



3RD BATTALION, 5TH MARINES
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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1-28 FEB 1971

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ORGANIZATIONCOMMANDER

3rd Battalion, 5th Marines

LtCol H. L. JOHNSON JR

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company	Capt J. T. MACNALEE 1 Feb 71 - 18 Feb 71 1st Lt M. R. BEGGS 18 Feb 71 - 28 Feb 71
Company I	1st Lt D. L. WEBER 1 Feb 71 - 2 Feb 71
Company K	Capt W. F. HARVEY 1 Feb 71 - 28 Feb 71
Company L	Capt H. W. DIAL 1 Feb 71 - 28 Feb 71
Company M	1st Lt J. C. GARRETT 1 Feb 71 - 28 Feb 71
ExecO	Major J. J. ROZMAN 1 Feb 71 - 28 Feb 71
S-1	1st Lt W. F. DEUBLER 1 Feb 71 - 28 Feb 71
Power/Signal	1st Lt J. L. EVOLDSON 1 Feb 71 - 28 Feb 71
S-2	1st Lt D. W. MORGAN 1 Feb 71 - 16 Feb 71 GySgt J. H. HIETMAN 16 Feb 71 - 28 Feb 71
S-3	Major J. T. SCHULSTER 1 Feb 71 - 24 Feb 71 1st Lt L. M. JOHNSTON 24 Feb 71 - 28 Feb 71
S-4	Capt M. O. FLETCHER 1 Feb 71 - 28 Feb 71
S-5	1st Lt J. J. REGO 1 Feb 71 - 19 Feb 71
SupO	1st Lt G. A. WELKER 1 Feb 71 - 28 Feb 71
CommO	Capt J. J. MARSHALL 1 Feb 71 - 28 Feb 71
Air Liaison Officer	1st Lt W. B. MAY 1 Feb 71 - 12 Feb 71 1st Lt D. E. HUBBARD 1 Feb 71 - 22 Feb 71
Medical Officers	Lt R. D. SMITH 1 Feb 71 - 11 Feb 71 Lt R. L. STEWART 1 Feb 71 - 20 Feb 71
MTO	1st Lt M. L. HENRY

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>USMC</u> <u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>USN</u> <u>ENLISTED</u>
27	667	3	31

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

From 1 February 1971 to 13 February 1971, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines continued normal operations, conducting Category III Operations in the Imperial Lake AO and Category I and II Operations in the vicinity of Ross Combat Base. One company (-) was retained constantly at Ross Combat Base for rehabilitation while retaining its mission of Regimental Reserve and relief force for Que Son District Headquarters and the CUPP units. The CUPP mission was continued by one platoon of Company M until relieved of its mission on 15 February 1971.

On 6 February 1971 at 1400H, the 3rd Platoon, Company M assumed the security of CP Ranchouse which was used as a haven for Reconnaissance Team operating in the vicinity. While on this mission the platoon was under the operational control of the Battalion Rear. This platoon was relieved of its mission on 16 February 1971 and returned to Ross Combat Base for operations in that vicinity. On 9 February 1971, Company L, 5th Marines came under the operational control of the Forward CP. On 13 February, at 0800H, the Forward CP was relieved on Hill 34 by a Command Group of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines who concurrently assumed operational control of Companies E, K, and L. The 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines CP returned to Ross Combat Base.

On 13 February 1971, Company M (-) manning the defenses of FSB Ryder and CP Roundup, were passed to the operational control of the 5th Marines upon the departure of the 11th Marines elements from those positions. The Company M (-) continued to occupy these positions until 16 February 1971, when, upon being relieved by elements of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, they returned to the stand down area at Hill 34 in DaNang.

Primary emphasis throughout the month was on embarkation preparedness. All non-essential supplies and stocks were moved to Hill 34, DaNang as they were programmed. The remaining equipment, supplies, vehicles and headquarters personnel were moved back to Hill 34 in three echelons on 10 February, 12 February, and 14 February, 1971. Only an "A" Jump CP with personnel essential to an orderly closing of the base, remained until 15 February 1971. On 12 February 1971, all administration, Battalion and Companies, were moved to Hill 34 to prepare for an orderly transfer of personnel to commence on 15 February 1971.

On 15 February 1971, Companies K and L were relieved from the operational control of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines and were helilifted from the field to Hill 34, DaNang. At 0800H, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines was relieved of all tactical responsibilities. Company I, and 3rd Platoon, Company M, which were operating in the vicinity of Ross Combat Base returned, and the platoon of Company M performing the CUPP mission left the villages of Son Lanh and Tra Dinh, and returned to Ross Combat Base. These units and the "A" Jump CP moved to Hill 34 by helicopter and truck convoy leaving only Company M (-) on FSB Ryder and CP Roundup to be relieved and returned to Hill 34 on 16 February 1971.

An orderly turn-over of Ross Combat Base to ARVN Command was made on the afternoon of 15 February 1971. At 1551H on 15 February 1971 the colors were struck officially transferring the control of Ross Combat Base. At 1630H on 15 February 1971, the last Marine departed Ross Combat Base by helicopter.

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

- 1 FEBRUARY 1971 (1) Col MOCULOUGH, Assistant Chief of Staff G-4, visited Hill 381, arriving at 1035H and departing at 1050H.
- 2 FEBRUARY 1971 (1) LtCol MOSS, XO 5th Marines, arrived on Hill 381 at 1830 for an overnight stay, departing the next day at 0740H.
- (2) LtCol JOHNSON, CO 3/5, departed Hill 381 to visit the USS Sanctuary, returning at 1420H.
- 3 FEBRUARY 1971 (1) MajGen WIDDECKE, CG 1st Marine Division (-) (Rein), visited Hill 381 for a command visit at 1020, departing at 1105H.
- (2) LtCol HART, CO 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, arrived on Hill 381 for a liaison visit, departing at 1125H.
- (3) LtCol HAMBLEY, CO of 2/5, arrived on Hill 381 for a liaison visit at 1650H, departing at 1705H.
- 4 FEBRUARY 1971 (1) Col KELLY, CO 1st Marines visited Hill 381, along with his staff.
- (2) LtCol HAMBLEY, CO of 2/5, and his staff visited Hill 381, arriving at 1345H, and departing at 1540H.
- 6 FEBRUARY 1971 (1) 3rd Platoon, Company M relieved of responsibility on CP Ranchouse and returned to Ross Combat Base.
- 9 FEBRUARY 1971 (1) MajGen WIDDECKE, CG 1st Marine Division (-) (Rein) arrived at Hill 381 at 1150H, departing at 1340H.
- (2) Col RUDZES, CO 11th Marines, arrived on Hill 381, at 1010H, and departing at 1025H.
- 11 FEBRUARY 1971 (1) BGen SIMONS, Assistant Division Commander 1st Marine Division, and Col RUDZES made a command visit to Hill 381.
- (2) Col JUDGE, CO 5th Marines, made a command visit to Hill 381.
- (3) MajGen ELWOOD, J-3 of CINCPAC, and MajGen WIDDECKE, CG 1st Marine Division (-) (Rein), made a command visit to Hill 381.
- 12 FEBRUARY 1971 (1) LtCol MOSS, XO 5th Marines, and LtCol HAMBLEY, CO 2/5, made a command visit to Hill 381.

13 FEBRUARY 1971 (1) 3rd Battalion chopped OPCON of E 2/5, L and K Companies 3/5 to 2/5 as of 130800H February 1971 in Imperial Lake AO. Forward CP returned to Ross Combat Base.

15 FEBRUARY 1971 (1) Companies L and K came under the operational control of 3/5 Rear from Operation Imperial Lake. Both companies were retrograded to Hill 34.

(2) A total of 25 personnel from 3rd Battalion were transferred to Force Logistics Command.

16 FEBRUARY 1971 (1) Company M returned to OPCON of 3/5, vacating FSB Ryder and returning to stand down at Hill 34.

(2) A total of 185 personnel from 3rd Battalion were processed and transferred to the 1st Marines.

17 FEBRUARY 1971 (1) A total of 185 personnel from 3rd Battalion were processed and transferred to the 1st Marines; 370 total personnel have been transferred to the 1st Marines during 16 and 17 February 1971.

(2) Battalion Departure Ceremony was held for 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. Col JUDGE, CO 5th Marines, presented the awards to personnel in the Battalion.

18 FEBRUARY 1971 (1) 165 total personnel were processed and returned to CONUS.

19 FEBRUARY 1971 (1) 165 total personnel were processed and returned to CONUS.

During the period 19 FEBRUARY 1971 through 28 FEBRUARY 1971, a total of 111 additional personnel were processed and returned to CONUS.

a. Personnel and Administration.

(1) Strength. The Battalion began the month with a total strength of 33 Marine Officers, 1066 Marine Enlisted, 3 Navy Officers, and 54 Navy Enlisted. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines now has a total strength of 22 Marine Officers, 230 Marine Enlisted, 0 Navy Officers, and 9 Navy Enlisted. During the month of February 441 Marines were processed and returned to CONUS, 370 were transferred to the 1st Marines, and 25 transferred to FLC.

(2) Morale. Morale and fighting spirit was and continues to be excellent. There were no in country or out of country R&R's during the month.

(3) Postal Services. Postal Services during the month of February continued with efficiency. Mail delivery continues to be accomplished via a regularly assigned courier on a daily basis.

The Battalion also conducted a Memorial Service for a Marine killed in action during the month of February - Corporal CHRISTENSEN.

(4) Discipline. During the month of February there were 8 Office Hours, 4 Summary Courts Martial and 4 Special Courts Martial.

(5) Awards. There were 13 Purple Hearts awarded to members of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines during the month. Additionally, 88 Navy Achievement Medals were recommended during the month of February.

(6) Promotions. There were a total of 61 promotions during the month. The breakdown by rank is as follows:

<u>REGULAR PROMOTION</u>		<u>MERITORIOUS PROMOTION</u>	
PFC	4	CPL	8
LCPL	23	SGT	1
CPL	24	SSGT	1

(7) Internal Management.

(a) Administrative procedures continued with efficiency through the month of February. A total of 441 Marines were processed and returned to CONUS during the period. Emphasis continued to be placed upon administrative discharge of personnel who do not conform to retention standards. 5 Marines were recommended for administrative discharges during the month of February, and 1 has been approved.

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

FRIENDLY CASUALTIES

KIA - - - - - 1	WIA - - - - - 3
WIA - - - - - 7	NBCD - - - - - 1
DOW - - - - - 0	MIA - - - - - 0
NBC - - - - - 4	

b. Enemy, Weather, and Terrain

(1) Enemy. Enemy activity was very light during the month of February. Enemy initiated activity were again of a harassing nature, while sightings dropped considerably from the preceding period.

(2) Weather. Precipitation has decreased with the termination of monsoons. Temperatures did remain relatively cool, with the average high of 77 during the day dipping to an average low of 63 at night. Precipitation received was .28 inches.

(3) Terrain. Terrain was again the rugged slopes of the Que Son Mountains to the north down to the fertile rice fields of the Que Son valley, in the south.

(4) Statistics.(a) Enemy Losses:

VC/NVA KIA	5
Detainees	22

(b) Weapons Captured:

AK47	1
M-16	1
M-1 Carbine	1

(c) Food Stuff Captured:

Rice	845 pounds
Potatoes	450 pounds
Tapioca	200 pounds

(d) Captured Gear:

14 packs (containing assorted clothing)
 20 pounds medical gear
 4 sleeping mats
 500 VN \$
 Assorted cooking gear
 Assorted clothing

(e) Mines/Booby Traps:

A total of 13 Booby Traps were encountered. Ten were found, and 3 were detonated resulting in 5 L&IC #14.

(a) Types and Numbers of Devices:

M-26 Grenade	2
C Rat Cans	9
60mm Round	1
Claymore	1

c. Organization and Operations.

3rd Battalion, 5th Marines was organized in accordance with the T/O 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. Tenants at Ross Combat Base prior to stand down on 15 February 1971 included:

Det, Radio Relay Platoon, Coma Company, HQ Battalion
 Det, Support Company, 1st Engineers
 Army Cyclops, 29th Artillery Battery, 24 Corps
 Kilo Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines
 Delta Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines
 HST, Company C, 1st SP Battalion
 Det, Bulk Fuel Company
 3rd Platoon, Company B, 1st Engineers
 Det, PX, Division Exchange
 D Battery, 1st Battalion, 82nd Army Artillery Regiment

The operations conducted during the month of February consisted of Battalion, company, and platoon size operations. The battalion size operation, Operation Imperial Lake was controlled by 3/5 Forward CP on Hill 381. Although the operation was battalion size, all companies operated independently of one another. Operations from Ross Combat Base were combat patrols used to interdict enemy movement in the AO, to disrupt his food gathering efforts, to reduce/dispel his propaganda efforts, and to prevent him from massing.

(1) Supporting Units/Agencies:

(a) Engineers. 3rd Platoon, Company B, 1st Engineers Battalion supports 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines during the month of February 1971. 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 Ross LZ.

(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 the 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, contributing to the early detection of VC/NVA and the searching of caves and bunkers.

(f) Interpreters. Two (2) Interpreters were employed by the subordinate units of the Battalion during the month of February 1971.

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

(a) Helicopters flew a total of 26 medevacs to evacuate 40 personnel. Of these there were 18 NIA and 22 NBC medevacs consisting of:

	E	P	R	PR
USMC	3	14	11	1
ARVN RF PF				
CIVILIAN	1	8	1	
MISC USN/USA			1	
TOTAL	4	22	13	1

(b) Helicopter gunships flew a total of 4 missions including 3 trooplifts and expended ordnance in support of ground troops one time.

(c) Helicopter transportation was provided for 4 troop lifts totalling 407 passengers.

(d) In this period 30x OV-10 aircraft were used; of these, 3 covered troop movements, 5 controlled air strikes, 14 expended their own ordnance and 13 ran visual reconnaissance missions.

(e) Fixed wing aircraft flew 7 combat missions all being close air strikes.

(2) Artillery.

(a) During the month of February, artillery fire support for 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines decreased from the previous month's level. This was due to a decrease in enemy activity and the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines stand down beginning on 13 February 1971.

(b) Forward observers attached to the units controlled 19 observed fire missions expending 511 rounds of artillery. Intelligence pre-emptive targets in support of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines numbered 112 missions expending 2136 rounds.

(c) During the month of February 1971 through 15 February, D Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, and K Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, both located at Ross Combat Base, supplied the majority of fire support. Considerable fire support was provided by F Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, located at LZ Ryder.

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

e. Training.

(1) Division Schools. Members of the Battalion attended the following Division Schools during the month of February 1971:

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>	<u>ASSIGNED</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>
Land Mine Warfare School	6 days	10	10

(2) Battalion Training. A total of 47 persons attended the Battalion Indoctrination School during the month of February.

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

ReS COMPANY

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
Care and Cleaning 106RR	15
Land Mine Warfare	2
Care and Cleaning XM 174	7
Flame Tanks	5
Care and Cleaning 50 cal.	7
M 16 Plotting Board	5
8mm Gun Drill	20
M1911A1 .45 Pistol	5
M 53 Sight	4
Counselling	4
FO School	5
Radio Procedure	3

COMPANY I

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
Perimeter Security	1½
Map Reading	3
First Aid	1
Drug Abuse	2
Embarkation Procedures	1½

COMPANY K

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
Scouting and Patrolling	2
Ambushes	2
First Aid	1
Drug Abuse	1
Medevac Procedures and Zone Briefing	1½
Booby Traps	2
Prevention of Immersion Foot	1
Establishment of Defense Perimeters	2
Supply and Logistics	1½

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<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>COMPANY L</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
Mapping		2
Radio Procedures		1

	<u>COMPANY M</u>	
Field Sanitation		1½
Rodent Control Measures		1½

f. Logistics

(1) General. The impetus of logistics activity during the month of February 1971 was three-fold: (1) the echelonment of men and materials from Ross Combat Base to the Hill 34 stand down area, (2) the preparation of Ross Combat Base for turnover to ARVN RP, and (3) the establishment of a Battalion Rear at Hill 34. The echelonment to Hill 34 transpired as scheduled with few exceptions. Because 80% of the supply assets, 15% of the Motor Transport assets and 5% of the company and section assets had been retrograded to Hill 34 prior to 10 February, the requirements for transportation assets external to the Battalion were minimized. Only 11 combination trucks with trailers, 10 tractor-trailers and 14 five-ton trucks were required from the 11th Motor Transport Battalion during the period 11 - 15 February 1971 to complete the move. In preparation for turnover of the cantonment, a projects list was compiled in mid-January. Although in many instances deadlines for completion of projects were not met, an all-out concerted effort on 13 and 14 February resulted in the turning over of an immaculate cantonment, with all grounds and facilities adhering strictly to the standards set by III MAF and 1st Marine Division. At 1551H on 15 February 1971, documents were signed by all parties concerned, and Ross Combat Base no longer belonged to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. In establishing a Battalion Rear, company offices and the S-1 section were displaced on 12 February. The Bravo Command Group displaced on 14 February with the Alpha Jump CP closing to Hill 34 on the 15th.

(2) Resupply. Resupply activities diminished greatly in February. The Battalion Resupply Team at Baldy ceased activity on 12 February. The last resupply to a 3/5 unit in the field was lifted from Ross on the 14th.

(3) Supply. During the first half of February, Battalion Supply made final adjustments of all property records. Inventories were posted and all ECR cards were signed. All garrison property, except mess garrison, was retrograded, and a considerable of unserviceable 782 gear was turned in. In-country redistribution was heavy, but out-country shipments were suspended due to FP&P's cessation of that function.

(4) Motor Transport. During this period of preparation for stand down, all motor transport assets displaced to Hill 34 by the afternoon of the 15th of February. Twenty-six Motor Transport items were coded "R" by the LTI team, with many more expected to be added to the list on subsequent LTI's at Hill 34. No licenses were issued during this period.

(5) Ordnance. Relatively little ammunition was drawn from the LSU#3 during February, as a programmed depletion of on-hand ammunition was put into effect. On 15 February it was necessary to retrograde only one truckload of ammunition, besides that being used by the guard of the day. The only critical shortage during this period was M-79 illumination, DODIC B535. The Battalion was deficient two major crew-served weapons. An 81mm mortar was down for a base plate and shock absorbers, and a 106RR, on order to replace a Code "R" item, had not been received.

(6) Engineer Support.

- (a) Daily mine sweep on Route 535
- (b) Relocate two urinals
- (c) Repaired ladder on tower #2
- (d) Removed metal debris near LZ
- (e) Graded MT and supply lots
- (f) Pumped 322,000 gallons of water
- (g) Repaired two bunkers

The following engineer projects requested of 1st Engineer Battalion were not completed:

- (a) Construction of 3 four-hole heads - - due 15 December 1970
- (b) Provide 10 urinal barrels - - due 15 December 1970
- (c) Provide 40 feces disposal barrels - - due 29 December 1970
(38 barrels were provided on 2 February, however, 9 of these were missing barrel plugs.)

(7) Food Services. The Mess Hall at Ross Combat Base closed down after breakfast on 13 February 1971, in order to prepare for stand down to Hill 34. The Forward CP continued to serve hot meals through 12 February 1971. Preparations were under way for setting up a mess hall in the 3/5 stand down area of Hill 34.

(8) Embarkation. During the first half of February, prepared and packed embarkation boxes continued to be moved to the Embarkation Readiness Center, where Embark Staging Areas have been established for all sections and companies. The 106RA boxes were received on 13 February 1971. Due to early rotation and transfer of trained personnel, the 3/5 Embarkation Team was reconstituted and trained for duty at Hill 34.

(9) Medical. Personnel strength on 15 February was 2 physicians and 49 corpsmen. 583 patients were seen at the BAS during the month. Excess medical gear was retrograded to FLC on 6 February 1971, ; medical records were displaced to Hill 34 on 12 Feb. At Hill 34, the 3/5 BAS was incorporated into the 1/5 Forward BAS.

(a) Major types of medical cases were:

1 Gonorrhea confirmed by smear	10
Geographic Location	
Local	0
Taipei	1
DaNang	7
Okinawa	2
2 Syphilis	0

(b) Breakdown of cases treated at Ross C. B.:

<u>1</u>	Superficial fungus	5
<u>2</u>	Bacterial skin infection	29
<u>3</u>	URI infections	19
<u>4</u>	FUO	5
<u>5</u>	Malaria diagnosed by smear	0
<u>6</u>	Diarrhea	14
<u>7</u>	Psychiatric	4
<u>8</u>	Orthopedic	13
<u>9</u>	Rx for glasses	10
<u>10</u>	Immersion foot	2
<u>11</u>	Rx for controlled drugs	55
<u>12</u>	Miscellaneous visits	343

g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action.

(1) During the month of February 1971, the majority of civic action projects resulted in supplies to villages in the Ross Combat Base area.

(2) Medical Assistance - Medcaps were given three times a week during the first half of February. A total of 583 patients were seen at the BAS, 499 of them Marines, and 84 Vietnamese Civilians. 316 Vietnamese civilians were treated at the 5 Medcaps given during the month of February 1971.

(3) Industrial Programs. There were 40 Vietnamese workers employed daily at Ross Combat Base during the first half of February (prior to stand down). This was financed through the AIK Fund.

(4) A breakdown of civic action conducted during the month of February is as follows:

(a) 1 February 1971 - 5 February 1971

(1) 1 February - 500 pounds of wood given to Son Thang Village.
250 pounds of wood to Son Lanh Church.
A class on personal response was conducted at Indochination School.

(2) 2 February - 250 pounds of wood given to Que Son Village carpenters.
250 pounds of wood given to Son Lanh Village.
250 pounds of wood given to Son Thang Church.
17000 Sanitation leaflets to Son Lanh, Son Thanh, and Que Son.

(3) 3 February - 250 pounds of wood to Son Lanh Church.

(4) 4 February - Movie (Chieu Hoi, PRO GVN) at Son Thanh School, 200 villagers attended. The movie lasted two hours.

(5) 5 February - 250 pounds of wood given to Budda Church.
250 pounds of wood to Son Lanh Church.
6 culverts given to Que Son Compound
500 pounds of wood to Son Tanh Village.

(b) 8 February 1971 - 10 February 1971

(1) 8 February - 750 pounds of wood to Son Thang Market

(2) 9 February - Armed Propaganda Team to Son Tang
500 pounds of wood to Son Lanh Church
250 pounds of wood to Son Thang Market

(3) 10 February - Armed Propaganda Team to Son Lanh
750 pounds of wood to Son Lanh Church
750 pounds of wood to Son Thang Market
10 steel mattings to Que Son Compound

(c) 11 February 1971 - 12 February 1971

- (1) 11 February - 30 tiers to Que Son Compound
 - Armed Propaganda Team to Son Thang
 - 1000 pounds of lumber to Son Thang Market
 - Approximately 500 pounds of wood to Que Son School
 - 250 pounds of wood given to Son Thang School
 - 500 pounds of wood given to Son Lanh Church

(5) Civic action during the month of February 1971 was completed concurrently with the pending stand down of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, the majority of which was wood for building to the villagers in the vicinity of Moss Combat Base.

(h) Psychological Operations:

(1) During the month of February 1971, 17,000 leaflets on Sanitation were handed out to villagers of Son Lanh and Son Thanh.

(2) Armed Propaganda Teams operated twice during the month in the villages of Son Thang and Que Son, on 9 and 11 February 1971.

(i) Communications:

(1) The communications platoon continued to support Battalion Operations. Until 15 February 1971, the communications platoon supported the Jump CP on Hill 301 and the 3rd Battalion Rear at Cross Combat Base.

(2) The UHF family of radios is most frequently used. The AN/PRC-25 and AN/PRC-77/KY-38 combination is employed for secure voice nets. TACP used the AN/PRC-75 and the AN/PRC-41.

(3) The AN/PRC-25 is used in the field primarily because of its light weight and dependability. Additionally it is the best for use in mobile situations.

(4) The AN/PRC-77/KY-38 is used at all levels when possible. All companies possess a battalion secure voice net capability.

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TIME		SERIAL NO	DATE TIME GROUP	MESSAGES SPOT REPORTS JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0001	0001	1	010001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
0028		2	010028H	Resupply request for Hill 270	S-3
	0125	3	010125H	Informed units of adjacent day acts for 01 FEB71.	S-3
0700	0810	4	010700H	Forecast of Operations for 02 FEB71 sent to Regiment.	S-3
0800	0815	5	010800H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0250	0800	6	010250H (010907H)	Weather Report	S-3
0907	0930	7	Resupply	request for K2, Hill 381	S-3
1126	1200	8	010920H	I2 (982341) While moving to day patrol position, unit received a burst of automatic weapons fire from a hoatch approximately 25 meters away, by an estimated 3-5 VC/NVA which fled to the NE. Unit immediately returned fire with 2 HE M-79 rounds and 01 M-26 frag grenade. Unit searched area finding 2 VN females and five VN children, all with multiple shrapnel wounds. All were medivac at 1010H and returned at 1130H after obtaining medical attention from corpsman at RAS.	S-3
1000	1010	9	011000H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1200	1310	10	011200H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1230		11	011230H	Recon Neon Positions	S-3
1415	1425	12	011415H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1722	1745	13	011100H	M 2 (999316) in process of checking area of six enemy sighted, 31 January, unit found a base camp built around an out cropping	S-3

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3rd Battalion
5th Marines
MSB Ross, RVN
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				of large rocks. Area appeared to have been used for some time. After entering base camp unit spotted 01 VC/NVA moving down trail approximately 50 meters away. Unit initiated small arms fire, resulting in 01 VC/NVA KIA. Male was wearing black PJ's and carrying 500 dong. Area of base camp was well camouflaged containing 01 hootch made of sticks 10'x6'x5', and two smaller hootches. In area was 5 pounds of rice, two pounds of peanuts, one gallon of water, one hammock, one pot hot coffee. All chew destroyed and area marked with air panels.	S-3
1600	1640	14	011600H	011600H Informed M CUPF and Hill 270 of adjacent night acts.	S-3
1605	1620	15	011605H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1635	1655	16	011635H	3/5 Rear received intelligence report from M CUPF and informed Med 3/5 Forward and Regiment.	S-2
1702		17	011702H	Received air requirements from 3/5 Forward.	S-3
1815	1825	18	011815H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1945		19	011945H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
1925	1952	20	011925H	Operations conducted for 01 FEB71 sent to Regiment.	S-3
2245	2311	21	011545H	LATE ENTRY: IOD unit (Hill 270) on wire check found that a case to a case and a half of trip flares had been cut and removed from the perimeter where they had been set. Also an area 01 4'x8', 02 4'x4', 02 4'x6' bunkers that could be used for mortars was found. This area is in	S-3

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				defilade from Hill 218 and Ross Combat Base, also 08 assembly areas that could sleep 15-20 persons was discovered with sleeping mats. Within the area were many 2'x3' holes with many AK47 rounds in them. The patrol replaced the trip flares and swept the area with negative results.	
	2045	22	012045H	Air requirements for 02 FEB71	S-3
	2216	23	012051H	High intelligence reports sent to all 3/5 units.	S-3
	2340	24	012125H	Ross combat base perimeter guard bunker 22A reported definite action approximately 75 meters southwest of their position. Unit fired pop up and observed what appeared to be a man crouching next to a large rock. CDR of the Guard fired 01 M-79 HE round at target, target disappeared. Approximately 15 minutes later, bunker 22A observed 01 person in front of their position. Unit threw 01 M-26 grenade which was a dud. Sergeant of the Guard checked area with starlight and had negative results.	S-3
	2330	25	012225	Charlie CUPP (018336) Marine was awakened to go on hole watch. The Marine picked up a grease gun and inserted a magazine, the bolt went home and the gun discharged 3 rounds, 1 striking a Vietnamese boy in the left side. Boy was brought immediately to Ross Combat Base. Emergency medevac was called at 2325H. An investigation officer will be appointed to conduct an investigation of the incident and to submit SIR Report	S-3

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		26	012340H	<p>Informed units of adjacent friendly day acts for 02 FEB71.</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>I2 received small arms fire from a hootch and returned fire. Unit searched area and found 02 VN females, and 5 VN children. All with multiple shrapnel wounds.</p> <p>M2 while searching out an enemy base camp spotted 01 VC/NVA, unit opened fire resulting in 01 VC/NVA KIA.</p> <p>IOD personnel on Hill 216 discovered that a sizeable amount of trip flares had been cut and removed from the perimeter wire. Perimeter guard at Ross Combat Base spotted movement in front of bunker 22A. A C CUPP Marine had an accidental rifle discharge, woundin a Vietnamese boy.</p>	S-3
2400	2400	27	012400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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0001	0001	1	020001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
0114	0805	2	020114H	Resupply request for Hill 270.	S-3
0320		3	020320H	Weather Report	S-3
0700	0800	4	020700H	Forecast of Operations for 03 FEB 71, sent to Regiment.	S-3
0755	0800	5	020800H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0825	0925	6	020825H	Resupply request for Hill 381	S-3
1000		7	021000H	2/5 receives AC extension from Regiment. Extension approved for Imperial Lake.	S-3
1210	1220	8	021210H	Battalion Position Report.	S-3
1330		9	021330H	Recon Noon Position Report	S-3
1530	1620	10	021305H	Hill 218 security patrol (037372) found 01 gas mask, two hellboxes 14 M-79 illum rounds, 25 M-16 rounds 1 1/2 pounds C4, two claymores with wire and blasting caps, 01 fuse for M-61 frag, one M-16 magazine 01 M-79 HE round. There was no sign of recent activity; all gear returned to Hill 218.	S-3
1400	1404	11	021400H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1516	1525	12	021516H	Message from S-4; all cargo nets in Forward positions should be returned to Ross Combat Base ASAP.	S-3
1615	1625	13	021615H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1835	1845	14	021700H	Hill 270 observed 26 VC/NVA dressed in green utilities with packs and rifles. A TOT consisting of Batteries D,K,F, and the 81mm mortar platoon. Expending 399 HE rounds. First	S-3

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
				round 1747, BOM 1833. Resulting in 05 NVA killed by artillery, and 05 secondaries of white smoke.	
1725	1735	15	021725H	Company L submitted Casualty rep.	S-3
1815	1825	16	021815H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1618	1930	17	021618H	Informed Hill 270 of friendly night acts near their position.	S-3
1845		18	021845H	Air requirements from 3/5 Forward.	S-3
1850	1900	19	021910H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
1850	1900	20	021950H	Advised I3 to search area 985334 of enemy sighting at first light 03 FEB71.	S-3
	2015	21	022000H	Air requirements for 03 FEB71.	S-3
	2100	22	022045H	Operations conducted for 02 FEB71.	S-3
2345		23	022345H	AO extension for Thang Binh	S-3
	2400	2400	022358H	Informed units of AO extension for Thang Binh.	S-3
				SUMMARY:	
				Hill 218 security patrol found miscellaneous gear and ordnance. IOD on Hill 270 observed 26 VC/NVA with packs and rifles. TOT was fired resulting in 05 VC/NVA KIA's, and 05 secondary explosions.	
2400	2400	25	022400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	TAKEN
0001	0001	1	030001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
0600	0700	2	030600H	Informed units of friendly adjacent day acts for 03 FEB71.	S-3
0226		3	030226H	Weather Report	S-3
0700	0805	4	030700H	Forecast of Operations for 04 FEB71, sent to Regiment.	S-3
0745	0800	5	030745H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0933	1003	6	030825H	M CUPP (000338) on patrol observed 09 VC/NVA at 999343 dressed in green utilities and two carrying M-16 rifles. Unit called 81mm fire mission at 0825 first round 0827, EOM 0840, expending 02 WP and 40 HE rounds. A CUPP searched the area and detained three women aged 30-40 years, and four children aged 8-10 years, who were fleeing the area. All detainees were turned over to the National Police.	S-3
0825	0826	7	030825H	Message from S-4 to S04A on Hill 381.	S-3
0920	1000	8	030920H	Message from 106's on Hill 381 to 106's on Ross Combat Base.	S-3
0927		9	030927H	Received message on Operation Hoang Dieu 103 from Regiment.	S-3
0930	1040	10	030930H	Company M message to S-4	S-4
1000	1005	11	031000H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1100	1140	12	031100H	B/SR sent intelligence reports to M CUPP, Co I, and Hill 270	S-2
1140	1515	13	031200H	I 3 (986346) came into point contact with enemy force of unknown size. Estimated 07 VC/NVA. Unit initiated	S-3

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				contact with small arms fire, 60mm mortar and 106 rifle from Hill 270. Unit swept area finding two bleed trails. Unit observed 01 VC/NVA fall from small arms fire. Unit was unable to find body. Unit swept area and found two more bleed trails. An AO was called on station at 1500H and expended on board ordnance resulting in the destruction of 04 hootches, 01 bunker and had 01 moderate size secondary explosion. CAS was run on grid 984342. IOD on Hill 270. Observed 01 body which was killed by air. I 3 set in night positions and will move into the vicinity of 985333 at first light.	
	1400	14	031400H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	1655	15	031615H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1710		16	031710H	Intelligence Report	S-2
	1810	17	031745H	Frag order to Company I	S-3
	1811	18	031805H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1820		19	031820H	Air requests from 3/5 Forward/	S-3
1827		20	031827H	Message concerning NCOIC of 106 platoon, on Hill 361.	S-3
1835		21	031836H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
1907		22	031920H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
	1920	23	031920H	Resupply for I 3	S-4
	2113	24	031950H	C CUPP (018336) in night position had 01 grenade explode in their wires on the west side of C CUPP ville. Unit immediately	S-3

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				fired a pop up illumination and spotted 01 VC/NVA flee into a treeline to the west. C CUPP opened fire with 01 laaw, 40 M-79 rounds, and about 500 rounds of M-16. Unit swept to the west 200 meters under illumination from 60mm 22 rounds, pop ups (31), and 04 81mm illumination rounds. Unit swept with negative results and returned to their night position.	
2110		25	032010H	Message concerning resupply from IOD Hill 270.	S-4
	2120	26	032020H	Informed units of intelligence reports.	S-3
	2242	27	032220H	Operations conducted for 03 FEB71.	S-3
2047		28	032047H	Message from Regiment to 3/5 zone	O.S-3
	2115	29	032115H	Air requirements for 04 FEB71.	S-3
				SUMMARY: M CUPP observed 09 VC/NVA and called 81mm fire mission. Unit detained three women and 4 children and turned them over to national police. I 3 initiated contact with about 07 VC/NVA, resulting in 02 blood trails, unit called for CAS which resulted in 01 enemy KIA. C CUPP in night positions received 01 incoming grenade.	
2400	2400	30	032400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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IN	OUT				
0001	0001	1	040001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
	0021	2	040012H	Adjacent day acts for 04 FEB71 sent to units.	S-3
0515		3	040515H	Weather report	S-2
	0715	4	040700H	Forecast of Operations for 05FEB71	S-3
	0745	5	040800H	Battali on Position Report	S-3
	0750	6	040705H	Change in day acts for 04 FEB71.	S-3
	0810	7	040810H	Adjacent day acts for 04 FEB71.	S-3
	0915	8	040915H	Message concerning whiz wheels.	S-3
0900		9	040900H	Resupply for Company L.	S-3
	0930	10	040920H	Addition to day acts for 04 FEB71.	S-3
	1015	11	041005H	Message concerning 106's section leader.	S-3
	1035	12	041030H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1100		13	041100H	Resupply request for Company M	S-4
	1218	14	041205H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1248		15	041248H	Recon Noon Positions	S-3
	1401	16	041350H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	1405	17	141350H	Message concerning return of 106 personnel.	S-3
	1710	18	041605H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1515		19	041515H	Message concerning sighting of cave	S-3
	1555	20	041555H	Message concerning spot reports	S-3
1620		21	041620H	URS	
1621		22	041621H	Message concerning replacement of 106 personnel.	S-3

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1755		23	041755H	Air requirements for 05 FEB71.	S-3
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1800	1813	24	041800H	Change in night acts for 04 FEB71.	S-3
	1845	25	041845H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1840		26	041840H	Recon night positions	S-3
	1930	27	041919H	Air requests for 05 FEB71.	S-3
	2013	28	042013H	High intelligence target.	S-3
	2225	29	042215H	Operations conducted for 04 FEB71	S-3
2345		30	042345H	Resupply for 3/5 Forward	S-3
2400	2400	31	042400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	TAKEN
0001	0001	1	050001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
	0230	2	050145H	Informed units of adjacent day acts for 05 FEB71.	S-3
0620		3	050620H	Weather Report	S-2
0700	0740	4	050700H	Forecast fo Operations for 06 FEB71 sent to Regiment.	S-3
0800	0810	5	050800H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0830		6	050830H	Resupply request for Company K	S-4
1200	1210	7	051200H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1250		8	051250H	Recon Neon Positions	S-3
1400	1410	9	051400H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1435	1532	10	051435H	Informed units of friendly adjacent night acts.	S-3
1630		11	051630H	URS sent to Company I	S-2
1630	1655	12	051630H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1820		13	051820H	Air requirements from 3/5 Forward	S-3
1815	1820	14	051815H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1850	1955	15	051850H	Intelligence report sent to Regt, 3/5 Forward, M CUPP, and Company I	S-3
1905		16	051905H	Intelligence report sent to Regt, 3/5 Forward and Hill 270.	S-3
1900	1935	17	051900H	Air requirements for 06 FEB71 sent to Regiment.	S-3
2000		18	052000H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
	2345	19	052315H	Addition to Air Requirements for 06 FEB71.	S-3
	2330	20	052319H	Operations conducted for 06 FEB71.	S-3
2400	2400	21	052400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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0001	0001	1	060001H	JOURNAL OPENED	
0100	0815	2	060100H	Informed units of adjacent day acts for 06 FEB71.	S-3
0655	0805	3	060655H	Weather Report	S-3
0700	0813	4	060700H	Forecast of Operations for 07 FEB sent to Regiment.	S-3
0800	0807	5	060800H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1030	1100	6	061030H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1215	1232	7	061215H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1310		8	061310H	Recon Noon Positions	S-3
1320	1330	9	061320H	Message from 3/5 XO to Co L 6 concerning pay officer. Message was acknowledged.	S-3
1340	1350	10	061340H	Resupply request from Hill 270.	S-4
1435	1530	11	061435H	Message from L 6 to S-4 concerning shortage of resupply.	S-4
1400	1545	12	061400H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1505	1535	13	061505H	Informed units of all adjacent night acts for 06 FEB71.	S-3
1515		14	061515H	Regiment approves AO extension for Imperial Lake TAOP.	S-3
1400		15	061400H	M 3 relieved OP Ranchouse at 1400 final helo landed Ross Combat Base at 1445H at which time platoon was chopped OPCON 11th Marines and became OPCON 3/5 Rea.	S-3
1600	1610	16	061600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1650		17	061650H	Air requirements for 07 FEB71 from 3/5 Forward.	S-3

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1615	1815	18	061530H	I 1 (988314) while in PPB sighted a camp fire. Unit called 81mm illumination and FM at 1530H expending 02 WP rounds and 20 HE rounds on target at 984308, with good coverage. After fire mission ended at 1545H unit observed 02 VN males dressed in camo utilities fleeing south from target area.	S-3
1815	1810	19	061815H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1900		20	061900H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
	2020	21	061630H	LATE ENTRY: I 1 (986314) on day patrol found a well built up area with about 18 hootches and bunkers and tunnels. Area also contained what appeared to be a beoby trap factory. Unit found powder, fuses, and some dismantled ordnance. Unit also found 400 pounds of rice, 400 pounds potatoes, and 200 pounds of tapioca. Unit also found 6 pigs, 08 chickens, and 01 water bull. At time of search there were 09 VN females and 04 children present. Civilians refused to talk or cooperative with KGS. Civilians did not have ID Card, and unit detained civilians and will have them extracted to Regiment on first available bird for questioning. Unit destroyed hootches, bunkers and food stuffs, live stock was disposed of, and samples of rice and ordnance was taken.	S-3
	2015	22	061940H	Air requirements for 07 FEB71.	S-3
2130		23	061945H	I 1 (988315) while setting in night position, a man tripped 01 pressu e release concussion grenade. One man received concussion type	S-3

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2135	2200	24	061950H	injury to ears, and a slight cut to the ears from flying debris. One other Marine was hit in chest by a rock causing a minor cut. Both Marines will be routine medevaced at first light.	
	070025H	25	062350H	Casualty report for Company I	S-1
				Operations conducted for 06 FEB71.	S-3
				SUMMARY:	
				I 1 detained 13 Vietnamese civilians, found 18 hootches (with bunkers and tunnels) 400 pounds rice, 400 pounds potatoes 200 pounds tapioca livestock and various ordnance. for booby traps.	
				I 1 tripped 01 booby trap resulting in 2 WIA USMC.	
				M 3 relieved of security for LZ Ranchouse.	
2400	2400	26	062400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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From: 070001H FEB71
To: 072400H FEB71

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IN	OUT				
0001	0001	1	070001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
	0030	2	070010H	Informed units of adjacent day acts for 07 FEB71.	S-3
	0107	3	070107H	Resupply for Hill 270	S-4
0430		4	070430H	Weather Report	S-2
	0925	5	070700H	Forecast of Operations for 08 FEB71.	S-3
	0700	6	070600H	Request for AO extension	S-3
0715		7	070715H	AO extension denied	S-3
	0800	8	070800H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0930		9	070430H	Casualty Report	S-1
	1000	10	071000H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1020		11	071020H	AO extension for 2/5	S-3
	1210	12	071210H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1309		13	071309H	Recon Noon Position	S-3
	1350	14	071350H	Day acts for 07 FEB71.	S-3
1445		15	071445H	Night acts for 07 FEB71.	S-3
	1700	16	071610H	Battalion Position Report.	S-3
	1805	17	071805H	Adjacent N acts for 07 FEB 71	S-3
	1810	18	071810H	Adjacent N acts for 07 FEB 71	S-3
1830		19	071830H	Message concerning the medevac of 01 CPL MEYERS.	S-3
1845		20	071845H	Resupply for Company K	S-4
	1929	21	071929H	Air requirements for 08 FEB71.	S-3
	2150	22	072145H	Ops conducted for 07 FEB71.	S-3
2400	2400	23	072400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	TAKEN
0001	0001	1	080001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
	0030	2	080025H	Weekly Plan Summary	S-3
	0240	3	080200H	Informed units of adjacent day acts for 08 FEB71.	S-3
0305		4	080305H	Weather Report	S-2
	0922	5	080922H	Forecast of Operations for 09 FEB71.	S-3
	0820	6	080820H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0812		7	080812H	Resupply for Company L	S-4
	1010	8	081010H	Day acts for Company I for 08 FEB71.	S-3
	1000	9	081000H	Adjacent day acts for 08 FEB71	S-3
	1205	10	081200H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	1305	11	081310H	Change in PPB for I-3	S-3
	1438	12	081433H	Message concerning 106 personnel on Hill 381.	S-3
1445		13	081445H	Message stating the 106 personnel on Hill 381.	S-3
1745	1755	14	081515H	I-31 (988334) while on patrol received fire from an undetermined enemy force. 01 VC/NVA was seen running to the NW returned fire with negative results.	S-3 S-3
1745	1750	15	081745H	I-33 (992332) while on patrol stepped to search 01 bunker camouflaged with sticks and shrubbery. Bunker blown in place with M-26 - small secondary explosion.	S-3
1702	1810	16	081702H	Change in night acts for 08 FEB71.	S-3
	1730	17	081730H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	1807	18	081807H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1814	1830	19	081814H	Casualty report from Co L	S-1
1817	1830	20	081817H	Casualty report from Co L	S-1
1820		21	081820H	Message concerning B/T that was not rigged to detonate.	S-3
	1858	22	081858H	Air requirements for 09 FEB71	S-3
	1925	23	081925H	Recent Night Positions	S-3
	2035	24	082035H	Message to Co K and L regarding transfer of officers.	S-3
	2130	25	082130H	Ops conducted for 08 FEB 71	S-3
2400	2400	26	082400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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0001	0001	1	090001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
	0114	2	090114H	Adjacent day acts for 09 FEB71.	S-3
0830		3	090830H	Weather Report	S-3 3
	0840	4	090840H	Forecast of Operations for 10 FEB71	S-3
	0845	5	090845H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0930		6	090930H	Message concerning E 2/5 being chopped OPCON to 3/5.	S-3
	1005	7	091005H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	1030	8	091030H	Change in day acts for 09 FEB71.	S-3
	1203	9	091203H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	1315	10	091315H	Message concerning Lessons Learned	S-3
1420	1428	11	091420H	I-3 (987346) while set in PPB received 30 rounds SAF resulting in 01 USMC KIA. Returned fire with negative results.	S-3
1327		12	091327H	Message concerning Lessons Learned	S-3
1430		13	091430H	Casualty report from Company I.	S-3
	1458	14	091458H	Change in day acts for I-32	S-3
1539		15	091539H	AO change for 3/5.	S-3
	1637	16	091637H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1740		17	091740H	Air requirements for 10 FEB71 from 3/5 Forward.	S-3
	1755	18	091755H	New AO for 3/5 Forward.	S-3
	1845	19	091845H	Battalion Position Report.	S-3
1855		20	091855H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
	2100	21	092100H	Ops conducted for 09 FEB71.	S-3
	2100	22	092100H	Air requirements for 10 FEB71.	S-3
				SUMMARY: I-3 received approximately 30 rounds of small arms fire resulting in 01 USMC KIA.	
2400	2400	23	092400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	S-3

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3rd Battalion
5th Marines
MSB Ross, RVN

From: 100001H FEB 71
To: 102400H FEB 71

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TIME		SERIAL	DATE TIME	MESSAGES SPOT REPORTS	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	TAKEN
0001	0001	1	100001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
	0220	2	100215H	Adjacent day acts for 10 FEB 71.	S-3
0340		3	100340H	Weather Report	S-2
	0825	4	100825H	Forecast of Operations for 11 FEB 71	S-3
	0820	5	100820H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	1040	6	101040H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1035		7	101035H	Message concerning resupply	S-3
1045		8	101045H	Message concerning standdown	S-3
1050		9	101050H	Message concerning PSDF's.	S-3
1330	1352	10	101330H	T-1 (004336) while on patrol took 50 rounds SAF. Returned SAF with negative results.	S-3
	1200	11	101200H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1245		12	101245H	Message concerning parts for 106	S-3
1340		13	101340H	Recon Night Positions.	S-3
1330	1335	14	101330H	T-1 (985328) while set in PPB took 10 rounds SAF, returned with SAF with negative results.	S-3
	1345	15	101345H	Message concerning parts for 106	S-3
	1420	16	101420H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1515		17	101515H	Resupply for Hill 381.	S-4
	1630	18	101630H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1605		19	101605H	Message concerning ammo.	S-3
1625		20	101625H	Air request for 11 FEB 71.	S-3
1626		21	101730H	Medical resupply for 11 FEB 71.	S-3
1855		22	101730H	Air requirements for 11 FEB 71.	S-3
1855		23	101855H	Recon Night Positions.	S-3
	2225	24	102225H	Message for 106 personnel	S-3
2130	2130	25	102130H	M CUPP (023346) A CUPP in night position, had 01 explosion in the wire, believed to be incoming chicom. Unit searched area with neg results.	S-3
	2050	26	102050H	Air requirements for 11 FEB 71.	S-3
	2155	27	102150H	Operations conducted for 11 FEB 71	S-3
				SUMMARY: I-1 received sporadic SAF. A CUPP received 01 incoming chicom.	
2400	2400	28	102400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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3rd Battalion
5th Marines
MSB Ross, RVN

From: 110001H FEB 71

To: 112400H FEB 71

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TIME		SERIAL	DATE TIME	MESSAGES SPOT REPORTS	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	TAKEN
0001	0001	1	110001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
0230		2	110230H	Weather Report	S-2
	0630	3	110630H	Adjacent PF Acts for 11FEB71.	S-3
	0720	4	110720H	Forecast of Operations for 11FEB71	S-3
	0747	5	110747H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0810		6	110810H	Resupply for E 2/5	S-4
0830		7	110830H	Message concerning resupply for COMPANY K.	S-4
0835		8	110835H	Message concerning 106 personnel	S-3
1005		9	111005H	Resupply for Company K	S-4
1030		10	111030H	Battalion Position Report c	S-3
1325	1340	11	111325H	M-2 (H-270) while a chopper was landing on H-270 it took approx 10 rounds SAF. 1 1/2 hours later enemy opened up again, 01 WIA USMC, P. Fired 81mm FM and called AO both times with negative results.	S-3
1255		12	111255H	Recon Noon Positions	S-3
1340		13	111340H	Ammo Report	S-3
1625	1705	14	111625H	M-2 (H-270) received 20 rounds SAF returned with SAF with negative results.	S-3
	1605	15	111605H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
		16	111710H	Air requirements for 12 FEB71.	S-3
	1815	17	111815H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1750		18	111750H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
1855		19	111855H	Casualty report from Company L	S-1
	1912	20	111912H	Air requirements for 12 FEB71.	S-3
	2115	21	112115H	RCB Security - 01 trip flare went off in front of bunker #22 personnel detonated 01 claymore - area was checked with starlight scope with negative results.	S-3
	2235	22	112235H	Operations conducted for 11 FEB71.	S-3
	2340	23	112340H	C CUPP (018337) in night position had 01 trip flare go off, fired 20 rounds SAF and swept with negative results.	S-3
				SUMMARY: M 2 on hill 270 received approx 10 rounds SAF, resulting in 01 WIA UAMC, P.	
2400	2400	24	112400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	

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3rd Battalion
5th Marines
PBB Ross, RVN
From: 120001H FEB71
To: 122400H FEB71

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TIME		SERIAL NO	DATE TIME GROUP	MESSAGES SPOT REPORTS JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0001	0001	1	120001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
	0301	2	120301H	Adjacent day acts PF for 12 FEB71	S-3
0306		3	120306H	Weather Report	S-2
	0730	4	120730H	Forecast of Operations for 13 FEB	S-3
	0850	5	120850H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0915		6	120915H	AO extension	S-3
	1010	7	121010H	Message concerning 106 personnel	S-3
	1210	8	121210H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
	1430	9	121430H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1530		10	121530H	Message concerning Navy payroll.	S-3
	1610	11	121610H	Message concerning 106 personnel.	S-3
	1622	12	121622H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1730		13	121730H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
1751		14	121751H	Air requirements for 13 FEB for 3/5F	S-3
	1835	15	121835H	Adjacent night acts for 12 FEB71	S-3
	1900	16	121900H	Air requirements for 13 FEB71.	S-3
	2057	17	122057H	Ops conducted for 12 FEB71.	S-3
2400	2400	18	122400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	S-3

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3rd Battalion
5th Marines
PMB Ross, RVN
From: 130001H FEB71
To: 132400H FEB71

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TIME		SERIAL	DATE TIME	MESSAGES SPOT REPORTS	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	TAKEN
0001	0001	1	130001H	JOURNAL OPENED 1/2	S-3
0235		2	130235H	Weather Report	S-3
0700	0715	3	130700H	Forecast of Operations for 13 FEB 71	S-3
0700	0716	4	130700H	Adjacent day acts for 13 FEB 71	S-3
0800	0805	5	130800H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1000	1000	6	131000H	35 chapped OPCON of E 2/5 and L and K 3/5 to 2/5 as of 130001H FEB 71 in Imperial Lake AO.	S-3
1230		7	131230H	I 33 (996344) while on day patrol unit found a bunker and cave. Attempts had been made to came them recently, and shpved recent use - they contained approximately 25 pounds of rice. Unit also found 01 bushel of cotton and gauze, packaged in usable condition in a nearby desert pagoda. THE bunker was blown and all items were destpyed.	S-3
1250		8	131250H	Recon Neon Positions	S-3
1315		9	131315H	I 11 (008323) while on day patrol unit found a small bundle of VN papers in a deserted hootch. Unit kept papers and will turn them in upon return to CP.	S-3
1430	1437	10	131430H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1645		11	131645H	MDM request for helolift	1 4
1730		12	131730H	Adjacent PF acts for 13 FEB 71.	S-3
1800	1830	13	131800H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1840		14	131840H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
1925	1925	15	131925H	Ops conducted for 14 FEB 71	S-3

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IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	TAKEN
2030		16	132030H	Air requirements der 14FEB71.	S-2
SUMMARY:					
I 33 (996344) unit found recently used bunker and tunnel with 25 pounds of rice, 01 bushel of gauze and cotton units. Unit destroyed everything.					
I-1-1 (00833) unit found small bundles of VN papers in hootch. Unit kept papers will turn in upon arrival.					
2400	2400	17	132400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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5th Marines
FSB Ross, RVN
From: 140001H FEB71
To: 142400H FEB71

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TIME		SERIAL NO	DATE TIME GROUP	MESSAGES - SPOT REPORTS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001	0001	1	140001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
0055		2	140055H	Adjacent day acts for 14 FEB71 for I Co.	S-3
0100		3	140100H	Adjacent day acts for 14 FEB71 for A,C COMP	S-3
0315		4	140315H	Weather Report	S-2
0605	0640	5	140605H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0640	0700	6	140640H	Forecast of Operations for 14 FEB71.	S-3
0810	0820	7	140810H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0830		8	140810H	K Company Strength Report	S-3
0830		9	140830H	L Company Strength Report	S-3
1000	1015	10	141005H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1043		11	141043H	MDM 2 Ammo count	S-3
1105		12	141105H	MDM Ammo count	S-3
1115		13	141115H	MDK Casualty Report	S-3
1205	1215	14	141205H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1500		15	141500H	I 2 (998343) while on day patrol unit sighted 04 VC/NVA approximately 40 meters in front of them. VC/NVA were fleeing to the SE and had packs and rifles, 02 had dark green trousers and black shirts. VC/NVA were taken under fire with small arms fire expending approximately 15 rounds: no fire was returned, and unit swept area with negative results.	S-3
1500		16	141500H	MDI Casualty Report	S-3
1720	1740	17	141720H	I 2 (999340) while returning to Ross point man set off M-26 B/T, which was set in with trip wire in a rice paddy. I 2 requested emergency medevac at 1600H for shrapnel wounds in leg and head. Medevac was completed at 1612H and unit continued to Ross C.B.	S-3
1725		18	141725H	I 2 Casualty Report	S-3

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5th Marines
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TIME		SERIAL	DATE TIME	MESSAGES - SPOT REPORTS	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	TAKEN
1820	1820	19	141820H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1840		20	141820H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
	2013	21	142013H	Air requirements for 15 FEB71.	S-3
	2045	22	140045H	Operations conducted for 14 FEB71.	S-3
				SUMMARY:	
				I 2 tripped 01 B/T resulting in 01 USMC E Medevac.	
2400	2400	23	142400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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3rd Battalion
5th Marines
FSB Ross, RVN
From: 150001H FEB71
To: 152400H FEB71

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TIME		SERIAL NO	DATE TIME GROUP	MESSAGES - SPOT REPORTS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001	0001	1	150001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
	0712	2	150700H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0850		3	150850H	Strength Report for Company L	S-3
0855		4	150855H	AT 150800H FEB71; 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines was relieved of all combat responsibilities, with the exception of Ross Combat Base. At 151500H FEB71, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines will be relieved of the defense of Ross Combat Base.	S-3
		5	151032H	Company L and Company K chopped OPCON to 3/5 from Imperial Lake Operation. Both companies were retrograded to Hill 34.	S-3
		6	151130H	3rd Battalion, 5th Marines commenced retrograde to Hill 34.	S-3
		7	151515H	Convoy from Ross Combat Base to Hill 34 departed.	S-3
		8	151551H	Ross Combat Base signed over to South VN Forces.	S-3
		9	151605H	Rear echelon departed Ross Combat Base to Hill 34 via helo.	S-3
		10	151720H	Rear echelon departed Ross, arriving at Hill 34 at 1720H.	S-3
		11	151830H	Convoy arrived at Hill 34	S-3
				SUMMARY: Between 1100H and 1800H 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines signed Ross Combat Base over to South Vietnamese Forces and retrograded to Hill 34.	
2400	2400	12	152400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

3rd Battalion
 5th Marines
 FSB Ross, RVN
 From: 160001H FEB71
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162400H FEB71

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TIME		SERIAL	DATE TIME	MESSAGES - SPOT REPORTS	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	TAKEN
0001	0001	1	160001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
1400		2	161400H	M Company retrograded to Hill 34	S-3
1500		3	161500H	General SIMMONS, Asst. Division Commander made a command visit to Hill 34	S-3
2400	2400	4	162400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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 5th Marines
 P.O. Box 1000, RVN
 From: 170001H FEB71
 To: 172400H FEB71

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TIME	SERIAL	DATE	TIME	MESSAGE - SPOT REPORTS	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	PAKED
6001	0001	1	170001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
1030	1115	2	171030H	Presentation of Awards Ceremony - Colonel JUDGE, CO 5th Marines presented the awards.	S-3
2400	2400	3	172400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

3rd Battalion
5th Airline
FSB Ross, RVN
From: 180001H FEB71
To: 182400H FEB71

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TIME	SERIAL	DATE TIME	MESSAGES - SPOT REPORTS	ACTION	
IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	TAKEN
0001	0001	1	180001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
				(Nothing significant to report)	
2400	2400	2	182400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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3rd Battalion
 5th Marines
 FSB Ross, RVN
 From: 190001H FEB71
 To: 192400H FEB71

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TIME		SERIAL	DATE TIME	MESSAGES - SPOT REPORTS	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	TAKEN
0001	0001	1	190001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
				3/5 continued stand down procedure	
2400	2400	2	192400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

3rd Battalion
 5th Marines
 FSB Ross, RVN
 From: 200001H FEB71
 To: 202400H FEB71

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TIME		SERIAL	DATE TIME	MESSAGES - SPOT REPORTS	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	TAKEN
0001	0001	1	200001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
				Unit continued stand down procedure	
2400	2400	2	202400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

3rd Battalion
5th Marines
FSB Ross, RVN
From: 210001H FEB71
To: 212400H FEB71

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TIME		SERIAL	DATE TIME	MESSAGES - SPOT REPORTS	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	TAKEN
0001	0001	1	210001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
				Nothing significant to reoprt	
2400	2400	2	212400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

3rd Battalion
 5th Marines
 FSB Ross, RVN
 From: 220001H FEB71
 To: 222400H FEB71

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TIME IN	OUT	SERIAL NO	DATE TIME GROUP	MESSAGES - SPOT REPORTS JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	ACTION TAKEN
0001	0001	1	220001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
1620		2	221620H	BGen SIMMONS made a command visit of Hill 34	S-3
2400	2400	3	222400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

3rd Battalion
5th Marines
FSB Ross, RVN
From: 230001H FEB71
To: 232400H FEB71

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TIME		SERIAL	DATE TIME	MESSAGES - SPOT REPORTS	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	TAKEN
0001	0001	1	230001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
				Nothing significant to report	
2400	2400	2	232400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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5th Marines
FSB Ross, RVN
From: 240001H FEB71
To: 242400H FEB71

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TIME	SERIAL	DATE	TIME	MESSAGES - SPOT REPORTS	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	TAKEN
0001	0001	1	240001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
				Nothing significant to report.	
2400	2400	2	242400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

3rd Battalion
5th Marines
FSB Ross, RVN
From: 250001H FEB71
To: 252400H FEB71

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TIME		SERIAL	DATE TIME	MESSAGES - SPOT REPORTS	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	TAKEN
0001	0001	1	250001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
				3/5 continued stand down procedures	
2400	2400	2	252400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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5th Marines
FSB Ross, RVN
From: 260001H FEB 71
To: 262400H FEB 71

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO	DATE TIME GROUP	MESSAGES - SPOT REPORTS JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	ACTION TAKEN
0001	0001	1	260001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
				Continued embark procedure	
2400	2400	2	262400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

3rd Battalion
 5th Marines
 FSB Ross, RVN
 From: 270001H FEB71
 To: 272400H FEB71

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TIME		SERIAL	DATE TIME	MESSAGES - SPOT REPORTS	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	TAKEN
0001	0001	1	270001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
				Continued embark procedures	
2400	2400	2	272400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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Marines
FSB Ross, RVN
From: 280001H FEB71
To: 282400H FEB71

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO	DATE TIME GROUP	MESSAGES - SPOT REPORTS JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	ACTION TAKEN
0001	0001	1	280001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
				Nothing significant to report	
2400	2400	2	282400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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5th Marines
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From: 010001H Feb 1971
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TIME		SERIAL	DATE TIME	MESS AGES SPOT REPORTS	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	TAKEN
0001H	0001H	1	010001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
2125H		2	312125H	Late Entry: Intelligence report S-2/F of NVA Bn. to attack Que Son District. Report was B-1 rating.	
0600H	0620H	3	010600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0710H	0714H	4	010710H	Forecast of Operation for 2 Feb sent to Regt.	S-3/F
0815H	1145H	5	010815H	Col JOHNSON departed H-381 for Ross Combat Base at 0815H, and returned to H-381 at 1145H.	S-3/F
0830H		6	010830H	Strength report from Company K.	S-3/F
0900H		7	010900H	Strength report from Company L.	S-3/E
1035H	1050H	8	011035H	Col MCCOLLUGH, Asst Chief of Staff of G-4 visited H-381. He arrived at 1035H, and departed at 1050H.	S-3/F
1310H	1330H	9	011220H	L 11 (038399) while checking an area where Recline 85 had observed 2 VC/NVA with weapons, unit received 10-15 rounds of automatic fire from a treeline 150 meters to the NE. Unit returned fire with 25 rounds of small arms fire, and 5 rounds M79 fire. Unit searched the area and observed 1 VC/NVA dressed in black running from the area to the foothills to the N. Unit pursued VC/NVA, but lost him in heavy brush. Upon further searching, unit found 400 lbs of unpolished rice stored in a 55 gallon drum in a cave. Unit destroyed the rice, cave, and tunnels.	S-3/F
1245H		10	011245H	Recon noon positions.	S-3/F
1545H		11	011525H	L 12 (036397) while on day pat-	S-3/F

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From: 010001H Feb 1971

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TIME		SERIAL	DATE TIME	MESSAGES SPOT REPORTS	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	TAKEN
				rol found 1 M26 booby trap. B/T was placed on a trail and was rigged with a trip wire. B/T was destroyed.	
1600H		12	011540H	L 12 (032397) while on day patrol found 1 M26 B/T. B/T was placed on a trail and was in a can, rigged with a trip wire, which was made of grass. Point man tripped the wire with negative results. B/T did not appear to be hastily set. Unit destroyed the B/T.	S-3/F
1705H	1710H	13	011705H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1910H		14	011910H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
1915H		15	011915H	Intelligence report (017359) 100 NVA with 82mm mortar, 60mm mortar, and small arms. Enemy in large wave, agent report rating as B-2.	S-2/F
2115H	2115H	16	012115H	Operations conducted for 1 Feb 71 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
		17		Intelligence report (0037) and (125375) 1 NVA Bn, strength 250, armed with 03 60mm mortar, 82mm mortar, and 30 Cal. to attack Ross tonight and again before 10 Feb. VN channeled rating as B-2. Summary: L 11 (038399) unit received 10-15 rounds of automatic fire. Unit returned fire, while checking the area unit observed 1 NVA/VC fleeing to the foothills. Unit pursued with negative results, but found 400 lbs of unpolished rice in a cave. Unit destroyed everything. L 12 (036397) found 1 M26 B/T. L 12 (032397) point man tripped a M26 B/T with negative results. Unit destroyed the B/T.	S-2/F

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5th Marines
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From: 010001H Feb 1971
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IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	TAKEN
2400H	2400H	18	012400H	Intelligence report (0037) and (125375) 1 NVA Bn, strength 250 armed with 8, 60mm mortar, 1 82mm mortar, and 1 30 Cal. to attack Ross, B-2 rating. Intelligence report (017-359) 100 NVA with 82mm mortar, 60mm mortar, and small arms. Enemy is located in a large cave. B-2 rating.	
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IN	OUT				
0001H	0001H	1	020001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
1830H	0740H	2	011830H	Late Entry: LtCol MOSS, Regt XO arrived on H-381 at 1830H, and stayed for the night. He departed the next day at 020740H Feb 71.	S-2/F
0600H	0630H	3	020600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0745H		4	020745H	Strength report from Company L.	S-3/F
0850H		5	020850H	Strength report from Company K.	S-3/F
0900H	1420H	6	020900H	LtCol JOHNSON departed H-381 to visit the USS Sanctuary. He returned at 1420H.	S-3/F
0932H		7	020932H	Co L request for AO extension.	S-3/F
1005H		8	021005H	AO extension granted to 2/5.	S-3/F
1000H	1007H	9	021000H	3/5 request for AO extension.	S-3/F
1020H		10	021020H	AO extension disapproved by Regt.	S-3/F
1342H	1416H	11	021320H	K 33 (970385) while on patrol found 7 B/Ts consisting of 6 C-rat cans packed with C-4, and rigged with trip wire and pulled friction fuzes, and 1 pressure type toe popper accounted for the 7th B/T. 4 B/Ts were found on a trail leading into an old CP area, and 3 were set up in the CP area. B/Ts were camouflaged at one time, but camouflage was gone, leading the unit to believe the B/Ts were quite old. Because of lack of demolitions kit, unit will destroy the B/Ts at a later date.	S-3/F
1330H		12	021330H	Recon noon positions.	S-3/F
1421H		13	021421H	Received URS from Regt.	S-2/F

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1710H	1730H	14	021625H	L 22 (021375) while on patrol point man tripped a M26 B/T, resulting in 1 USMC priority medevac. B/T was rigged with a trip wire, and placed on a trail. Unit believe that the B/T had been there for quite a while. Unit called priority medevac, medevac was completed, unit continued their patrol.	S-3/F
1645H	1653H	15	021645H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1900H		16	021900H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
1955H	1955H	17	021955H	Operations conducted for 2 Feb 71 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2015H	2015H	18	022015H	High intelligence targets for 2 Feb 71 sent to Regt. Summary: K 33 (970385) found 7 B/Ts. Unit destroyed the B/T at a later date due to lack of demo. L 22 (021375) point man tripped a M26 B/T, resulting in a priority medevac.	S-2/F
2400H	2400H	19	022400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001	0001	1	030001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
2230	2245	2	032230H	LATE ENTRY: Adjacent day acts for 03 FEB71 - AROMA	S-3
0600	0620	3	030600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0620	0630	4	030620H	Forecast of Operations for 4 FEB71	S-3
0700	0715	5	030700H	Adjacent day acts for 03 FEB71 for Company K.	S-3
0730		6	030730H	Kilo Company Strength Report	S-3
0745		7	030745H	Lima Company Strength Report	S-3
0930		8	030930H	Operation Hoang Deu Information	S-3
0955	1020	9	030955H	General WIDDECKE visited Hill 381 for a command visit. General WIDDECKE departed Hill 381 at 1020.	S-3
1255	1310	10	031255H	L 12 (043396) While on day patrol unit received approximately 10-15 rounds automatic small arms fire from estimated 02 VC/NVA. Fire came from treeline approximately 150 meters to the north. VN civilians working in rice paddies nearby told unit where fire came from, and also warned units of booby traps. Unit prepped treeline with M-79 and M-16 and swept treeline. Civilians followed Marines on trail and tripped 01 M-26 B/T, rigged with tripwire, resulting in 01 VN female, 40 years old, and 01 male, about 10 years old, to be injured. Marines called for medevac of 01 priority and 01 routine. Medevac was completed and unit searched area with negative results.	S-3
1055	1125	11	031055H	LtCol HART arrived on Hill 381 for command visit, and the CO of 1/5 departed at 1125.	S-3

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IN	OUT				
1305	1540	12	031245H	L 12 (03398) while on patrol unit heard movement and received approximately 45 rounds automatic small arms fire from 03 VC/NVA. Fire came from treeline approximately 75 meters to the SE. Unit prepped treeline with M-79 and M-16 and commenced sweep of the area. Unit found 01 blood trail leading into treeline in the direction of the NE foothills. Unit pursued by following the blood trail, but lost the trail in heavy brush. Unit searched area with negative results. Unit continued day patrol.	S-3
1445	1445	13	031445H	Informed Lima Co of URS	S-3
1559	1705	14	031559H	L 33 (989366) while moving to site of objective, being led by a Hoi Chanh, unit came across 01 hootch. Unit observed 04 V8 / NVA in area of hootch. Unit initiated contact with small arms fire resulting 01 NVA KIA, the remaining VC/NVA fled from the area toward the NW. Unit searched area thoroughly finding approximately 20 pounds miscellaneous gear and medical gear and 02 caves. Unit destroyed caves and kept medical gear. Unit continued to move to objective.	S-3
1535	1545	15	031535H	Received 02 URS from Rummage. 01 URS passed to MDR. HAMBLETON	S-3
1650	1705	16	031650H	LtCol HAMBLETON, CO of 2/5, arrived on Hill 381 for a command visit at 1650. The Col departed the Hill at 1705.	S-3
1800	1817	17	031800H	Battalion Position Report	S-3

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1840		18	031840H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
	1950	19	031950H	031945H Operations conducted for 03 FEB71.	S-3
	2000	20	032000H	High intelligence targets for 03 FEB71.	S-3
2055		21	032055H	Intelligence Report	S-3
				SUMMARY: L 12 (043396) unit received small arms fire and searched area. VN civilians tripped B/T resulting in 02 VN WIA's, called in 01 P medevac, and one R, checked area with negative results. L-1-2 (039398) unit received small arms fire and searched area finding 01 blood trail, but lost it in thick brush and continued day patrol. L-3-3 (989366) Unit sighted 04 NVA near a hootch and made contact with them resulting in 01 NVA KIA, remaining enemy fled to the foothills. Unit searched area finding approximately 20 pounds miscellaneous medical gear, and 02 caves unit destroyed caves and kept medical gear.	
2400	2400	22	032400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	040001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0600H	0625H	2	040600H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
0600H	0630H	3	040600H	Forecast of Operations for 5 Feb 71 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
0740H		4	040740H	Strength report from Company L.	S-3/F
0935H		5	040935H	Strength report from Company K.	S-3/F
0945H	1030H	6	040945H	Col KELLY, CO, 1st Marines visited H-381. With Col KELLY was his staff.	S-3/F
1505H	1740H	7	041000H	L 33 (985357) while on patrol unit heard voices approximately 25 meters to the S. Unit checked the area finding 4 VC/NVA dressed in black, sitting in front of a hootch. Unit initiated small arms fire, resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA. The remaining three VC/NVA fled to the S. Unit pursued them, finding 1 blood trail. Unit was unable to get them due to heavy brush. Unit searched the hootch, which was approximately 8'x10', and was constructed of bamboo. Unit also found 4 packs. The packs contained approximately 20-30 lbs of rice, and miscellaneous medical gear. Unit destroyed the hootch and will bring the medical gear back to their CP.	S-3/F
1100H	1135H	8	041020H	K 12 (973389) while on patrol found 2 B/Ts along side a trail. B/Ts were pressure release type, consisting of C-rat cans filled with compositions B. B/Ts were old and camouflaged had been washed away. Unit destroyed the B/Ts.	S-3/F
1105H	1125H	9	041045H	L 31 (026377) while on patrol unit found 1 cave approximately	S-3/F

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				5'x2'x3'. Unit searched the cave and surrounding area with negative results. Cave had not been used recently.	
1245H		10	041245H	Recon noon positions.	S-3/F
1345H	1540H	11	041345H	LtCol HAMBLIN and staff visited H-381.	S-3/F
1535H	1600H	12	041535H	URS received from Regt and relayed to 3/5 Rear and Company L.	S-2/F
1545H	1600H	13	041545H	AO boundary changed.	S-3/F
1645H	1650H	14	041645H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1840H		15	041840H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
1855H	1900H	16	041855H	Adjacent night acts for 4 Feb.	S-3/F
1855H	1900H	17	041855H	High intelligence targets for 4 Feb 71 sent to Regt.	S-2/F
2020H	2020H	18	042020H	Operations conducted for 4 Feb 71 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
				Summary: L 33 initiated contact with 4 VC/NVA resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA. Unit also found 1 hootch and 4 packs with miscellaneous gear. K 12 found 2 B/Ts consisting of composition B in C-rats cans. Unit destroyed the B/Ts.	
2400H	2400H	20	042400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001	0001	1	050001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
0600	0624	2	050600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0605	0615	3	050615H	Adjacent day acts for 05 FEB71 sent to AROMA.	S-3
0610	0740	4	050610H	Adjacent day acts for 05 FEB71 sent to Kilo.	S-3
0630	0625	5	05630H	Forecast of ops for 06 FEB71.	S-3
0741		6	050741H	K Co strength report	S-3
0945		7	050945H	L Co strength report	S-3
1030	1040	8	051030H	L 13 (038399) while on day patrol, unit received approx 6-7 rounds of sniper fire from approx 100 meters to treeline to the E. Unit returned fire with small arms fire and commenced sweep of treeline. Unit completed sweep with negative results. and continued day patrol.	S-3
1135	1240	9	051135H	L 13 A (038398) while on day patrol unit received approx 3-4 rounds of sniper fire from a treeline approx 100 meters to the NE. Unit returned fire and observed 02 VC/NVA dressed in black fleeing to the north; 01 VC/NVA appeared to be a female and 01 male carried a pack and rifle. Unit searched area finding approx 17 bunkers and campfires with coals still hot. Bunkers were 5x7x9' with the largest being 10x10x5'. Unit searched bunkers finding approx 50 pounds of potatoes and assorted cooking utensils. In 01 cave unit found sleeping area 3x4' in size. Sleeping areas were dug into side of cave and straw mats were laid on the floor. Unit destroyed the larger bunker potatoes and cooking gear and continued day patrol.	S-3
1300	1310	10	051300H	K 1 and KCP (971383) while on day patrol, unit found 05 B/T's.	S-3

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1305		11	051300H	03 of the baby traps were rigged with wire, and 02 were pressure release type. All B/T consisted of 60mm rounds and were inside CP area. were approx 01 month old - blew in place and continued day patrol.	
1330	1320	12	051330H	Recon Noon Positions	S-3
1450		13	051450H	URS passed to MDL -6	S-3
1600		14	051600H	Compromise of crypto settings.	S-3
				Emerg crypto settings passed to from NFR.	S-3
1745	1745	15	051745H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1935		16	051935H	Intelligence reports.	S-2
2000		17	052000H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
2005		18	052005H	High intelligence targets	S-3
2005	2005	19	052005H	Ops conducted for 05 FEB71.	S-3
				SUMMARY: L-1-3 (038399) unit received 6-7 sniper rounds and swept area with negative results. L-1-3A (038398) unit received 3-4 sniper rounds and observed 02 VC/NVA fleeing to the foothills. 01 female, and 01 male carrying pack and rifle. Unit checked area finding 17 bunkers 50 pounds, potatoes, assorted cooking utensils, and unit destroyed everything. K 1 and KCP (971383) unit found 05 B/T's about 1 month old and destroyed them.	
2400	2400	20	052400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	TAKEN
0001	0001	1	060001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
0600	0655	2	060655H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0735		3	060700H	K strength report	S-3
0900		4	060900H	L strength report	S-3
1030		5	061030H	L Co request for AO extension	S-3
1100	1045	6	061045H	L Co AO extension denied	S-3
1310		7	061310H	Recen Noon Positions	S-3
1350	1410	8	061350H	MD For. request for AO extension	S-3
1420		9	061420H	Received URS from rummage	S-3
1515		10	061515H	Received AO 3/5 extension	S-3
1530	1540	11	061515H	MD FORWARD passed AO extension to MIK and MDL	S-3
1640		12	061640H	K Co position report	S-3
1720	1805	13	061720H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1900		14	061900H	Recen Night Positions	S-3
	2055	15	062055H	Ops conducted for 06 FEB71	S-3
	2100	16	062100H	High intelligence targets for 06 FEB71.	S-3
				SUMMARY: NEG ACTION IN IMP LAKE AO FOR 06 FEB71.	
2400	2400	17	06 2400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	TAKEN
0655 0840 0926 1015 1000 1200	0700	1	070700H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
		2	070655H	Request for AO extension	S-3
		3	070840H	K Co change in day acts	S-3
	0715	4	070715H	AO extension denied	S-3
	0915	5	070915H	Forecast of Ops for 08 FEB71	S-3
		6	070926H	Strength report	S-3
		7	071015H	2/5 AO extension	S-3
		8	071000H	L Co night acts	S-3
		9	071200H	K Co (989379) spotted 01 hootch, and 01 bunker at (991365) called in 81mm fire mission, first round 1050, EOM 1100H, expending 01 WP and 40 HE rounds, with 02 secondaries and excellent coverage on target.	S-3
1305		10	071305H	Recon Noon Positions	S-3
1720		11	071630H	K-2 (002388) unit found 01 base-camp consisting of 05 caves, having been occupied within the last few hours; found 05 pounds documents and miscellaneous gear.	S-3
1935	1815	12	071815H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
		13	071935H	Recon Night Positions.	S-3
	2015	14	072015H	Operations conducted for 07FEB71.	S-3
	2015	15	072015H	High intelligence targets for 07 FEB71.	S-3
	2200	16	072200H	Request AO extension and readjustment upon resuming OPCON E 2/5.	S-3
				SUMMARY: K Co (989379) spotted a hootch and 01 bunker called in 81mm FM, exc. coverage with negative results. K-2 (002388) found 01 basecamp and 05 pounds documents and misc. gear. All was destroyed except the documents.	
2400	2400	17	072400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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0001	0001	1	080001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
0600	0620	2	080600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0745		3	080745H	K Company strength report	S-3
0755		4	080755H	L Company strength report	S-3
0755	0855	5	080755H	Forecast of Ops. for 09FEB71.	S-3
1225	1245	6	081225H	081245H K 2 (995372) while on patrol was fired upon by 01 VC/NVA dressed in black PJ's. Unit received approximately 25 rounds from 20 feet. Unit fired upon enemy with small arms fire, and threw 03 frag grenades. Unit then searched area finding 01 AK47 rifle, and followed a large blood trail until it was lost in a blueline.	S-3
1410		7	081310H	K 2 (993367) while on patrol, unit found 01 bunker, unit fired M-79 into bunker, and schrapnel came back, resulting in 01 NBC, consisting of schrapnel in the right arm.	S-3
1705	1725	8	081705H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1930		9	081930H	L-1 (026396) unit setting in night position observed explosion, checked area out with negative results.	S-3
1930		10	081930H	Recon Night Positions.	S-3
	2005	11	082005H	Operations conducted for 08 FEB71	S-3
				SUMMARY: K 2 (995372) unit took fire from 01 VC/NVA, searched area finding 01 AK47, checked area with negative results. K 2 (993367) unit fired 01 M-79 HE into bunker resulting in 01 USMC NBC from schrapnel in right arm.	
2400	2400	12	082400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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	0600	1	090600H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
0800		2	090800H	Strength report for L Company	S-3
	0855	3	090855H	Forecast of Operations	S-3
0910		4	090910H	Strength report K Company	S-3
0945	1005	5	090945H	Gnereal WIDDECKE on Hill 381.	S-3
0950		6	090950H	E 2/5 OPCON to 3/5	S-3
1005		7	091005H	3/5 assumes OPCON E Co. 2/5	S-3
1010	1025	8	091010H	Col RUDZES on Hill 381.	S-3
1035		9	091035H	Information for AO extension.	S-3
1410		10	091300H	E 2 A (951370) while on patrol man fell off rock resulting in Priority medevac.	S-3
1500		11	091500H	L-2 (003403) Unit found old base camp unit searched area finding 02 RPG, 01 M-1 carbine, 01 M-16 and firing mechanism, for 9mm pistol, serial number 161159. Unit will destroy the RPG's and take weapons to CP.	* S-3
1625		12	091530H	K-1-3 (98635) Unit found 01 hootch recently used and searched area finding 01 ammo can with 30 feet time fuse 01 used battle dressing, 01 paper chinese writing, 01 possible VC ID Card. Unit took gear to CP to be evacuated.	S-3
1540		13	091540H	AO modification	S-3
	1715	14	091714H	Message expnding AO to E Co.	S-3
	1800	15	091800H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1845		16	091845H	Air requests for 09 FEB71.	S-3
1850		17	091850H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
	2015	18	092015H	Ops conducted for 09FEB71.	S-3
				SUMMARY: L-2 (003403) found base camp, RPG, M-1 carbine, M-16, firing mech, for 9mm pistol. M-16 # 161159. K-1-3 Unit found hootch checked area finding 01 ammo can with 30 feet of time fuse, used battle dressing, 01 chinese paper and 01 VC/NVA ID CARD, took gear to CP.	
2400	2400	19	092400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	S-3

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IN	OUT				
0001	0001	1	100001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
2035	101800H	2	092035H	LATE ENTRY: Helo lift request for E Company for 11 FEB71.	S-3
0055	0115	3	100055H	L CP (002397) while in night position, unit had explosions (2) 05 meters from lines, believed to be incoming grenades, and will check area at first light.	S-3
0600	0615	4	100600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0743		5	100743H	Lima company strength report	S-3
0800	0810	6	100800H	Forecast of ops for 11 FEB71	S-3
0815		7	100815H	K Company strength report	S-3
1035	1100	8	101035H	GEN JOSLYN arrived on H-381 for a command visit. GEN JOSLYN departed Hill at 100H.	S-3
1145	1200	9	101145H	L22 (999401) while on day patrol unit found a small base camp, consisting of 01 hootch which was approximately 10'x8', and three caves, 15x15'. Unit searched area finding misc. gear. Unit determined area to have been used within the past 3-4 days. Unit destroyed caves and hootch and will bring back gear.	S-3
1135	1155	10	101135H	K 1 (001372) while on day patrol point element ran into 01 VC/NVA wearing green sweatshirt and green rain trousers. Unit opened fire with SAF approximately 10 rounds resulting in 01 VC/NVA KIA, POW. Unit searched immediate area finding misc. medical gear, 30x9mm rounds, assorted rope, eating utensils, and VN money. S-2 interrogated POW as NVA doctor, will be evacuated immediately.	S-3

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1205	1215	11	101205H	K CP (987365) while clearing fields of fire around CP, unit found 20 pounds of rice, in 05 5.56 ammo cans. Also 01 can with parachute, a book, and small documents. Gear will be evacuated with POW.	S-3
1340		12	101340H	Recon noon positions	S-3
1755	1800	13	101755H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1900		14	101900H	Recon Night Positions	S-3
	2010	15	102010H	Ops conducted for 10FEB71.	S-3
2100		16	102100H	L CP (002397) while in night position unit heard movement, and trip flare went off - unit opened fire and called in 81mm illumination - searched area with negative results. Will search again at first light. SUMMARY: L CP (002397) at night position heard 02 explosions which believed to be incoming frags. Checked area with negative results. L22 (999401) Unit found small base camp checked area finding medical gear. Destroyed base camp and took gear to CP. K1 (001372) unit came upon 01 VC/NVA, opened fire resulting in 01 WIA POW. Unit searched area finding 01 medical kit, 30x9mm rounds, assorted rope, eating utensils, VN money. S-2 interrogated and confirmed POW as NVA doctor. POW will be evacuated ASAP. K CP (987365) while clearing fields of fire unit found 20 pounds of rice in 05x5.56mm ammo cans, 01 can with parachute and small documents, gear will be taken to CP, and evacuated with POW.	S-3

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3rd Battalion
5th Marines
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TIME		SERIAL	DATE	TIME	MESS AGES	SPOT REPORTS	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO	GROUP		JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED		TAKEN
2400	2400	17	102400H		L CP (002397) while in night position unit heard movement and then a trip flare went off. Unit opened up with SAF and called 81mm illumination and searched area with negative results. Will check area again at first light.		
					JOURNAL CLOSED		S-3

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3rd Battalion
5th Marines
FSB Ross, RVN

From: 110001H FEB71
To: 112400H FEB71

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TIME		SERIAL NO	DATE TIME GROUP	MESSAGES SPOT REPORTS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001	0001	1	110001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
0600	0700	2	110600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0720	0730	3	110720H	Forecast of Operations for 12 FEB	S-3
0735		4	110735H	Kilo company strength report	S-3
0935	1035	5	110935H	Cancellation of portion of 2/5AO	S-3
0935	1035	6	110935H	BGEN SIMMONS and COL RUDZES made a command visit to Hill 381.	S-3
0940		7	110940H	Lima Company Strength Report	S-3
1540	1540	8	111120H	E2 (956377) while on day patrol O1 man tripped an unknown B/T on an old overgrown trail, result- ing in schrapnel wounds to O1 Marine - routine medevac called at 1125H, the medevac was completed at 1230H after being upgraded to P.	S-3
1252		9	111252H	Recon Noon Positions	S-3
1310	1500	10	111310H	COL JUDGE made a command visit to H-381.	S-3
1355	1420	11	111355H	MAJOR GEN ELWOOD, J-3 of CINPAC and MAJOR GEN WIDDECKE made a command visit to H-381.	S-3
1745	1805	12	111745H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1750		13	111750H	Recon night positions	S-3
	2040	14	112040H	Ops conducted 11 FEB71.	S-3
				SUMMARY: E2 (956377) unit point man tripped O1 booby trap resulting in O1 USMC P medevac, completed at 1230H; negative action in Imperial Lake AO for 11 FEB71.	
2400	2400	15	112400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	S-3

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3rd Battalion
5th Marines
FSB Ross, RVN
From: 1200 01H FEB71
To: 122400H FEB 71

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TIME		SERIAL NO	DATE TIME GROUP	MESSAGES - SPOT REPORTS JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0001	0001	1	120001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
0600	0700	2	120600H	Battalion Position Report=	S-3
0730	0832	3	120730H	Forecast of Operations for 12FEB71.	S-3
0815		4	120815H	K Company Strength Report	S-3
0930	0955	5	120930H	LtCol MOSS, XO 5th Marines, and LtCol HAMLEN, CO 2/5, made a command visit to Hill 381.	S-3
1355		6	121355H	Lima Company Strength Report=	S-3
1720		7	121720H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
1725		8	121725H	Recon Night Positions.	S-3
2000	2135	9	122000H	K 21 (991364) unit spotted 02 VN males aged 30-35 and 8-10 years; 25 meters away and unit called for them to halt - man fled, boy stopped. Unit opened fire resulting in one VN KIA, and one detainee. Boy will be sent in tomorrow at first light, and KIA had no pack or weapon.	S-3
		10	122025H	3/5 CP unit observed lights moving down-streambed. Fired 81mm, 25 HE rounds, heard 01 secondary.	S-3
	2400	11	122400H	Operations conducted for 12FEB71.	S-3
2400	2400	12	122400H	SUMMARY: K-21 (991364) unit spotted 02 VN males fleeing, aged 30-35 and 8-10. Unit called for them to halt, boy stopped, unit fired upon fleeing man resulting in one VN KIA. Boy was detained and will be sent out at first light. KIA had no pack or weapon.	
2400	2400	13	122400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3

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From: 130001H FEB 71
To: 132400H FEB 71

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TIME		SERIAL	DATE TIME	MESSAGES - SPOT REPORTS	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	TAKEN
0001	0001	1	130001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S-3
0600	0610	2	130600H	Battalion Position Report	S-3
0725		3	130725H	Lima Company Strength Report	S-3
0745		4	130745H	Kilo Company Strength Report	S-3
0910		5	130910H	All radio nets are parallel	S-3
1000		6	131000H	3/5 is officially relieved of tactical responsibility for Operation Imperial Lake.	S-3
2400	2400	7	132400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3