3/F
1435H		16	061435H	Msg to all 5th Mar Bns concerning captured ordnance, and its potential intelligence value.	S-3/F
1445H		17	061445H	Msg fm Co M about flip flop of Co M platoons	S-3/F
	1635H	18	061445H	Change in Bn position report	S-3/F
1700H		19	061700H	Recon night positions	S-3/F
	1800H	20	061800H	Bn position report	S-3/F
1915H		21	061915H	Change in Recon night positions	S-3/F
	2035H	22	062025H	Opns conducted for 6 Jan 71 sent to Regt	S-3/F
	2115H	23	062030H	URS for 6 Jan 71 sent to Regt	S-3/F
	2110H	24	062105H	Msg fm 3/5 Fwd to 3/5 Rear concerning the incident of A friendly occurred wound by a M-26 grenade	S-3/F
				SUMMARY:	
				L 23 fd 1 cave 12x5x20 at 001396	
2400H	2400H	25	062400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	070001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
	0350H	2	070350H	Air requirements for 8 Jan 71	S-3/F
	0640H	3	070600H	Bn position report	S-3/F
0740H		4	070740H	Strength rpt for Co K	S-3/F
0910H		5	070910H	Strength rpt for L 2	S-3/F
	0940H	6	070925H	Forecast of Opns for 8 Jan 71	S-3/F
1005H		7	071005H	Strength rpt for Co M	S-3/F
1030H		8	071030H	Regt chopped C Co 1/5 OPCON 1st MarDiv	S-3/F
		9	071125H	MajGen WIDECOME (CG 1st MarDiv) Arrived - 1125H Departed 1200H	S-3/F
1125H		10	071125H	URS	S-3/F
	1130H	11	071200H	Briefing and demonstration of BEA- CON controlled bombing	S-3/F
1300H		12	071300H	Recon noon positions	S-3/F
1405H	1445H	13	071335H	K 22 on pat came across 25 to 25 year old males who were dressed in green camouflage long sleeve shirts and green camouflage shorts. The 02 males were building a hootch in the vic of 988370. K 22 detained the two males while searched the area. Unit fd 2 packs containing soap foot powder, monkey blood, gauze bandages, cotton, insect repellent Doctors mask, straight razor, needles in bottle of anticeptic and ass't unidentified medicines. Further search disclosed a cave 5x6x3 which had two white "T" shirts, 1 pair of black shorts, 1 tube sulfa- pyradine and sulfaguanidine. Detainees will be evacuated w/gear on 1st avail bird.	S-3/F
	1420H	14	071400H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	1825H	15	071800H	Opns conducted for 7 Jan 71 sent to Regt	S-3/F
	2055H	16	072040H	Bn position report	S-3/F
	2057H	17	072045H	URS for 7 Jan 71 sent to Regt	S-3/F
				SUMMARY: K 22 detained 2 VN males and fd misc medical gear	
2400H	2400H	18	072400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	080001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
	0640H	2	080600H	Bn position report	S-3/F
0930H		3	080930H	Strength rpt for K, M, & L 2	S-3/F
1240H		4	081240H	AO extension requested by Co K	S-3/F
	1600H	5	081400H	Bn position report	S-3/F
		6	081450H	MajGen WIDDECKE (CG 1st MarDiv) Col JUDGE (5th Mar CO) Col UTTER (G-3) Arrived - 1450H Departed - 1515H	S-3/F
	1800H	7	081800H	Bn position report	S-3/F
1845H		8	081845H	Recon night position	S-3/F
	2000H	9	081957H	3/5 Fwd request AO extension to permit exploitation of trail network	S-3/F
	2055H	10	082050H	Ops conducted for 8 Jan 71	S-3/F
	2100H	11	082050H	URS for 8 Jan 71	S-3/F
	0930H	12	080930H	Late Entry: 3rd Plt Co Maand 2 nd plt Co M flip flop in place S SUMMARY:	S-3/F
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0001H	0001H		1	090001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
	0610H		2	090600H	Bn position report	S-3/F
0755H			3	090755H	Strength rpt fm Co K	S-3/F
0815H			4	090815H	Strength rpt fm Co M	S-3/F
	0950H		5	090920H	Forecast of opns 10 Jan 71	S-3/F
1045H			6	091045H	Regt approves 3/5 AO extension for southern Imperial Lake	S-3/F
	1105H		7	091100H	S-3 informed Co K of AO extension and 3/5 rear	S-3/F
	1335H		8	091330H	Bn position report	S-3/F
1350H			9	091350H	Recon noon positions	S-3/F
	1625H		10	091620H	3/5F relayed msg fm Regt to Co K for CO to be at CP to meet helicopter	S-3/F
	1815H		11	091800H	Bn position report	S-3/F
1805H			12	091805H	Recon night positions	S-3/F
	2120H		13	092115H	Opns conducted for 9 Jan 71 sent to Regt	S-3/F
	2120H		14	092117H	URS for 9 Jan 71 sent to Regt	S-3/F
2345H			15	092345H	Received a msg fm Regt informing 3/5 that if any ammo caches contain crates, wrappers, container with markings and symbols should be saved and forwarded to S-2	S-3/F
					SUMMARY:	
2400H	2400H		16	092400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0001H	0001H	1	100001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0600H	0623H	2	100600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0732H		3	100732H	Strength report from Company M.	S-3/F
0735H		4	100735H	Strength report from Company K.	S-3/F
0900H	0910H	5	100900H	Message to Company M: Day and night ambushes on the ridge line of Hill 953 could prove profitable.	S-3/F
0940H	1020H	6	100940H	Forecast of Operation for 11 Jan 71 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
1220H		7	101210H	L 2 (002393) while on patrol found one, seven pound rocket. Unit destroyed the rocket.	S-3/F
1215H		8	101215H	Herbicide Operations sent from 3/5 Rear.	S-3/F
1245H	1515H	9	101245H	Interrogation report of POW's that that Company K captured on 7 Jan, sent to Company K and Company M.	S-3/F
1410H	1800H	10	101310H	K 3 (973383) while on patrol found one 60mm B/T off the side of the trail behind a tree stump. B/T was hand detonated with claymore wire running parallel to the trail, leading to an enemy bunker which was approximately 15 meters off the trail. Unit destroyed the B/T.	S-3/F
1450H	1455H	11	101450H	URS report sent to 3/5 Rear.	S-2/F
1500H		12	101500H	LtGen D. K. JONES, CG, FMFPAC; LtGen D. J. ROBERTSON, CG, III MAF; MajGen C. H. WIDDECKE, CG, 1stMarDiv; BrigGen K. HOUGHTON c/s FMFPAC; Col C. JUDGE, CO 5th Marines; Col L UTTER, G-3 1stMarDiv; arrived at Hill 381 at 1500H, and departed Hill 381 at 1530H.	S-3/F
1610H		13	101610H	Recon noon positions.	S-3/F
1730H	1845H	14	101730H	Request for EOD team sent to Regt.	S-3/F

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1846H		15	101846H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
1830H	1900H	16	101830H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1910H	1921H	17	101910H	Flip-flop plan sent to 3/5 Rear.	S-3/F
1915H	1920H	18	101915H	Weekly Plan Summary sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2100H	2100H	19	102100H	Operations conducted for 10 Jan 71 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2110H	2110H	20	102110H	High intelligence targets for 10 Jan 71 sent to Regt. Summary: CG, FMFPAC, CG, III MAF, CG, 1stMARDIV visited Hill 381. K 3 found a 60mm B/T. L 2 found a seven pound rocket. Unit destroyed the rocket.	S-2/F
2400H	2400H	21	102400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	110001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0600H	0615H	2	110600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0730H	0735H	3	110730H	Informed Companies M and K of adjacent acts.	S-3/F
0755H		4	110755H	Strength report from Company K.	S-3/F
0756H		5	110756H	Strength report from Company M.	S-3/F
0830H		6	110830H	Strength report from L 2.	S-3/F
1005H	1030H	7	110930H	L 21 (005399) while on patrol found one natural cave which was approximately 5'x5'x10', and capable of holding 5 or 6 people. Cave had not been used recently. Unit searched area thoroughly with negative results. Unit was unable to destroy due to heavy rocks.	S-3/F
1100H	1240H	8	110955H	M 1 (980391) while on patrol found two caves; one was 6'x8', and the other was 16'x10'. The second cave had been used within the last 48 hours. Unit searched both caves with negative results. Caves were seeded caves with CS crystal.	S-3/F
0915H	1000H	9	110915H	Message from Company K to Company L.	S-3/F
1010H	1015H	10	111005H	URS sent to 3/5 Rear.	S-2/F
1155H	1225H	11	111155H	URS sent to 3/5 Rear.	S-2/F
1300H		12	111300H	Recon noon positions.	S-3/F
1505H	1535H	13	111505H	Regt XO: Regt S-3; Regt S-2 visited Hill 381 at 1505H and departed at 1535.	S-3/F
1757H	1843H	14	111740H	K 2 (975365) while on patrol found one base camp with one cave which was approximately 15'x30'x6'; eight caves which were approximately 8'x10'x15'; four caves which were approximately 4'x6'x3', capable of holding 50-75 people. Caves had ladders leading up the cliff and approximately 15 sleeping	S-3/F

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				mats. Base camp has adjacent OP sites with view of the complete valley and foothills to the NE. OP sites had been recently occupied. Found in base camp was 2 61mm rounds which were suspected to be B/T. Also found was 150, AK 47 ammo, 1 AK 47 magazine, 1 pair of shoulder straps, 750 square feet of plastic, 18 pounds of dried potatoes, and six cooking pots. Unit blew the ordnance, destroyed the gear, and seeded and blew caves where possible.	
1830H	1846H	15	111830H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1935H		16	111935H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
2120H	2125H	17	112120H	Operations conducted for 11 Jan 71 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2125H	2125H	18	112125H	High intelligence targets for 11 Jan 1971 sent to Regt.	S-2/F
1928H	1930H	19	111928H	Air requirements for 12 Jan 71 .	S-3/F
				Summary: K 2 found a base camp which was capable of holding 50-75 people. Dried potatoes and miscellaneous gear, and ordnance was found in the caves.	
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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	120001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0600H	0605H	2	120600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0600H	0745H	3	120600H	Informed L 2 and M 3 of adjacent day acts.	S-3/F
0810H		4	120810H	Strength report from Company M.	S-3/F
0755H		5	120755H	Strength report from L 2.	S-3/F
0945H		6	120945H	Strength report from Company K.	S-3/F
1215H		7	121215H	Recon noon positions.	S-3/F
1240H		8	121230H	M 1 (987386) while on patrol found one cave which was approximately 10'x 30'x15', and capable of holding 15 persons. Cave was destroyed with CS crystals.	S-3/F
1300H	1302H	9	121300H	URS sent to Hill 218.	S-3/F
1430H		10	121430H	Intelligence report from Regt.	S-3/F
1505H	1525H	11	121505H	URS from Regt (all outside Imperial Lake AO).	S-3/F
1520H	1525H	12	121515H	3/5 Forward chops OPCON K Co to 3/5 Rear and assumes OPCON L Co(-).	S-3/F
1819H		13	121819H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
1830H	1900H	14	121830H	Battalion positions report.	S-3/F
2155H	2200H	15	122155H	Operations conducted for 12 Jan 71 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2155H	2203H	16	122155H	High intelligence targets for 12 Jan 1971 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
				Summary: Flip-flop of Company K and Company L.	
2400H	2400H	17	122400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	130001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0045H		2	130045H	Message requesting that units give instructions on Employment of Supporting Arms. (Ref: CG, 1stMarDiv msg dtd 120218Z Jan 71).	S-3/F
0600H	0635H	3	130600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0725H		4	130725H	Strength report from Company L.	S-3/F
0735H		5	130735H	Strength report from Company M.	S-3/F
0740H	0740H	6	130740H	Informed M 3 and L 2 of adjacent day acts.	S-3/F
0800H	0805H	7	130800H	Forecast of Operations for 14 Jan 71 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
0855H		8	130855H	Strength report from L 2.	S-3/F
1215H		9	131215H	Recon noon positions.	S-3/F
1420H	1830H	10	131230H	L 13 (984377) while on patrol found a cave complex consisting of a approximately 15 caves capable of holding 30 people. Unit searched the area finding two skeletons and one 500 lbs dud bomb. Unit also found cooking and eating gear. Bodies were VC/NVA.	S-3/F
1400H	1905H	11	131330H	L 32 (977372) while on patrol found one base camp with 10 hootches and four graves. The area appeared to have been previously searched with hootches destroyed. Unit dug up the graves, finding four bodies wrapped in green material such as VC/NVA utilities. The bodies were dressed in the same type of green material. Bodies appeared to be 3 months old. KCS with unit said that the bodies were probably NVA.	S-3/F
1735H		12	131735H	Regt approves AO extension for 2/5 to west, southwest of Imperial Lake.	S-3/F

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1800H	1900H	13	131800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1835H		14	131835H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
2100H	2120H	15	132100H	Operations conducted for 13 Jan 71 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2100H	2125H	16	132100H	High intelligence targets for 13 Jan 71 sent to Regt. Summary: L Co units accounted for 6 VC/NVA KIA, 1 cave complex (consisting of 15 caves) and 1 base camp consisting of 10 hootches).	S-2/F
2400H	2400H	17	132400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	140001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
2300H		2	132300H	Col JUDGE sends congratulations to Co L, on their six enemy KIA.	S-3/F
0600H	0617H	3	140600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0715H	0758H	4	140715H	Informed all units of adjacent day acts.	S-3/F
0800H		5	140800H	Strength report from Company M.	S-3/F
0855H		6	140855H	Strength report from L 2.	S-3/F
1000H	1030H	7	141000H	Forecast of Operations for 15 Jan 71 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
1219H		8	141219H	Recon noon positions.	S-3/F
1515H	1830H	9	141410H	L 33 (975375) heard movement about 35 meters south of their positions. Unit initiated small arms fire and M79. Unit moved into the area and found 5 caves which were approximately 3'x20' x10', containing 2 tables, four chairs, and 15 racks in each cave. 2 slit trenches, various cooking utensils, and 10 pounds of rice. KCS estimated that the area was last used one month ago. All were destroyed and caves were seeded with CS crystal.	S-3/F
1528H	1810H	10	141528H	3/5 Forward (994391) Artillery FO with Co M observed four VC/NVA moving toward a treeline (009352). Fire mission was called expending 7 rounds WP and 30 rounds of HE. First round hit at 1602H, ending the mission at 1625H. As fire mission commenced, FO observed 9 additional VC/NVA carrying weapons. 3/5 Forward ALO contacted Scar Face helos to check the area. The first helo received enemy fire. Helos expending on board and accounted for 4 VC/NVA KIA. During the air attack, the Regt QRF was requested. QRF arrived on station but was unable to insert due to negative political clearance.	S-3/F

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				One platoon from Co I will move into the area on 15 Jan 1971, to physically check the area.	
1800H	1820H	11	141800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
2100H		12	142100H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
2220H	2220H	13	142220H	Operations conducted for 14 Jan 71 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2230H	2230H	14	142230H	High intelligence targets for 14 Jan 71 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
				Summary: L 33 found 5 caves containing 2 tables, 4 chairs, 15 racks, 10 pounds of rice, and various cooking utensils. Four VC/NVA were KBA.	
2400H	2400H	15	142400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	150001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0600H	0616H	2	150600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0605H	0753H	3	150605H	Informed all unit of adjacent day acts.	S-3/F
0804H		4	150804H	Strength report from L 2.	S-3/F
0818H		5	150818H	Strength report from Company L (-).	S-3/F
0920H		6	150920H	Forecast of Operations for 16 Jan 71 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
0825H	0930H	7	150825H	Strength report from Company M.	S-3/F
0945H		8	150930H	L 23 (001392) while on patrol found 2 caves. One cave was 8'x12'x6', and the second was 8'x8'x6'. The first cave had a fire area and sleeping area for for two people. Area was thoroughly searched with negative results.	S-3/F
1210H		9	151120H	L 23 (999391) while on patrol spot- ted 2 VC/NVA moving east. Unit initi- ated small arms fire, and searched the area finding one blood trail. Unit followed the trail until it ended and found negative results.	S-3/F
1205H		10	151205H	Recon noon positions.	S-3/F
1653H		11	151515H	L CP (980375) while clearing the away from CP perimeter, unit heard movement in the brush about 100 meters to their south. Unit initiated small arms fire, M60, and M79 fire. Unit received 8 rounds of enemy fire. Unit searched the area with negative results.	S-3/F
1800H	1805H	12	151800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1935H		13	151920H	L 2 (006395) while in night amb- ush site, unit observed a small explo- sion which was believed to be the size of 60mm WP round which exploded 40 meters to their NE. Unit will search the area at first light.	S-3/F

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IN	OUT				
2047H		14	152047H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
2130H	2322H	15	152130H	Operations conducted for 15 Jan 71 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2132H	2320H	16	152132H	High intelligence targets for 15 Jan 71 sent to Regt.	S-2/F
				Summary: L 23 spotted 2 VC/NVA. Unit initiated small arms fire, resulting in a blood trail.	
2400H	2400H	17	152400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	160001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0600H	0625H	2	160600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0725H		3	160725H	Strength report from Company L.	S-3/F
0735H		4	160735H	Strength report from L 2.	S-3/F
1234H	1320H	5	161030H	L 3 (979375) found three graves which were dug up disclosing two males and one female body. All bodies were dressed in green utilities wrapped in plastic, and were believed to be dead about a month ago. One male had a large battle dressing on a stomach wound.	S-3/F
1240H	1300H	6	161200H	L 3 (975375) exploiting intelligence source with IPT personnel, moved to the area of a suspected enemy hospital. Unit reached the area and discovered that the area had not been used recently. Area had three caves in a natural rock formation which were approximately 15'x15'x10'. Unit found various items of insignificant intelligence. Unit was unable to destroy caves, but caves were seeded with CS crystal.	S-3/F
1250H		7	161200H	L 22 (011333) while on patrol found one cave which had been recently used. Unit threw grenades in the cave and searched the area with negative results.	S-3/F
1330H	1335H	8	161330H	3/5 Forward informed Company M of CAS being run in support of 2/5 which was near Company M AO. Co M was advised to alter M 22 patrol route.	S-3/F
1400H	1430H	9	161400H	Gen Leonard F. CHAPMAN, JR., Commandant, United States Marine Corps arrived at Hill 381 at 161400H, departing at 161400H. Gen CHAPMAN was accompanied by LtGen ROBERTSON, CG, III MAF.	S-3/F
1415H		10	161415H	Recon noon positions.	S-3/F

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1520H			11	161415H	L 13 (986363) found a brushy hiding area which was approximately 20 ft long, 3 ft high, and appeared to be recently used. Unit searched the area finding two letters, 600 Dong, and two small pouches of tobacco.	S-3/F
1600H			12	161530H	L 13 (998372) while on patrol found one cave which was approximately 3'x12'x20', and appeared not to have been used recently. Found outside the cave was one rack, one water can, and one unserviceable. Items were destroyed.	S-3/F
1800H	1805H		13	161800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1900H	2050H		14	161900H	L 13 (992369) while moving to ambush site, unit found a found a hootch at the base of the hill. Entering the area, unit saw a VN male dash into the bushes. In the hootch were two females, four children, and two packs with assorted chow. Unit detained VN and will remain in the area tonight.	S-3/F
1930H			15	161930H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
2115H	2200H		16	162115H	High intelligence targets for 16 Jan 71 sent to Regt.	S-2/F
2120H	2215H		17	162120H	Operations conducted for 16 Jan 71 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
					Summary: Gen Leonard F. CHAPMAN, Commandant, United States Marine Corps, visited Hill 381. L Company accounted for 3 VC/NVA KIA, 3 caves, miscellaneous gear and 2 Vietnamese women, and 4 Vietnamese children were detained.	
2400H	2400H		18	162400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001	0001	1	170001H	JOURNAL OPENED	
0730	1310	2	170600H	L 13 (992369) in night position heard movement and spotted one enemy unit. Initiated contact with small arms and M-60 and received negative return fire. Unit called 81mm illum and swept area finding 01 VC/NVA KIA, 01 AK 47 rifle, 02 bush covers, and one pack. Unit continued search of area, finding two female bodies in graves, apparently KBA. Detained 06 Vietnamese, two 30-40 year old females, and four children, ages 5,6,8,10. Also found the following gear: 01 7.65mm pistol, 04 bush covers, 01 transistor radio, 01 hammock, 03 ponchos and liners, 02 rain jackets, assorted medical gear, toilet articles, civilian clothing, 8 yards material (blue with gold stripes), 9 pages of documents, 02 batteries of unknown type, 02 canteens with cups, 01 US web belt, 03 notebooks, 01 mosquito net, 1/2 pound tobacco, 01 pair eye glasses, 04 pounds assorted chow, all gear with exception of pistol was evacuated to Baldy C.B. (ITT)	S-3
0600	0625	3	170600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0730	0815	4	170730H	3/5 Forward informed all units of adjacent day acts.	S-3
0745		5	170745H	Strength Report from Company L	S-3
0918		6	170918H	Strength Report from L 2	S-3
1145		7	171025H	L 21 (999389) On patrol found one cave 8'x6'x11'. Unit searched area with negative results. Seeded cave with CS crystals.	S-3
1105		8	171105H	Regiment requires temporary AO for 3/5 UL 0040 LR 0536 190600H - 211600H to conduct operations in area with two platoons.	

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1110		9	171110H	2/5 chop operation Fox 2/5 to 3/5 on insert 18 JAN71.	S-3
1130		10	171130H	On order about 20 JAN 3/5 is to provide one platoon for recon use PPB on FSB Ranchouse (BT 002427).	S-3
1500	1525	11	171135H	M 31 (000393) On security patrol around Hill 381, spotted one cave 3'x3', approx 10 meters off heavily vegetated area. Found six chicoms 60mm mortar rounds, and one NVA belt. Destroyed five rounds and belt. One mortar round was returned to Hill 381 (3/5 Forward CP) with visual markings to be tagged and sent to Regiment for possible intell value.	S-3
1040		12	171040H	L 2 (002397) Actual was emerg evac for scorpion bite as verified by doctor casualty report sent to rear.	S-3
1245		13	171245H	Regiment approves AO extension to NE of Hill 381, upon extraction of recon team on 18 JAN.	S-3
1415		14	171415H	Recon Noon Positions	S-3
1510	1540	15	171440H	L 13 (986373) Found one hootch with adjoining cave. Unit searched area finding 06 children aged 3,4,5,6,8,10. One pack containing two pairs PJ's and 500 pounds of unpolished rice. Ten year old girl was asked where her parents were, her reply was that her father was in Que Son getting food. Unit with approval from Regiment destroyed rice leaving enough for children 15 pounds. Unit returned pack and sample of rice to Co L CP.	S-3
1800	1805	16	171800H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1855		17	171855H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
1950		18	171950H	Recon team Hansworth extracted. AO extension to go into effect at 18 JAN71, 0800.	S-3

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	2110	19	171930H	Weekly Plan Summary for 24-30 JAN71 sent to Regiment.	S-3
	2225	20	172141H	Operations conducted for 17 JAN71 sent to Regiment.	S-3
	2230	21	172149H	High intelligence targets for 17 JAN71 sent to Regiment.	S-3
	2345	22	172300H	L 21 (998396) In night ambush heard movement to their front then had a trip flare go off. Unit commenced fire with M-60 and small arms fire for about 30 seconds. Unit called for 81mm illumination and swept area. Unit found 01 VC/NVA KIA dressed in dark clothing, approx 30-35 years old. KIA was carrying 04 AK-47 rounds and 03 M-26 grenades. SUMMARY: Company L accounted for 02 VC/NVA KIA's, 06 detainees, 500 pounds of rice, 01 AK 47, 01 7.65 pistol, and 19 pages of documents and miscellaneous gear. M 31 found 06 chicom 60mm rounds. 3/5 Forward has been given an AO extension to the NE of Hill 381. AO extension will go into effect on 180800H JAN71.	S-3
2400	2400	23	172400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001	0001	1	180001H	JOURNAL OPENED	
0700	0940	2	182330H	Follow up Marines searched area at first light finding additional gear. One US cartridge belt, 40 cents MPC 90 Dong.	S-3
0600	0605	3	180600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0720	0740	4	180720H	3/5 Forward informed L 2 and M 3 of adjacent acts.	S-3
0830	0910	5	180830H	Forecast of Operations for 19 Jan71.	S-3
0830		6	180830H	Strength Report from L 2	S-3
0830		7	180830H	Strength Report from Company L (-)	S-3
0855		8	180855H	Strength Report from Company M (-)	S-3
1210	1254	9	180930H	L 23 (002391) On patrol found one cave 6'x6'x4', with sleeping area for four people. Trail on which cave was located ran N and S. Unit searched area finding 02 US canteens, 02 small food containers, one yellow smoke grenade. Cave was destroyed with C4.	S-3
0950		10	180935H	M1 (973395) On patrol found 01 small cave 10'x10'x4', capable of holding three persons. In cave was fireplace which was used approx 03 days ago.	S-3
1107	1125	11	181030H	M 23 (983407) On patrol found 09 60mm mortar rounds US made complete out of cannisters. Rounds were in the grass and appeared to have been exposed about 01 month. Rounds blown in place.	S-3
1200	1237	12	181115H	L 33 (973377) Found two natural caves 8'x8' with storage bin 3'x3'x5' which contained 50 pounds of rice mixture of polished and unpolished. Cave destroyed with C4 along with rice. A sample of rice was returned to L cp.	S-3

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1745	1237	12	181205H	L 33 (973374) On patrol found Base camp consisting of 27 caves largest cave 80'x20'x10', which was divided in two rooms by a boulder, and contained three rocks. The remaining caves were 5'x5' and 7'x10' and contained one or two rocks. Total area of base camp was approx 400 square feet. Unit also found grave containing 01 VC/NVA male, 23 - 25 years old, which had been there about one week. Body was wrapped in green plastic bag and dressed in green utilities. Unit destroyed as many caves as possible with C4 and returned following gear to L CP: 07 NVA bush covers, 07 two gallon water containers, 05 pages of a school book, 02 pounds soy beans, 01 NVA canteen, assorted clothing, 02 pair rain trousers, 02 chicken coops, 3'x2'x1', 01 AK 47 magazine, 03 illumination cannisters used to hold water.	S-3
1405		14	181405H	Recon Noon Positions	S-3
1625	1825	15	181605H	3/5 Forward assumes Opcon Co Fox 2/5 as of 181605H JAN71: informed 3/5 rear.	S-3
1806	1937	16	181735H	F 1 (052410) While sweeping area found one bunker, under hootch. Bunker was 4'x4' and connected to larger bunker, 12'x12', unit searched area finding 11 chicom grebades made of coke cans, filled with C4, and rocks with pull friction type fuses all of which were destroyed.	S-3
1800	1830	17	181800H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1823	1937	18	181810H	Fox 33 (051424) While searching CP area found booby trap consisting of 105mm round with pressure release detonation.	S-3

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				It was located on trail and rain had washed dirt away.	
1835		19	181835H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
1955	2010	20	181910H	F 2 (042413) While sweeping area saw 03 VC/NVA running across rice paddies, (042413) about 100 meters south of position. F 2 initiated small arms fire and received small arms fire * from about 04 VC/NVA to their NW. F1 and F 2 returned fire with M-60 M-16, M-79 and laaws. Enemy fled NW to treeline. F 1 and F 2 are * sweeping area under basketball illum units will continue to sweep of area at first light . Units presently moving into night positions.	S-3
2135		21	182135H	AB extension granted to 3/5	S-3
	2358	22	182350H	Operations conducted for 18 JAN71	S-3
	2359	23	182355H	High intelligence targets for 18 JAN71.	S-3
				SUMMARY: Company F became Opcon to 3/5 forward at 18605H JAN71. Company L accounted for 01 base camp 27 caves, 01 VC/NVA KIA, 3 caves, 50 pounds of rice and misc gear. Company M found 01 cave and 09 60mm rounds. Company F found two bunkers, 11 chicom grenades, 01 booby trap (105mm round with pressure release)	
2400	2400	24	182400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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0001	0001	1	190001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
0005		2	190005H	3/5 Rear sent interrogation report S-3 to 3/5 forward, information obtained from captured POW.	
0830	0930	3	181930H	Follow up - Fox 2/5 (042413) Returned to area of contact to begin thorough search of area and have found 01 VC/NVA KIA from small arms fire. KIA was wearing green sweat shirt, black shorts and was about 30 years old. He had negative ID card (VC/NVA captured) and was uncooperative. Male also had pack sores on his back. While sweeping area, unit also discovered assorted clothing and one chicom which was blown in place.	S-3
0700	0710	4	180700H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1020	1120	5	191020H	Forecast of Operations 20 JAN71	S-3
1230	1300	6	191130H	F3 while sweeping area entered ville to search and interrogate people. Unit detained 03 females aged 40&60 years. The three detainees were evac to Baldy. All were uncooperative. and none had ID cards.	S-3
1200	1220	7	191200H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1235	1255	8	191215H	F 2 B (044413) While searching area, unit found 02 chicom grenades, NVA type, hidden behind a hootch, in some rocks, unit destroyed grenades.	S-3
1245		9	191245H	Recon Noon Positions	S-3
1330		10	191330H	Regiment approves a portion of 2/5 AO to become tactically employed by Recon Haven 246P.	S-3

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1410	1425	11	191330H	F2 B (050413) While searching ville found the following gear: in four 7.62 ammo cans, hidden in grass around hootches, 13x7.62; 19xAK47 rounds, assorted rifle cleaning gear, and one set black PJ's. trip wires, assorted documents assorted medical gear, and one set urns (3) containing 30 pounds of rice, in each which was destroyed. Unit then began questioning Viets in area resulting in 02 male detainees, ages 50 and 12 years. 50 year old had no ID and were both extremely uncooperable. Documents returned to CP, all other gear destroyed.	S-3
1500	1530	12	191500H	General Simmons arrived Hill 381 1500H departed 1530.	S-3
1600	1655	13	191530H	M 22 (972391) on patrol found cave complex, consisting of one well concealed cave 20'x20'. with two connecting rooms and two smaller caves 6'x8'. Area capable of holding 50 persons, contained in area 1400 pages of documents, 06 bundles of laundered civilian clothes, one ID card, six ponchos, 01 chicpm, 50 AK rounds, one medivac kit, and assorted individual items. Caves and gear destroyed, documents and medical gear returned to CP to be evac at a later date.	S-3
1845		14	191845H	Recon Noon Positions	S-3
1845	1853	15	191845H	3/5 forward informed Co M that 2/5 assumes operational control of grid square 9741.as approved by Regiment.	S-3
1900	1910	16	191900H	Battalion Position Report	S-3

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2155	2220	17	192155H	Operations conducted for 19 JAN71 sent to Regiment.	S-3
2200	2225	18	192200H	URS results for 19 JAN71 sent to Regiment.	S-3
LATE ENTRY:			190830H	CO L (Rein) Helo assault H-218 to commence searching destroy OPS.	S-3
				SUMMARY: Fox Company accounted for 01 VC, NVA KIA, 01 POW, 05 detainees, 90 pounds of rice, documents and miscellaneous ordinance and gear. M 22 found a cave complex, 1400 pages of documents, 06 bundles of clothes, 01 ID card, and misc ordinance and gear.	
2400	2400	19	192400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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0001	0001	1	200001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
0600	0625	2	200600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0920	0959	3	200959H	Forecast of Operations for 21 JAN71	S-3
0953		4	200933H	Regiment sent up to date AO for 2/5 Forward.	S-3
0945		5	200945H	Regiment sent up to date AO for 3/5 Forward.	S-3
1050	1155	6	201025H	F 2 B (037425) on patrol found one man made cave dug into side of hill. Cave had three entrances hidden by dirt and grass with ladders extending 25' down into cave which was 4'x30'x6'. Also in the area was a hootch and well which had been built within the last week. Unit searched entire area and destroyed cave, hootch and well.	S-3
1200	1300	7	201100H	L 33 (027386) on patrol found one 500 pound Bomb. An unsuccessful attempt had been made to booby trap bomb by placing a blasting cap in the fuse well. Unit destroyed bomb.	S-3
1235	1325	8	201205H	3/5 CP (994391) observed 01 VC.NVA (991368) on trail of previous enemy activity. Enemy had two pouches apparently containing demolition. Subject stopped at three positions on trail and buried something in ground. Unit called in 81mm FM expending 32 HE rounds. First round 1210H, BOM 1220H, with good target coverage but negative surveillance.	S-3
1250	1325	9	201220H	L 33 (033387) on patrol found one M-26 grenade with trip wire across trail. rigged as booby trap. Unit destroyed B/T.	S-3

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1305	1325	10	201305H	Recon Noon Positions	S-3
1335	1345	11	201320HX	L 33 (023386) on patrol found 01 cave 5'x10' with two rooms and appeared to have been used within the past week. Cave was thoroughly searched with negative results, and destroyed with C4.	S-3
1515	1525	12	201450H	L CP (026386) in Day Position discovered smoke grenade filled with C4. Booby trap had no trip wire, and was destroyed in place.	S-3
1540	1620	13	201455H	F 2 A (029417) found four pounds of rice in a pot, a US canteen and a blood trail running NW. Unit followed the trail and it led to a hastily buried VC/NVA body, approx 15 meters off trail. Body was dressed in green and a US cartridge belt. VC/NVA 20-25 years old, and apparently killed by 60mm interdicting fire fire from Fox CP. Also found in area was 01 poncho and 02 bush covers.	S-3
1800	1825	14	201705H	3/5 F cp (994391) observed 01 VC/NVA (990368) moving south with pack and rifle wearing green utilities. Unit called 81mm fire mission at 1710, EOM 1725 H, expending 31 rounds HE, excellent target coverage, one secondary explosion, approx size of an M-26 grenade.	S-3
1820	1905	15	201720H	FLB (049411) Found feshly dug grave off trail. Unit dug up grave finding 01 VC/NVA body 02 days dead. wrapped in poncho and dressed in green. Body was 20-30 years old, and had small arms wounds in chest also, with body were two dicuments that will be evac to Baldy Combat Base.	S-3

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1805	1920	16	201745H	FIB (051112) found large under ground tunnel 15' below ground level, 3'x4'x100' and extended into tree line with trails leading into mountains, Unit searched area thoroughly finding assorted clothing and 01 NVA manufactured chicom grenade. Tunnel and chicom were destroyed.	S-3
1800		17	201800H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
1800	1815	18	201800H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1940	1950	19	201940H	Col Johnson sent message to 3/5 rear, concerning mail delivery to field.	S-3
2200	2215	20	202200H	Operations conducted 20 JAN71 sent to Regiment	S-3
2210	2215	21	202210H	URS results for 20 JAN71 sent to Regiment	S-3
		22	200945H	LATE ENTRY: Regt 5 and Regt 3 visited Hill 381 Arrived:0945H Departed:1620H SUMMARY: Company Fox accounted for 02 VC/NVA KIA's, 01 cave, 01 tunnel, and misc gear and ordinance. Company L found 02 booby traps 01 500 pound bomb, and misc gear.	S-3
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IN	OUT				
0001H	0001H	1	210001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0645H	0700H	2	210645H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0827H	1258H	3	210730H	3/5 Forward CP (994391) observed three VC/NVA (989368) going west toward a hootch dressed in green utilities and carrying rifles. Unit called 81mm fire mission. First round hit at 0740H, ending the mission at 0758H, expending 50 rounds HE with excellent target coverage, claiming three probable enemy KIA, and one hootch destroyed.	S-3/F
0800H	0845H	4	210800H	3/5 Forward chops OPCON F Co 2/5 to 2/5 Rear, effective 210800H Jan 1971.	S-3/F
0930H		5	210930H	Regt request weather report every half hour until 1800H.	S-3/F
1130	1200	6	211015H	L 31 (023387) on patrol found two caves and three hootches constructed of grass and bamboo. One cave was 'll'xl'. Second cave had been started but not completed. Unit found area with three pair of PJ's present, one mosquito nets, and two large morphine bottles. Area appears to have been recently occupied. All caves, hootches and gear destroyed.	S-3
1100	1145	7	211100H	3/5 F sent message to 1st MAW band; band concert on hill 381 was greatly appreciated.	S-3
2115		8	211215H	Recon Noon Positions	S-3
1445	1500	9	211445H	L12 (021396) found one 500 pound bomb. Bomb appeared to have been carried to its present position by means of barbed wire and poles. Bomb was not B/T, and was destroyed.	S-3

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1450	1525	10	211313H	L 23 (037390) on patrol found three hootches with bunkers, 4'x4'x10'. A search of the area produced 02 VC/NVA AK 47 rounds, one NVA jacket and 01 USA soft cover. Unit also detained 05 females, aged 70, 02 40 years old, 01 15 years old, 01 14 years old, and seven children aged 3010. Later found was one spider hole which was destroyed with bunkers. hootches and captured.	S-3
1345		11	211345H	Company M sent accurate number of packs and grids for flip flop 22 JAN71 to 3/5 rear.	S-3
1600	1705	12	211600H	L 31 (018383) Unit in day time Op found 01 dud 51mm recoilless round. Round appeared to have been there for some time and was not booby trapped. Unit destroyed round.	S-3
	1819	13	211810H	Informed Co L of AO they will be operating in.	S-3
	1830	14	211815H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	1831	15	211830H	Informed Co K of AO they will be operating in.	S-3
1858		16	211815H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
2105	2300	17	212005H	L 12 (019396) In night ambush heard movement to their west. (010396) Unit initiated contact with claymore, M-60, M-16, and M-79. Unit called for 81mm illum. and searched area. Unit again made contact and proceeded to search area, finding 02 blood trails which were lost in the rain. Unit will continue search in the morning.	S-3

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	2305	18	212140H	Operations conducted for 21 Jan 71 S-3 sent to Regiment.	
	2310	19	212145H	High intelligence targets for 21 JAN 71. sent to Regiment.	S-3
				SUMMARY: 3/5 Forward 81mm mortars were accredited with 03 probable enemy KIA's. 3/5 Forward chops Opcon Fox Co. 2/5 to 2/5 rear. Co L detained 05 women and 07 children, Co L found 02 caves, 03 bunkers, 01 500 pound Bomb, and misc gear and ordinance.	
2400	2400	20	212400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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0001H	0001H	1	220001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0840H	0938H	2	222005H	Late Entry: Follow-up; L 12 searched the area of last night's contact finding one pair of black snadals. Blood trails were washed away by rain. Unit will continue to work in that general area.	S-3/F
0600H	0605H	3	220600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0830H	0908H	4	220830H	Forecast of Operations for 23 Jan 1971 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
0945H	1010H	5	220925H	L 13 (024394) while on patrol found a pressure release chicom in a tomato can located on a trail. Unit destroyed the B/T.	S-3/F
1030H	1445H	6	221030H	Col JOHNSON departed Hill 381 for Ross Combat Base, he returned at 1445H.	S-3/F
1223H		7	221223H	Recon noon positions.	S-3/F
1350H	1440H	8	221245H	L 22 (039391) while on patrol found one 81mm mortar round which was rigged on a trail as a B/T with trip wire and appeared to have been there for quite a while. Unit destroyed the B/T.	S-3/F
1510H	1600H	9	221350H	L 13 (026394) while on patrol unit returned to the area which was searched thoroughly yesterday and found 2 elderly females (40-45) and 3 children (2 boys, 1 girl) aging from 2-5 years old. All detainees were uncooperative. Unit searched the hootch and surrounding area finding 10 lbs of rice, 1 US canteen, 1 US poncho, 1 US helmet. Unit destroyed the hootch and evacuated the detainees and gear on a resupply helicopter.	S-3/F

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1525H		10	221525H	Co K(-) relieved Co M(-) in Imperial Lake AO.	S-3/F
1530H		11	221530H	K 1 relieved M 3 on Hill 381 and will provide close in security.	S-3/F
1800H	1805H	12	221800H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1815H		13	221815H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
1915H	1935H	14	221825H	L 1 (021393) while in day position received approximately 10-15 rounds of sniper fire from (022394). Unit returned small arms fire and observed two males fleeing to the southeast. Unit was unable to maintain sight and contact, due to heavy brush. Unit searched the area with negative results. Unit has an ambush in the area and will continue extensive search at first light.	S-3/F
2020H		15	222020H	3/5 Rear sent message on Rules of Engagement to 3/5 Forward.	S-3/F
2020H		16	222020H	3/5 Rear sent message on Indiscriminate firing of weapons, to 3/5 Forward.	S-3/F
2205H	2240H	17	222030H	L CP (020384) while in night had one trip flare go off on a trail running east to west at the base of the hill. Unit initiated fire on approximately 6 VC/NVA (020385), with M79, M60, and small arms fire. Unit called 81mm and 105mm illumination. Unit searched area under illumination finding 1 body, 1 AK47, and 1 pack. All gear was found in different places. L6 and L3 actual observed 3 VC/NVA fall in initial burst of fire. Unit will conduct thorough search of the area at first light.	S-3/F

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2120H	2140H	18	222120H	3/5 Forward informed 2/5 FWD of Company K 3/5 day acts for 23 Jan 1971.	S-3/F
2223H	2245H	19	222223H	Operations conducted for 22 Jan 1971 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2225H	2245H	20	222225H	High intelligence targets for 22 Jan 1971 sent to Regt.	S-2/F
2230H		21	222200H	Message concerning enemy acts.	S-3/F
2230H	2333H	22	222230H	Message to 3/5 Rear requesting an 81mm mortar.	S-3/F
				Summary: Co L accounted for 3 VC/NVA KIA, 5 detainees, captured 1 AKM7 and pack. Unit also found 2 B/T and other miscellaneous gear. Co K(-) relieved Co M(-) in Imperial Lake AO. K 1 relieved M 3 on Hill 381, and will provide close in security.	
2400H	2400H	23	222400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001	0001	1	230001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
0600	0645	2	230600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0645	0700	3	230645H	3/5 Forward informed Company K Of Company E 2/5 Day Patrol	S-3
0918	0940	4	230840H	L 11 (012380) While returning from night ambush site unit found 02 one-man sleeping holes which appeared to have been used recently. Unit searched area with negative results. When holes were being destroyed with M-26 grenades a fragment existed from an unknown hole and wounded 01 Marine slightly, in the leg with minimal bleeding. Will evacuate to make sure no shrapnel remains in Marine's leg.	S-3
0920	0925	5	230920H	Forecast of Operations for 24 JAN 71 sent to Regiment	S-3
1105	1145	6	222030H	Follow up L cp (020384) Unit was sent to search area of last night contact and found 01 pair of sandals and foot prints which were nearly washed away. Found 01 pack and 01 green flare, parachute and 01 flour sack (US type).	S-3
1100	1210	7	231030H	L 12 (025386) On patrol found 01 M-26 grenade with trip wire across trail rigged as booby trap. Appears to have been there for quite some time and was destroyed.	S-3
1130	1220	8	231045H	L 12 (025396) found a basketball illumination cannister filled with C 4 rigged as booby trap with trip wire across trail. Appeared to be fairly old, unit destroyed in place.	S-3

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1230	1300	9	231200H	K23 (977397) on patrol found 01 cave (4'x6'x6') with 60mm mortar round rigged with trip wire across entrance. Unit destroyed booby trap and searched cave which apparently had not been recently used. Unit probed cave entirely with negative results, and destroyed cave with C4.	S-3
1155	1355	10	231200H	L 13 (023387) on patrol found 02 caves, one had two compartments, second cave was 3'x3'. Unit searched cave thoroughly and found empty C ration can which had been there for approximately 02 days. Caves were destroyed with C4.	S-3
1350	1355	11	231130H	L 21 (038380) while approaching hootch observed 01 VC/NVA from east. Unit initiated small arms fire with 15-20 rounds M-16, but enemy disappeared into rocky area. Patrol found a small blood trail but was lost in heavy brush. Within a 200'x200' area unit found the following items: small amount of chow, clothing, 01 NVA poncho, one hammock, two US camouflage jackets, 01 US night shirt, one pair black shorts, 01 pair US skivvy shorts, 01 small bottle mouthwash, 01 US sewing kit, one pair sandals, 01 sythe, and some watermelon seeds. Unit destroyed all findings.	S-3
1323		12	231323H	Recon Noon Positions	S-3

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1630		13	231630H	Col Judge, CO 5th Marines arrived Hill-381 for a command visit will R.O.N..	S-3
1800	1810	14	231800H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
2030	2032	15	232030H	3/5 Forward requested and has been verbally approved by Regiment for an extension for Company L to exploit a high intelligence target area. 049399, from 241200H to 261200H JAN71.	S-3
2255		16	232255H	Message from rear requesting that the personnel who are being transferring to 1st Marines be sent to Ross.	S-3
	2400	17	232340H	High intelligence targets for 23 JAN71 sent to Regiment.	S-3
	2400	18	232345H	Operations conducted for 23 Jan 71 sent to Regiment.	S-3
	2115	19	232115H	Message discontinuing the use of thrust points.	S-3
				SUMMARY: Company L found 02 caves, 02 sleeping holes, 02 booby traps and miscellaneous gear. Company L had 01 Marine slightly wounded in leg by schrapnel. Company K found 01 cave booby trapped with 60mm round. Regiment granted AO extension to 3/5 forward. AO extension is for Co. L to exploit high intell targets in that area	
2400	2400	20	232400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	SECRET S-3

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0001H	0001H	1	240001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0600H	0620H	2	240600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0830H		3	240830H	Strength report from Company K.	S-3/F
0945H	0950H	4	240945H	Forecast of Operations for 25 Jan 1971 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
1015H	1015H	5	241015H	Col JUDGE departed Hill 381 at 1015H.	S-3/F
1015H	1055H	6	241015H	Col BRYANT and Regt 22 arrived at Hill 381 at 1015H and departed at 1055H.	S-3/F
1730H		7	241730H	Two battalions of VC to attack Ross Combat Base either the night of the 24 or 25 Jan 1971. Enemy is armed with 82mm mortar. It is possible that the enemy may attack Baldy, rated: B-3.	S-3/F
1830H		8	241830H	Weekly Plan Summary for 31 Jan to 6 Feb sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2050H	2055H	9	242055H	URS results for 24 Jan 71.	S-2/F
2120H	2125H	10	242125H	Operations conducted for 24 Jan 1971 sent to Regt. Summary: No enemy activity in Imperial Lake AO.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	11	242400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001	0001	1	250001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
0600	0605	2	250600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0700		3	250700H	Strength Report from Company L	S-3
0715		4	250715H	Strength Report from Company K	S-3
0755		5	250755H	Regiment approves AO extension for eastern side of Imperial Lake.	S-3
0920	0925	6	250920H	Forecast of Operations for 26 JAN71 sent to Regiment.	S-3
1128		7	261128H	3/5 Rear informed 3/5 Forward of Intelligence Report.	S-3
1305		8	251305H	Recon Noon Positions	S-3
2045	2245	9	251525H	L 2 (048383) on patrol heard movement to their south (048382) unit sent squad to investigate which initiated contact with with 10 VC/NVA, dressed in green utilities, with small arms and M-60, and M-79. Contact lasted 45 minutes, resulting in 09 VC/NVA KIA. As unit swept through area received sporadic small arms fire, captured gear was: 01 AK-47, 01 9mm pistol magazine, 01 45 cal pistol, 01 9mm pistol, 01 AK 47 magazine with rounds, 02 9mm magazines with rounds, 03 45 magazine with rounds 02 M-26 frag grenades, 01 chicom grenade, 01 US cartridge belt, 01 NVA belt, 01 NVA first aid packs, 01 US first aid pack, 01 US canteen pouch, 08 hammocks, 07 pieces of silk to be worn around the neck, (green white, and light blue), 01 uniform,	S-3

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				01 blue uniform, 01 blue blouse, 05 black PJ bottoms, 01 black PJ top, 09 NVA ponchos, 02 rain jackets, 01 rain trousers, 03 NVA jungle covers, 01 NVA flag, 01 hammer and cyle flag(both 3'x4', 01 pair Ho Chimen sandals, 40 pounds rice, 01 pair eye glasses, 02 cooking pans, 01 pound marijuana, assorted documents, 50 propa- ganda leaflets, 100 order for unit and individuals, 01 platoon roster, 09 8"x10" document books, 08 3"x5" document books, 02 South Vietnamese ID Cards, 01 billfold with papers, 01 stamp pad with stamp for documents, medical - 01 vial penicilium ; 04 tablets of pain pills, 01 bar allum, 2 bottles dressing, 02 vials medicine, 01 syringe with 02 needles, 01 first aid tube cream, 03 toothbrushes, 05 bars of soap, 04 bottles of soap, 01 pair of scissors, 02 spools of thread; All gear evacuated to Baldy Combat Base.	
1810	2220	10	251745H	L11 (04236) While moving to night S-3 position received approx 5-10 rounds of small arms fire from approx 75 meters from the NW. Unit observed 3-5 VC/NVA in black PJ's with weapons. Unit took enemy under fire with small arms fire and enemy fled to north along streambed. Unit pursured finding 01 blood trail which was followed until lost in brush. This contact was probably part of force encountered by 12 at 251525H	
1830		11	251830H	Regiment approves AO extension	S-3

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				grid square 9841.	
2000	2005	12	252000H	3/5 forward requests that black hammer to be on-call.	S-3
2000	2048	13	252000H	Operations conducted for 25 JAN 71.	S-3
1855	2050	14	251855H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
2105		15	252105H	URS results for 25 JAN 71 sent to Regiment.	S-3
2130		16	252130H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
1030		17	251030H	LATE ENTRY: 3/5 forward received accurate up-to-date TAOR for 2/5 3/5, and Recon Units which are working in Imperial Lake .	S-3
				SUMMARY: Company L 2 made contact with a relatively large enemy force. Killing 09 enemy and capturing 01 AK 47 rifle, 01 9mm pistol, 01 45 cal pistol, two M-26 grenades, 01 chicom, and assorted gear and documents gear and medical supplies.	
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0001	0001	1	260001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
0215	0730	2	260215H	K 2-1 and K3-1 notified of adjacent recon day acts.	S-3
0710		3	260710H	Lima Company Strength Report	S-3
0715		4	260715H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0810		5	260810H	Kilo Companu Strength Report	S-3
0815		6	260815H	Request for AO extension for K co.	S-3
0815		7	260815H	K Company request information on KCS returning to rear for TET.	S-3
0930	0942	8	260930H	MD request for AO extension for intelligence targets.	S-3
0930	0946	9	260930H	Information for KCS to return to rear today for TET if possible,	S-3
0940	0955	10	260940H	TET ceasefire message.	S-3
0945	1010	11	260945H	Forecast of Operations for 27 JAN71.	S-3
1050	1120	12	261050H	General Widdecke arrived at Hill 381 at 1050H for command visit. General Widdecke departed Hill 381 at 1120H.	S-3
1110		13	261110H	Received approval for AO extension for MDK.	S-3
1145	1230	14	261030H	L 33 (039383) While on day patrol found 03 hootches and 01 campfire, with coals still hot. Hootch was partially completed and was about 10' x 8' inside and constructed of grass abd bamboo. The remaining 02 hootches were 3'x8'x6' in size and built of natural rock formations. Unit conducted search of area finding material for making chicoms, including 20 chicom blasting caps, 03 chicom pressure release devices, 09	S-3

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				partially completed chicoms, 01 practice chicom constructed of bamboo and wood. Also were found a bottle of iodine and 01 bottle of mint. The unit determined that the area of the chicom factory was here, and to have been recently occupied. Unit continued search and found 01 well used trail leading from base of of hill to the top. Unit searched trail with negative results.	
1216	1244	15	261150H	L2 (051389) while searching hootch S-3 found approx 100-200 pounds of rice partially hidden in treeline near hootch. Unit held 01 VN male, age 40, who was owner of the hootch. After being questioned by ITT personnel, the VN male was released.	
1255	1330	16	261205H	L-1-1 (048393) while searching area found ville area with a star on a gate and what is believed to be fresh NVA footprints. Area was heavily vegetated with brush and bamboo. Unit searched area further finding 250 pounds of rice hulls. Area appeared to be NVA headquarters. Unit also held 01 VN female, age 25, with 01 child, approx 01 year old. Female suspected to be NVA nurse. Rice hulls were destroyed, and the VN female and child released after questioning by ITT personnel.	S-3
1347		17	261245H	While on day patrol L-33 discovered 01 cave approx 4' high and 3' wide and 45' long. Cave was fragged and searched with negative results. Cave appeared to have been used in the last week. Cave had four fighting holes in vicinity. Unit destroyed cave and continued day patrol with negative results.	

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1317		18	261317H	Recon Noon Positions	S-3
1706	1725	19	261610H	While moving to L-1 cp L-1-1 spotted 01 VC/NVA dressed in black and carrying pack, and run out of a cave. Unit called for VC/NVA to stop, when he did not, unit fired 04-05 rounds M-16 resulting in enemy KIA. Unit searched body and pack finding 01 billfold and miscellaneous gear. Unit searched tunnel and surrounding area for weapons and any other gear with negative results. Tunnel was approx 3'x4' in size. Unit found several small trails leading from tunnel. On 01 trail unit found booby trap marker on stick space at 30 feet intervals. Unit continued to L-1 cp at this time. Captured gear 01 billfold, 01 pack, 03 black PJ's, 01 razor, 01 bar of soap, 01 hammock, and fifle cleaning gear.	S-3
1615		20	261615H	Illumination usage from 5th Mar	S-3
1800	1805	21	261800H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1800	1815	22	261815H	As of 261800H 3/5 forward, Go's Kilo and Lima have stood down for TET cease fire as per directions.	S-3
1850		23	261850H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
1900		24	261900H	TET Truce: Until 271800, all patrols will be referred to as security patrols and all ambushes referred to as outposts. These terms are in effect for the TET Truce.	S-3
2100	2215	25	262215H	Operations conducted for 26 JAN 71. SUMMARY:	S-3

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				<p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>Lima Company made contact with 01 VC/NVA KIA, at approx 1610. Articles captured were: 01 billfold, 01 pack containing 03 pair of black PJ's, 01 razor, 01 bar of soap, 01 hammock, and rifle cleaning gear. Another L Co. unit found a cave which had been recently used. Unit then destroyed the cave. Another L Company unit found a possible VC/NVA headquarters, approx 250 pounds rice, and NVA nurse suspect and 01 child, 01 year old. Rice was destroyed, personnel released after questioning.</p> <p>L-3-3 found recently used hootches and searched area finding materials for making chicoms also found trail they searched it with negative results. Other items found: 20 chicom blasting caps, 03 chicom pressure release devices, 09 nearly completed chicoms, 01 practice chicom, constructed of bamboo and wood, 01 bottle of Iodine, 01 bottle of mint.</p>	
2400	2400	26	262400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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0001	0001	1	270001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
0600	0605	2	270600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0730		3	270730H	Kilo Company Strength Report	S-3
0830		4	270830H	Approval of 3/5 AO extension to include grid square 9841.	S-3
1100		5	270910H	L 1-3 (021397) While on second patrol, unit found 01 500 pound bomb. The bomb was not booby trapped. Unit will return at a later date to destroy the bomb.	S-3
1000		6	271000H	Lima Company Strength Report	S-3
0945	1005	7	271005H	Forecast of Operations for 28 JAN71.	S-3
1055		8	271040H	L 3-3 (022377) while on security patrol, unit found 01 freshly dug grave. Unit will return to area and investigate at a later date.	S-3
1315	1330	9	271230H	L 1-3 (011397) while on PBB security patrol received 01 sniper round from the NW from approx 75 meters. Unit returned fire with 15 rounds small arms fire, and searched area with negative results. Unit continued security patrol.	S-3
1245		10	271245H	Received Recon Noon Positions.	S-3
0930	1545	11	270930H	LtCol Johnson left Hill 381 to go to Ross at 0930 and returned at 1545.	S-3
1730	1750	12	271245H	L 2-2 (034390) While on day patrol unit found 01 small hootch that contained approx 2900 pounds of polished rice. Unit searched	S-3

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				areawith the following results: hootch 14" off ground, a trail of heavy growth branched out, leading to hootch, and three other trails to the rear. It appears that people had been sleeping under the hootch. Hootch was well constructed and would be capable of holding more rice that was found. Rice was placed on mat in hootch and the mat showed signs of wear. Trees in the area had bark worn off them as if rice bags had been brushing against them. Unit put rice in 96 ^{lb} pound sandbags and was lifted out at (271715H).	
1710		13	271710H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
1805	1810	14	271809H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1800	1810	15	271810H	As of (271800H) we have recommended extensive use III OPS.	S-3
	2020	16	272020H	Operations conducted for 27 JAN71.	S-3
2310		17	272310H	Intelligence report - 01 VC/NVA Battalion currently located at 946320) strength and weapons unknown. UN Channels rated A-2. SUMMARY: L-1-3 (021397) found a 500 pound bomb, not booby trapped. Returned later to check out area, and destroy it. L-3-3 found fresh grave and will return to investigate. L-1 3 (011397) received 04 round sniper fire, during day patrol. Unit returned fire with 15 rounds small arms fire and searched area with negative results. L-2-2(034390) while on day patrol found 01 hootch,	S-3

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2400	2400	18	272400H	with 2900 pounds of polished rice. Unit filled rice into 98 ¹ / ₂ pound sandbags and was lifted out at approx 271715H. They searched rest of area with negative results. JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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0001	0001	1	280001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
0600	0605	2	280600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0755	0800	3	280715H	L 12 (020396) while moving from night ambush site, point man detonated OI M-26 booby trap, with a trip wire, resulting in 01 USMC emergency medevac. Booby trap had a delayed fuse, and was believed to have been set last night. Unit called for medevac and was completed at 0745H.	S-3
0740		4	280740H	Kilo Company Strength Report	S-3
0800	0810	5	280810H	Forecast of Operations for 29 JAN71.	S-3
1120		6	281120H	L Company change in day acts for 28 JAN71.	S-3
1130		7	281130H	Lima Company Strength Report.	S-3
1240	1750	8	281155H	L 1-1 (03392) While on day patrol unit entered a small hamlet, all VN Nationals left prior to the patrol entering, patrol searched area finding 09 two man sleeping holes 2'x4'x4'. Also found 15 pounds rock salt, 05 pounds polished rice, 02 gas cans, 20-30 documents which will be evaluated ASAP. Upon leaving the unit received 05 rounds sniper fire, from the north east. Unit searched area for about 03 hours with negative results.	S-3
1320		9	281320H	Received Recon Noon Positions	S-3
1610		10	281610H	Lima Company request for 03 KCS when available.	S-3

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1610		11	281610H	Lima Company request for info on documents captured on 26 JAN71.	S-3
1610		12	281610H	Lima Company request for 02 mine booby trap dogs and/or scout dogs.	S-3
1620		13	281620H	Lima company submitted intelligence reports - targets.	S-3
1645	1645	14	281655H	This command advised Lima Company request to MDR, for KCS.	S-3
1645	1655	15	281655H	This command advised MDR of Lima request for booby trap dogs and scout dogs.	S-3
1725		16	281725H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
1735		17	281735H	MDR advised this command that no booby trap dogs are available, but that dogs have been requested from Regiment.	S-3
1745	1830	18	281745H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1904		19	281745H	L-3-3 (022377) unit returned to general area of contact Jan 26, and found 01 freshly dug grave. Unit found 01 male body, aged 25-30 years, dressed in green utilities, and wrapped in plastic. VC/NVA died of small arms wounds, in head, shoulders and abdomen. No I.D. Card on body.	S-3
1845	1905	20	281905H	Intelligence target in 9841 grid square apparently dry hole. Request extension of AO of 9940 grid square to work blue line ASAP to indefinite.	S-3
	2045	21	282045H	Operations conducted for 28 JAN71. SUMMARY:	S-3

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2400	2400	22	282400H	<p>SUMMARY: L-1-2 (020396) while moving from position point man tripped booby trap M-26 frag grenade, resulting in 01 emergency medevac and 01 priority medevac. L-1-1 while on day patrol entered hamlet; finding 09 two-man holes 2'x4'x4', also 15 pounds rock salt, 05 pounds polished rice, 02 gas cans, 20-30 documents dated 1953-1963. While leaving hamlet unit received 05 rounds sniper fire from NE. Unit searched area with negative results. L-3-3 (022377) Found 01 grave that was freshly dug, unit exhumed 01 male, aged 20-30.</p>	S-3
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0001	0001	1	290001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
0635		2	290550H	L-1-3 (034397) While set in night ambush unit heard movement outside their perimeter. Unit fragged the movement and called in 81mm illumination. Unit checked area with negative results.	S-3
0600	0610	3	290600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0715		4	290715H	Lima Company Strength Report	S-3
0755		5	290755H	Lima Company requests an AO extension.	S-3
0824		6	290824H	Kilo Company Strength Report	S-3
0915	0930	7	290915H	Forecast of Operations for 30 Jan71.	S-3
0945		8	290925H	L 1-2 (022392) while on day patrol second man in column trapped B/T. The B/T was placed in a rock formation and was rigged with a pressure release device and delayed fuse. No one in the unit was injured by the booby trap, and the unit continued their patrol.	S-3
0945	1530	9	290945H	LtCol Johnson departed Hill 381 at 0945 to fly to Ross C.B.. LTCOL Johnson returned to Hill 381 at 1530.	S-3
1146		10	291146H	E.E.I. Report inquiring if any Marines had received petitions/requests concerning signatures for plight of US POW's/MIA, negative response.	S-3
1645	1647	11	291645H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1815		12	291815H	Recon Night Positions	S-3

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	2110	13	292110	Operations conducted for 29 JAN71. SUMMARY: L 1-3 (034397) while set in night ambush heard movement outside their perimeter, fragged and searched area with negative results. L -1-2 (022392) While on day patrol man tripped booby trap 01 M-26, no one was injured.	S-3
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0001	0001	1	300001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
0026	0145	2	292315H	Late Entry: L 1 (026397) while set in night position unit heard movement, to the west and a trip flare went off, unit blew a claymore and fired approx 15-20 rounds small arms fire. Unit called in 81mm illumination mission and checked area with negative results. After returning to initial point of contact, unit heard moaning, unit fired 15-20 more small arms fire, 05 M-79 rounds and called another illumination mission. Unit checked area again with negative results. At first light unit again searched the area of the previous nights contact, finding fresh footprints, 01 trip flare with wire cut, and 01 homemade battery device, constructed of 02 pieces of wood with coil springs between. 02 connecting wires were attached to the coil. Unit also found 01 bamboo pole with 05 reeds tied on end. Unit believed this pole was used to probe in front of a man as he crawled. All of these items were found 50-75 meters west of the Lima cp.	S-3
0055	0745	3	300055H	Request for fitness reports, end of tour awards, and letters of continuity, to be submitted as soon as possible, in anticipation of imminent transfer.	
0600	0630	4	300600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0620	0635	5	300620H	Forecast of Operations for 31 JAN 71.	S-3
0830		6	300830H	Kilo Strength Report	S-3
0845		7	300845H	Lima Company Strength Report	S-3

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1100	1125	8	311035H	L 22 (025376) while on day patrol unit found 01 hootch, constructed of bamboo and grass, approx 10'x 6'x8'. The hootch was located on a small trail and was well camouflaged. Unit searched hootch and found tunnel approx. 2'x3' x20', which lead partially completed bunker. Unit also found 02 vats in hootch. The vats were approx. 4'x2', and were used for stroing rice. Unit also found mats for holding rice, and areas in the hootch where rice had been stored. Unit destroyed the hootch, where rice had been stored, the tunnel, and the bunker. Hootch had not been occupied for approx 02 weeks.	S-3
1100	1115	9	301100H	Persons to be transfered to 1st Marines requested to be returned to Ross Combat Base from L Company on 31 JAN71.	S-3
1140	1230	10	301110H	L 22 (026376) while on day patrol found what appeared to be booby trap markers. The markers consisted of a stick with 02 rocks on one side of it and 01 rock on the other. Unit checked the marker further and decided to destroy it with C4. After the explosion the unit found the marker had been booby trapped.	S-3
1335	1405	11	301115H	L 13 (013403) while on day patrol unit found cave complex. Unit searched area finding 8 caves and two graves. Graves were approx 04-06 days old. At entrance to one cave was found 02 500 pound bombs. Bombs had explosives removed and appeared to have been there for some time. In same cave unit found	S-3

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				01 8" round, also with explosives removed. In another cave, unit found black hair on deck and one bottle hair tonic. Area appeared to have been used as barber shop. In same cave found: 01 US canteen cup, 02 US helmet, liners, and 05 pounds rock salt. Unit dug up graves finding 02 VC/NVA bodies. 01 body was wrapped in white silk, believed to be part of a parachute. Body was nude and was KIA by small arms fire, in the head. Approx age of VC/NVA was 28-29 years. Second body was dressed in black PJ's. Unit believed VC/NVA KIA from burns on face and hands, unit could not tell age because of burns. The dimensions of first cave was approx 4'x15'x30'. The next two caves were approx 3'x6'x12'. 02 caves were approx 20x20 and 6x6 feet. They were believed used for sleeping quarters. The next two caves were approx 3x18x30 feet and 3x1x5 feet. Unit determined cave was used last night. Unit found freshly opened C Rations cans and camofire not more than 01 day old.	
1155		12	301115H	L 22 (026376) while on day patrol found 01 US rocket with 17 pound warhead. Unit destroyed rocket.	S-3
1230	1246	13	301230H	Sent pick up coordinates for transfer to MDR.	S-3
1345	1415	14	301345H	General Widdecke arrived on Hill 381 at 1345 for command visit. General Widdecke departed Hill 381 at 1415.	S-3
1410		15	301410H	Recon Noon Positions	S-3
1515		16	301445H	K-1 (983391) Unit found 01 82mm round, not B/T, and blew in place.	S-3

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1908		17	301615H	Recline 86 (994391) Unit spotted 03 VC/NVA through 20 power binoculars at above grid wearing dark clothing and a rifle. The other two were each carrying some sort of tube on their shoulder. VC/NVA were engaged by 106 RR from Hill 361 at 1640H. The three were in a wooded area after 06 rounds, 01 was seen. Adjustment was made and round was directly on target. A second one moved 75 meters from first one, adjustment was made and round was directly on target. EOM 1700 rounds expended: 07 beehive hootch in immediate area were destroyed.	S-3
1720	1740	18	301720H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1940		19	301940H	Recon Noon Positions	S-3
	2055	20	302045H	Operations conducted for 30 JAN 71.	S-3
				<p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>L-1 (026397) while in night position heard movement, trip flare went off. Unit blew claymore and small arms fire, and checked area with negative results. Unit returned to initial position and heard moaning and opened up again. Unit checked area at first light, finding fresh footprints, 01 trip flare with wire cut, and 01 homemade battery operated device.</p> <p>L-2-2 (025376) Unit found 01 hootch, while searching unit found tunnel that led to a partially completed bunker. Unit destroyed everything.</p> <p>L-2-2 (026376) Unit found one bobby trap marker. Marker, that was itself a booby trap, was destroyed.</p> <p>I-1-3 (013403) Unit found cave complex with 06 caves, 02 graves, 02 bombs, and 8" round, all with explosives removed.</p>	

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				<p>One cave was used as a barber shop, gear captured: 01 US canteen, 02 US helmet liners, and 05 pounds of rock salt. Unit dug up graves finding 02 VC/NVA nodies. One had been killed by small arms fire, the other by severe burns. 2 VC/NVA KIA. L-2-2 (026376) Unit found 01 US rocket with 17 pound warhead unit, then destroyed rocket. K-1 (983391) Unit found 01 82mm round, not a booby trap, and destroyed in place. Recline 86 (994391) Unit spotted 03 VC/NVA. 01 rifle with some type of tube also carried. VC/NVA were engaged by 106 RR. Immediate area was destroyed. Excellent coverage: 2 VC/NVA KIA.</p>	
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0001	0001	1	310001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
0600	0609	2	310600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0640	0650	3	310650H	Forecast of Operations for 01 FEB 71.	S-3
0810		4	310810H	Strength Report for K Company	S-3
0930		5	310930H	Kilo Company Strength Report	S-3
1140		6	311045H	L 11 (038400) while on day patrol unit found cave complex consisting of 04 caves, 3'x4'x4' in size. Unit searched area finding black hair on ground, possibly a barber shop; also found human waste on ground, not more than 24 hours old. Unit also found 02 well used trails which led from the area, to the north.	S-3
1255		7	3111255H	Recon Noon Positions	S-3
1425	1455	8	311155H	L 33 (004386) while on a day patrol unit found 04 freshly dug graves. Unit dug up graves finding 04 VC/NVA bodies, male, mid 29's, and appeared to be KIA by artillery. WRAPPED IN GREEN plastic and wore utilities. graves appeared to be approx 3 weeks old.	S-3
1550	1645	9	311550H	Undersecretary, MR. WARNER, General Robertson, General Widdecke, and Colonel Judge, arrived on Hill 381 at 1550 and stayed for a command visit. The VIP's departed at 1645.	S-3
1730	1800	10	311730H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1905		11	311905H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
2000	1955	12	312000H	Weekly Plan Summary for 000100 FEB 71 - 2400 14 Feb. 71.	S-3

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	2053	13	312025H	Operations conducted for 31 JAN 71.	S-3
	2125	14	312125H	Adjacent day and night acts for Kilo Company.	S-3
	2125	15	312125H	Adjacent day acts for 01 FEB 71 informed Fox and Echo 2/5.	S-3
				SUMMARY: L-11 (038400) Unit found cave complex consisting of 04 caves, that had been recently used. L-33 (004386) Unit found 04 graves and dug up bodies. It appears they were killed by artillery, several weeks ago.	
2400	2400	16 312400H	312400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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