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1. In accordance with references (a) through (c), enclosure
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 December through 31 December 1965

- PART I- ORGANIZATIONAL DATA
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- PART III SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS
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PART I ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Reporting Unit. 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.
2. Location of Command Post. Vicinity of Marble Mountain (BT 068718).
3. Period Covered by Report. 1-31 December 1965.
4. Commanding Officer and Staff

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer (1-2 Dec)
(3-31 Dec)

S-1 (1-2 Dec)
(3-31 Dec)

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LtCol LUDWIG
Maj TOLLE
Maj THATENHURST
1stSgt DUDEK
WO (W-1) JEREMIAH
Capt MATTIACE
Capt SHUBERT
Capt MARADA

5. Principal Subordinate Units

H&S Company
Company "A"
Company "B" (1-4 Dec)
(5-31 Dec)
Company "C"
Company "D"
2d Plat, Co "C", 3d AT Bn
Company "B" (-), 3d Tank Bn
4th Plat, Co "B", 1st AmTrac Bn
(1-10 Dec)
(11-31 Dec)
Btry "D", 2d Bn, 12th Marines
2d Plat (-), Co "A", 3d MT Bn
3d Plat (-), Co "C", 3d Engr Bn

Capt CLAWSON
Capt LLOYD
1stLt CARROLL
Capt HENRY
Capt FOWLES
Capt HART
2dLt WOOD
Capt LEE
2dLt STADOLA
1stLt BENNETT
Capt BAILEY
Sgt CAMPBELL
1stLt RODRIGUEZ

6. Command Structure. Normal.
7. Average Strength for Month of December

Officers USMC 34
Officers USN 3
Enlisted USMC 983
Enlisted USN 57

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~~SECRET~~PART II GENERAL CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS DURING REPORTING PERIOD

Throughout the reporting period, the Battalion effectively pursued its mission of killing and capturing VC, and denying their influence on villagers indigenous to the TAOR. This was accomplished primarily through the use of maximum squad-size patrols and ambushes, and mobile platoon and squad bases operating in the various hamlets. These bases, while providing necessary patrols and ambushes, proved effective in providing medical care for the villagers and presented the opportunity for face-to-face persuasion, through the use of interpreters and attached ARVN personnel. The VC contact within the area, especially in the southernmost sector, indicated an increase of hard-core VC - more accurate marksmanship, excellent camouflage discipline, and green or camouflage uniforms. As usual, the terrain provided excellent mobility for tracked vehicles, providing unit commanders with a capability of rapid reinforcement of units in contact.

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~~SECRET~~PART III SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel. Detailed personnel data is contained in the S-1 journal submitted as a supporting document. This Battalion had a decrease in strength of 84 enlisted Marines due to rotation and casualties being transferred by service record. During this period there were 41 WIA and 104 KIA. Replacements of 84 enlisted Marines were received.

2. Administration. Nothing significant.

3. Intelligence. The H-41 Local Force Company conducted minor harassment and sniping for the period 1-8 December. The enemy was principally concerned with developing EEI's on the US military situation in the HOA LONG complex. About 9 December the enemy began to infiltrate the 1st Volunteer Battalion into our area. This battalion was reported first in grid square (BT 0965) in and about the hamlet of VIEM DONG, about 30 hours later they supposedly moved in and about grid square (BT 0564). This battalion moved on or about 12 December to grid squares (BT 0764) and (BT 0763) and to grid square (BT 0662) on or about 15 December. By 19 December information was received that this battalion had dispersed south of our TAOR between east-west grid lines (BT 63) and (BT 59) and north-south grid line (BT 06) and the sea coast. Prior to this dispersal, the 1st Volunteer Battalion traveled intact from the locations listed above. This is a deviation from their standard tactic of breaking into small groups immediately upon entering this battalion's TAOR. This fact plus their reluctance to contact our forces in a large scale battle indicated that the Volunteer Battalion was waiting for orders/equipment to carry out previously programmed attacks.

About 22 December, additional information was received which indicated the VC were reinforced by at least two additional MF companies. It is now believed that one of these additional companies was involved in a "L" shaped ambush (see Isum 27 December) which the VC sprung on a platoon (-) (Rein) of Company "B" (41 VC KIA confirmed (BT 081629)).

The 1st Volunteer Battalion, the H-41 Local Force Company, and the remaining MF Company are currently the objects of an extensive search, since they are believed to be dispersed in the central and southern sectors of the TAOR (east-west (BT 67) to (BT 62) and north-south (BT 04) to China Sea coast). They are still waiting for the orders and/or opportunity to strike at US targets in this TAOR.

a. Psychological Warfare. PsyWar conducted the month of December included the following

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(1) The I Corps 1st Psy-Ops Field Detachment (Prov) Audio Team conducted operations through the use of tape news broadcasts (including local news), newsreels, propaganda, cartoons, speeches from local officials and distribution of leaflets and magazines to the hamlets within the Battalion TAOR. The general theme concerned supporting the GVN with objectives of (1) creating, building, and maintaining confidence in the GVN, (2) to establish a climate of national unity behind the war effort, (3) to expose the true nature of the NLF SVN objectives, and (4) to insure that the people of Vietnam are aware that allied forces are here at the request of the GVN and that they will depart when peace is restored.

(2) 1st MAW Psychological Warfare Loudspeaker Helicopter was not utilized due to non-availability.

(3) The FOA VANG District Political Action Propaganda Team was not utilized due to their operating solely in support of People's Action Teams activities in the pacification area (2/9 TAOR).

b. Special Operations, None.

c. Employment of AN/TPS-21, SID/150, and the Infrared Sighting Device

(1) AN/TPS-21. The Battalion's two AN/TPS-21's have been in a down status for the reporting period. One set was destroyed in an LVT which struck a mine on 23 October (a replacement was ordered on 1 November but has not arrived as of this date). The second set has had the frequency converter transmitter in FLSG during the reporting period. A set was borrowed from regiment and used for approximately 10 days (17-25 December) overlooking the MSR and the eastern sector of the TAOR, however, it was returned to regiment because of a defective generator. A second set was borrowed from regiment on 24 December and utilized for two days (24, 25 December) overlooking the MSR and the eastern sector of the TAOR, and two days (28-29 December) with one of the forward companies before being returned for repairs. At 200240H, a contact was made at the trash dump at coordinates (BT 073714) but the identity of the contact is unknown.

(2) SID/150. Throughout the period the Battalion utilized 22 SID's during December. Sixteen were utilized by the forward companies on the MLR, five were utilized on the Battalion Command Post Perimeter, one is presently down for repairs. No contact for reporting period.

(3) Infrared Sighting Device. Out of 16 scopes, nine have been utilized by the forward companies in ambush/patrol activities and seven have been down for lack of parts (entire

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period). No contacts for reporting period.

4. Training. Periods of instruction were held for all companies concerning the mission and role of US Forces in the Republic of Vietnam. All hands were instructed in the care and handling of captives. Credit onal training in the nomenclature, functioning, and employment of the .50 calibre machine-gun was provided the S-2 scout section by qualified instructors from Company "B", 3d Tank Battalion.

5. Special Operations. On 27 December 1965, a combat patrol from Company "B", and weapons in support of the patrol, accounted for a total of 41 VC KIA confirmed by body count. A complete description of this action is included as a supporting document to this chronology in the form of a special report.

6. Nuclear, Biological, Chemical, and other Special Types of Warfare. Nothing significant.

7. Command and Control. Nothing significant.

8. Communications-Electronics. The most significant happening in communications for this month was the receipt of 15 AN/PRC-10's under the current R&E program. These radios have greatly increased the communications posture of the Battalion. The continued use of five AN/PRC-25's has been a real asset to our Battalion also. The supply of communication parts and equipment has improved slightly this past month over previous months. The loss of two AN/PRC-10's this month through enemy action as compared with one the previous six months seems to signify an increased effort on the part of the enemy to destroy our radios and operators during engagements and it is expected that further increase in losses of this nature will continue in the future.

9. Close Combat. The Battalion conducted an ambitious program of squad and platoon combat patrols, ambushes, and long range recon/combat patrols, applying constant pressure on the VC within the TAOR. This aggressive activity resulted in 47 confirmed VC KIA and five confirmed VC prisoners.

10. Fire Support and Fire Support Coordination. Nothing significant.

11. Logistics

a. On 5 December the construction of the Battalion Command Post bunker was completed and it was occupied by the Battalion's operation section.

b. On 10 December resupply of the forward companies was accomplished by use of Otters. These vehicles proved to be very well suited for operation in this Battalion's TAOR. Their use in this role was continued until they were withdrawn by Division on 20 December.

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c. On 21 December a Forward Post bunker was constructed at coordinates (2° 11' 00" N) and occupied by a forward line company.

d. This Battalion's contention program is nearly completed as of this date. All that remains to be accomplished is the installation of the electrical wiring system to be provided by MCB-9. This system has electrical wire already installed in all working spaces and the mess hall and mess area. This wire was installed by the organic communication platoon of this Battalion.

e. During the period covered this enclave has received a considerable amount of rain; however, trafficability for tracked and wheeled vehicles in this Battalion's TACR has remained very good to excellent.

12. Air Defense. Nothing significant.

13. Combat Air Support. On three different occasions, squads were pinned down and unable to move and on some occasions were not able to be reinforced immediately. Armed UH1E's were called in allowing the squads to either press the attack or hold contact until reinforcements could arrive. During this period, the gun ships were credited with four KBA's, destroyed one house, and one hay stack.

14. Medical and Dental Support. Tri-weekly sick-call with Army Psychological Warfare Team continued. We have treated increasing numbers of wounded and seriously ill civilians. BAS continued to see moderate numbers of minor casualties. In addition, one Vietnamese baby was delivered by BAS.

15. Chaplain Support

a. During December worship services, both Catholic and Protestant, were held regularly in the Battalion Chapel and in the field. In addition memorial services and communion services were held as appropriate. A special carol sing was held on 24 December and a Christmas Mass was held on 25 December.

b. Chaplain continued to deliver packages and post letters and Christmas cards to all hands from "Operation Mail Call" with a continued excellent response from the troops. Several additional letters were selected and answered by the Chaplain.

c. Counseling on personal problems has been held with seven men of the Battalion. Church parties left the Battalion area for Jewish, Latter Day Saint, and Christian Science Church services.

d. Three boxes of toys, two boxes of soap, and four boxes of clothing were delivered to AN HAI Protestant Church for their work with the refugees. The Chaplain attended the AN HAI Protestant Church Christmas program with six Marines of the Battalion to present 7,300 plasters to be used in building their school for the refugees. The Chaplain presented a gift of 7,300 plasters on 24 December to the Catholic Orphanage Nursery to be used as needed. The Chaplain presented a gift of 7,300 plasters on 24 December to the W.E.C. Children's Home on China Beach to be used as needed.

e. The Chaplain escorted the Chief of Chaplains, Rear Admiral KELLY, through Marble Mountain Buddhist Monastery.

16. Civil Affairs. During the month of December the Battalion concentrated its civic action effort in the area of HOA HAI, HOA LAN, and HOA LONG villages. MedCAP treatment was given daily in each of these villages. Numerous medical evacuations were completed from these villages. Clothing, soap, educational materials and toys were distributed in each village. The Chief of HOA HAI village and the members of his family are living within the Battalion CP perimeter.

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PART IV SUPPORTING DOCUMENTSTAB

- 1 ✓ S-1 Journal
- 2 ✓ S-2 Journal
- 3 ✓ S-3 Journal
- 4 ✓ 1st Bn, 9th Marines Frag Order No. 26-65
- 5 ✓ Special Report of Company "B" Patrol of 27 December 1965
- 6 ✓ Essential Elements of Information of 10 December 1965
- 7 ✓ Special Intelligence Report of 10 December 1965
- 8 ✓ Special Intelligence Report 2-65
- 9 ✓ Intelligence Estimate of 160400H December 1965
- 10 ✓ Weekly Operations Overlay Reports for Periods
 - 1 ✓ 27 Nov-4 Dec 1965
 - 2 ✓ 4-11 Dec 1965
 - 3 ✓ 11-17 Dec 1965
 - 4 ✓ 17-25 Dec 1965

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0001			010001	JOURNAL OPENED	
0700			010700	Pvt G. M. PARRISH & PFC R. B. REEVES Drop tr to 1stMarDiv(Fwd) for du	
1000			011000	PFC J. E. HALVERSTADT Jd fr SU#2 H&SBn FMFPac for du	
1615			011615	PFC A. S. WOJICK WIA to sk C&C Fld Hosp	
1630			014630	LCpl E. JOHNSTON Jd fr RRDet MCB CamLej for du	
1700			011700	Sgt L. B. PETERSON Fr TAD Hong Kong conn w/R&R	
0700			020700	Maj D. S. TOLLE Drop tr to HqBn this Div for du	
0730			020730	Cpl B. N. EARLE To TAD Bangkok conn w/R&R	
0800			020800	WO-1 J. B. JEREMIAH Jd fr HqBn this Div for du as BnAdj	
0800			020800	Cpl J. H. BARNES, Cpl F. R. COONS, PFC A. B. PECINA & Cpl J. G. NOYES Drop tr by SR to Camp S. D. Butler (NBC)	
0800			020800	LCpl R. V. HIGHTSHUE & Pvt J. P. PRINCE Drop tr by SR w/sk to Camp S. D. Butler (Battle)	
1330			021330	Cpl J. M. GRAVITT & LCpl H. D. TOWNLEY Fr TAD Bangkok conn w/R&R	
1330			021330	Pvt R. R. FORQUER Fr TAD Okinawa conn w/R&R	

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1540			021540	Sgt M. L. LANE WIA to sk C&C Fld Hosp	
0700			030700	LCpl W. T. STUMBO, LCpl W. F. RONLOFF, PFC S. C. WESTGATE, LCpl JARVIS, Pvt G. M. LARSON, PFC D. R. LOERZEL & Cpl R. D. MENDOZA Drop tr to OIC FMFPac TransFac WESTPac Camp S. D. Butler for processing & FFT to CONUS	
0700			030700	SSgt B. L. COOK Drop pro & rpt to OIC FMFPac for furtrans to CONUS EDA to MGB CamLej for du	
0700			030700	SSgt J. I. WATSON Drop pro & rpt to OIC FMFPac TransFac WESTPac Camp S. D. Butler for furtrans to CONUS EDA to MCAS El Toro for du	
0900			030900	Sgt J. J. ADAMS, Cpl E. A. FERGUSON, LCpl T. J. POLIZZI & PFC P. YEAHQJO To TAD Okinawa conn w/R&R	
1000			031000	SSgt E. T. WRIGHT To sk C&C Fld Hosp	
1300			031330	Maj K. D. THATENHURST Jd fr HqBn this Div for du as Bn XO	
1330			031330	Cpl R. L. DEURMETER Drop tr By SR to Camp S. D. Butler	
1530			031530	GySgt "J" "D" DAVIDSON, Cpl H. J. HULMES, & Cpl M. D. RICHARDS Fr TAD Okinawa conn w/R&R	
1530			031530	Lt(CHC) G. J. FIVIAN Fr TAD Saigon conn w/R&R	
1530			031530	HN J. A. KIRSCHENBAUM Fr TAD Hong Kong conn w/R&R	

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0930			040930	PFC L. E. READY to sk C&C Fld Hosp	
1345			041345	Pvt E. R. DUNHAM & PFC P. W. SHEPHERD WIA to C&C Fld Hosp	
1430			041430	LCpl K. B. DIECKMAN WIANE	
1530			041530	PFC J. H. LANG Fr TAD Okinawa conn w/ R&R	
0900			050900	LCpl D. M. AUMOCK, Sgt C. E. FREE & PFC E. M. RAY To TAD Okinawa conn w/ R&R	
1530			051530	PFC L. G. LANDIS & PFC J. MURDOCK Fr TAD Okinawa conn w/R&R	
0700			060700	SSgt A. MARGIOTTA Drop tr to CO near- est MarCorAct CONUS for processing & furtrans to MCS QUANT for du	
0700			060700	Cpl S. C. WISCOMBE Drop tr to OIC FMFPac TransFac WESTPac Camp S. D. Butler for processing & FFT to CONUS	
1200			061200	Cpl W. L. CANDELARIA Jd fr MB Yokosuka Japan for du	
1200			061200	SgtMaj W. J. MASON Jd for H&SCo, 2ndBn, 8thMar, 2ndMarDiv for du	
1820			061820	PFC W. M. MEGLIO Jr. WIA to C&C Fld Hosp	
2005			062005	PFC W. M. MEGLIO Jr DOW C&C Fld Hosp	

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0700		060700		Cpl W. W. HOPP, Cpl C. V. JENSEN, Cpl P. W. UPTHEGROUN, LCpl R. E. KNUFFMAN, LCpl L. A. KASSERBAUM & PFC A. R. KRIESKI Drop tr & pro to OIC FMFPac TransFac WESTPac Camp S. D. BUTLER FFT to nearest MarCorAct CONUS	
0700		060700		Sgt R. D. SMITH Drop tr to OIC FMFPac TransFac WESTPac Camp S. D. Butler FFT to nearest MarCorAct CONUS FFT to MCB CamLej	
0800		060800		Sgt M. L. LANE Ch loc fr C&C Fld Hosp to USNH Yokosuka	
0830		070830		LCpl D. M. EVANS To sk C&C Fld Hosp	
1230		071230		PFC R. C. HOUSER WIANE	
1345		071345		XXXXXXXXXXXX Sgt J. J. ADAMS, LCpl T. J. POLIZZI, PFC P. YEAHQUO & Cpl E. A. BERGUSON III Fr TAD Okinawa conn w/R&R	
1345		071345		Cpl B. N. EARLE Fr TAD Bangkok conn w/R&R	
1610		071610		Cpl G. S. CHAMBERLIN WIA TO sk C&C Fld Hosp	
2130		072130		LCpl T. A. DECUBELLIS WIANE	
0700		080700		GySgt H. E. SANDERS Drop tr to CO nearest MarCorAct CONUS FFT 2nd MAW FMFLant MCAS Cherry Point	

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0700			080700	SSgt S. L. FABYUNKEY Drop tr to OIC FMFPac TransFac WESTPac Camp S. D. Butler FFT To nearest MarCorAct CONUS FFT To MCB CamPen	
0700			080700	Cpl F. P. CARLE, LCpl J. CLIPPER & LCpl D. R. PETERS Drop tr to OIC FMFPac TransFac WESTPac Camp S. D. Butler FFT to nearest MarCorAct CONUS	
1000			081000	Sgt G. C. WALLACE Drop tr by sr to Camp S. D. Butler w/sk USNH Guam	
1100			081100	PFC A. S. WOJICH Fr sk C&C Fld Hosp	
0855			090855	Cpl J. W. ROSS WIA to sk C&C Fld Hosp	
0900			090900	PFC J. J. FREEMAN & GySgt J. B. LEWIS To TAD Okinawa conn w/R&R	
0900			090900	HM2 M. L. CILFIN To TAD Bangkok conn w/R&R	
1000			091000	LCpl D. N. AUMOCK, Sgt C. E. FREE & PFC E. M. RAY Fr TAD Okinawa conn w/R&R	
1040			091040	PFC G. L. METRICK WIA to sk C&C Fld Hosp	
1200			091200	Sgt T. E. MURPHY To sk C&C Fld Hosp	
1310			091310	Sgt J. C. PACHECO & LCpl D. W. BISHOP WIA to sk C&C Fld Hosp	

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0700			100700	Sgt R. L. CHRISTENSEN Drop tr to OIC FMFPac TransFac WESTPac Camp S. D. Butler FFT to nearest MarCorAct CONUS	
0700			100700	Sgt S. AJIFU Drop pro & rpt to OIC FMFPac TransFac WESTPac Camp S. D. Butler FFT to CONUS EDA 11Dec65 FFT to MCRDep SDIEGO	
0800			100800	Capt G. W. HINTZ To TAD Iwakuni, Japan conn w/Air Matters	
0900			100900	Cpl J. R. CAIN, PFC M. E. DESAUTELS & LCpl R. T. THURMOND To TAD Bangkok conn w/R&R	
1000			101000	Cpl J. L. BREWER To sk C&C Fld Hosp	
1300			101300	LCpl D. KENNER Drop tr by sr w/sk USAFH Clark AFB PI to Camp S. D. Butler for res only	
1300			101300	Cpl D. L. WALKER Drop tr by sr to Camp S. D. Butler	
0700			110700	Cpl D. J. DIAMOND, LCpl J. P. NEWMAN, Pvt D. E. ARTMAN, PFC C. A. CHRISTENSEN, Cpl R. E. CONLEY, LCpl W. O. PETTY, PFC C. D. FLORES, PFC J. J. FLORES, Pvt O. G. HAINS, PFC C. JOHNSON III, LCpl C. P. EARNEST, PFC J. E. ELLIOTT, Drop tr & pro to OIC FMFPac TransFac WESTPac Camp S. D. Butler FFT CONUS	

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1200			111200	2ndLt J I. ENGLAND & 2ndLt W C. KING Appt temp 1stLt USMCR	
1530			111530	HMI H J RAUSON Jr. Fr emerg lv CONUS	
0700			120700	PFC H. R. BLOOM, PFC S N. BURGETT, LCpl J E. CAPUTO, Cpl R. A ESCOVEDO, LCpl F. A. FITZGERALD, Cpl G D. HUTCHISON, PFC. J. P JOHNSON, LCpl R. D. KRAUSE, PFC K W. KUENS LCpl J F. KULA, PFC J. F LANE & Cpl A. R. LEFEBER Drop tr to nearest MarCorAct CONUS FFT	
0800			120800	Sgt M. L. LANE Drop tr to Camp S. D. Butler	
1530			121530	LCpl J. L. SPEAKE WIA to sk BAS	
1530			121530	Cpl P. S. RUTH WIANE	
1830			121830	LCpl J L. SPEAKE To sk C&C Fld Hosp	
2115			122115	PFC J. W MERRIT Jr. WIANE	
0700			130700	LCpl V E BAKER Jr. PFC R A BUCK- WALTER, Cpl J. I L CELESTLIN, PFC K. N. JOHNSON, PFC C. S. LOWE, Sgt D C. MESSERLY, LCpl D J PAWEETT, PFC L. D. POWELL, PFC D E SHAW, Cpl C BOGDAN, Cpl J. N. MORGAN, LCpl J D. SPENCER, LCpl W B. AICHER, PFC R. W. ALBRIGHT, LCpl R F. BRINK- HAUS, LCpl J M. DONRETY, PFC S. L. MCDANIELS, PFC J. C. MITCHELL, PFC L. E. LARSONS, Cpl A. L. BRAUCH, Cpl J R. RODRIQUEZ & LCpl R. P. SMITH Drop tr to nearest MarCorAct CONUS FFT	

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0900			130900	Sgt G. F. BAREFIELD, LCpl B. T. BATCHELOR, PFC K. D. HICKMAN & Cpl R. W. VREELAND To TAD Okinawa conn w/R&R	
1000			131000	Cpl G. S. CHAMBERLIN Ch loc fr C&C Flt Hosp to USNH Yokosuka	
1200			131200	PFC W. M BARRIS To emerg lv CONUS	
1230			131230	Pvt D. A. POWELL & LCpl L. B. PULLINS Jd fr SU#2, H&SBn, FMFPac for du	
1400			131400	SSgt E. R. DAVIS & SSgt J. E. GOODROW Jd fr HqCo, H&SBn MCRDep PISC for du	
0700			140700	Cpl J. G. MCNEELY & LCpl L. MENDOZA Drop tr to OIC FMFPac TransFac WESTPac Camp S. D. Butler FFT to nearest MarCorAct CONUS	
0900			140900	Pvt E. R DUNHAM & PFC P W. SHEPHERD Drop tr by sr to Camp S. D. Butler	
0900			140900	SSgt E. T. WRIGHT Drop tr by SR to Camp S. D. Butler w/sk USAH Kue	
0700			150700	PFC R. W. DAWSON, Cpl P. E. MACKEY, LCpl T E. MURRAY, PFC L. PAYTON, Cpl W. M PRZYBYLEKI, LCpl E. J. ROBERTSON, Cpl S. L. STRINGFELLOW, LCpl G. J. EZCZECH, PFC P R. VIGIL, Cpl L. D. WILLOUGHBY, PFC G. W. BROWN, PFC M. T. BROWN, LCpl L. L. COOK, LCpl J. H CULPEPPER, PFC H. L. EDGE, PFC F. FISHER, PFC G. F. FLORES, Pvt K. E. FREDERICK, PFC R. GHILON, LCpl D. R. GREBE, PFC G. W. HAMNER, LCpl J. W.	

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0700			150700	JAMSON, PFC E. TEJERINA, PFC M. REIR- WILLER, PFC J. H. WILSON & PFC W. C. WITHERSON Drop tr & pro to OIC FMFPac TransFac WESTPac Camp S. D. Butler FFT to nearest MarCorAct CONUS	
0730			150730	PFC G. G. SCHNITZER Drop KIA	
0900			150900	SSgt R. G. DYER, Cpl TEMPLE & PFC M. W. SHANLY To TAD Okinawa conn w/R&R	
0930			150930	PFC H. F. THOMPSON Jr. To TAD Taiwan conn w/R&R	
1000			151000	LCpl J. C MARTINEZ, LCpl E. N. SAGINARIO To TAD Bangkok conn w/R&R	
1045			151045	PFC J. M CAVIN, LCpl J H HOSTELKA & LCpl J M PAUL WIA To sk C&C Fld Hosp	
1630			151630	Cpl J N. CAIN, PFC M. E DESAUTALS & PFC R. T. THURMOND Fr TAD Bangkok conn w/R&R	
1700			151700	LCpl S A ANTON Jd fr MB Yokosuka Japan	
0700			160700	LCpl J R FLERE, LCpl J C GUTOW- SKI, LCpl G W JONES, LCpl A RU- MEZ, LCpl S HARDEN, PFC B E HEU- LER, Cpl A R HILL, LCpl R D HOLLIS, PFC J O LAPANTE, Pvt J R LEFEBURE, LCpl T M MAKIELSKI, PFC A R NELSON, PFC E A RANDOLPH, LCpl R RODRI- QUES, PFC D C SCHWERIN, LCpl K M THARP, PFC M C TYPPS, Cpl R J VEDDER, LCPL J R WILEY, PFC F S WOMER, PFC V W. BEACH, LCpl D E FIREBAUGH, LCpl C C GONZALES (condt)	

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0800			160800	Pvt D E TAYLOR to sk C&C Fld Hosp	
0930			160930	PFC R J SHEWMAN to TAD conn w/emerg lv CONUS	
0930			160930	LCpl L W SHAY Jr to sk C&C Fld Hosp	
0730			170730	1stLt P G KNOUSE Jr to TAD conn w/emerg lv CONUS	
0730			170730	Cpl J W ROSS Drop tr to Camp S D. Butler	
0930			170930	Sgt G F BAREFIELD, PFC B T BATCHELOR, LCpl K D HICKMAN, fr-TAD Okinawa conn w/R&R	
0930			170930	PFC W R GRIMES WIA to sk C&C Fld Hosp	
0930			170930	LCpl J B JONES, SSgt H L KING, Sgt R L SHOEMAKER WIA to sk C&C Fld Hosp	
1000			171000	PFC K Y RAFFEAR Jd fr MatBn MCSC Barstow Calif for du	
1100			171100	LCpl D W BISHOP, PFC G L METRICH, Sgt J C PACHECO, Drop tr by SR to Camp S D Butler	
1130			171130	LCpl J M PAUL Fr sk C&C Fld Hosp	

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1200			171200	LCpl J H BOAST, Cpl J A ROBINSON, to sk C&C Fld Hosp	
2100			172100	Cpl T R THEODORE to sk C&C Fld Hosp	
0800			180800	PFC D F SULLIVAN NJP imposed under Art 15 USMJ and forfeit of (7) days pay (\$29 00)	
0830			180830	Pvt W L EDWARDS NJP imposed under Art 15 UCMJ and forfeit of (\$20.00) per mo for one mo	
1000			181000	Pvt D W DILL, PFC D D FERRELL, PFC J E HAMILTON, PFC T R LARSON, PFC T R WHITE, Jd fr HqCo 1stMar 1stMarDiv(Rein) FMF for du	
1030			181030	1stLt G M LEWIS to TAD Iwakuni Ja- pan conn w/Air Matters	
1100			181100	LCpl H L FRENCH Jd fr 2dANGLICO for trs FMFLant CamLej N C for du	
1100			181100	Cpl C A JAMES Jd fr CommCo H&SBn 2dFSR FMFLant CamLej N C for du	
1100			181100	Sgt J A LAWRENCE Jd fr 2d155mmBtry ForTrs CamLej N C for du	
0900			190900	LCpl R J BEAVLIET Jd fr 2dANGLICO ForTrs FMFLant CamLej N C for du	
0900			190900	Cpl D M COULDE Jd fr CommCo 8th CommBn ForTrs CamLej N C for du	
0900			190900	PFC T G MAHLER Jd fr CommCo HqBn (REIN) 1stMarDiv(REIN) for du	

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0900				190900	LCpl L J MOORE Jd fr Su#2 HqCo H&SBn FMFPac Okinawa for du	
0900				190900	PFC R L GORDON, PFC R M GREEN, PFC W T TOWE, PFC G W SCOTT II, PFC R R SCHWIET, Jd fr HqCo 1stMar 1stMarDiv(Rein) FMF for du	
0915				190915	PFC R GONZALES, PFC R P HARPER, PFC M G HERRIMAN, PFC L J ROD- RIGUEZ, PFC D R WALKER, PFC W H WHITE, Jr Jd fr HqCo 1stMar 1stMarDiv (Rein) FMF (forward) for du	
0930				190930	PFC W R GRIMES, Sgt R L SHOEMAKER Fr sk C&C Fld Hosp	
1000				191000	Sgt R C DYER, LCpl M W SHANLY, PFC J W TEMPLE Fr TAD Okinawa conn w/R&R	
1000				191000	LCpl H F THOMPSON Jr fr TAD Taiwan conn w/R&R	
1030				191030	Capt R LLOYD Jr to TAD Hong Kong conn w/R&R	
0800				200800	LCpl D M EVANS Drop tr to Camp S D Butler	
0900				200900	SSgt K W FERREE, Cpl G R POLING, LCpl W J ROBY, HM I R J BLATCH- FORD to TAD Okinawa conn w/R&R	

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0800			210800	Capt G W HINTZ Fr TAD Iwakuni Japan conn w/Air Matters	
0830			210830	Cpl K R DRESEL to TAD Tokyo conn w/R&R	
0900			210900	Cpl A CISNERO Jd fr Camp S D Butler for du	
0930			210930	PFC C D RAMSEY WIANE	
1300			211300	PFC L F CHRISTMAN Jr Drop tr to Camp S D Butler	
1400			211400	Cpl T R MOLL fr sk C&C Hosp	
1430			211430	Pvt D E TAYLOR fr sk C&C Fld Hosp	
1930			211930	Sgt L L DOWNEY to sk C&C Fld Hosp	
0700			220700	LCpl L W SHAY Jr fr sk C&C Fld Hosp	
0730			220730	Sgt T E MURPHY drop tr to Camp S D Butler	
1045			221045	Cpl L H EVERS WIA to sk C&C Fld Hosp	
1300			221300	LCpl F GARCIA WIA to sk C&C Fld Hosp	
1330			221330	PFC A G PADILLA, PFC J L JOHNSON, PFC D R LANE, Jd fr BistCo 2dITR MCB CamPen for du	
0930			230930	PFC D L BOSLEY, Pvt E P JOHNSTON, PFC J POWELL Jd fr BIST Co 2ndITR MCB CamPen for du	

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0700			240700	LCpl B E SPARKS Jr, PFC J W WOLT- HUSEN, Cpl W C. YATES to TAD Okinawa conn w/R&R	
0900			240900	1stLt J C WAISATH Jd fr SU#2 HqCo H&SBn FMFPac Okinawa for du	
0930			240930	SSgt K W FERREE, Cpl G. R POLING, LCpl W J ROBY Fr TAD Okinawa conn w/R&R	
1535			251535	PFC D F FABEL, PFC G L KASPER WIA to sk C&C Fld Hosp	
0900			260900	PFC R H JUSTIS, PFC J W KANK, PFC R W LEAR, PFC W R MALLY, PFC C R MCHENRY, PFC T J MEEKER, PFC R. A. MITCHELL, PFC L D NEWTON, PFC M PHILLIPS, PFC J P RAGSDALE, Jd fr HqCo 1stMar 1stMarDiv(Rein) FMF for du	
0930			260930	LCpl J W POSTON Jr., LCpl L. R CARRIGG, to TAD Bangkok conn w/R&R	
1345			261345	HM3 M A ROSSELL Jr. WIA to sk C&C Fld Hosp	
1445			261445	1stLt S E CARRIER Jr, Cpl H R STAIR, Cpl M. S WILSON, WIA to sk C&C Fld Hosp	
1500			261500	LCpl J B JONES, SSgt H L KING, Drop tr by SR to Camp S D Butler	
1650			261650	LCpl R O STUART WIA to sk C&C Fld Hosp	

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1130			271130	PFC T. C. BATES WIA To sk C&C Fld Hosp	
1130			271130	LCpl G. W. FENDER WIA To sk C&C Fld Hosp	
1145			271145	LCpl J H HOSTELKA, LCpl J H BOAST, Cpl J A ROBINSON, Drop tr by SR to Camp S D Butler	
1330			271330	Cpl J. H. HINTZ, Cpl D C. LYONS, PFC W A MITCHELL WIA To sk C&C Fld Hosp	
1330			271330	PFC T E GREEN, Jr., PFC R J WRIGHT, Drop tr by SR to Camp S D Butler	
1400			271400	PFC J L DREW, drop KIA	
1430			271430	PFC W F BROWN Drop DOW	
0700			280700	Cpl M S WILSON Fr sk C&C Fld Hosp	
1430			281430	PFC J A. CLAUNCH WIA To sk C&C Fld Hosp	
1230			291230	PFC R L JONES, LCpl K R SPIEGEL WIA to sk C&C Fld Hosp	
1230			291230	LCpl F L SEXTON To sk C&C Fld Hosp	

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0001		150001	JOURNAL OPENED	
0900		150900	RWB2/RW SpotRep A-RWB2 B-150730H S,F,S2 C-(BT 112649) D-Patrol observed one VC with weapon at coord (BT 112652). Point opened fire and at the same time, an estimated VC plt opened fire from the high ground at (BT 112649). VC in trenches on high ground. One tank was sent to reinforce patrol and assaulted VC. VC fled south and also southeast towards beach. E-VC broke contact. Patrol destroyed five bunkers and (BT 112649) and requested AO to check out boat at (BT 112651). F-N/A G-One H-N/A I-One (probable) J-N-N/A.	
1005		151005	RW2/PS2 I Corps PsyWar has not arrived S,F today. Team did not show for past three scheduled dates. Please advise on any change in psywar scheduling.	
1100		151100	PS2/RW2 Following msg from Monroe 2 S,F,T MAG-11 will test sirens and hold ground defense drill at 151900H. Pass info to all hands. Also, in ref to your 1005H. Will inquire and advise.	
1505		151505	RWDP2/RW SpotRep A-RWDP2 B-151030H S,F C-(BT 035657) D-Combat patrol was hit by two snipers located at a temple, coord (BT 038658). Neg casualties. One fire-team was immediately dispatched thru tree-line to close with snipers. The second fire-team covering with fire support. At this time, one auto and two semi-auto wpns have opened fire on both fire-teams. The fire-team attempted assaulting the VC and detonated a personnel mine wounding the entire fire-team of three men. The remainder of the patrol set up security while awaiting med-evac. E-RWD1 dispatched one squad south to assist in security of med-evac of friendly WIAs. RWD3 swept TU CAU (I) and thoroughly searched the area with neg results. One VCS was picked up as the patrol withdrew.	

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0001		170001		JOURNAL OPENED	
0943		170943		RWB2/RW SpotRep. A-RWB2 B-170930H S.F,S2 C-(BT 115635) D-RWB2 blew booby trapped gate at above coord. Unit moved past gate and hit another booby trap resulting in four Marine WIA, E-Four Marine WIA. F-N/A G-Four H-N-N/A.	
1027		171027		RWB/RW2 Info received from villages S.F,T in "Horseshoe" area indicates 100 VC in the area this morning.	
1040		171040		RWB/RW3 RWB location (BT 104628). S.F,S2 Receiving slight sniper fire east of RWB. Neg casualties at this time.	
1130		171130		RW2/PS2 At approx 170830H, RWB3 killed S,F one VC and wounded one VC vic (BT 095641) while in block positions. VC WIA escaped with VC wps at 170945H elements of RWB2 vic (BT 115635) detonated some type of mine. Four Marine WIA med-evac completed at 1000.	
1425		171425		RWB/RW SpotRep. A-RWB16P6 B-170845H C-(BT 095636) D-Patrol moving into S,F,S2 blocking position received approx 10 rds sniper fire from three VC approx 350 meters NW their position. E-Patrol fired at three VC. One VCKIA by body count. Also reported one WIA (probable). The WIA and the third VC proceeded into the village at (BT 081643). The wpn had been taken from the VC KIA by the fleeing VC but four 9mm carbine rounds were found on the body. Two tanks searched the area with negative results. F-H-N/A I-One J-One (probabb) K-N-N/A.	
1838		171838		RWB/RW3 One tank returning to water- S,F point on board are RW2 scouts, 9 VCS male, one VCS female, one VCS wounded, and one civilian accompanying VCS wounded. As a result of today's activities in addition to RWB3 action, RWB has one KIA (body count), and two WIAs.	
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0001		180001		JOURNAL OPENED	
0820		180820		RWB/RW SpotRep A-RWB B-180735H S,F C-(BT 087657) D-Patrol at block position received two mortar rds. E-Patrol remaining at same position. No crater analysis available at this time. B3 will send patrol into area of CAM SA (1) this AM. F-N-N/A.	
1200		181200		RWD/RW SpotRep A-RWD3 B-180715H S,F,S2 C-(BT 053649) D-Platoon sitting in as blocking force on stream from (BT 064652) to (BT 047646). At approx 0700H woman left hut to mouth of stream bed. It was apparent they were checking on area but they did not see blocking force. A few minutes later at the sound of approaching tanks from the north, four men ran from the hut. E-One carrying wpn was shot and killed. Due to terrain difficulties, Marines could not reach body in time to prevent removal of wpn from body. One young boy fleeing was shot in the finger and was apprehended. A second VCS was also apprehended. F-H-N/A I-One J-K-N/A. L-Two M-N-N/A.	
1245		181245		RWD3/RW SpotRep. A-RWD3 B-181100H S,F,S2 C-(BT 054654) D-Upon entering village, a Marine saw a young man slide down a pole from the attic and run into the bedroom and pretend he was sleeping. VCS was apprehended, upon interrogation he pointed to house and USMC searched and found second VCS hiding in large straw urn in attic. E-VCS apprehended. F-K-N/A L-Two M-N-N/A.	
1250		181250		RWD3/RW SpotRep A-RWD3 B-181030H S,F,S2 C-(BT 047647) D-One squad blocking force returning to rendezvous with other two squads, three VC with wps were seen fleeing north. Squad fired with neg results. VC escaped into village. E-On entering village one Viet male seen hurriedly dressing in robes of village priest. As patrol	

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1250			Cont'd	approached house he quickly started to pray. He was apprehended.	
1255		182255		RWD/RW SpotRep A-RWD B-180930H C-(BT 059652) D-D6 forward CP set in engineers and FAC checked small hamlet and CP area. E-Round below (line M) F-K-N/A L-One M-N/A N-One grenade booby trapped, punji, one 2.75 rocket dud, and one M-79 booby trapped dud. All but the grenade were destroyed.	
1320		181320		RWD/RW SpotRep A-RWD B-181100H C-(BT 067628) D-Combat patrol received fire from top of hill. Est four auto wps to include Thompson or grease gun, and at least five semi-auto wps to include M-1 and or US/CHICOM carbines. E-Squad and tank attacked and chased VC off hill into village. Destroyed four fortifications, and four dirt bunkers, and 10 firing positions. Enemy broke contact and fled into village. Check of buildings near firing produced neg results. Squad and tank returned to base. F-N-N/A.	S,F,S2
1700			Wire	S2/12 A-CIT report from agent. B-15Dec. C-(BT 002618) D-Hamlet is used as a shelter for VC, also as a rest center for other VC troops. One VC Co. and additional guerrillas to guard hamlet. Hamlet is closed to villagers. 2000 pounds of rice stored in hamlets in TRAN TA, TRAN THIEU, and PHAN KHAM. Rated F/6.	S,F,T
2000			Wire	Roseann 2/12 An unk number of VC have moved into MY THI hamlet, (BT 059740). Their mission is to harrass military units in HOA LONG Village. No rating.	S,F,S2
2225		182225		RWB/RW A-RWB B-182015H C-(BT 094661) D-RWB received approx 200 rds of auto fire and semi-auto fire from two directions. Estimated approx 10-15 VC encountered. At least. At least one enemy MG, one auto carbine and three semi-auto wps.	S,F,S2

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2225			Cont'd	E-Undetermined amount of fire f returned and enemy fire ceased. Two arty night defensive concentrations fired. F-N-N/A.	
2330			Comment	Delta Battery reported two incoming S.F mortar rounds, one north and one south.	
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0001		190001		JOURNAL OPENED	
1007		191007		Rosemont Golf/RW At coord (BT 074685) S,F	
				observed three pajama clad figures taking cover.	
	1445	191445		RW2/RWA,B,D Info received indicates S,F	
				two MF platoons are located at vic (BT 080670). One MF platoon located at (BT 0571). The two platoons at (BT 080670) might try to attack the French bunker tonight or tomorrow night. MF battalion still near (BT 0763) and (BT 0863). Rated C/2.	
1725		191725		RWD1/RW SpotRep. A-RWD1 B-191500H S,F,S2	
				C-(BT 041675) D-As patrol approached market place, three VCS were seen fleeing from the area. Could not apprehend. VC flag was found displayed in front of house. Two men in house were apprehended, one was later released. Another flag was displayed at market place. Also, two signs were displaced at entrance to market place. Translation. "Long live SVN liberty. People's battle welcome five years the day established. SVN liberty people battle. Five years glorious combat and illustrious success." F-J-N/A K-One L-M-N/A. N-One flag red and blue.	
1945		191945		OP West/I2 Observed two lights signaling 400 meters SW their position. Copied "D-S-O-S".	
2158		192158		RWB/RW SpotRep A-RWB B-192045H S,F,S2	
				C-(BT 098664) D-Approx one VC or two with semi-auto carbine fired approx 20 rds at RWB CP. E-RWB illuminated area - RWB fired approx 50 7.62 rds and three 90mm canister rds at coords (BT 098654). One VC believed KIA. At same coord, observed two VC proceeding toward area of VC KIA. RWB is dispatching one patrol to check out area now. Negative results. F-H-N/A I-One probable J-N/N/A	
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0001			010001H	JOURNAL OPENED	
1227			011227H	RWC1A/RW SpotRep: A-RWC1A B-010900H	S,F,S2
				C-(BT 056653) D-Patrol searching temple at above coord, found the following.	
				plastic bag full of flashlight batteries, two khaki colored ponchos, two khaki trousers, and two khaki shirts. E-Returned same to company base. F-M-N/A. N-See para E.	
1358			011358H	PS2/RW2 Village chief of QUA GIANG (2) (BT 002669), reports one VC company with two 60mm mortars at (BT 004650). VC company still at these coords at 011100H.	
1434			011435H	RWC1/RW SpotRep: A-RWC1 B-011330H	S,F,S2
				C-(BT 053653) D-Received approx 15 rds auto and semi-auto fire from above coords. Friendly forces located at (BT 052656). E-Returned fire, approx 50 rds and one M-79 rd with neg results. No action taken because fire came from across an open flooded rice paddy. F-N-N/A.	
1800			011800H	RW2/RW PsyWar team adhered strictly to S,F schedule today.	
2140			012140H	PS2/RW2 At 011900H, secret agent of HOA S,F,T VANG rptd one VC company located at (BT 035680). Commanded by Mr. DE. Mission of this unit is unk. Rated C-3.	
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1930		Cont'd	He was wounded in TU CAU at 1300H. Local security patrol found another wounded man at (BT 044667). A DI patrol found one dead man. Further info not available at this time. SpotRep will follow. Suspect VC have moved wounded into TAOR. Is there confirmation of this from other sources.	
2010		022010H	RW2/RWD Ref your msg concerning wounded Viet. There is no confirmation at present; time that VC have moved wounded into TAOR.	S,F
2010		022010H	RWD1/RW SpotRep. A-RWD1 B-021750H	S,F
			C-Recon patrol spotted two VC with wpns. D-Recon patrol opened fire on same and pursued VC. Spotted second time and opened fire and pursued. Lost contact, searched all houses and bunkers in area. Neg results. Found signs of man being dragged and carried eventually, lost trail. No signs of blood Found two fresh punji traps on path and tank destroyed. Size 18 inches wide by three foot long by four foot deep. F-I-N/A J-One (probable) K-N-N/A.	S,F,S2
2100		022100H	RWD3/RW SpotRep: A-RWD3 B-021700H	S,F,S2
			C-(BT 034679) D-Direction of march was north when received enemy fire from three VC from NW approx 200 meters. Included one auto and two semi-auto wpns. Approx same time received several rds from left flank. Approx 20 minutes later, received rounds fired by three VC from right rear. Encountered approx seven VC who fired 50 rounds. E-Pursued enemy to the front and lost contact. Searchess to left and right rear produced neg results. Returned total of 100 rounds. F-N-N/A.	
2134		022134H	RWD6/RW RWD1 ran into VC at 022110H on way to ambush. Encountered VC and now following blood trail. Well send more info as available.	S,F
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0001			030001H	JOURNAL OPENED	
0050			030050H	RWD1/RW SpotRep: A-RWD1 B-022030H C-(BT 052679) D-Night ambush moving to position when point observed and fired on a man at close range. Heard groan but search produced only blood. E-Night ambush was set up in immediate area and maintained until 030001H. F-I-N/A. J-One (probable) K-N-N/A.	S.F.S2
0210			030210H	PS2/I2 Ref MAG-16 INTSUM #335: HOA HAI S.F.T and HOA LONG Village Chiefs rpt mines are to harass Marine and have been placed in DA MAN(2). Also, the village chiefs and police officials warn that extra precaution should be taken by medical teams entering DA MAN (2), (BT 055729). PS6 wants rpt checked out. Ref MAG-16 INTSUM #332. HOA LONG Village Chief rpts that there is one intelligence assassination platoon with 38 members operating from DONG hamlet, (BT 059705). This pl is composed of three sqds and has the mission of getting intell info concerning Marble Mt Air Facility. MAG-16 rate R/6. PS6 wants rpt checked out. Ref MAG-16 INTSUM #332. HOA HAI Village Chief rpts 20 men of recon plt have moved from KHUE DONG (1), (BT 056705) to KHAI TAY(1). Five men from this unit are in vic of Marble Mt. MAG -16 rates C/3. PS6 want rpt checked out. Ref MAG-16 INTSUM #332 HOA HAI Village Chief rpts that the snipers that have been harassing USMC and MCB MCB units in the Marble Mt area are hiding out in caves and tunnels during the day in the immediate area. PS6 wants rpt checked out. At 291040H, Company C apprehended two VCS at (BT 044692) with a large quantity of medicine. VCS were evacuated to ITT for investigation.	

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In	Out				S-3 F-File H-100S T-T 2
				VCS claim Marines confiscated GVN National ID cards. Examination of confiscated material by G-2 revealed two valid ID cards. Notify all units/individuals that ID cards are not, repeat, not to be taken from suspects. Separating suspects and ID cards magnifies ITT and QUANG NAM Special Sector difficulties and serves to hinder investigation.	
1010		031010H		RWC2A/RW SpotRep: A-RWC2A B-030830H C-(BT 062677) D-One VCS apprehended because of no identification. E-Turned over to the Battalion S-2. F-K-N/A. L-One VCS M-N-N/A.	S, F, S2
1015		031015H		RWC2A/RW A-RWC2A B-030930H C-(BT 071683) D-One VCS apprehended because of no identification. E-Turned over to the Battalion S-2. F-K-N/A. L-One VCS M-N-N/A.	S, S2
1155		031155H		RWD/RW A-RWD B-031125H C-(BT 046668) D-Local security with corpsman re-examined Vietnamese male. Male is 23 years old. Initial interrogation indicates man was shot by VC, however, the grandmother does not want him sent to the doctor in DANANG, nor the military hospital. Indicates possible local guerrilla. E-Hospitalization required due to infection, evacuated to DANANG hospital and authorities notified. F-K-N/A. L-One VCS	S, F, S2
	1420			RW2/RWD6 We have indications that a VC company may have moved into MAN QUAN. They have a mission to attack your company. Rated C/3. S-3 comments Keep LVT force available with two squads for rein if needed.	

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2145			032145H	RWA1/RW SpotR.p A-RWA1 B-032030H C-(BT 089693) D-Patrol apprehended three concealed VCS who were watching the patrol. First part of patrol past by without seeing their position. Second part of patrol apprehended. E-Will be turned over to Battalion S-2 F-K-N/A. L-Three M-N-N/A	S.F.S2
	2150		032150H	RW2/RWD Ref your msg dtg 031125H Subj air evac of POW. Int verification of POW tag and medical evac. Also, request location of wounds on subject.	S,F
2155			032155H	RWD/RW2 Person that was evac was on the tail bone. He was evac as Viet civilian. Med tag and accompanying documents known to be attached to POW. POW info believed attached, unable to verify at this time.	S,F,S2
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0001	0750	040001H 040750H		JOURNAL OPENED RW2/PS2 SpotRep: A-RW3 B-032145H C-(BT 063682) D-Delta Battery received approx 150 rds of small arms fire (auto and semi-auto) from all direction. The heaviest volume of fire coming from azimuth of 2260 mils. E-Delta Battery fired one round 105mm HE direct fire at suspected VC position in treeline. F-N-N/A.	S.F.S2
1100		041100H		RWA2/RW SpotRep: A-RWA2 B-040845H C-(BT 072676) D-(BT 072676), VC fired upon a patrol. Patrol returned fire and VC fled in northerly direction. E-Pursued with negative results. F-L-N/A. M-One CHICOM frag N-N/A.	S.F.S2
1200		041200H		RWD33E/RW SpotRep: A-RWD33E B-041150H C-(BT 037687) D-Found three 55 gallon drums of rice in house. E-Request disposition of rice. F-N-N/A.	S.F.S2
	1225	041225H		RW/RWD33E/Ref your msg dtg 041200H If you cannot bring rice to this location, destroy same.	S.F
1415H		041415H		RWD/RW A-RWD B-041345H C-(BT 050650) D-Patrol hit by 7-8 VC wearing camouflage utilities and having auto wps. Squad pinned down and took two WIA. E-Reinforcing squad enroute by foot. Request to fire 81mm mortars (permission given by I6 to fire if they can observe). F-N/A. G-Two H-N-N/A	S.F.S2
1715		041715H		RWD/RW A-RWD B-041625H C-(BT 054654) D-Squad received fire from three sides. Minimum of five VC with auto wps. VC were 150 to 200 meters from USMC. fired 300 rds. USMC fired 400 7.62mm and five 40mm and four 90mm. E-Squad reacted with fire and manueved forcing snipers on one side to withdraw.	S.F.S2

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1715			Cont'd	Another squad was dispatched from Company and came up behind one group of VC while still 300 meters away, this squad received fire from another sniper. This action alerted the 1st group of VC who started to withdraw. RWD6 and tanks joined original squad and blasted two areas from which rounds were received. 2nd squad wiped entire area to front. Firing positions were found and counted. VC were wearing camouflage utilities. Search of area produced freshly dug punji traps.	
1930			041930H	RWAL/RW A-RWAL B-041900H C-(BT 093679) S, F, S2 D-Three to four rds 60mm incoming received. Est from WSW. One rd of illum called on (BT 093679). 1st adjustment of illum was right 100, add 100, 11 rds HE light were fired on this call. 2nd adjustment left 200, add 100. 10 rds HE light fired on this call. 3d adjustment was drop 100, left 400. 10 rds of HE light were fired on this call. E-All adjustments were made with an observer target Az of 4600. A total of 51 rds HE light 81mm were expended along with one rd of illum. F-N-N/A.	
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0001			050001H	JOURNAL OPENED	
1017			051017H	RWD2/RW SpotRep: A-RWD2 B-050930H S,F,S2 C-(BT 060655) D-RWD42E patrol encountered two VCS in open terrain at a distance of 400-500 meters. VC spotted patrol and ran. Warning shot failed to halt VCS. E-Patrol opened fire and killed one VCS, age about 18. The other ran into TU QAU (3). F-H-N/A. I-One VCS J-M-N/A. N-Birth certificate or ID. ID illegible but does not appear to have been issued in QUANG NAM.	
1515			051515H	RWD43F/RW SpotRep: A-RWD43F B-051500H S,F,S2 C-(BT 049661) D-Patrol saw VCS run out of village as they approached. Five shots were directed at the VCS along with two rounds M-79. E-VCS got away; had no weapon F-N-N/A.	
1536			051536H	RWD42F/RW SpotRep: A-RWD42F B-051400H S,F,S2 C-(BT 060679) D-Patrol found what appears to be USMC issue pole climbing equip laying in a ditch. Nomenclature of equip is thought to be LG-5 or LG-249. E-N-N/A.	
2315			052315H	RWD1/RW SpotRep: A-RWD1 B-052130H S,F,S2 C-(BT 047650) D-Night ambush sprang while moving into position, one fireteam in position another moving to adjacent trail. Three VC seen 100 yards away and fired on. Also seen by second fireteam and they also fired. VC were entering village and returned fire. Ambush leader searched area with neg results. F-N-N/A.	
2345			052345H	RWD2/RW SpotRep: A-RWD2 B-052250H S,F,S2 C-(BT 060659) D-RWD52B have reached position at above coords and sighted two VCS north of their position. E-Fired on VCS and returned to CP.	
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0001			060001H	JOURNAL OPENED	
1215			061215H	RWA2/RW SpotRep: A-RWA2 B-061130H	S,F,S2
				C-(BT 067663) D-Patrol spotted three VC in rice paddy. T.O VC were camouflaged, one was not. E-ARVN hollered for VC to stop. They did not and the ARVN fired wounding one. Patrol followed three VC, capturing wounded one.	
1240			061240H	F-I-N/A. J-One K-M-N/A. N-One CHICOM frag S2/I2 A-S2 B-061145H C-(BT 040860)	S,F
				D-Reported by NAD Rpted junks in river firing from north to northeast. Amt of fire unk.	
1440			061440H	RWD2/RW SpotRep: A-RWD2 B-061300H C-061688	S,F,S2
				D-Patrol encountered Viet civilian who tried to run from patrol. E-Patrol ran him down. Interrogation revealed what might be VC documents. Sent VCS to BnCP on tanks.	
				F-K-N/A. L-One M-N/A. N-Possible VC documents.	
1530		wire		S2/I2 Shove 2 at 1415H from HOA VANG Sub-Sector via VC deserter: A Main Force Company designated as Q-16-B commanded by PHUC and assisted by THAN. Strength of 80 men armed with two 60mm mortars, eight BARs and small arms. They are operating in: 2ndPlt in HOA LONG (BT 078695), HOA HAI (BT 0867), HOA LAN (BT 0368), HOA PHUNG (BT 0469). 1stSquad is hiding in NAM hamlet, HOA HAI village (BT 0867). 1stPlt is operating in HOA THUONG at (AT 8764) and HOA LONG (BT 0769). 3dPlt and two sections of hvy wpns at vic (AT 820660). 2ndPlt moves to KHAI DONG area (BT 078695) to harrass the NGU HANH SONG campaign. (no rating)	S,F,T
1910			061910H	RWD2/RW SpotRep: A-RWD2 B-061825H	S,F,S2
				C-(BT 047659) D-One sniper fired three rds from (BT 044655). E-Returned fire with small arms fire and one 3.5 inch rocket.	
2400			062400H	F-N/A G-One H-N-N/A.	
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0001			070001H	JOURNAL OPENED	
0020			wire	ID/I2 SpotRep: A-RWD61A B-062330H C-(BT 049650) D-Night ambush in position. Received sniper rds from approx 150 meters. North, east and southeast. Snipers closed on ambush position enough to force compromise of position. Position returned fire with M-79, platoon supported with two rds of 60mm mortar. When position checked results of mortar fire, observed 10 VC moving in from north and east. Position fired on the VC and they took cover, but continued to move. VC used one weapon and grenades. The position returned fire with grenades. When called in by 1stPlt, Company D, the ambush position covered their withdraw with grenades until supply exhausted. The Marines received two more rounds of sniper fire and the 1stPlt covered the position's withdraw with two more rds of 60mm mortar fire. F-N-N/A.	S, F, S2
1000			071000H	RWC2/RW SpotRep: A-RWC2 B-070900H C-(BT 075708) D-Squad size patrol apprehended three female VCS without ID cards at coordinates above. E-Three VCS taken to Bn CP for further investigation. F-K-N/A	S, F, S2
1155			wire 1155H	IC3/I2 SpotRep: A-IC3 B-071145H C-(BT 072704) D-Apprehended man village chief pointed as being VC. E-Male was apprehended and brought to the water point and later released by the Battalion S-2. F-N-N/A.	S, F
1245			071245H	RWA3/RW SpotRep: A-RWA3 B-071230H C-(BT 092685) D-Recon patrol dtg 061800H found lake, village coord (BT 092685), 30 houses, 50 people, no VCS. E-Subsequent patrol sent to area. No contact. F-N-N/A N-One map SON CAO, 174E, 1605, U.S. Army Map Service, Far East 1930 Scale 1:100,000.	S, F
1455			071455H	RWD61D/RW SpotRep: A-RWD61D B-071100H C-(BT 049648) D-Company D patrol found one booby trapped CHICOM frag. The grenade was destroyed. At coord (BT 056647), the patrol found found two 3.5 WP rds in a house and then received two rds sniper fire from coord (BT 055645). E-Marine advanced through suspected enemy	S, F, S2

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1455			Cont'd	position with negative results. F-N/A.	
1458		071458H		G-One H-N-N/A. RWD/RW A-RWD61E B-071230H C-(BT 0564)	S,F,S2
				D-Found freshly punji traps in NGAN TRUNG (1).	
				E-Destroyed punji traps. Checked hamlet for	
1530		071530H		tunnels with neg results. E-N-N/A. RWA/RW SpotRep: A-RWA B-071520H C-(BT 098660)	S,F,S2
				D-RWA patrol P31 received heavy small arms	
				fire from SE from est three semi-auto weapons	
				and two to five rifles. Est 400 rds received.	
				and fire fight lasted approximately 10-15	
				minutes. E-Returned fire with approx 400	
				rds small arms and five M-79 rds. Communications	
				was lost with plt and patrol pursued VC for only	
				short distance before losing contact. Patrol	
				returned to PFB. RWA3 minus has returned to area and	
				will search area. One sqd of RWA2 will block	
				vicinity of (BT 092658). Results unk as of	
				071530H. F-N-N/A.	
1715		071715H		RWA3/RW A-RWA3 B-071615H C-(BT 103664)	S,F,S2
				D-Received one sniper rd from (BT 103662).	
				E-Med-evac requested for one Marine WIA	
				Pursuit of sniper still in progress.	
				F-N/A. G-One H-N-N/A.	
2045		072045H		RWA3/RW SpotRep. A-RWA3 B-071500H C-(BT 087678)	S,F,S2
				D-Platoon moved from (BT 087678) due south.	
				One sqd was moving in treeline east of highway,	
				remainder of platoon moving west of highway but	
				east of rice paddy area actually along edge of	
				rice paddy. Lead squad moving south vic (BT 096664)	
				was fired on by six VC from (BT 098662)	
				E-Fire was returned and two sqds started assault	
				from (BT 096664) while the remaining squad	
				moved west from (BT 104664) to close trap on VC.	
				As his sqd started to close with the VC, one	
				WIA was sustained requiring med-evac VC departed	
				area and for VIEM DONG. One squad pursued	
				VC and scored at least two hits on VC believed to	
				be KIAs. VC were seen dragging two bodies out of	
				rice paddy at (BT 095660). VC moved into VIEM	
				DONG and could not be located. During encounter,	
				friendly forces fired 800 7.62mm linked. 600	

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In	Out	Some	ITG	Incidents Messages, Orders, etc.	1 + on 1st r S-Staff -File Maps -Troops
0001			080001H	JOURNAL OPENED	
0050			080050H	RWA/RW SpotRep: A-RWA B-080015H C-(BT 081696) S,F,S2 D-Observed two boats on river coord (BT 088688). Each boat with two people. E-Opened fire with 10 rds 7.62mm, 160 rounds of .30 cal fired from tank, and eight rds of illum from 81mm. One boat sank.	
0120			080120H	RWA/RW SpotRep: A-RWA B-080120H C-(BT 081696) S,F,S2 D-Observed two boats on river. Fired two rds of 81mm illum. E-After the two rds of illum, the boats disappeared. F-N-N/A.	
0125			080125H	RWC2/RW SpotRep: A-RWC2 B-080120H C-(BT 073702) S,F,S2 D-Saw man on NE side of perimeter at (BT 073702). Fired three rds 7.62mm, one rd 40mm and one frag grenade. E-Three rds of 81mm illum revealed nothing. F-N-N/A.	
0930			080930H	RWA/RW A-A3B patrol B-080710H C-(BT 093667) S,F,S2 D-Patrol was searching house in vic of above coord. Patrol heard children hollering on high ground and sent man to check this out. Man saw one VC with rifle slung surrounded by children and went back to notify patrol leader. E-Fire team leader went with man to apprehend VC. VC tried run after being challenged and was killed. F-H-N/A I-One J-L-N/A M-Two M-26 frags, CHICOM carbine, three rds 7.62mm. N-Whistle, wallet with documents, rifle cleaning gear.	
1645			081645H	RWA/RW SpotRep: A-RWA B-081630H C-(BT 076698) D-Wireman and fireteam checking line received one rd from sniper from coord (BT 074695). E-Wireman fired 10 rds in return no surveillance possible. F-N-N/A.	
2045			082045H	PS/RW Your spotrep 072345H and 080015H mention expenditure of .30 cal ammo. Specify wpn used and varify number of rds expended.	S,F
2059			082059H	RW/PS Ref your 082045H: 072345H - 30 rds .30 cal from amtrac, 080015H - 160 rds of .30 cal from amtrac.	S,F
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09001		090001H	JOURNAL OPENED	
09000		090000H	RWA3/RW SpotRep: A-RWA3 B-090845H	S.F.S2
			C-(BT 112652) D-Platoon was fired upon by 8-10 VC with auto wpns from behind a barricade at (BT 110650). VC fired 65 rds s/a. E-Platoon assaulted and took the barricade. VC withdrew into HA QUANG (4). Platoon searching village, barricade destroyed. USMC fired 200 rds 7.62mm, 100 rds M-60 and five rds of 40mm. F-N/A. G-One H-N-N/A.	
1150		091150H	RWD3/RW SpotRep A-RWD3 B-091140H	S.F.S2
			C-(BT 035685) D-Direction of patrol was north. Unit opened fire from the front with one auto, two semi-auto wpns, one VC fired from left flank, two from right rear, all with semi-auto wpns. E-Unit returned fire and swepted village with neg results. Unit is now searching, MAN QUAN (1).	
1450		091450H	RWD823/RW A-RWD82E B-091230H C-(BT 033664)	S.F.S2
			D-Two snipers fired on patrol. One VC at (BT 033662), the other at (BT 035662). E-Patrol fired killing one VC and possibly wounding the other. Patrol recovered body and one wpn. Patrol searched area with neg results. VC KIA found at (BT 032664). Escapee fled to SE. 80 rds fired by VC, 105 rds small arms fired by patrol, also, three rds M-79, eight frag grenades. KIA dressed in black pajama trousers with purple shirt. Escapee dressed in all black. F-N/A G-Two H-N/A I-One J-One (possible) K-L-N/A. M-One CHICOM machine gun, 7.62mm. N-One rd recovered, watch, personal papers and battery.	
1455		091455H	RW2/RWd Ref 091140H SpotRep: Int number of rds S,F incoming and outgoing.	
1500		091500H	RWD31E/RW A-RWD81 B-091500H C-(BT 047657)	S.F.S2
			D-Patrol at (BT 047657) received two sniper rds from (BT 048655). E-Returned fire with M-79 and M-72. Checked area with neg results. Fired one M-72 and three M-79 with neg results. No small arms fired. M-72 tube retained by patrol. F-N-N/A.	

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1800	091800H	RW2/PS2 Ref SpotReps dtg 072330H and 080015H: Reported .30 caliber fire was from tanks. (Comment This report was later corrected to amtracks.)	S,F,S2
2130	092130H	RW1/RW A-RW1 B-092125H C-(BT 091678) D-Corpsman had acute appendicitis. E-Med-evac completed. F-N-N/A.	S,F,S2
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0001		100001H		JOURNAL OPENED	
1225			wire	Bridge/I2 Demonstration has broken up, all S,F people have gone south. People were carrying baskets of shrapnel and were apparently protesting H&Is. Am sending two patrols south to make certain people are not dropped off by demonstration group.	
1230			wire	Bridge/I2 Village chief got info from demonstrators that a VC platoon is located at (BT 072682) and were protecting the demonstrators.	S,F
1320		101320H		RWC29/RW Received heavy machine gun fire at coord (BT 074685).	S,F
1355		101355H		RWC29/RW Spot Rep. A-RWC29 B-101320H C-(BT 072675) D-Two auto and two rifles fired on patrol. Moved up road 500 meters and turned east to continue patrol. VC fired 50 to 75 rds at our position. E-Pulled back to road and did not return fire. Reinforced with another squad. Swept entire area with neg results. F-N-N/A.	S,F,S2
1520		101520H		Hoa Vang LnO/RW Right now at villages HOA LONG (BT 0769), and HOA HAI (BT 0867), the VC are using children to carry TNT explosives to use against installations. The children come near USMC installations to follow Marine situations and to sabotage.	S,F,T
1530		101530H		MIEU BONG/RW Info provided by staff hdqtrs rpts that in order to deploy and kill friendly troops at this time the VC use the special type of grenade activated by acid. It will blow up if the security hook is held on to. The top of the grenade is red or blue. The security hook is blue. The VC pretend to drop these on the ground so that they will be seized or picked up as a trophy.	S,F,T
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0001		110001H	JOURNAL OPENED	
0120		110120H	PS/RW ARVN at DIEN BAN experiencing buses S.F.T being stopped and kidnapping ARVN. Will have people disguised as civilians riding various buses and armed. ARVN at check point alerted. Alert check point Marines. Will patrol buses for indefinite period. Bus patrol will operate between HOI AN - DIEN BAN - MIEU DONG, day and night.	
1755		111755H	RW2/PS2 Ref my INTSUM of 11Dec65. Para 1.B.(1)-first line seventh word. LVT should read LVT and tank beach patrol.	S,F
2047			PS2/RW2 Ref your INTSUM 111500H, para A.(2).S,F Request to know which company apprehended one male VCS at (BT 045664).	
2100		112100H	RW2/PS2 Ref your message dtg 112047H. Ccd. S,F	
2140		wire	Perimeter rpts boats moving to RW side of river. S,F	
2200		wire	OP rpts what appears to be boat at (BT 064706). S,F	
2245		wire	I3/S3 At 112135H, the hospital observed S,F a group of people vic (BT 059719) in the river. Arty illum was fired and tanks fired nine rds. Personnel dispersed and results of firing are unknown	
			At 112135H, western side of 1-9 CP perimeter reported receiving a few rds of small arms fire and observing three boats in the river to their front. 81s were fired with unk results. At 112140H, tanks in 1-9 perimeter observed five men running north and opened fire with unk results. At 112217H, while two tanks were searching area in front of 1-9 perimeter, a grenade was thrown at one tank. Tanks fired .30 cal MG into area with unk results. More info as it becomes available.	
L.F. 0450		110030H	LVT, TANK Beach Patrol/RW A-Beach patrol S.F, S2 B-110030H C-(BT 070810) D-Four sampans and two smaller boats seen at (BT 070810) about 250-300 meters off shore without lights. E-LVTs splashed, went out to boats, and found approx 19 people total, apprehended 9 because of ID. LVT personnel got impression people were trying to hide under tarp even though light rain. One male changed age from 16 to 36. Later admitted to be ARVN deserter. One VCS to LTT, eight suspicious to HOA VANG.	
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0001		120001		JOURNAL OPENED	
0115		120115		RWC2/RW SpotRep A-RWC2 B-120035H S,F,S2 C-(BT 055698) D-Ambush in position spotted one VC dressed in khaki uniform and armed with Thompson. VC came in within 10 meters of the ambush when he spotted the ambush position and fled. E-The Marine fired one rd of 40mm and 10 rds 7.62mm from auto-rifle. VC fled to SW and evaded the Marine fire. Position rpted VC appeared taller than average, approx 5'9".	
1237		121237		Morbid 2/RW SpotRep A-Morbid 2 S,F,S2 B-111130H C-(BT 072673) D-Returning from CoA, an AP mine was spotted by OC. Disembarked from ontos and started probing; found prongs and blew mine with grenade. Secondary explosion was greater than that of the grenade. F-N-N/A.	
1610		121610		RWB/RW SpotRep A-RWB B-121530H S,F,S2 C-(BT 104656) D-Tripped booby trap on barb wire. E-One Marine WIA med- evac'd. F-N/A C-One H-N-N/A.	
2255		122255		RWD1/RW SpotRep A-RWD1 B-(BT 044688) S,F,S2 C-112200H D-Three men tried to infiltrate PPB E-Marines opened fire wounding one. The other two fled. Captured wounded. Male was wounded in the neck and shoulder Will med-evac in the morning. F-I-N/A. K-N-N/A.	
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0001	0930	130001	JOURNAL OPENED	
		130930	RWC/RW A-RW12-1C B-130915H C-(BT 044685) S,F D-Patrol was proceeding along route when woman 100 meters away spott patrol and started to run. E-Warning shots failed to halt and patrol shot her. Med-evac requested and completed and woman taken to USOM hospital. (Comment Regimental S-2 later informed us she is KIA) F-I-N/A J-One K-N-N/A.	
1150		131150	RWB/TW SpotRep A-RWB B-130830H S,F,S2 C-(BT 0865) D-A Company B patrol moving southeast vic of (BT 081657) received approx 30-40 rds of auto and semi-auto fire from 250 meters east, coordinates (BT 083657).	
1150		131150	RWB/RW SpotRep A-RWB B-130900H S,F C-(BT 0865) D-At approx 0900H a 2nd Plt, Company B patrol moving south vic (BT 090661) spotted four VC with wpns moving southeast at coord (BT 088658). E-VC immediately taken under small arms fire. VC ran south and one was seen to fall as if hit. Patrol pursued and searched area of contact. Several foot tracks were found and the area showed evidence of at least one man being dragged along. No blood, however, was found. Continued search of area with neg results. F-I-N/A. J-One (probable). K-N-N/A.	
1245		131245	RWD/RW SpotRep A-RWD13-2C B-131315H S,F,S2 C-(BT 035675) D-Man jumped up from patrol and ran. E-Patrol fired warning shots but male failed to halt. Taken under fire and killed by M-79 round. F-H-N/A I-One J-L-N/A. M-Two-CHICOM frags and cartridge belt. N-Misc papers which may be NVN propaganda.	
1245		131245	PS2/RW2 Ref your msg dtg 122200H. S,F Request immediate reply as to disposition of wounded VC. When, where, and by whom was he delivered.	

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	1550	131550	RW2/PS2 Ref your msg dtg 131420H. When, 130900H, where, placed aboard MAG-16 helo at RWD helo-pad for transfer to 59th ARVN hospital by RWD1.	S,F
1715		131715	RWD1/RW A-RWD1 E-131650H C-(BT 046686)S,F,S2 D-Patrol surprised six small boys making foot traps. E-Patrol took two oldest boys, ages between 10-12 years. F-K-N/A L-Two small boys. M-N-N/A.	
1850		131850	Rosemont Foxtrot/RW Received one or two rds of small arms fire at coords (BT 056640). At coord (BT 047713) saw eight people on water buffalo. All other coords, nothing unusual.	
2125		Wire	Perimeter rpts approx 10 figures moving from pagoda towards Smokeroom Bravo.	S,F
2156		Wire	Perimeter rptd incoming rds, muzzle flash seen at pagoda.	
2125	2240	Wire	12/S2 At 2120H, position on SW corner of perimeter received two incoming small arms rds and requested illum. Perimeter then spotted approx 10 figures moving north and fired with unk results. At 2155H, perimeter rptd muzzle flashes from vic of a shrine about 250 meters west of the perimeter. The area was searched with neg results. At 2230H, OP took boat under fire at (BT 064708), fire had undetermined. This report is complete up to 2240H.	S,F
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1145		141145		RWD/RW SpotRep A-RWD B-141030H C-Unk D-Vietnamese girl, name HUYNH THI DU from NGAN CAU (1) or (2) took cows into rice paddy this A.M and tripped booby trap. Girl's mother brought wounded girl into CP. Corpsman says wounds appear to be from grenade. E-Girl med-evac'd. F-N-N/A.	S,F,S2
1405		141405		RWD/RW SpotRep A-RWD B-141350H C-(BT 047667) D-Two boys approx 10-12 years of age were brought in by family to this CP. Family claimed helo or airplane was overhead at time of explosion. Boys had returned from rice paddy and were sitting in house at the time. Interpreter and corpsman believe wounds were from mines or other explo- sive device boys probably found in paddy. Wounds were primarily on legs, crotch, hands, and arms. Boys are from THANH THUY Village. E-Med-evac completed. F-N-N/A.	S,F,S2
1445		141445		RWD3/RW SpotRep A-RWD3 B-141300H C-(BT 044658) D-Patrol found CHICOM grenade laying along side of trail. Grenade did not appear to be booby trapped and was old looking and rusty. E-Grenade blown in place. F-N-N/A.	S,F,S2
2150		142150		PS2/RW2 HOA VANG rpts one VC battalion located at (BT 043680), (BT 077666), and (BT 057645). Rated C/3.	S,F,T
2310		142310		Perimeter rpts man with sniperscope observed silhouette next to rock and took it under fire. MG took same target under fire with unk results.	S,F
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0001			200001	JOURNAL OPENED	
0240			Wire	East perimeter reports AN/TPS-21	S,F
0810			Wire	has picked up movement from vic of dump.	
				Roseann/I2 Two HUEYs hit by s/a	S,F
				fire from (BT 031643). A/C had to return	
	0906		200906	RW2/RWB Police leader VINH of HOA	S,F
				VANG will arrive your CP via LVT this	
				AM. He will guide you to east 2000	
				pounds VC rice buried vic (BT 085683).	
				Use LVTs for search and if possible recover	
1015			201015	cache. Police leader will return with LVTs.	
				RWB/RW SpotRep A-B19A3 B-200645H	S,F,S2
				C-(BT 081660) D-Early morning patrol	
				moving into position was observed by two	
				VCS moving down trail from north. Believed	
				VCS came from boat which ad landed at	
				stream at coord (BT 081664). E-Patrol	
				attempted to apprehend two VCS, one fled was	
				fired while attempting to run from patrol.	
				The VCS apprehended had no ID card and was	
				wearing gray type uniform. VCS attempted	
				to throw away gray shirt and tried to discard	
				shirt after he was caught and while returning	
1206			201206	to CP. F-K-N/A. L-One M-N-N/A.	
				RWB3/RW A-B19P6 B-200900H C-(BT 085665)	S,F
				D-Patrol spotted VCS at given coord.	
				When VCS saw patrol approaching, he	
				hollered into a house and attempted to flee	
				in northern direction. E-Patrol ran down	
				VCS while he was attempting to flee and	
				checked his ID. Patrol found one VC flag	
				and a banner written in Vietnamese at	
				coordinates (BT 076675). The banner and	
				the flag were stretched across a trail	
				junction. Local security patrol passed	
				through this area at dusk yesterday and no	
				VC flag or banner was spotted. F-K-N/A	
				L-One M-N/A N-One VC flag and banner.	

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1500		201500		RW/PS Eleven PFs in MY THI from 201000H to 201500H. Searched area with no significant results. Investigation of truck rpdly being loaded with mortar ammo at 201230H proved nothing significant. Have no knowledge of above, advise source of scuttlebutt be checked.	
1555		201555		RW2/PS2 Shove 6 desires a full time interpreter at pagoda. He desires that RW2 initiate request for same. Effective as soon as possible.	
1630		201630		3dPlt, CoC, 3dEng/RW A-3dPlt, Eng B-200815H C-(BT 071700) D-At about 0815H at about 600 meters south of the bridge, a "shoebox" mine was found buried four inches under the road surface. The box was made out of wood and the top of the mine had a depression making it a shaped charge. The explosive is believed to be flake TNT. The firing device has F/-74 inscribed on it. Its a pull release type. The mine also contained a booster. It was a Charge Supplement of TNT for artillery shell.	S, F, S2
1630		201630		E-Disarmed mine. F-N-N/A.	
1630		201630		3dPlt, CoC, Eng/RW A-3dPlt, Eng B-200830H C-(BT 070694) D-At about 0830H; team found two poles with a VC flag and a banner between them about 700 meters from bridge. One pole had a trip wire attached to it and a booby trapped grenade on the other end of the wire. The grenade had its pin pulled out and it was inserted in a tin can. The can was preventing the spoon from flying out. E-Blew grenade up on the spot. F-N-N/A.	S, F
1630		201630		3dPlt, CoC, Eng/RW A-3dPlt, Eng B-200930H C-(BT 083697) D-Time fuze was found at coord (BT 083697) at about 0930H buried eight inches under the road surface. E-Brought in time fuze. F-N-N/A.	S, F, S2
2240		202240		RW2/RWB6 Ref your spotrep 201500H. Req more info on 2-KIA and .30 cal.	S, F

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0001		210001		JOURNAL OPENED	
	0137	210137		RW2/PS2 RW west perimeter received S,F,S2 approx five rds sniper fire and heard movement. Fire returned with unk results.	
	0200	210200		RW2/PS2 A-RW B-210130H C-(BT 066715)S,F,S2 D-Received approx five rds sniper fire from 200 meters west our position. LP rpts hearing movement. E-Returned fire with five rounds 7.62mm and 100 rds M-60. Movement ceased. Neg results.	
1035		211035		RWB/RW SpotRep A-B20P2 B-210800H C-(BT 094655), (BT 093658)D-Patrol apprehended three VCS. One VCS male apprehended in VIEM DONG. Recently there has been a definite absence of males in VIEM Possibility male can provide info on VC activity in area. Other VCS was captured after attempting to flee from patrol. The third VCS was apprehended because he spoke with a foreign dialect. E-Will be evac'd to battalion ASAP. F-K-N/A L-Three M-N-N/A.	S,F,S2
1320		211320		RWD3/RW SpotRep A-RWD3 B-211115H C-(BT 064652)D-Patrol returned fire with approx 30 rds small arms. Pursuit rptd neg results. F-N-N/A.	S,F,S2
	1525	211525		RW2/RWB6 For info only Approx 100 women and children moving about at coord (BT 080657).	S,F
1700		211700		RWB/RW SpotRep. A-B20P6 B-211545H and 211630H C-(BT 078674) and (BT 077659) D-Patrol found VC flag banner at first set of coord next to bridge. New trench dug at (BT 074664). Patrol found medical supplies hidden in a house at the second set of coordinates. One male VCS was apprehended in the house with a valid ID. F-K-N/A, L-One M-N/A. N-VC flag, banner, medical supplies including vasoline, teramycen, pennicilin, milk of magnesia, authemycin, yeast bandages, paragoric, medicric, euguinol, 10 unidentified item.	S,F,S2

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2045		212045		RWA/RW A-RWA3 B-212045H C-(BT 072702) S,F,S2 D-At 2000H, the 3dPlt, Company A received two rds of carbine fire from approx vic of (BT 070699). E-Unable to locate sniper, fire not returned. AP21Pl patrol scheduled to depart at 2000H will check area. F-N-N/A.	
2100		212100		RWA/RW SpotRep A-RWA B-212100H S,F,S2 C-(BT 083697) D-Elements of A3 located at French bunker at above coord sighted two or three individuals moving in vic of (BT 082693). E-Illum requested and five rds of 81mm illum fired. Persons ran west and were taken under fire by small arms. Approx 100 rds of 7.62mm were fired. Visual contact contact lost. F-N-N/A.	
2120		212120		RWA3/RW SpotRep A-RWA3 B-212020H S,F,S2 C-(BT 072708) D-Patrol was hit from right front approx above coord. Est two or three VC. One threw grenade. Received no auto wpns fire. Carbine fire only, received three or four rds.	
2245		212245		RWA/RW SpotRep A-RWA B-212235H S,F,S2 C-(BT 080713) D-A21A3 in position vic (BT 080713) received three rds carbine fire from NE (approx position 077713). Ambush moved on sniper and received three more rds from vic (BT 076714). At this point the Battalion CP CP perimeter opened fire and the perimeter's fire impacted near the ambush/patrol. The patrol leader fired CS cluster and immediately received one rd of what was believed to be an M-79 rd. This rd came from the NE and was probably fired from the ARVN camp located vic (BT 078715). Patrol was directed to return to CH and check out area across road east of CP.	
2345		212345		RWA/RW SpotRep. A-A21A2 B-212245H S,F,S2 C-(BT 063713) D-Saw one VC running at coord (BT 063714). Requested two rds illum, could see VC running with wpn. Ambush fired approx 60 rds 7.62mm and one rd of M-79.	

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In	Out	Serial Number	ETC	Incidents, Messages, Orders etc.	Action Taken S-Staff F-File F-Maps T-Troops
0001		220001		JOURNAL OPENED	
0930		220930		RWD1/RW SpotRep A-RWD1 B-220930H C-(BT 087658) and (BT 085658) D-Two tanks and two LVTs were proceeding to coord (BT 087658) to rendezvous with B3 and proceed to blocking positions for ARVN operation. Lead tank struck mine vic of BT 085658. Neither tank was seriously damaged. E-Two additional tanks were dispatched to area and two LVTs with B3 proceeded to blocking positions west of "Horseshoe" area. Security placed on both disabled tanks and repair team from Sharpshooter dispatched to area. Plan to dispatch two more to join B3 when available. One tank had two rear wheels broken, one support roller broken and three track blocks broken. Other tank had broken track and road wheel. Sharpshooter believes both can be repaired on the spot. F-N-N/A.	S,F,S2
1002		221002		RW2/RWB,ITA,ITC, IID Return all	S,F
				SIDs on first available transportation to RW2 for maintenance. SIDs will be quickly returned after PM.	
0950		220950		RW2/PS2 A-RW B-220800H C-(BT 056637) and (BT 085658) D-Blocking element at above coordinates flushed VC hiding in hedgerow. VC ran in southerly direction at a distance of about 150 meters from the D1 elements. E-Taken under fire with three rds 7.62mm and killed. F-L-N/A M-Two CHICOM grenades N-Misc papers.	
1052		221052		RW2/RWB6 A2 source rpts 200 people had meeting (BT 080657) at 211500H	S,F
1145		221145		RW/PS2 A-RW B-221145H C-(BT 048658) D-LVTs at above coordinates that were stuck since yesterday while making a recon for a river crossing for the ARVN detonated a land mine. Mine consisted of explosive charge (unk amount). E-Security elements dispatched. Damage unk at this time. F-M-N-N/A.	

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1405		221405		RWD/RW SpotRep. A-RWD B-221300H C-(BT 065632) D-RWD unit in blocking position rptd receiving six incoming 105mm rds on an azimuth of 3200 mils. Believed to be fired by ARVN causing two Marine WIA. E-Med-evac completed. F-N/A G-Two H-N-N/A.	S,F,S2
1545		221545		RWD3/RW SpotRep A-RWD3 B-221445H C-(BT 064624) D-While searching northern 300 meters PHONG HO, one VC ran from searching units. E-Marine waiting outside shot and wounded VC. Will evac with LVTs. F-I-N/A J-One K-N-N/A.	S,F,S2
1603		221603		RWD/RW SpotRep A-RWD B-221300H C-(BT 072634) D-Blocking force spotted 10 VC moving around block. One colt mounted tanks in pursuit. E-VC dispersed but one VCS was found with what appears to be a fresh bullet wound in right shoulder. F-K-N/A. L-One M-N-One.	S,F,S2
1607		221607		RW/PS SpotRep. A-RW B-221605H C-(BT 089642) D-LVT with RWB3 in block position at above coord detonated explosive charge. E-Minor damage. Returning to CP under own power, one VCS apprehended in area. F-K-N/A. L-One M-N-N/A.	
1830		221830		RWD/RW SpotRep A-RWD B-221630H C-(BT 058634) D-Received two rds small arms fire from 200 meters south. Fire resulted in one Marine WIA. Search of suspected enemy position produced neg results. E-Evacuated by LVTs to BAS. F-N/A. G-One H-N-N/A.	S,F,S2
1855		221855		RWB3 Scouts/RW2 Found CHICOM booby trapped grenade with trip wire at (BT 107647) at 220700H. Blew grenade and found mortar fin at 220725H at coord (BT 105645). Made enemy contact, met three VC firing approx 20 rds at (BT 105644) at 220730H. No casualties, pursued VCS with neg contact. Blew apparent booby trapped gate at (BT 107647) Found four rds Russian 7.62mm, four rds	

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1855				Cont'd of .30 cal M-1 at coord (BT 105640). Lack of comm moved position to coord (BT 122639).. Received four rds sniper fire, position observed, moved to (BT 122639).	
1930		221930		RW/PS SpotRep A-RW B-221445H C-(BT 064624) D-RWD3 while searching house two Viet males grabbed Marine's rifle and attempted two flee. Small arms fire was directed at the fleeing VC resulting in two VC WIA Captured. In the same area, the platoon apprehended line VCS because of military age, unwillingness to speak or co-operate. E-Two VC WIA will be turned into 59th ARVN hospital. Nine VCS will be turned into ITT. F-I-N/A. J-Two K-N/A L-Nine M-N-N/A.	
2020		222020		RWB1/RW SpotRep A-RWB1 B-221930H S,F,S2 C-(BT 105640) D-Took patrol to OP3 to check on results of air strike, received approx 20 rds semi-auto fire from approx four VC at above coord. E-Returned fire with MG fire and M-79. VC fled to southwest. F-N-N/A.	
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In	Out	Serial Number	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken: S-Staff F-File M-Maps T-Troops
0001	1525	230001	JOURNAL OPENED	
		231525	RW2/RWB Request addressee turn in all SIDs into RW2.	S,F
1620		231620	RWB2/RW SpotRep. A-RWB2 B-231540H C-(BT 112632) D-RWB2 received one rd sniper fire from above coord. E-Sniper position located, four rd small arms fire directed by Marines. Marines observed VC to fall as if hit, but search of area produced neg results. One young boy, approx 15 years old, apprehended and may possibly have some info. F-I-N/A J-One (probable) K-N/A L-One M-N-N/A.	S,F
1930		231930	RWC2/RW SpotRep. A-RWC2 B-231645H C-(BT 034684), (BT 035688) D-Point of patrol received three rds of small arms fire from vic (BT 036686) and two more rds from (BT 035686). E-Patrol returned fire with 50 rds small arms and three 40mm. Patrol attempted to encircle VC position. VC pulled out and contact was lost. Two 7.62mm spent cartridges and one refilled 7.62mm that had misfired was found in firing position. Footprints were also found. Patrol continued to search area. Two bomb shelters were blown at coordinates (BT 035688). All houses searched and all personnel checked. Patrol returned at 231835H without further contact. F-N-N/A.	S,F,S2
2211		232211	RWA3/RW SpotRep. A-RWA3 B-232210H C-(BT 071702) D-Bridge perimeter received one incoming grenade from vic of above coord. E-One hand frag thrown in return. One rd of 81mm illum requested and fired, neg visual contact. F-N-N/A.	S,F,S2
2300		232300	RWB2/RW SpotRep. A-RWB2 B-231800H C-(BT 121630) D-RWB2 ambush received approx 80 rds from approx 10 VC entrenched in woodline. VC were well organized, used whistle and voice communications for fire control.	S,F,S2

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0001		240001		JOURNAL OPENED	
0250		240250		RWA1/RW Five junks at (BT 098707). S, F (Comment. Roseann 14 will send off shore patrol craft to check out junks.)	
0745		240745		30thNCR/RW SpotRep A-30thNCR S, F, S2 B-232300H C-(BT 056827) D-VCS sighted along shore line of 30NCR yard. E-Guard fired 3-4 rds. VC ran. Area was searched and a frag grenade was found in the area. Formal report was sent to MAE. F-L-N/A. M-One grenade. N-N/A.	
0850		240850		RWB2/RW A-RWB2 B-240730H C-(BT 121631) S, F, S2 D-Two squads (rein) patrolling south of PPB spotted 12 VC on high ground at (BT 122630). Base of fire set up and one squad assaulted hill and pursued VC to stream and graveyard at (BT 120628). VC KIA found at these coord. VC was in black jumper and black shorts. Age approx 25 years. E-Two squads pursued VC, but VC broke contact and withdrew south. F-H-N/A I-One J-L-N/A. M-One Russian carbine. N-One cartridge belt and 25 rds of 7.62mm ammo.	
0900		240900		RWB/RW SpotRep. A-B23A1 B-232100H S, F, S2 C-(BT 093662) D-One boat crossing paddies at above coord containing two Vietnamese. E-Boat was challenged and fired on with two 40mm rounds. Boat and contents were destroyed. Area checked this morning because it was too distant to check out last night. Check of area indicated many blood stains. F-H-N/A. J-Two (probable) K-M-N/A. N-One boat.	
0930		240930		RWB2/RW A-RWB2 B-240900H C-(BT 113637) S, F, S2 D-One squad patrol spotted four VC heading west-southwest across rice paddy at (BT 108638). VC had wpns and wore black pajamas. E-Squad opened fire and one VC fell as if hit by fire. Squad unable to pursue due to rising rice paddy. F-I-N/A. J-One K-N-N/A.	

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1035		241035	RWC1/RW SpotRep A-RWC1 B-241015H C-(BT 053653) D-Patrol received two rds of sniper fire from coord (BT 051650). E-Patrol returned fire with 50 rds 7.62mm with neg results. F-N-N/A.	S,F,S2
1430		241430	3dPlt, CoC, 3dEng/RW A-3dPlt, CoC B-241130H C-(BT 068687) D-ANPRS-3 detected the mine. It was six inches under the road surface. The mine is a manufactured cylindrical steel type and its firing device is screwed to the non-electrical blasting cap. E-It was pulled out by wire and disarmed. F-M-N/A. N-One mine. (Comment. Mine consisted of 5-6 pound charge of TNT and had additional 10 pound charge underneath mine.)	S,F,S2
1800		241800	RWB/RW Request that room be made available for AP news correspondent on resupply tomorrow to RWC patrol early as convenient with RW6.	S,F
	1833	241830	RW2/RWB6 Ref your 1800H Current plans include AP man to return on resupply tomorrow.	S,F
1844		241844	RWB/RW B3 rpts VC activity at (BT 078669). Req you confirm.	S,F
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0001	1047	250001	251047	JOURNAL OPENED		
	1500	251047	251500	RW2/RWB6 Send all gear belonging to former interpreter to RW2 by next available transportation.	S,F	
1540		Wire	251500	RW2/PS2 Intelligence summary, period ending 251500H Negative report.	S,F	
1550			251550	IA/I2 Temple reports 100 Vietnamese visiting temple. One of Vietnamese identified self as priest from Saigon. People are shooting pictures of temple but are causing no trouble.	S,F	
1555			251555	PS/RW Parkgreen rpts fire-fight in grid square (BT 0664). Do you have anything on this.	S,F	
1555			251555	IA/I3 Temple reports size of group has increased to 200 Vietnamese.	S,F	
	1736		251736	RWC/RW A-RWC2B B-251535H C-(BT 047660) D-Met three VC at (BT 047662) and 12 rds were fired by VC. E-Patrol returned fire, approximately 175 rounds of small arms fire. F-N-N/A.	S,F,S2	
	1740		251740	RW2/RWB6 Rated C/3 One VC plt at TRA KHE (2) and (3). Name of two HUYNH DUC THAO, HUYNH CU. Rated C/3. New sub 1st Volunteer Bn had dispersed between gridline (BT-63) and HOI AN in our TAOR.	S,F,S2	
	1805		251805	RW2/PS1 Sunrise Delta has requested ISO coverage of firing of 10,000th rd at 261400H. Sunrise 6 will fire rd. My attached ISO are unavailable, currently deployed with RWB.	S,F	
1820		Wire	251820	IC/I2 SpotRep A-IC2B B-251610H C-(BT 047663) D-Received 10 rds of small arms fire from three positions vic (BT 047662). E-Returned fire with 250 7.62mm, 18 rds of 40mm and one M-72. F-N/A G-Two. H-N-N/A.	S,F	
1835			251835	RWB/RW SpotRep A-B24P4 B-251825H C-(BT 093642) D-Patrol received five	S,F,S2	

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1950			251950	RWC2/RW SpotRep, A-RWC2 B-251730H C-(BT 0465) D-Platoon on two tanks; searched area in grid square (BT 0465). Plt debarked tanks and started to move to planned PPB. Point received fire from three directions, north, north-northwest, and northwest from about 500 meters. Approx 100 rds were received from the VC. E-Patrol returned 1,000 rds small arms, three WP and two HE 3.5 inch rockets, three M-72 rds, and ten M-79 rds. Three VC were seen to fall. Two squads sent to search area. Found wounded VC at (BT 045659). Fresh punji traps and green bamboo stakes found at (BT 044659). Evidence for preparation for setting in mines found in area. Mine warning signs also found in area. VC med-evac'd at 2000H to C Med. VC had no ID. Villagers in area led Marines to location of WIA and stated he was not from their vic. F-H-N/A. I-Two (probable) J-One K-N-N/A.	S, F, S2
2120			Wire	S2/I2 VC WIA interrogated by S2 Actual was 29 years old, extremely uncooperative. He was patched up at C Med and sent to ARVN hospital.	
2135			252135	PS2/RW2 Ref your spotrep of 251730H. S, F Need approx number of rds received from VC. New subj Spotrep of 251820H Six VC political VIPs. Where did info come from? (Comment 100 rds received from VC. Info received from HOA HAI Village Chief.)	
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0001	0925	260001	JOURNAL OPENED RW2/RWB Be advised AO observed three S,F trenches approx 20 feet long at coord (BT 095645). At northern end of each trench, there is what appears to be a camouflaged MG.	
1115		261115	RWC2/RW SpotRep A-RWC2 B-260915H S,F,S2 C-(BT 043659) D-Marines were investigating VC firing position where one expended .30 caliber cartridge and one other round that had misfired were found, when they reported receiving five rds of small arms from the treeline at coord (BT 043661). E-Marines on security returned 50 rds of small arms fire in direction of suspected enemy position. Man in khaki shirt was seen running from treeline to hut in vic of coord (BT 043661). Two 3.5 inch rockets were fired at the hut and a squad was sent to investigate. The squad apprehended five VCS in the vicinity of the hut. Another squad sent to investigate the hamlet at coordinates (BT 042658) and block any movement south or southwest. The squad returned at 261035H with one khaki shirt. The squad also reported that an old woman in the hamlet said there were six VC in the area but had moved south this morning F-N-N/A.	
1210		261210	RWC/RW Patrol picked up more VCS on way in, now a total of five.	
1230		Wire	RWC2/RW SpotRep A-RWC2 B-261130 S,F,S2 C-(BT 044661) D-Platoon returning to Co C CP observed three VCS all of military age. E-Apprehended three VCS. F-K-N/A. L-Three M-N-N/A.	
1300		261300	RWC2/RW SpotRep A-RWC2 B-261210H S,F,S2 C-(BT 043659), (BT 043661) D-Received 10 rds small arms fire from (BT 043659). Marines were located at (BT 043661). E-Marines returned fire with 100 rds of 7.62mm, one HEAT 3.5 inch rocket, T " " (1)	

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1300			Cont'd	four 40mm were directed at the hut, coordinates (BT 043661), from which enemy fire was being received. Secondary explosions were heard in the hut and a second and third hut caught fire from the destroyed hut and burned. A squad sent to investigate, found one canoe with approx 2000 rds of .32 cal ammo. The ammo was destroyed by fire. F-M-N/A N-2000 rds of ammo.	
	1330	261330		RW/RWC Ref your spotrep of 261210H S,F Line E-Int how was ammo destroyed and what type of s/a was it. Also, were huts occupied or deserted. Did the VCS (three) in your 261130H spotrep have anything to do with above incident.	
1336		261336		RWC/RW Ammo destroyed by fire. Ammo S,F,S2 appeared to be .32 cal.	
1415		261415		RWB1/RW SpotRep A-RWB1 B-261345 S,F,S2 C-(BT 093642) D-RWB1 received sporadic semi-auto sniper fire from northeast coordinates (BT 095644). Est 2-3 VC encountered. E-RWB1 returned fire with 100 rounds of 7.62mm, five M-79 rds and the sniper fire ceased. Area searched with neg results. F-N/A G-One H-N-N/A.	
1549		261549		RWB1/RW SpotRep A-RWB1 B-261445H S,F,S2 C-(BT 093642) D-Eight to ten VC with high powered semi-auto wpns fired from (BT 101642). Five VC with carbines fired across "Horseshoe" from (BT 103644). VC broke contact and headed NE. E-12-rd 81mm mortar mission fired at (BT 103644) and small arms fire returned. CAM SA (2) checked out resulting in two VCS and one eight year boy suffering from gunshot wound in left leg. Boy will require med-evac, but will wait until tomorrow. Several of the VC firing on Marines were wearing khaki uniforms. Spent cartridges showed wpns used by VC were of 9mm and 7.62mm.	

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1549		Cont'd		One jacket, khaki in color, and spent cartridges will be sent to RW CP along with VCS. F-N/A G-Three H-J-N/A K-Three L-N-N/A.	
2130		262130		RWB/RW SpotRep A-RWB B-262125H S.F C-(BT 098658) D-Vietnamese woman brought young child into RWB CP. Child was badly burned as a result of the house being burned. Cause of house being burned undetermined, but it was not as a result of an USMC actions. E-Med-evac completed F-N-N/A.	
2145		262145		RWC2/RW SpotRep A-RWC2 B-261500H. 261645H C-(BT 039652) and (BT 042652) D-RWC2 departed PPB vic (BT 045659) to carry out planned mission of patrol C25P13. Patrol reached vic (BT 039652) and received fire from three different directions, NE, S, and SE. E-Patrol returned approx 500 rds of small arms fire and fired two rds of 3.5 inch rockets. Fire was directed at brick building to the SE from which enemy fire was being received. VC fire ceased. VC in brick building were believed hit. Two LAWS were fired in the vic of brick building, coord (BT 039653). Enemy fire ceased. A trench line, a tunnel and one bunker were discovered at (BT 042652) at 1645H. Marine were in process of blowing same when one rd of small arms fire was received from across the river wounding one Marine. Immediately afterwards, another rd was received from same direction wounding another Marine in the jaw. Then, 50 rds of small arms fire was received from the ENE and SE. Patrol returned fire with approx 400 rds small arms fire and five 40mm rds. Fire from east ceased. Arty mission was completed on both sides of river. AO reported large group of VC on west side of river where mission was fired and reported receiving small arms fire from another group of VC further north on west side of river.	

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In	Out				
2145			Cont'd	AO fired rockets at group and reported making hits in center of VC group. Patrol returned to Company CP at approx 2000H.	
2227			262227	PS2/RW2 Ref your spotrep of 262100H. S, F Require info as follows: number of rds received from VC position and coord (BT 101642) and (BT 103644) number of rds returned at (BT 103644). No of VCS captured in CAM SA (2).	
	2340		262340	RW2/PS2 Ref your 262227 (BT 101642)- S, F VC fired 20 rds small arms. USMC fired 70 rds of 7.62mm. (BT 103644)-VC fired 14 rds of small arms. USMC fired 10 rds of 7.62mm, and 12 rds of 81mm mortar. Total of VCS apprehended in CAM SA (2).	
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0001			270001	JOURNAL OPENED	
0005			270005	PS2/RW2 Ref your 261210H msg Msg states patrol found 2,000 rds ammo in canoe, if ammo not all destroyed request you recover ten rxs for technical evaluation. If rds no longer available, request you interrogate Marines who saw ammo for accurate complete description to best of ability. Ammo identification considered important.	S,F
	0030		270030	RW/RWC PS desires what the caliber of S,F ammo was that was destroyed by RWC2 found in canoe.	
	0034		270034	RWC/RW In regards to type ammo. It was .30 caliber carbine ammo. It was all destroyed.	
1225			Wire	IC/I2 SpotRep A-IC26P22 B-271025H S,F,S2 C-(BT 051668), (BT 052667) D-Found one man not seen in area previously. Had ID. At (BT 052667), found another man not previously seen in area. Had ID. E-Both men apprehended. F-K-N/A L-Two M-N-N/A.	
1230			271230	RWC/RW SpotRep A-C26P22 B-271025H S,F,S2 C-(BT 064665) D-Checked two males on trail. One did not want to be searched and also attempted to throw away poncho. E-Both males apprehended. F-K-N/A. L-Two M-N/A N-Notebook on military subjects.	
1240			271240	Slaveborn Bravo/RW SpotRep A-Slave- S,F,S2 born Bravo B-271200H C-(BT 096679) D-Two LVTs were proceeding north along beach after resupply of RWB. Received 10 rds of what was believed to be carbine fire from approx 100 meters west of above coordinates. No visual contact with enemy. E-Stopped LVTs and rendered first aid. Casualty was later med-evac'd from water point. (Comment Marine died) F-N/A. G-One H-N-N/A.	
1358			271358	PS/RW2 Muster 14 is airborne. Do you S,F have missions for him.	

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In	Out	Command	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Remarks
	1535		271535	RW3/RW A-RW3 B-271500H C-(BT 087619) S.F, D-AO spotted approx 20 VC moving away from RWB3 action and requested artillery mission. E-Thirty rds of 105mm fired and AO observed one VC KIA and est many more as VC were seen moving into caves and tunnels. F-H-N/A. I-One (body count) - many more probable. J-N-N/A.	
	1730	Wire		I2/S2 SpotRep A-RWB3 B-271245H S.F C-(BT 084629) D-Patrol was moving south along sandy ridge when they received a heavy volume of fire from an est 60-75 VC dressed in green uniforms with camouflage and black and white peasant clothes. Est 15-20 auto wps initially fired from north edge of village. When patrol returned fire and tried to advance, they observed 20 VC trying to flank patrol on right. Fire from patrol prevented flanking movement. Radio was hit by four rds and would not function so two men were dispatched to return to B3 PPB for assistance. Two ontos and one squad were sent from B3 while two tanks came from B CP. Relieving forces were able to block village on south and west observed VC trying to escape in various directions and fired at them with tanks, ontos, med-evac escort, and small arms. Artillery was fired which was covered in 1535H spotrep. VC who were trying to drag bodies were well camouflaged. F-One G-Six (one DOW) H-One I-40 (body count) J-M-N/A. N-3 BAR magazines, one cartridge belt, 1 M-26 grenade, 41 .45 rds, 2 lighters, two camo hats, one red flag, .30 ammo, 1 poncho, one camouflage jacket, two lighter, and one notebook.	
	1950	Wire		Smokeroom B/IT A-Smokeroom B B-271945 S,F,S2 C-(BT 102668) D-At 271910H, tank B12 enroute to B CP tripped a large explosive device with no damage to vehicle or crew. E-Proceeded to B CP. F-N-N/A.	
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Tr	Out	Comd Number	ETG	Incident's, Messages, Orders, etc.	Notes 1-Status 2-File 3-Maps 4-Remarks
1815		281815		RW2/PS2 Info RWB6. Two plts MFVC at KHUE DONG (1) and BA TUNG (1). They arrived at 280600H. Have one 60mm mortar. One company MFVC at TU CAU (1) and (3). All units belong to 1st Volunteer Battalion. Two companies MFVC in VIEM DONG now. Rated B/L.	
1922		281922		RWC/RW SpotRep. A-RWC B-281730H C-(BT 036672) D-RWC3 patrol at above coords observed four male paying close attention to patrol. None of males seen in area before. E-Apprehended brought back to Company C CP. Will be returned to Bn CP tomorrow. F-K-N/A. L-Four M-N-N/A.	S, F, S2
1935		281935		RWC2/RW SpotRep. A-RWC2 B-281650H PPB, RWC2 received 15 rds of small arms fire from (BT 039667). E-Returned fire with four 40mm rds, 40 6.62mm, three 3.5 inch rockets, and four 60mm mortar rds. F-N-N/A.	S, F, S2
2030		282030		RWB2/RW SpotRep. A-RWB2 B-281530H C-(BT 107650) D-Squad operating in area reports receiving four to five M-79 rds in their vic. E-Area checked out by squad and found two discharged 40mm cartridges. No fire was returned by the squad. F-N-N/A.	S, F, S2
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0001	1020	290001 291020	JOURNAL OPENED RW/PS M-79 rd info Patrol leader S,F certain that detonations were M-79. Rds missed patrol by 35-40 meters. Unable to determine exact location of firer and did not return fire, but did move out immediately to suspected position. No VC or VCS were seen in area, but during search, located a camouflaged fire position at approx coord (BT 107650). Two expended 40mm cases were found there. Although not still warm, the cases appeared to have recently fired. Also, the firing position appeared to have been recently occupied. The expended cases were initially picked up and were subsequently thrown away. An attempt will be made to recover them.	
1117		291117	RWC/RW SpotRep A-VCS was very nervous S,F and was to young. Had pictures of himself in ARVN utilities. May be ARVN deserter. E-Apprehended and taken to Company CP. F-K-N/A L-One M-N/A N-Pictures and assorted letters.	
1415		291415	RWB/RW SpotRep A-RWB28P2 B-291215H S,F,S2 C-(BT 089683) D-Patrol in ambush position received approx 25 rd of small arms fire believed to be a French MG pistol and two or three semi-auto wpns. Est three or four VC positioned at (BT 089683). Then patrol received another 25 to 30 rds from approx three VC at (BT 087683). New position had at least one auto wpn. Patrol returned fire with 180 rds of 7.62mm and four rds of 40mm and the VC broke contact. The VC fled to the northwest. Patrol checked area with neg results. At coordinates (BT 088679), the patrol found one booby trapped M-26 grenade. F-N/A G-Two H-I-N/A J-Two (possible) K-N-N/A.	

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1440			291440	RW2/RWB Ref your spotrep of 291215H S,F Request additional information concerning your msg. Req info about the number and types of ammo expended by both sides. Also, the location by coords of the enemy.	S-2 S-2 S-2 S-2
1510			291510	RWD/RW A-RWD E-291130H C-(BT 071702) S,F,S2 D-Village chief pointed out two males as VC. E-Two males apprehended and turned over to BnS-2. Upon initial interrogation, one receipt was found with "Liberation of South Vietnam" on it. One male will be turned over to ITT as VCS and other male, a 15 year old boy, will be turned over to HOA VANG as a suspicious person. F-K-N/A L-One VCS, one suspicious. M-N-N/A.	
1550			291550	RWC/RW THOAN VAN are the first and S,F middle names of our interpreter.	
1555			291555	RWB/RW NGUYEN DAC DUNG is the full S,F name of our interpreter.	
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In	Out			
0001		300001	JOURNAL OPENED	
0026		300026	PS/RW Req you provide details of VC contact resulting in artillery mission directed at one VC squad at coord (BT 120635) at 292145H. Info to include volume of VC fire and USMC return fire. Info required for daily INTSUM submitted 292400H.	S,F
0111		300111	RW2/PS Ref your 300026H VC fired approx 60-80 rds of small arms fire. USMC returned 100-150 rds small arms. Arty mission called in. Number of rds fired is unk. VC squad dispersed, casualties unk.	S,F
0845		300845	RW2/RWB Request you submit serial number of TPS-21 at your location.	S,F
1115		301115	RWB/RW SpotRep: A-RWB B-300800H-301030H C-(BT 110650) D-Destroyed approx 200 meters of barricade fence from coord (BT 108650) to (BT 110650). F-K-N/A. L-Three suspicious males. M-N-N/A.	S,F,S2
L.E. 1050		301050	RWB/RW2 Serial number of TPS-21 is #120. Set is down.	S,F
1139		301139	RW2/RW Info to TPS-21, Ref your 301050H Req TPS-21 man return sniperscope and TPS-21 on first available transportation.	
1417		301417	RW2/RWB6 Int request results of fire mission on night of 29 Dec 1965.	S,F
1445		301445	RWB3/RW SpotRep A-RWB3 patrol B-301130H D-Patrol spotted movement in trench line, coordinates (BT 088673). The patrol approached the trench line and threw a frag grenade into the suspected enemy position, at the same time, they received a frag from the trench. The patrol then followed with a heavy volume of fire into the trench line. E-Another squad moved into the area and both squads swept through the village and found one fence body trapped with a M-26 grenade.	S,F,S2

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1445	Cont'd	The Marines believed they encountered three VC. but from initial observation estimated enemy strength at 10 VC. No casualties were reported. F-M-N/A N-One VC plastic bag with two ace roll bandages, one .30 cal M-1 clip.
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0001		310001		JOURNAL OPENED	
	1445	311445		RW2/RWB Blackbox 2 rptd 100-150 people dressed in black at (BT 092652). They appear to be holding a meeting. Time of sighting 311445H.	S,F
1635		311635		RWB/RW2 B6 requests to leave aerial photo for Polish Lima.	S,F
1645		311645		RWB/RW2 Ref 311445H. RW2 team checked this out, no unusual traffic. Majority of people were children and some old folk.	S,F,S2
2200		312200		RWB31A3/RW SpotRep. A-RWB31A3 B-312105H C-(BT 072673) D-Ambush observed 3-4 VC moving east approx 100 meters from their sight, along dike. VC were moving east to west approaching a water line. E-Ambush opened fire with approx 80 7.62mm rds and two M-79 rds. Hand illum and two 60mm were used to check out area however with neg results. F-N-N/A.	S,F,S2
2240		312240		PS2/RW2 SpotRep. A-HOI AN B-312020H C-D-Est 200 VC 800-1000 meters north-northwest of HOI AN. E-DIEN BAN arty located at junction of highways #1 and #15 is firing on VC. APCs and troops moved from HOI AN and are under attack. AO on station and flare ship is on the way. F-N-N/A.	S,F,T
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0100			010100H	Journal Opened.	S
0245		5	010245H	Parchment 2/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F
	1120	21	011120H	RW3/RWC. Effective 020800H. RWD will commence relief RWC. RWD will have 5 LVT's. RWC is requested to leave only RC-292 in place and bring in all other comm equipment, including phones. Leave all other equipment in place, except for basic allowance. Request your engineers conduct mine clearance to Sunrise "D" by 020800H.	S, F
1227		22	011227H	RWC/RW. SECTREP.	S, F, S3
1310		24	011310H	PS/RW. Ref. my Frag Order 65-65 DEB 281250H Nov. 1. Warehouse India goes OpCon Polish upon arrival at Polish area. Remains OpCon Polish until otherwise directed at this headquarters. 2. When Warehouse completes relief of Bound on 3 Dec, Warehouse will be directed to assume responsibility for entire sector shown by Ref. B to my Frag Order 65-65. At this point, and on order of this headquarters A Warehouse India reverts to Warehouse OpCon, and B. New Battalion boundaries go into effect.	S, F, S3
1434		28	011434H	RWC/RW. RWC2 will be operating in GS (BT 0368) from 011400H to 011900H. Night plans remain as previously scheduled.	S, F
1435		29	0011435H	RWC/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
	1513	30	011513H	RW3/RWC. Ref. your 011435H SPOTREP. Need much more info such as coordinates of friendly forces when fire was received, number of rounds returned, exact nature of action taken (i.e., were elements maneuvered into enemy positions, etc.)	S, F
1515		31	011515H	PS/RW. 1. One USMC helicopter down at (BT 063710). 2. Send troops as security and to assist ASAP.	S, F
1520		32	011520H	RWC/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
	1523	33	011523H	RW3/PS3. Two squads with two LVT's enroute to help. OP now has help under observation.	S, F, S3

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				SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 010001H to 012400H Nov 1965	
				While operating in the vicinity of (BT 056653) a patrol from Company "C" discovered a plastic bag of batteries, 2 khaki uniforms, and 2 khaki ponchos in a temple at 010900H. The gear was returned to the Company CP.	
				The 1st platoon, Company "C" reported receiving 15 rounds of small arms fire at 011330H from (BT 053653) while located at (BT 052656). Fire was returned but could not close with the VC because of flooded paddies.	
				At 011930H 1 man from Company "C" was wounded and evacuated by helicopter after stepping on a punji stake at (BT 05B652).	
2400			012400H	Journal Closed.	S

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In	C +				Ta S-3 File Maps Troop
0001			020001H	Journal Opened.	S
0925		9	020925H	PS/RW. 1. On 5 Dec or as soon thereafter as possible, boats will be redistributed as follows (1) Redwood - 2 (2) Parkgreen - 3 (3) Warehouse - 2 Wooden Boats (1) Redwood - 3 (2) Parkgreen - 4 (3) Warehouse - 3. 2. By copy this message, PS4 requested to make distribution.	S, F
0930		10	020930H	RWB3A/RW. Are at downed halo. Int. How much of copter are we to destroy. Notified not to destroy anything unless instructed by Roseann.	S, F
1100			Wire	S3/I3. (1) Beginning today 5' search light mounted in 6x6 bed is available for general support of Senator units. (2) Initially will be located high ground Swain CP and trial basis for direct and indirect illum by request to S3. Potential use for direct illum are: Railroad bridge, Cam Le Bac bridge, river barrier (AT 971699), railroad, MSR, Hill 22 and Hill 41. Indirect illum should prove feasible for Swain and Fertilize field positions. (3) Swain men and provide operators provide illum as requested to this headquarters and keep usage recorded	S, F
1115		14	021115H	RWD/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1400		17	021400H	RWA/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1425		18	021425H	RWA/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1615		19	021615H	RWA3C/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
	1715		Wire	I3/IA. Beginning 021800H report arrival and departure of all patrols and ambushes to IP	S, F
	1720	20	021720H	RW3/RWD. Beginning 021800H report arrival and departure of all patrols and ambushes to IP	S, F
	1820	21	021820H	RW3/PS. SPOTREP.	S, F
1840		22	021840H	PS/RW. 1. Last night there was complete lack of contact with VC in Daang TAOR. 2. Reason behind VC inactivity last night not known but is seen as reason enough for increased alertness all areas. 3. No	S, F

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			Cont	specific action required by this headquarters except to emphasize to commanders all levels the need for readiness in event of larger VC effort tonight.	
	2010	32	022010H	RWD1/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S9
2134		38	022134H	RWD6/RW. RWD1 ran into VC at 022110H on way to ambush. Encountered VC and now following blood trail. Will send more info later. RWD3A departed IP at 022115H	S, F
				SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 020001H to 022400H Dec 1965.	
				A wounded male was brought to the Company "D" CP (BT 048667) at 021115H by a number of civilians who claimed he was injured as results of artillery fire. In the opinion of the company man, however, the wounds were caused by a mine or booby trap. The individual was evacuated by helicopter to the USOM Hospital.	
				At 021330H a Company "A" patrol discovered and destroyed 1000 pounds of rice hidden at (BT 084698).	
				The Company "A" CP (BT 081696) received 1 round of sniper fire at 021415H from (BT 088694). The area was searched with field glasses but the sniper's location was not determined. At 021530H a Company "A" patrol apprehended 4 suspicious males, a suspected ARVN deserter, and 800 pounds of rice. The deserter was sent to TFP. The other males was sent to HOA VANG District Headquarters and the rice turned over to the HOA HAI Village Chief. 1 man from Company "A" was wounded at 021540H while on a patrol at (BT 095663) as the results of 1 round fired by a sniper located in the vicinity of (BT 095661). The patrol returned fire and searched the area but with negative results and the WIA was evacuated by helicopter.	
				The 3rd platoon, Company "D" engaged an estimated 7 VC at 021700H in the vicinity of (BT 034679) in a brief firefight and pursued.	

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			Con't	the VC, when they attempted to break contact. The VC finally evaded the patrol in the vicinity of (BT 035681) and the patrol then continued its original mission. The 1st platoon, Company "D" observed and took under fire 2 VC at 021750H at (BT 052679) and when the VC fled the platoon could not establish contact. However, it is believed 1 VC was severely wounded because of the large pools of blood along their escape route.	
				A local security patrol from the 2nd platoon, Company "D" discovered a wounded young male in a house at (BT 044667) at 021800H. The VCS will be evacuated on the next available resupply run.	
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0001			030001H	Journal Opened.	S
0050		1	030050H	RWD/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
0330			Comment	Western perimeter opened fire on movement and noise to their front. Unknown results.	
0345			Comment	Western perimeter opened fire on movement and noise to their front. Unknown results.	
0920			Wire	S3/I3. Mr. Walder, Mr. Scheinberg, Capt. Lunden (USA) and Senator 5 will arrive 1/9 at 1040H. Mr. Walder and Mr. Scheinberg are representatives of Jewish war veterans. Desire short briefing, tour, and would like to meet any of their people in area.	S
1010		16	Wire	10/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1015		17	Wire	10/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1155		18	031155H	RWD/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1315		20	031315H	RWD/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1650			Wire	S3/I3. 1. Effective 031600H a. 9th Marines accepts new TAOR. Ref. OpOverlay, DivOpOrder 343-65. b. New battalion boundaries apply. c. Blackbox assumes sector and mission of center Battalion d ops to OpCon 3rd MAF and A/B Defense Battalion. e. Irontree and Swain assume area and mission of left and right Battalions respectively. f. Swain establish contact with Crowd unit on right flank. g. Contact Senator units is from fight to left. 2. Senator units report when and where contact established with adjacent units. Report also locations of supporting units down to and including companies.	S, F
2210			Wire	1A6/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
				SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 030001H to 032400H Nov 1965.	
				A patrol from Company "D" discovered a prepared ambush position for about 20 men at (BT 056654) at 030730H. The site appeared	

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			Con't	to have been occupied in the night of 2 Dec. A Company "C" patrol, RVG2A apprehended 1 male VCS at 030830H in the vicinity of (BT 062677) and another male VCS at 030930H who was located at (BT 075683). Both were sent to HOA VANG District Headquarters. Company "D" apprehended 1 wounded VCS at 031125H in the vicinity of (BT 046668) who was evacuated to the ARVN hospital. The suspect had a badly infected small arms wound but did not want to be sent to a military hospital. At 032030H a patrol from the 1st platoon, Company "A" captured 3 VCS who were observing the patrol from a concealed position. The 3 VCS will be brought to this CP on the next available transportation. While moving into an ambush position at 032030H located at (BT 052679) a patrol from the 1st platoon, Company "D" observed and fired at a VC who suddenly appeared at close range. The man fled and the patrol followed a blood trail until it ended but was unable to locate the wounded VC.	
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In	Out				S-3 F-File M-Map T-Tr c
0001			040001H	Journal Opened.	S
	0753	15	040753H	RW3/PS3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
	0758	16	040758H	RW3/PS3. Concerning your message. operation has been completed. RV has since been relieved of radio contact commitments. All activities can be located at higher headquarters.	S, F
1100		23	041100H	RWD33E/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1200		25	041200H	RWD33E/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1415		29	041415H	RWD/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
	1510	30	041510H	RW3/RWD. Be advised that 5 tanks will report your base today. RW6 desires you proceed tomorrow to scene of today's contact and have a combat patrol with no less than a platoon. Submit plans and times. Request any additional support needed.	S, F
	1607	31	041607H	RW3/RWA & D. Effective immediately, following changes in reporting procedures. Companies will report areas by grid squares in which patrols, ambushes, PPB's, and etc. will be, to include patrol designations. Time frame remains same, by 1200H each day to this headquarters, to cover the period 1800H to 1800H 48 hours in advance. Only additional requirement is that by 1000H each day companies will report exact locations to this headquarters for the 24 hour period from 1200 that day until 1200 the next day. Time requirements are mandatory.	S, F
	1607	32	041607H	RW3/RWD. Int. all returned your com- many CP?	S, F
1715		33	041715H	RWD/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
	1920		Wire	I3/S3. IB3 rendezvoused with rangers at 040315H at MCB-9 and assumed blocking positions along east bank of river in grid square (BT 0574). IB3 had no contact and secured at 040745H.	S, F
	1925		Wire	I3/S3. At 031600H tracs 23 and 24 proceeded to DaNang ferry (BT 068782) to splash at 0300H for blocking forces. At 040130H entracs 20, 21, 25, 27, 22, and 29 proceeded	

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In	Out				
0001			Con't	to splash point, (BT 062723). At 040430H tracs 20, 21, 25, 27, 22, and 29 reached destination. Two tracs proceeded to DaNang bridge (BT 040762) and set up blocking force. The other four tracs patrolled from CAM 1E bridge to approximately 2000 meters north to ferry crossing at DaNang, (BT 068782). Tracs 23 and 24 splashed at DaNang ferry crossing at 0300H and began searching all boats in area from 0530H to 0745H. Tracs 23 and 24 searched approximately 25 boats but found nothing unusual. Amtracs secured from operation at approximately 0745H and proceeded back to 1/9 CP.	
	1925			ARVN troops for blocking force at DaNang ferry did not show up. Search light proved to be moderately successful.	
1930		34	041930H	RWA/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
2025		38	042025H	RWD/RW. Be advised operation "Ball's Out" S, F has been underway for 8 hours. PPR planned within 500 meters of today's contact with the enemy. For tonight, night ambushes saturate the area. Tomorrow's squad combat patrols will probe with platoon providing initial reaction. Company providing additional reaction. D+2 another platoon enters adjacent patrol area with similar mission. These patrol areas previously submitted. Hesitate to use tanks except for reaction. Friendly habits already indicates large attempts to make contact with enemy tomorrow. VC will expect and withdraw as in past. If time frame for "Ball's Out" condensed, friendlies will have empty bag. If you concur, will continue with original plan.	
				SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 040001H to 042400H Dec 1965.	
				P Battery "D" located at (BT 063680) received about 150 rounds of automatic and semi-auto-	

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In	Out				S-Club F-File H-Log T-Tr
			Con't	matic fire from several directions at 032145H. Fire was returned and the VC broke contact when 1 round of 105mm HE was fired into a suspected position. At 040845H 3 VC fired on a patrol from the 2nd platoon, Company "A" from (BT 072676). The VC then fled to the north leaving behind 1 chicom grenade. The patrol pursued but was not able to regain contact. A Company "D" patrol, RWD33E, received 2 sniper rounds at 041115H from (BT 035685). The patrol returned fire and searched the area but did not locate the sniper. Soon after this, the patrol discovered 3 55 gallon drums of rice in a house at (BT 037687) and destroyed them in place. At 041345H a patrol from Company "D" sustained 2 WIA when it encountered a VC force of 7 to 8 wearing camouflaged utilities and armed with automatic weapons at (BT 0505650). A MedEvac was completed at 041440H and the patrol was reinforced by 2 tanks and another squad. The reinforcing squad received light sniper fire as they approached but the VC broke contact before the squad could come within effective range.	
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In	Out				2a 3-3a F-File 1-1 T-File
0001			050001H	Journal Opened.	S
0946		21	050946H	Parkgreen/RW. Parkgreen E will be on S. F. your Whiskey freq. Their call sign will be Whiskey E. Can you support if necessary?	
	0955	22	050955H	RW3/Parkgreen. Be advised this head- quarters not up on Whiskey net. Can support, but request you come up on battalion TAC.	S, F
1017		26	051017H	RWD/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1400		32	051400H	Parkgreen L/RW. Regional forces platoon leaving NAI GUAN (1). Will advise when operation is over.	S, F
1515		34	051515H	RWD43F/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1536		35	051536H	RWD43F/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1705		38	051705H	RWD1/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
2315		54	Wire	ID/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
2345		55	Wire	ID/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 050001H to 052400H Dec 1965					
At 050930H a patrol from the 2nd platoon, Company "D" observed 2 Vietnamese males at a distance of 400 meters. When the men observed the patrol they ran and, after ignoring verbal orders to halt and warning shots, one was shot and killed at (BT 060655). A search of the body revealed he was about 18 years old and did not possess any local identification papers.					
Several unarmed VCS ran from a village located at (BT 049661) at 051500H when a patrol from Company "D" entered the area. The VCS ignored warning and were taken under fire, however, they managed to escape and the patrol couldn't catch them.					
A patrol from the 1st platoon, Company "D" pursued an unarmed VCS at 051500H in the vicinity of (BT 050658) and when being unable to apprehend him returned to the area in which he first observed and					

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In	Out				
			Con't	and discovered an ID card without a picture in it. An ambush from the 1st platoon, located at (BT 047650), observed 3 VC as they were moving into positions and took them under fire. The VC returned fire and fled into a village. After regrouping the squad, the village was searched, but with negative results.	
				The 2nd platoon, Company "D" reported that one of its ambushes observed and fired on 2 Vietnamese males at 052230H in the vicinity of (BT 060659). The men were about 100 meters north of the ambush site and moving west, both escaped.	
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In	Out				S-Stat. F-File H-Plans T-Troc
0001			060001H	Journal Opened.	S
0020			Wire	S3/I3. Ref. A. your SPOTREP of 051230H (time report received) concerning BUD/2E resulting in 1 Viet KIA. Ref. B. Force Order 5830.4 para. 1. Subj. "Backlash Report". Para. 2. Senator has sent additional info is needed from you for follow-up report. Para. 3. Concerning incident reported. Ref. A. submit at earliest possible time in morning. Items #5, 7, and 8. The report contained enclosure 1 to Ref. B. Para. 4. On items 5 send only ID of victim. Be prepared on request names of Marines involved. Para. 5. Item 7. Here is required that investigation can be limited to informal inquiry. With no report of investigation required unless otherwise directed for circumstances. Enclosed grounds for further investigation. Para. 6. Item 8. Estimate of HOA LONG Village Chief if possible to obtain quickly or any other indications. Para. 7. Important you handle above as priority matter with report (verbal) to Senator as early in the morning as possible.	S, F
1215		15	061215H	IA/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1440		20	061440H	RWD/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
				SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 060001H to 062400H Dec 1965.	
				At 061130H a patrol from the 2nd platoon, Company "A" observed 3 VC in a rice paddy at (BT 067663) who began to run when the ARVN with the patrol ordered them to surrender. The patrol ordered them to surrender. The patrol opened fire and captured 1 VC, armed with a chicom grenade, after wounding him. A patrol from the 2nd platoon, Company "D" captured 1 VCS at 061300H in the vicinity of (BT 061688) after he attempted to evade the patrol. A search of the individual revealed	

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			Con't	suspected VC documents. The VCS was sent to HOA VANG District Headquarters. The 1st Battalion Company "D" had 3 Marine KIA, who later died of wounds at 0200 at 061825H in the vicinity of (BT 047659) when a sniper fired 3 rounds from (BT 044655). The patrol returned fire and attempted to close with the sniper but he broke contact and fled immediately after firing.	
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In	Out				
0001			070001H	Journal Opened.	S
0020		1	Wire	ID/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
0615		7	070615H	PS3/RW. Ref. line A. my OP Plan 330-65	S, F
				line B. Division message 061407Z	
				Warehouse has received warning order concerning portable execution of Ref. A. not later than 8 Dec. 2. ATTENTION invited to paragraph 3.b. of Ref. A. in view of Ref. B. likely that what now supporting RW will be withdrawn later this morning.	
1000		13	Messenger	RVC2/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1125		14	071125H	RWD61D/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F
1155		15	Wire	IC3/I3. SPOTREP.	
1245		16	Wire	IA/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F
1458		19	071458H	RWD61E/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1530		20	071530H	RWA/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1715		22	071715H	RWA3/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
2045		25	Wire	IA/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F
2050		26	Wire	IA/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
2055		27	Wire	IA/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
2057		28	Wire	IA/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
2240		37	Wire	S2/I2. SPOTREP.	S, F
2348		41	Wire	IA/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F
SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 070001H to 072400H Dec 1965.					
An ambush from Company "D" located at (BT049650) engaged an estimated 10 VC at 062330H with small arms and grenades and used force to withdraw when they became endangered of being surrounded. During the withdrawal the patrol was supported with 60mm mortars from the 1st platoon.					
A patrol from the 2nd platoon, Company "C" apprehended 3 female VCS without ID cards at 070900H at (BT 075708). The VCS were taken to the battalion CP for interrogation.					
At 071100H a Company "D" patrol located and destroyed a chicom grenade booby trap at (BT 049648) and 2 and 3.5 WP rounds at					

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In	Out				
			Cont	(BT 056647). 2 rounds of sniper fire were fired from (BT 055645) and an investigation yielded negative results. 1 Marine WIA was received from one of the sniper rounds. The 3rd platoon, Company "A" had 1 WIA who was medevaced from (BT 104664) at 071500H when the platoon encountered 6 VC at (BT 098662). The VC fled into VIEM DONG, and were observed dragging 2 bodies, both believed to be KIA inflicted by the platoon. When the platoon searched VIEM DONG, they were unable to regain contact with the VC. During the action the patrol was supported by 1 HE mission fired by Battery "D". This operation was a result of an encounter of a Company "A" squad sized patrol with an estimated 10 VC in the same area at 071430H.	
				A listening post from Company "A" suffered 1 WIA, who was not evacuated, from an explosion thought to be either a grenade or booby trap at 072005H in the vicinity of (BT 079694) while enroute to their position.	
				At 072015H a Company "C" patrol received fire from 5 VC at (BT 071695). The patrol returned fire and hit 1 VC who was seen being carried off by 4 more VC. While searching the area a man ran down the trail at (BT 072694) and was shot with a pistol. The man was classified a VCS and sent to the USOM Hospital in DaNang.	
				At 072015H the 2nd platoon, Company "C" reported receiving an estimated 12 rounds of small arms and 1 grenade in their perimeter. There were no casualties and no VC were observed.	
				2 boats with a total of 4 men in them were observed to be signaling each other in the river in the vicinity of (BT 072688) at 072100H and were sunk with small arms fire by the S-2 scouts. It is believed that the occupants of the boat were killed.	
				At 072345H Company "A" fired on a boat in the	

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In	Out				S-Staff
0001			080001H	Journal Opened.	S
0050		1	080050H	RWA/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
0120		4	080120H	RWA/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
0125		5	080125H	RWC2/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
0930		21	080930H	RWA3B/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1100			Wire	S3/I3. Effective immediately. Resume daylight operations of river barrier (BT 032663). Establish night security at barrier on your side of river. Report for inclusion in SITREP river traffic at barrier. Negative report required.	S, F
1135			Wire	S3/I3. Effective 081200H. Composite units with Swain command group CHOP to Task Force "D". At 081200H Swain units remaining which are not not chopped to Task Force "D" OpCon Blackbox. Same time. Blackbox assumes responsibility for Swain TAOR. At 081200H Irontree assumes responsibility to provide reserve units in accordance with para. 3.B. of my Op plan 330-65. Report designation, time, location, and strength of unit to be Senator reserve. Blackbox report working and reporting arrangements made for Swain units remaining.	S, F
	1130	24	081130H	RW/RWD Effective immediately. Security of river block at (BT 032663). This will be 24 hours daily. Direct "D" 2 to proceed to these coordinates ASAP by order 2106.	S, F
1130		27	081130H	PS/RW. By 1500H daily report for inclusion in SITREP river traffic at barrier. Negative reports required.	S, F
	1238	28	081238H	RW3/PS. Ref. your 1135H. Reserve Company "B" (-) (Rein). Location. Marble Mountain Air Facility. Strength 100. Attachments included 81's, Artv, FO, and FAC Team.	S, F
1435		31	081435H	PS/RW. 1. Reduce reserve requirements in my Op Plan 330-65 to 1 platoon from other than RWB. 2. Will assume platoon to leave from RWC unless notified otherwise.	S, F
	1613	32	081613H	RW3/RWA & D. Disregard previous plans on "Spread Eagle". Execute previously	S, F

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In	Out				S-Staff F-File H-Files T-Troop
			Con't	submitted plans. Those Company bases having alternate perimeter positions will shift alternates or assume new positions 200-400 meters out between 082300H and 090100H.	
1625			Wire	S3/I3. 1. Navy under secretary Band- S, F win and party including Shove 6 will arrive Senator for visit 9 Dec 1410-1700. 2. He will be briefed at my location, then proceed to a Battalion CP, Company CP, and PPR. At PPR will hear actual patrol order being given or returning patrol being debriefed. 3. Itinerary: TRA- "E" will be to either Blackbox or Montreaux.	S, F
1645		34	081645H	RWA/RW SPOTPPP.	S, F, S3
1925		39	081925H	RWA3/RW. SPOTPPP.	S, F, S3
	2008	42	082008H	RV3/PS. "Spread Eagle" has been executed.	S, F
				SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 080001H Dec to 082400H Dec 1965.	
				At 080015H a patrol from Company "A" observed 2 boats in the river at (BT 088688) and fired on them, sinking 1, and killing at least 2 persons.	
				1 man was observed on the NE perimeter of the waterpoint (BT 071761) and was fired on at 080020H but an investigation of the area revealed no indication of the man being hit.	
				Company "A" observed 2 boats on the river at 080120H in the vicinity of (BT 081696) but both moved out of sight before fire could be brought to bear.	
				1 round of sniper fire was received by a Company "A" wire team at 081630H while checking the land lines in the vicinity of (BT 076698). The team returned fire but was not able to close with the sniper before he fled.	
				At 081800H the 3rd platoon, Company "A" received 2 rounds of 60mm mortar which impacted at (BT 100664) approximately 50 meters from their location. The platoon	

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Continued. The platoon estimated that the mortar was located at (BT 100659) and the platoon immediately moved in that direction. At 081830H, after moving about 1000 meters to (BT 100654) the platoon received approximately 25 rounds of small arms from an estimated 6 riflemen and 1 AR. The platoon halted and called in a 105mm HE mission on the target. Darkness prevented an accurate estimation of VC losses but the artillery was reported to have good effect.

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In	Out				S-Staff F-File M-Maps T-Troop
0001			090001H	Journal Opened.	S
0900		14	090900H	RVA3/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1140		23	091140H	RWD/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1140		24	091140H	PS/RW. Pass to RWB. 1. Itinerary for VIP party. a. Depart PS CP 1445H. b. Arrive RW CP 1455H for briefing and short tour of CP. c. Depart at 1530H for RWA for patrol debriefing and tour of position. d. Depart at 1615H for RWA platoon position for tour of position and hear patrol order being given. Depart RW area about 1650H. 2. Request name of company and platoon commanders concerned and coordinates of platoon to be visited. Open to suggestions on paragraph c and d. above to fit your situation.	S, F
	1230	25	091230H	RW3/PS. VIP visit. Proposed itinerary as follows: 1500H to 1530H brief by Battalion CO and tour CP area. 1530 to 1545 enroute RWA CP via road for brief by A6 Capt. Lloyd and Lt. Galatrop A3 on recent 3 day patrol and VC contacts. 1615 to 1620 enroute to A2. (BT 074657) via helo for brief by SSet Canone and patrol order. Security measures taken. RW6 will accompany and RW14 will coordinate helos this area.	S, F
1450			Wire	ID/I3. SPOTREP.	S, S3
	1450	28	091450H	I3/ID, A, B, & C. HAYDAY requirement is lifted as of 100600H. Minimum requirements are reiterated for info and compliance. Ambushes one per PPB and one per company CP for forward companies. One for bridge security company as required by S-3. Combat patrols one day and one night per PPB and forward company CP plus local security patrol as required. Security company conduct one day and one night in Battalion rear area and others as required by S-3. Company located at one day and 3 night. LPI's. Minimum of	S, F

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In	Out				
			Con't.	one around each fixed base or installation including PPB's. Scout sniper teams	
				one per forward company of any type. Time of submission of plans has not changed nor has method at this time. New memo on designations and methods of submission is forthcoming. Keep this message as reference in the meantime.	
1450		30	Wire 50H	ID/13. SPOURER.	S, F, 33
1535		32	Wire	RWD82E/RW. SPOURER.	S, F, 33
	1820		Wire	I3/ID. I2 has just passed info to you on S, F regarding VC movement from TU-CAU () to north. Request you make effort to cover possible routes as practicable. Inform me of any changes you make in present plans.	
	1830		Wire	I3/IA. In view of intelligence passed S, F to you by I2 on the VIEM DONG and CAU MA area, request you keep active patrols in the vicinity until further plans are formed.	
1845			Message	I3/IC. C3 report received indicates 6 VC armed with 6 rifles are in vicinity of the CAU-DAI pagoda located along the Road vicinity (BT 068688). The possibility exists that the VC could be in another pagoda located at approximately (BT 070696). Conduct night patrol tonight to check area. Request time, designation, call sign, and route ASAP.	
1915			Wire	IA/I3. Al is proceeding to PPB as scheduled.	S, F
1915		35	081915H	RW3/PS3. Request permission to conduct S&C operation in area bounded by (BT 057714), (BT 054704), and (BT 057703) during period 100900H to 101600H. Task Organization is 2 platoons of RW3 and 4 LVTS and engineer demo team.	S, F
2000			Wire	I3/IB. Frag Order Task Organization S, F is 22 platoons (Rein) from IB, engineer demo team, 81 FO team, and 4 LVDP-5 s. At 100900H depart LVT splash point via	

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			Cont	(BT 062724) and conduct S&C operation of KHEU DONG area bounded by coordinates (BT 057714), (BT 053714) and (BT 054704), and (BT 057705). Report stated C-2 and C-2A 1 VC MF platoon hiding in area, well armed with auto/semi weapons, rifles, possibly mortars. This unit is part of company moving from southwest and some more of the company may have joined them night of 9-10 Dec. B/A Class V, helmets and flac jackets. Demo and extra frags are desired. Comm 15 FIC-10's, 1 on Battalion TAC, SOP for medevac and ESCC. 81's at Battalion CR wall support. Submit report on scheme of maneuver and any other support requirements to RW3 ASAP. LVT's, 81 FO team, and engineer team have been notified. IB authorized direct liaison for coordination and planning.	S-3 Staff F-File M-Maps T-Troop
	2305		Wire	T3/I A & D. QUANG NAI special sector - S, F informed B-1 indicates in MF platoon at (BT 071605), 1 MF platoon at (BT 030672), and 1 platoon at (BT 038660). Request you cover with combat patrol or ambush as appropriate and ASAP. Request you report when these targets have been covered.	
	2315	40	Wire	IA/13. SPOREP.	S, F
	2320		Wire	IA/13. Opened fire on host at (BT 080604). Results unknown. Lost sight of host.	S3 F
SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 090001H to 092400H Dec. 1965.					
At 090845H the 3rd platoon, Company H encountered between 8 to 10 VC, armed with heavy automatic weapons, also were heavily barricade at (BT 110652). The platoon assaulted the barricade forcing the VC to withdraw and pursued the enemy into HA QUANG (4) where contact was lost. 1 Marine was wounded during the firefight and was evacuated by helicopter to C&C at 090955H.					

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In	Out				S-Staff F-File I-Maps T-Troop
			Con't	VC casualties are not known. A Marine from Company "D" was wounded and medevaced at 091145H when a patrol from the 3rd platoon received fire from 6 VC at (BT 035685). The patrol returned fire and attempted to close with the enemy, but the VC immediately broke contact and fled. Despite a search of several villages in the area, the VC were not relocated. RWD82E, a Company "D" patrol, received fire at 091230H from 2 snipers located at (BT 033664) and had 2 Marines wounded, both of whom were evacuated by helicopter to C&C. The patrol attacked, killing 1 VC and capturing his body and weapon and grossly wounding the other. However, the patrol was not able to locate the other sniper despite an intensive search of the area. RWD81E, another Company "D" patrol, received 2 rounds of sniper fire from (BT 048655) at 091500H. The patrol conducted a brief unsuccessful search for the sniper and then continued with its mission of rendezvousing with RWD82E. At approximately 091500H the Undersecretary of the Navy, accompanied by CG, 1st MAF and CO, 9th Marines, visited the Battalion CP and were briefed by the CO, 1/9. After the briefing on the general situation, the party proceeded to the Company "A" CP to attend a patrol debriefing and then to the 3rd platoon, Company "A" PFB to hear briefing for a departing combat patrol. The party departed at 091630H.	
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In	Out				Taxon S-Staff L-File M-Maps T-Troop
0001			100001H	Journal Opened.	S
	0923	14	100923H	RWB/RW. RWB (-) crossed LOD (BT 054715) at 0930H. Searching south through village complex. Negative enemy contact.	S, F
0950		15	100950H	RWB/RW. 150 meters from LOD. Negative contact.	S, F
	1000	16	101000H	RW3/PS. Patrol for period 101200H to 111200H. RWD92E. IP (BT 030667) to (BT 035650) to (BT 040665). Time.	S, F
				101200H to 101600H. RWD91E. IP (BT 040667) to (BT 047657) to (BT 035650). Time.	
				101200H to 101600H.	
1025		18	101025H	RWB/RW. 300 meters from LOD. Negative enemy contact.	S, F
	1050	19	101050H	RW3/RWB. After completion of present operation, conduct search and destroy of BA TUNG (2) and BA TUNG (3).	S, F
1055		20	101055H	RWB/RW. Have arrived at original LOA. Will start other mission.	S, F
1200		21	101200H	RWB/RW. 100 meters past original LOA. On 2nd mission. Negative contact.	S, F
1230		22	101230H	RWB/RW. 100 meters past original LOA. Commencing to move out on secondary mission.	S, F
1310		24	101310H	RWB/RW. 350 meters from original LOA. Negative enemy contact.	S, F
1330		26	101330H	RWB/RW. Completed combat patrol of BA TUNG (2). Negative enemy contact.	S, F
1355		27	101355H	RWC29/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F
1356		28	101356H	RWB/RW. Have started combat patrol of BA TUNG (3). Negative contact.	S, F
1400		29	101400H	RWB/RW. Still sweeping BA TUNG (3). Negative contact.	S, F
	1418	30	101418H	RW3/PS. No river traffic at river block.	S, F
1430		31	101430H	RWB/RW. Completed sweep of BA TUNG (3). Negative contact. In process of boarding LVT's and returning to RWB CP.	S, F
1437		32	101437H	RWB/RW. We are now enroute to RWB CP with negative contact for the operation.	S, F
1555	1555		Time	13/ID. Plan for and be prepared to execute CA or reinforced mission to vicinity of Battery "D" with minimum of 1 reinforced platoon. Keep planning current.	S, F

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In	Out				S-3 F-File M-Plans T-Trace
1556	1556		Wire	I3/IA. Effective 101900H, extend the perimeter of your CP perimeter (by LP or ambush) from (BT 076604) to (BT 087508). Of special importance is area vicinity first coordinates. Keep 24 hours surveillance over river/trail there. Forthcoming info from I2 will explain. SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 100001H to 102400H Dec 1965. A Company "C" patrol, RW029, encountered a VC force estimated at 4 men, armed with 2 automatic rifles and 2 rifles at 1101300H in the vicinity of (BT 072675). The patrol moved north along the road about 500 meters in an effort to flank the VC and when this failed, the patrol was reinforced and then swept the entire area, but with negative contact. Acting on information received from several Vietnamese nationals about a VC battalion (rein) being in our area and the increased number of contacts made by our patrols in the past few days, additional precautions were enacted to preclude the possibility of a surprise attack on this CP. Some of the measures included notifying all units in the area of this possibility, 81mm all the H&I fired over more avenues of approach, an increase of ambushes and LP's by Company "A" and Company "C" on all avenues of approach, including the river and the beach, an armored patrol of the beach between Mon Ky Mountain and the Company "A" CP from 110030H to 110330H, and an increase of crew-served weapons on the perimeter.	
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In	Out				
0001			110001H	Journal Opened.	S
0120		1	110120H	PS/RW. ARVN at DIEN BAN experiencing buses being stopped and kidnapping ARVN. Will have people disguised as civilians riding various buses and armed. ARVN at check point alerted. Alert Check point Marines. Will patrol buses for indefinite period. Bus patrol will operate between HOI AN, DIEN BAN, MIEU DONG day and night	S, F
	0930		Wire	I3/IA, B, & C. Following reassignment of missions effective commencing at 120800H. IA assume security company mission. IC assume Battalion reserve mission and will locate at MMAF. IB assumes tactical area and mission of IA. Units effected required liaison to ensure continuity of patrols and ambushes and of a high degree of security. 2 LVT's assigned to IB and IA at 0800H for relief of A2. IB authorized direct liaison for info concerning turn over of comm equipment. IB ensure unit relieving A2 takes minimum of 3 day all classes of supplies initially. All Class V in excess of BA for SA will remain in positions. All remaining MCI remains on position. Notify I3 when liaison has been completed and of any support requirements. IC ensure that all details and task assigned to the bridge platoon are thoroughly understood by IA counterpart.	
	2135	28	112135H	RW3/PS. Sharpshooter element located S, F vicinity (BT 061729) reported observing people in water vicinity of dike located at (BT 059719) at approximately 2100H. Movement was seen in rice paddies just west of above coordinates and blinking lights were observed in this same area. Sharpshooter expended 6 rounds of 90mm HE and 3 rounds of 90mm WP. 2 rounds of 105mm illum fired for surveillance. Lights reportedly disappeared and persons in paddy dispersed. No further activity noted under illum. Area will be checked further at first light.	

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In	Out				S-Staff F-File M-Maps T-Troops
1245			Wire	I3/S3. At 112135H the hospital site observed a group of people in vicinity of (BT 059719) in the river. Arty 11th was fired and tanks fired 9 rounds of 90mm HE. Personnel dispersed and results of firing are unknown. At 112135H Western side of 1/9 CP perimeter reported receiving a few of small arms fire and 3 boats in the river. 81's were fired with unknown results. At 112217H, while 2 tanks were searching area in front of 1/9 perimeter a grenade was thrown at 1 of the tanks. Tanks fired .30 caliber machine gun into area with unknown results. At 112140H tanks in 1/9 perimeter observed 5 men running north and opened fire with unknown results. More info as it becomes available. This report is as of 112245H.	
				SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 110001H to 112400H Dec 1965.	
				At 110030H the LVP/tank patrol along the beach observed a total of 6 boats close to the shore at (BT 070810). Upon investigation 18 people were observed in the boats and 9 apprehended by the patrol. The prisoners were returned to the 1/9 CP and 8 were classified as suspicious persons to sent to HOV VANG District Headquarters for further investigation.	
				At 112135H approximately 30 persons were observed in the paddies and the river in the vicinity of (BT 059719) and were taken under fire by the tank located at MCB-8. An additional 2 tanks were dispatched to the area and also fired into the area. A total of 22 rounds of 90mm were fired by the tanks. At the same time the western side of the 1/9 perimeter received several rounds of sniper fire and returned small arms fire. 5 men were seen running north from the area by the	

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In	Out				S-Staff F-File M-Maps T-Troops
0001			120001H	Journal Opened.	S
1234		5	121234H	PS3/RW3. Parkereen has pulled troops from river block.	S, F
1237		6	121237H	Morbid 2nd plt./RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S7
1240			Wire	IA/I3. IB has completed relief of IA. IA is back in Battalion area.	S, F
	1545	7	121545H	RW3/PS3. Effective at 1300 today and until further notice. 4 PF's provided by HOA VANG District on order of Provincial Chief. Expressed mission is for security of CAU DAI temple vicinity of (BT 059732) and PF's have been placed OpCon of 1/9 and will be assigned to OpCon of Company "C", 1/9 at MMAF. Additional info also indicates a patrol will be assigned to AP NHOC MAN Hamlet (HOA VANG Village) vicinity of MCB-9 approximately 17 Dec. Unit to consist of 25-30 men and will be under OpCon 1/9.	S, F
	1605	8	121605H	RW3/PS3. Int. possibilities of reassignment of RF's presently assigned to Fertilize. Fertilize 3 indicates he is willing to release. Please advise.	S, F
	1630	9	121630H	RW3/PS3. Subj. Additional activities planned for night of 12-13 Dec 1965. LVT/tank patrol - 2 LVT's and 3 tanks w/search lights w/1 squad of Company "A" will desert battalion CP 130030H, proceed to (BT 083714), then south along beach to vicinity of (BT 115650), then return to Battalion CP. Mission will be to search out, and check all boats within 1000 meters of beach and to check any suspicious activity on the beach. ETR is 0330H. Patrol under OpCon of Sharpshooter Bravo. Designation S3B patrol. Company "C", 1/9 will establish a squad size ambush in vicinity of (BT 053728) between hours of 2000 and 2400. Designation is Y4. Purpose is to cover a reported VC river crossing site.	S, F
2255			Wire	ID/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S7

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				SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 120001H to 122400H Dec 1965.	
				At 111130H an ontos, returning from Company "A" CP, observed an AP mine at (BT 072673). The crew probed the area to confirm their suspicions and then blew the mine in place. An ambush from the 2nd platoon, Company "C", located at (BT 055698), observed a VC approaching their position at 120035H, but before he entered the killing zone he spotted the ambush and fled. 2 men from a Company "B" patrol were wounded at 121530H after a member of the patrol detonated a booby trap at (BT 104656). One of the casualties was evacuated to BAS. The 1st platoon of Company "D" wounded and captured 1 VC when he and 2 other VC attempted to infiltrate into their FEB (BT 044688) at 122200H. The VC will be MedEvaced to the ARVN Hospital.	
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In	Out				
0001			130001H	Journal Opened.	S
0920			Wire	S3/I3. Ref. your 121606H concerning RF's. 1. To balance the distribution of RF's, those with Fertilize are being assigned to Swan.	S, F
0930			Wire	S3/I3. 1. 5 Ft. searchlight now in operation. Will be in position at Swan CP by nightfall. 2. Send mission for direct or indirect illum via Senator 3.	S, F
0930			Wire	IDIC/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S
1150			Wire	IB/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S
1150			Wire	IB/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S
1245			Wire	ID/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S
1500		10	131500H	PS3/RW3. Ref. RWD3 wounded female VCS. Treat as Blacklash report.	S, F
	1550		Wire	I3/IC6 (C6 not available, given to Zulu S, F operator, Santillo). Establish road block with 6 men and 2 AT's at road entrance to NW corner of MAG-16 coordinates (BT 058742), from 1945 to 2100. 2 AT's up at 1945 will meet troops at above location. Will have 2 ARVN and 1 interpreter with AT's. Mission is to stop all traffic. Check U.S. vehicles for ARVN or VN. if none, then pass vehicle. All indigenous personnel will be stopped and apprehended for violation of curfew (2000-0600). Treat as suspicious persons, not tied or blind folded unless VCS. Notify Battalion S-2 for disposition instructions. Irontree "C" coordinate with MAG-16 and MCB-9. Comm provided by AT's (Morbid "C" 2 on Battalion TAC net).	S, F
1735	1735		Wire	I3/S3. BACKLASH REPORT. 1. Shooting 2. 130915H. 3. BT 055685. 4. Capt. G.H. Welsh. 5. Fired shot Adams, John D. LCpl. 2066682, 20. Subj. 18 year old VN national, female, name unknown. Witnesses Rego, Arthur, Cpl. 2029530, 21, Taylor, Danny E., Pvt. 2109345, Lewis, Raymond N., LCpl. 2023976, Vargas, Roberto, Pfc. 2107079, Bringleb, Jon E., Pfc. 2060492, Burnie, Freddy J., Pfc. 2085871, Mitchell.	S, F

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In	Out				
			Con't	Roberta, Pfc, 2082730. 6. Patrol was proceeding along route when woman 100 meters away spotted patrol and started to run. Warning shots failed to halt her and patrol shot her. Woman helo-evac'd to USOM Hospital in DaNang. 7. Capt. J. Hart, CO, Company "D", 1/9. 8. None.	
1715		12	131715H	RWD1/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S
1850		13	131850H	Rosemont F/RW. Received 1 or 2 rounds of small arms fire at (BT 056640). At coordinates (BT 047713) saw 8 people on water buffaloes. All other coordinates, nothing unusual.	S, F
1930		14	131930H	PS3/RW. Your inquiry on use of RSC S, F unit as cover for downed helo during HARVEST MOON, approved.	
2010			Wire	Perimeter/I3. 1st position to the right of OP west heard bushes cracking and rustling in valley. Threw grenade but it didn't explode. Comment EOD will be notified in the morning.	
2120			Wire	Positions on southwest corner of perimeter received 2 incoming rounds.	
2125			Wire	Perimeter reported approximately 10 figures moving from pagoda towards Smokeroom "B".	
2155			Wire	Perimeter reported incoming rounds, muzzle flash seen at pagoda.	
2200			Wire	106mm RR moved up to LP position. Fired 1 spotting round on pagoda.	
2200			Wire	Smokeroom "B" 25 reports observing 4 stationary lights at (BT 053724). Comment Lights are not in our area.	
2230			Comment	OP West took a boat in river under fire.	
	2240		Wire	I3/S3. At 2120H, position on southwest corner of perimeter received 2 incoming small arms rounds and requested illum. Perimeter then spotted approximately 10 figures moving north and fired with unknown results. At 2155, perimeter reported muzzle flashes from vicinity of a shrine about 250 meters west of perimeter. Area was searched with sniper scope, but no target was sighted. At 2230, OP took a boat under fire at (BT 064708), fire had under-	

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			Cont	terminated results. This report is complete up to 2240.	
2315		26	132315H	PS/RW. 1. Effective immediately, Bc S, F prepared to load onto helos 1 platoon of RVC within 30 minutes of order to execute. 2. Load zone will be MMAF. 3. If committed, will be south of Hill 22, GS (BT 0806) or Hill 41, GS (BT 0806). Mission will be to cut off VC withdrawal. If platoon is committed, have another one ready to follow within 30 minutes.	
				SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 130001H to 132400H Dec 1965.	
				A patrol from the 3rd platoon, Company "B" received 40 rounds of semi-automatic and automatic fire at 130830H from (BT 08367) while located at (BT 081657). The patrol returned fire with S/A and 3.5 rounds, but the VC immediately broke contact and fled.	
				At 130900H a patrol from the 2nd platoon, Company "B" observed 4 VC moving southeast at (BT 088658) while located at (BT 090661) and took them under fire, apparently wounding 1. The patrol moved to the area and found marks indicating a person had been dragged away, but were unable to regain contact with the VC.	
				An 18 year old Viet female was killed by a Company "D" patrol at (BT 044685) at 130915H after she attempted to flee from the patrol and ignored warning shots.	
				1 VC, armed with Chicom frag grenades, was killed by a Company "D" patrol at (BT 035675) at 131315H when he fled from the patrol and ignored warning shots.	
				At 131650H a Company "D" patrol apprehended 6 small boys at (BT 046686) making foot traps. The patrol released all but the 2 oldest who were about 11 years old.	
				At 132120H the southwest corner of the perimeter reported 2 incoming rounds and at	

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0001			140001H	Journal Opened.	S
	0905		Wire	I3/IC. Platoon (-) patrol. 2 LVT's are available. Check along both sides of river between (BT 059719) and (BT 055703). Make thorough search of rice paddy area west of river to next small river. Check dike area thoroughly. Look for sunken boats, VC casualties, etc. Provide time frame for I3. Coordinate with LVT's.	S
	0935		Wire	I3/IC & Roseann 3. Request to provide security in event of downed helo during HARVEST MOON is approved.	S, F
0945		9	140945H	PS/RW. 1. 30 minute standby for platoon is secured. 2. Be prepared to assume same status tonight if directed.	S, F, S3
0945		10	Wire	IB/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
	1015		Wire	I3/Zulu operator relay to IC. Int. your ability to reorganize to provide 1 (rein) platoon on 30 minute standby to heli-lift to west. Request answer ASAP as IA cannot adequately provide. Consider local patrol/ambushes as not interfering with your ability to react in 30 minutes.	S, F
	1315		Wire	I3/IA. Be prepared, on order early 16 Dec. to provide 1 reinforced squad to man French bunker at (BT 083697). Plan to put 2 AT's there in support. 60mm mortars may be taken if desired by A6. Reason. RWB will conduct operation for 3 days in horseshoe.	S
1405		13	141405H	RWD/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1445		16	Wire	ID/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F
				SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 140001H to 142400H Dec 1965.	
				At 140215H MCB-8 reported observing 1 boat moving south on the river at (BT 062718) and stopping on the east bank and an undetermined number of people disembarked at (BT 063716). The area was taken under fire by tanks and illum provided by artillery and 81 mortars. Under the illum 2 boats were seen and sunk.	

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at (BT 062716) by 90mm HE. At 140320H a boat, moored at (BT 062717), was fired on with unknown results and 2 boats were sunk by tanks at (BT 063714).

At 140830H 3 civilians, who claimed to have been wounded by artillery, were evacuated by helo from the 2nd platoon, Company "B" CP (BT 095668) to the USOM Hospital.

At 141030H a young girl, apparently, wounded by a booby trap, was evacuated from the Company "D" CP (BT 047667) by helo to the USOM Hospital.

At 141350H 2 boys with severe frag wounds were also evacuated to USOM Hospital.

The 3rd platoon, Company "D" discovered and destroyed in place at 141300H, a Chicom frag grenade in the vicinity of (BT 044658).

There was intermittent small arms fire on the western side of the 1/9 CP throughout the night with no casualties on the Marine's side and unknown for the VC.

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In	Out				S-St. T-File M-Maps T-Trees
0001			150001H	Journal Opened.	S
0730		15	150730H	RWB2/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1505		20	151505	RWDP2/RW. SPOTREP	S, F, S3
1750			Wire	S3/I3. At 160730H R7 will relieve Stakeout detail located at White Elephant. Detail will consist of 13 men plus 1 NCO. Will report to Harbor Security Officer. Detail to last 15 days, will probably be reduced to 7 men in about a week.	S, F
1755			Wire	S3/I3. Within next 2 weeks will withdraw 2 LVTE-1's from Marble Mt. for about 4 days for training. Will advise which date as soon as established.	S
				SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 150001H to 152400H Dec 1965.	
				At 150730H a squad patrol from Company "B" observed 1 VC with weapon vicinity (BT 112652) and the point opened fire on him. An estimated VC platoon returned fire from a trench on high ground vicinity (BT 112649) wounding 1 Marine (medevaced). A tank was dispatched immediately to assist the patrol which then assaulted the hill. Contact was broken and the VC were believed to have fled south and southeast towards the beach. Patrol proceeded to destroy five bunkers vicinity (BT 112649).	
				At 151030H a combat patrol from Company "D" was fired upon by 2 VC from temple located vicinity (BT 038658). While 1 fire team (-) laid down a base of fire, a fire team (-) was sent through a tree line to close with the enemy. Enemy SA and 1 automatic weapon again fired upon the patrol. When the fire team emerged from the tree line an AP mine was detonated wounding all 3 members of the fire team. A squad was dispatched from the 1st platoon's PPB to assist the patrol in securing the area.	

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In	Out				
0001	0840		160001H Wire	Journal Opened. I3/S3. A total of 30 Vietnamese have been assigned to duty at the pagoda near MCB-9, plus 2 Viet officers. The total enlisted includes 20 RF's and 10 PF's. 3 Marines of Company "C" have been assigned as liaison personnel. Unit CP is in temple. They have been assigned a patrol area bounded by coordinates (BT 064720) to (BT 059718) to (BT 049737) to (BT 055740). Patrol mem- bers of the detail will conduct activities in the village complex located within the patrol area. Additionally, the unit mans the perimeter position between MCB-9 and the hospital site. These details were worked out with Capt. HOA (HOA VANG District) on 25 Dec. Coordination of patrols will be accomplished by 1/9. OpCon not yet deter- mined, but 1/9 will assume unless otherwise told. EE-8 telephone installed on 15 Dec. at RF CP.	S
1425		24	161425H	RWB/RW. SPOTREP.	S, E, S3
1450		25	161450H	RWB/RW. SPOTREP.	S, E, S3
				SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 160001H to 162400H Dec 1965	
				At 160600H, RWB commenced a four-day search and destroy operation in the "Horse- shoe Area" with slight enemy contact.	
				At 160730H, RWB2 reported 1 incoming 81mm mortar round at (BT 112646), no casualties.	
				At 161030H, 2 VC, with packs and 1 weapon, were sighted at (BT 117637) fleeing in a southwesterly direction at a distance of 700 meters. They were taken under fire with neg- ative results.	
				RWB continues its mission, destroying bunkers and barricades, and searching for VC.	
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0001			170001H	Journal Opened.	S
0755		14	170755H	RWB/RW. Moving to LOD. Block force is in position.	S, F
	0800	15	170800H	RW/PS. SITREP, at 170705H RWB (-), reinforced departed Company base and is now in process of deploying on LOD between (BT 096633) and (BT 101635). RWB3 (Rein) is occupying blocking position (BT 094644) and (BT 092636). Negative enemy contact last night and negative enemy contact as of 170800H.	S, F
0909		18	170909H	RWB5/RW. RWB approximately 300 meters south of LOD. Negative contact at this time. Blowing several bunkers and tunnels.	S, F
0943		19	170943H	RWB2/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F
1020		21	171020H	RWB5/RW. RWB present location is (BT 103628). Receiving slight sniper fire east of RWB. Negative casualties at this time.	S, F
	1130	23	171130H	RW3/PS3. SITREP for RWB. At approximately 170830H RWB3 killed 1 VC and wounded 1 VC vicinity (BT 095641) while in block positions. VC WIA escaped with weapons. At 170945H elements of RWB2 vicinity (BT 115635) detonated some type of mine. 4 USMC WIA medevaced at 171000H. RWB (-) continues operations at 1020H. RWB CP located at (BT 103628) (mobile) and light sniper fire was received from the east. Villagers reported there were 100 VC in Horseshoe this morning. Complete SPOTREP will follow.	S, F
	1136	24	171136H	RW3/PS3. Water level vicinity of river block creating untenable situation for elements RWB. Delay in withdrawing unit last time created many problems with 8 LVT's becoming mired. In view of projected weather forecast, RW6 desires to withdraw prior to dark.	S, F
1145		26	171145H	RWB5/RW. Present location is (BT 109632). Negative contact since last SITREP.	S, F
1150		27	171150H	PS/RW6. Your 171036H. 1. Withdraw RWB element from river prior to dark today.	S, F

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In	Out				
	1220		Con't Wire	2. Report completion of move. I3/ID6. Withdraw RWD elements at river block today. If required, I4 may be able to provide tracked vehicles on priority basis. Advise when completed.	S, F
2140	2100	43	172100H	RW3/PS3. RWD2 withdrawn from vicinity of river block at approximately 1730H. Loss of comm caused delay in reporting. New D2 PFB is (BT 038667). All patrols remain the same except IP changed to above coordinates.	S, F
2200	2120	46	172120H	RW3/RWB. Be advised that RWD will be conducting extensive patrols 500 meters west of grid line (BT 07) and between grid lines (BT 64) and (BT 67) for period 17 and 18 Dec.	S, F
2155		48	172155H	RWB/Rw. SPOTREP.	S, F
2200	2207	49	172207H	RW3/RWB. Have received your request for PREFs for period 180600H to 180630H. Int. you entering phase IV 24 hours early.	S, F
2203	2223	51	172223H	RW3/PS. RWB will enter phase IV of current operations at 180600H.	S, F
				SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 170001H to 172400H Dec 1965	
				Company "B" continued its search and de- stroy operation in the horseshoe area and reported encountering light enemy resistance. The 3rd platoon, blocking at (BT 095636), killed 1 VC and wounded another at 170845H. A 3rd VC escaped with the WIA and took the weapon belonging to the KIA.	
				At 170930H 4 men from the 2nd platoon, Company "B" were wounded by a booby trap detonated at (BT 115635) and were evaced by helicopter to C&C.	
				At 171040H the Company "B" CP group killed 1 VC at (BT 103628) and throughout the entire operation destroyed numerous bunkers, forti- fications and booby traps.	
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In	Out				File
0001			180001H	Journal Opened.	S
0820		12	180820H	RWB/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F
1200		13	Wire	ID/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F
1245		16	Wire	ID/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1250		17	Wire	ID/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1255		18	Wire	ID/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1320		19	Wire	ID/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1835		24	181835H	PS/RW. 1. Warehouse command group and Parkgreen "E" and "G" have returned from operation HARVEST MOON. 2. Warehouse command group returned at 181700H and assumed OpCon of Warehouse unit relief of Parkgreen at that time. Warehouse resumed responsibility for assigned area also at 181700H. 3. Parkgreen "E" and "G" closed at 181630H. 4. Parkgreen "H" remains under OpCon Task Force "D".	S, F
1836		25	181836H	PS/RW. Period 19-25 Dec.--All units 75% alert. Emphasis on ambushes.	S, F
	1950	31	181950H	RW3/RWB. Commencing 191900H, all units and perimeters on 75% alert, place emphasis on ambushes.	S, F
2020		34	182020H	RWB/RW. RWB received 200 rounds automatic and semi-automatic fire from 3 directions. north, south, and west. At least 1 automatic weapon. 8-10 VC.	S, F, S3
2225		39	182225H	RWB/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
2300			Wire	S3/I3. Commencing 20 Dec., ARVN will conduct 4 day operation in area bounded by following coordinates: (BT 042621), (BT 093648), (BT 074556), and (BT 110570).	S
				SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 180001H to 182400H Dec 1965.	
				At 180700H the 3rd platoon, Company "D" set in as blocking position along a stream-bed at (BT 053649) and observed VC flee from a house at the sound of the tanks attached to the sweeping force. The men were taken under fire and 1 was killed and 2 captured.	

A patrol from Company "B" reported receiving
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In	Out				S S-3 F-File H-File I-T
0001			190001H	Journal Opened.	S
	1220	19	191220H	RW3/PS3. Subj PF Report. Ref. S, F (a) III MAF OP Order 305.66 (not held by 1/9). 1. Following report submitted in accordance with Ref. (a). a. Location: HOA LONG Village Headquarters (BT 072707). b. Mission: Security of village officials and headquarters, bridge checkpoint, and school house at NUI KIM SON. c. Commander's name is Sgt. TRA. d. Strength: 8. e. Weapons: 1. 3 Thompsons, 3 carbines, and 2 M-1's. 2. Condition: Good. f. Uniform Requirements: Need 1 more uniform per man, only have 1 per man.	S, F
	1355		Wire	I3/IC. Insure that all patrols working north of MMAF are coordinated with 5th Comm Battalion.	S
	1530		Wire	I3/S3. Corrected coordinates of S CAU DAI pagoda are (BT 057738).	S
1540			Wire	ID6/I3. Now heading north at (BT 140580). No enemy contact.	S
1725		22	191725H	RWD1/RW. SPOTREP.	S
1950			Wire	S3/I3. On 16 Dec. ARVN began daily 24 hour patrol of river from (BT 0470) to (BT 0479), using 3 motor boats each having 3 PF's and 1 National police. Comm with DaNang Garrison.	S
	2045	27	192045H	RW3/RWB6. ARVN sweep postponed at least 1 day. U.S. advisors will make liaison with this CP tomorrow. We will advise.	S, F
2158		29	192158H	RWB/RW. SPOTREP.	S, E, S3
				SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 190001H to 192400H Dec 1965	
				The 2nd and 3rd platoons, Company "D", reinforced with 4 tanks and 2 LVT's made a deep reconnaissance south of the TAOR between 191000H and 191600H. The	

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In	Out				
			Con't	southernmost point was (BT 140577). The only enemy contact occurred at (BT 074623) when 2 VC armed with semi-automatic carbines, fired 10 rounds at the patrol. About 400 rounds of 7.62 and 3 M-79 rounds were returned. The VC broke contact and the area was searched, but with negative results. At 191500H, as the 1st platoon, Company "D" entered a village at (BT 041675), 3 VCS ran from the area and escaped. In the village 2 VC flags and 2 National Liberation Front signs were found and 1 VCS was apprehended. The Company "B" CP received an estimated 20 rounds of small arms fire at 192045H from 1 or 2 VC located to the south of the CP. Small arms and 3 90mm canister rounds were returned and it is believed that 1 VC was killed.	
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In	Out				
0001	0906	14	200001H 200906H	Journal Opened. RW3/RWB. Police leader VINH of of HOA VANG will arrive your CP via LVT this AM. He will guide you to estimated 2000 pounds of VC rice buried at (BT 085683). Use LVT's for search and if possible recover cache. Police leader will return with LVT's.	S
1015		16	201015H	RWB/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1206		21	201206H	RWB/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1550	1550	25	201550H	RW3/PS3. 11 PF's in MY THI from 201000H to 201500H. Searched area with no significant results. In- vestigation of truck reportedly being loaded with mortar ammo at 201230H proved nothing significant. Have no knowledge of above. Advise source of scuttle butt be checked.	S, F
1630		27	201630H	Engineer LNO/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F
1630		28	201630H	Engineer LNO/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F
1630		29	201630H	Engineer LNO/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F
1927		33	201927H	RWB/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F
				SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 200001H to 202400H Dec 1965.	
				An ambush from Company "B", moving into position at 200645H in the vicinity of (BT 081660), observed 2 VCS moving south along a trail approximately 200 meters away from them. It is be- lieved that they had landed by boat at (BT 081664). When the patrol attempted to apprehend the VCS, 1 es- caped. The man who was captured wore a gray uniform and twice attempted to discard his shirt. The POW was sent to ITT.	
				At 200900H, as a Company "B" patrol entered a village at (BT 085665), 1 VCS observed the patrol, shouted a warning	

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In	Out				
			Con't	to the rest of the village and then attempted to flee to the north. The man was apprehended and the patrol confiscated a VC flag and banner which was found near the village. The VCS was sent to HOA VANG District Headquarters. Between 201500H and 201800H a patrol from Company "B" encountered sporadic small arms fire, including 18.30 caliber machine gun at (BT 095627) and in GS's (BT 0865, 0864, 0863, 0963, and 0962). The patrol was reinforced and continued along its route. 2 VC were seen to fall and was believed killed at (BT 095627) but the area was not searched. Engineers attached to the battalion discovered a wooden shaped charge filled with TNT and armed with a pull-release type firing device buried in the road at (BT 071700) at 200815H. It was brought in to S-2 for evaluation. At 200830H engineers discovered a VC flag and banner strung between 2 poles and booby trapped at (BT 070694). The frag grenade booby trap was blown in place and the flag and banner was brought to the Battalion CP. At 200930H engineers located a 100 time fuze buried in the road at (BT 083697). The fuze was brought in for evaluation. At 202200H a Company "A" ambush fired on 1 VCS at (BT 063714) from a distance of 45 meters. The man escaped and was believed to have not been hit.	
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In	Out				S-File M-File T-File
0001			210001H	Journal Opened.	S
	0200	5	210200H	RWB/PS3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1035		14	211035H	RWB/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1305			Wire	ID/I3. LVT's stuck at (BT 032648).	S, F
				Request additional LVT's to pull them out. Comment: Notified Dream.	
1659		24	211659H	RWB3/RW. Be advised 4 LVT's stuck at (BT 032648). 1 LVT still free.	S, F
2040		31	212040H	RWD/RW. RWD is pulling RWD1 in for reactionary force for stuck LVT's. LVT will be in position at previously given coordinates (BT 047646).	S, F
2045		32	212045H	RWA/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
2100		34	212100H	RWA/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
2120		35	212120H	RWA/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
	2125	36	212125H	RWB3/RWB & D. Frag Order. Ref ARVN operations for 22-23 Dec. Battalions of ARVN's will cross LOD vicinity (BT 081585) at 220400H and will move north between SONG VINH DIEN and GL (BT 08). LOA for 22 Dec will be GL (BT 63). RWD provide 2 platoons (rein) with 4 LVT's and 2 tanks to provide block from (BT 056634) northeast to (BT 079639) by 220900. Link-up with ARVN at (BT 054639). RWD will establish PPB's in this general area night of 22 Dec. RWD will utilize present tanks and LVT's. RWB provide 1 platoon for mobile block between (BT 087642) southeast to (BT 098620) from 220800H until 221800H. 2 tanks and 2 LVT's will link-up with RWB platoon at (BT 087657) at 220730H and will approach from northwest. On 23 Dec, RWD will move to north at time to be designated. ARVN will move north on 23 to vicinity (BT 032647) and then west on bridge to be constructed. NFL is GL (BT 09) south to (BT 62) and east to (BT 11). Control by Antenna Whip 46 on (47.5). Participating	S, F

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In	Out				
			Con't.	elements guard this net and maintain positive comm with company CP's.	
				Request SITREPS hourly commencing 0700H.	
2235		38	212235H	RWA/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, SB
2300	2300	40	212300H	RW3/RWD. Ref. status of LVT's.	S, F
				Unable to provide more. Recommend making maximum effort to get them freed and if unable, proceed by foot leaving necessary security for LVT's.	
				Will plan on LVT joining you ASAP.	
2355	2355	45	212355H	RW3/RWB. You will get 2 tanks and 2 LVT's. You will rally at (BT 087657) at 220730H.	S, F
				SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 210001H to 212400H Dec 1965	
				At 210130H the Battalion CP's eastern perimeter received about 5 rounds of sniper fire with no casualties. Fire was returned with unknown results.	
				A total of 3 VCS were apprehended by a Company "B" patrol, B20P2, at 210800H in the vicinity of VIEM DONG (BT 094655) and they will be sent to S-2 on the first available transportation.	
				A patrol from the 3rd platoon, Company "D" received 2 rounds of sniper fire at 211115H from 150 meters while at (BT 064652). The patrol returned fire and pursued with negative results.	
				A patrol from the 3rd platoon, Company "B" discovered a VC flag and banner at 211545H on a bridge at (BT 078674) and a large store of medical supplies in a house at 211630H in the vicinity of (BT 077659). A man in the house was apprehended as a VCS.	
				A patrol from the 3rd platoon, Company "A" received 4 rounds of B/A fire and 1 grenade, causing 1 minor WIA.	

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In	Out				Tax S- F-File H-Maps -Troop
			Con't	From an unknown number of VC at 212020H located at (BT 072698). The VC fled with unknown casualties when the patrol returned fire. The 3rd platoon CP (BT 071701) received 2 rounds of sniper fire from (BT 070699) at 212045H. The sniper's position could not be located and fire was not returned. A patrol searched the area, but with negative results. Elements of the platoon, located at the French bunker, (BT 083697), observed 3 individuals moving at (BT 082693) at 212100H and took them under fire with unknown results.	
				A Company "A" ambush, located at (BT 080713) received 3 rounds of sniper fire from (BT 077713) at 212235H and, as it moved into the area, 3 more rounds from (BT 076714). At this time the patrol began to receive friendly fire and fired a green star cluster and returned to the CP.	
				At 212245H a Company "A" ambush located at (BT 063713) observed 1 VC at (BT 063714) and took him under fire and pursued him but with negative results.	
2400			212400H	Journal Closed.	S

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In	Out				
0001			220001H	Journal Opened.	S
0835		14	220835H	RWB/RW. Be advised 2 LVT's and 1 tank are at RWB CP. RWB6 directed to B3 CP. About 100-150 meters from our CP tank hit a mine. No casualties.	S, F
				Estimation of damage to follow.	
0923		15	220923H	RWD1/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
0945		17	220945H	RWB/RW. Sharpshooter 23 hit mine at (BT 085658). Sharpshooter 25 hit mine at (BT 090657).	S, F
0950			220950H	RW/PS. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1145	1145	21	221145H	RW/RS. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1325	1325	25	221325	Antenna Whip 40/RW. We will not need the bridge you planned to build tomorrow morning. Operation will terminate this afternoon due to change in plans.	S, F, S3
	1405	29	Wire	I3/S3. SPOTREP.	S, F
	1423	30	221423H	RW/RWD. Details of RWC and RWD Relief. Times of following actions are dependent on RWD status. Request RWD advise RW3 of estimated time ASAP. Relief will be contact at RWD position. 5 LVT's assigned to RWC effective 230800H. 1st platoon to return to this location will locate at MMAF for night of 23 Dec. only and will be relieved by RWA on 24 Dec. Remainder of RWD will locate at Bn. CP night of 23 Dec. On 24 Dec. RWD will relieve RWA of French bunker, bridge OP, and Fort. Responsibilities on night of 23 Dec. for RWD as follows: 2 squad patrols in Bn. CP area and 2 squad patrols from MMAF platoon. One platoon as reactionary on 10 minutes alert. RW10 and RW4 will issue separate instructions.	S, F
	1435	31	221435H	RW/RWD6. Understand ARVN will depart present positions before 221900. you submit planned relocation at earliest time.	S

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In	Out				
1535		32	221535H	RWD/RW. ARVN platoon was clear of area of operation at 221300H.	S, F
1603		35	221603H	RWD/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1830		45	Wire	ID/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
	2000	47	Wire	I3/S3. SPOTREP.	S, F
2020		50	222020H	RWB1/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F
SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 220001H to 222400H Dec 1965.					
Elements of the 1st platoon, Company "D", occupying a blocking position for the ARVN operation at (BT 056637), killed 1 VC as he attempted to flee the area at 220800H. While proceeding to rendezvous with the 3rd platoon, Company "B", to set up a block for the ARVN operation, 2 tanks sustained light damage when they detonated a mine at (BT 087658) and (BT 085658) at 220930H. Both vehicles were repaired on the spot. At 221145H a LVT returning from a recon of the SONG VIHN DIEN struck a mine at (BT 048658) and suffered minor damage. 6 105mm HE rounds, fired by an ARVN battery in support of the ARVN operation, impacted 200 meters north of the NFL at (BT 065632) at 221300H, causing 2 serious casualties among Company "D" blocking force. At 221300H the Company "D" blocking force captured 1 VCS WIA at (BT 072634) as he attempted to flee from the area and at 221445H wounded and captured 1 VC at (BT 064624) and captured another VC WIA and 9 VCS, all of whom were attempting to evade the blocking force. 1 Marine was wounded and evacuated to BAS when Company "D" received 2 sniper rounds from (BT 058632) while located					

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In	Out				S-Staff F-File M-Maps T-Process
0001			230001H	Journal Opened.	S
1620		27	230620H	RWB/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
	1805		Wire	I3/IC6. Be advised ferry is down and tanks are on the other side. They will arrive your CP during the night. Exact time unknown. In event of a crisis use tank with Wagonmaster "D".	S, F
1950		33	Wire	IC/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F
2211		44	Wire	IA/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
2300		47	232300H	RWD/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
2400			232400H	Journal Closed.	8
SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 230001H to 232400H Dec 1965					
At 231540H the 2nd platoon, Company "B" received 1 round of sniper fire from (BT 112632). The enemy position was located and the patrol, which was about 200 meters west, returned fire and the VC was seen to fall as though hit, but he managed to evade capture. During the search of the area the patrol apprehended 1 15 year old male. At 231800H an ambush from the 2nd platoon, located at (BT 121630), received about 80 rounds of S/A fire from 10 VC entrenched in a woodline at (BT 122630). The VC were well-organized, using whistle signals and voice commands for fire control. The ambush returned 250 rounds of S/A, 6 rounds of 40mm M-79, and 22 rounds of 105mm HE causing the VC to withdraw and disperse. The area was searched, but no signs of enemy casualties were discovered.					
A patrol from the 2nd platoon, Company "C" received 3 rounds of S/A at 231645H from (BT 036686) and 2 rounds of S/A from (BT 035686). The patrol returned fire and attempted to encircle the VC, who immediately fled the area. The patrol found 3 expended 7.62mm caliber					

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0001			240001H	Journal Opened.	S
0745		21	240745H	30th Naval Construction Regt./RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
0850		25	240850H	RWB2/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
0900		26	240900H	RWB23A1/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
0935		27	240935H	RWB2/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
	1000		Wire	I3/IA, D, 34, Bridge, 21. Commencing with General Walt's visit to 1/9 at 1110H today, and continuing through the 1st of the year, we can expect visits of VIP's on short notice or unannounced. I6 desires that a maximum effort be made to observe regulations and military courtesy. Maintain good state of police of area at all times. Bridge and 34 enforce all regulations concerning personnel in HOA HAI Village.	S, F
1035		29	241035H	RWC1/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1430		33	241430H	Today "C"/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F
	1450		Wire	I3/IA, D, 34, Pagoda, Smokeroom "B", LVT's, and AT's. A general cease fire will be observed by US Forces from 241800H to 252400H. Do not undertake any offensive actions. Do not repeat, do not conduct ambushes. Fire only if fired upon. Report immediately to Battalion S-3 any incidents of firing by either VC or US, or enemy movement, using flash precedence. Conduct OP's, recon patrols, and IP's only. Continue 75% perimeter alert during hours of darkness. Ensure all hands are notified prior to 241800H. IA and ID cancel all scheduled ambushes for period of cease fire. Patrols presently scheduled are redesignated as recon patrols.	S, F
1450			Wire	S3/I3. General Walt will be at your CP in 25 minutes.	S, F
1700		36	241700H	PS/RW. Notify PS by immediate message prior to 241800H when all hands have been notified of contents	S, F

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			Con't	in Ref. A	
	1750	37	241750H	RW/PS. Ref. your 241700H. All hands have been notified.	S, F
	2145		Wire	I3/IB, C, 34, Waterpoint, D3A, "D" Btry., and Smokerroom "B". Do not respond to minor provocations or harassment so long as they do not pose threat to CP.	S, F
				SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 240001H to 242400H Dec 1965.	
				At 232300H a sentry at the 30th Naval Construction Regiment (BT 056827) observed a VC moving along the shore line and took him under fire. The VC fled and when the area was searched a M-26 frag grenade was found.	
				A Company "B" ambush, located at (BT 093662), fired on and sunk a boat containing 2 men at 232100H. An investigation at dawn revealed many blood stains in the area. At 240730H the 2nd platoon observed 12 VC in the vicinity of (BT 121631) and immediately set up a base of fire and attacked killing 1 VC and capturing another armed with a Chicom carbine and cartridge belt. At 240900H the platoon observed 4 more VC moving in the vicinity of (BT 108638) and took them under fire, wounding at least 1. Pursuit was not possible due to the flooded paddies.	
				A patrol from the 1st platoon, Company "C" received 2 rounds of S/A fire at 241015H from 300 meters to the northeast while located at (BT 053653). The patrol returned fire and investigated the area but with negative results.	
				Engineers attached to the Battalion located a foreign AT mine of an unknown type at 241130H while clearing a road at (BT 068687).	

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In	Out				
0001			250001H	Journal Opened.	S
1540			Wire	IA/I3. Temple reports 100 people visiting temple. 1 of the Viet identified himself as priest of Saigon. People are causing no trouble.	S, F
1555		24	251555H	RWC2B/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F
	1717	25	251717H	RW3/PS3. RWG had an additional 2 WIA's. Both serious at approximately 251600H. Both medevaced to C&C. Incident occurred vicinity (BT 046663). SPOTREP to follow.	S, F
1750		28	251750H	PS/RW. A. Division Message 240330H. B. My 241355H. 1. General cease fire has been extended until further notice. Cease fire arrangements and regulations are the same and will remain in effect until further notice. 2. Ref. A. and B continued.	S, F
	1750		Wire	I3/All Units. Cease fire has been extended until further notice. Cease fire arrangements and regulations are the same and will remain in effect until further notice. Change all ambushes to either LP's or security patrols. Cancel all sniper activities.	S, F
1755		29	251755H	RWB/RW. 0730H to 0800H removed company defensive mines. 1100H to 1220H went back to Battalion area for medical treatment. 1800H to 1830H installed company defensive mines.	S, F
1820		35	Wire 20H	IC/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1835		36	251835H	RWB/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
	1919	37	251919H	RW3/RWB, C. & D3. (LI- IA, B, C, D, 34, and Bridge). Guidelines as follows as long as cease fire remains in effect. Within 500 meters of defensive perimeters take any measures necessary to provide needed security. Within assigned sectors of TAOR, conduct only LP's and recon. (BT 046663) (BT 046663)	S, F

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In	Out				
			Con't	only if fired upon. If fired upon, take any necessary offensive action to include use of all available supporting arms. At no time will the life or well being of any Marine be endangered by and restrictions of the cease fire.	
2115			Wire	S3/I3. FROSTCALL -- Road Condition S, Alfa.	
				SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 250001H to 252400H Dec 1965.	
				At 251535H a Company "C" patrol was fired on by 3 VC at (BT 047660), slightly wounding 1 Marine. The VC fled when the patrol returned fire. The 2nd platoon, Company "C" had 2 serious WIA's, who were medevaced to C&C, at 251010H when an unknown number of VC attacked a patrol at (BT 047663). The VC broke contact when fire was returned.	
				At 251730H the 2nd platoon was engaged by an unknown number of VC at (BT 045659). After a brief firefight the VC fled, suffering 1 VCC WIA and 2 probable KIA. There were no friendly losses.	
				At 251825H a Company "B" patrol operating at (BT 093642) was fired on by 3 VC located at (BT 092644). The VC broke contact when the patrol returned fire.	
				The CG, 3rd MARDIV visited the 1/9 CP at 251700H and Christmas services were conducted for all hands in the Battalion.	
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In	Out				
0001			260001H	Journal Opened.	S
0055		1	260055H	PS/RW. Concerning Special Situation. S	F
				This does not restrict application of force against source of hostile fire in connection with my earlier message.	
0843		9	260843H	PS/RW. Resume offensive action. S, F	
				Message to follow.	
	0850	10	260850H	RW/RWB & C. Cease fire has ended. S, F	
				Resume normal activities.	
	0900	11	260900H	RW/RWB & C. On all future supply runs, commence return of all extra equipment, including tentage. By 011800H only equipment to be retained will be a field marching pack by all hands. Reason for this is prestaging of all companies' equipment and personal belongings at new location prior to 050600H. Details will be coordinated with each companies' rear echelon.	
1115		17	261115H	RWC2/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F
1230		20	261230H	IC/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F
1300		21	261300H	RWC2/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F
	1330	22	261330H	RW/RWC. Ref. your SPOTREP 261210H. Lane F. Int. type of S/A and how destroyed? Also were huts occupied or deserted? Did the 3 VCS in your 261130H SPOTREP have any thing to do with above incident?	S, F
1336		23	261336H	RWC/RW. Ammo destroyed by fire. Appeared to be 32 calibre.	S, F
1415		24	261415H	RWB/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
	1549	28	261549H	RWB1/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F
2130		32	262130H	RWB/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
2145		33	262145H	RWC2/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F
2154		41	262154H	PS/ RW. Require following action tomorrow in support of Parkgreen and Warehouse coordinated operations.	S, F
				a. Diversion activity by RWC from 270400H to 270700H in area bounded by (BT 032649), (BT 039667), and (BT 047753). b. Keep one company (-) 1 platoon available as emergency	

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In	Out				
			Con't	reserve to commit on short notice. OK to use RWA for this. Stand by period will be 270630H to 271700H. c. Objective area is bounded by (AT 990642), (BT 132642), (BT 041621), and (AT 974612).	
	2255		Wire	RW/RWC. Require following action S, F tomorrow in support of Parkgreen and Warehouse of diversion activity by RWC from 270400H to 270700H in area bounded by (BT 032649), (BT 039667), and (BT 047653). Advise take tanks and execute combat patrol.	
				SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 260001H to 262400H Dec 1965	
				The 1st platoon, Company "B" reported receiving sporadic S/A fire from the vicinity of (BT 095644) while located at (BT 093642) from an estimated 2 or 3 VC and at 261345H had 1 WIA. Fire was re- turned and the area searched, but with negative results. At 261445H the 1st platoon, while located at (BT 093642), received fire from 9 VC at (BT 101642) and 5 VC at (BT 103644) wounding 3 Marines. After a brief firefight the VC withdrew and 81mm HE was fired with unobserved results, along their line of retreat. A search of the area resulted in the capture of 3 VCS and discovering of a small boy with gunshot wounds who will be evacuated to a hospital.	
				At 262125H a Vietnamese child, badly burned in an unknown fire, was medevaced by helicopter with its mother from the Company "B" CP (BT 098658).	
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In	Out				S-Staff F-File M-Maps T-Troops
0001			270001H	Journal Opened.	S
	0925	24	270925H	RW/RWB & C. Each company will send 6 liaison personnel to counter-part company at Da Nang Airfield prior to 3 Jan 1966. Send as many as possible who have been on airfield before. RWB - Polish "K". RWC - Polish "I".	S, F
1224		28	271224H	RWD3/RW. MedEvac completed.	S, F
1225		29	271225H	RWD26P4/RW. We did not leave area because of medevac but we are leaving IP now.	S, F
1225		30	Wire	IC26P22/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1230		31	Wire	IC26P22/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1240		32	271240H	Slaveborn "B"/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1400			Wire	I3/IC. At 280500H, 2nd Co., 11th Ranger Bn, will conduct search and destroy operations from south to north from (BT 035662) to LOA vicinity BINH KY (1). IC provide mobile block with 1 platoon and tanks from (BT 042673) to (BT 057698) oriented west. IC unit designated come up on regimental TAC and contact Senator Liaison. Estimated time of finish is 281500H. Inform this station today of unit involved.	S, F
	1507	37	271507H	RW6/RWB6 & C6. Effective immediately. All PPB's will be relocated as necessary to comply with following south limits of activity. RWB GL (BT 64). RWC GL (BT 66). Desire you to increase size of patrols and give attention to areas north of present company base. RW2 has new intelligence info on your areas. To be sent ASAP. Advise RW3 of changes to present patrols and other plans ASAP.	S, F
	1535	40	Wire	I3/S3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
	1730	42	Wire	I3/S3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1950		47	Wire	Smokerroom "B"/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3

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In	Out				
				SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 270001H to 272400H Dec 1965	
				At 271025H a patrol from Company "C" RWC26P22, apprehended 2 VCS at (BT 052667) and 2 VCS at (BT 064665). All 4 were sent to HOA VANG District Headquarters as suspicious persons.	
				1 Marine from Company "B", 3rd Amtrack Bn was fatally wounded at 271200H when a resupply convoy proceeding to the Company "B" CP received 10 rounds of S/A fire from (BT 096679).	
				At 271245H a Company "B" patrol received a heavy volume of fire from an estimated 70 VC at (BT 084629) resulting in 2 KIA and 5 WIA, all of whom were medevaced. The patrol made contact with the CP and reinforcements were immediately dispatched. 2 tanks, 2 ontos, and 1 squad arrived and immediately engaged the VC. A combination of infantry, tracked vehicles, air support, and artillery resulted in 41 VC KIA and an unknown number of VC WIA.	
				At 271945H a tank enroute to the Company "B" CP detonated a fragmentation grenade mine at (BT 102668) causing no damage or casualties.	
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In	Out				S-Staff F-File M-Maps T-Troops
0001			280001H	Journal Opened.	S
	0445	11	280445H	RW3/RWB6. We now have CMC interest on major action of 27 Dec. Requirement now exists for complete and detailed after action report to include eye-witness statements. RW5 spoke to WIA's yesterday and they estimated in excess of 40 VC. PS presently has following breakdown of VC KIA. Total - 41. Body count is 31 by RW3 (15 by B3 and 16 by tanks and ontos). 9 KBA (med-evac escort and Hueys). 1 by arty confirmed by AO plus 7 probables by AO. Arty fired at (BT 087619). RW3A will work on report at this end. Request you expedite.	S, F
	0550		Wire	I3/IC. Sweeping force will be late due to transportation troubles. Blocking force proceeded as planned but be aware of lateness of sweeping elements.	S, F
0640		17	280640H	PS Liaison sends. PSLNO/RW. PS liaison at landing point. Are in river bogged down but not stuck.	S, F
0735		18	280735H	PSLNO/RW. PS liaison still bogged down in river. Still can't move.	S, F
1020		20	281020H	RWC1/RW. Sweeping elements in MAN QUAN (1) and AN LUU. Sweeping force located from (BT 047674) to (BT 044664). Negative enemy contact.	
1255		25	281255H	PSLNO/RW. ARVN now located out-side 1/9 TAOR.	S, F
1423		27	281423H	RWB/RW. RWB2 is receiving heavy fire at coordinates (BT 105645). Request AO and 2 gun ships. I am sending 2 tanks.	S, F
	1458	29	281458H	RW/RWB. Shove 6, PS6, and RW6 will be in 1/9 area at about 1615H today. Possible visit to RWB and RWB3.	S, F
1922		40	281922H	RWC/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F
1935		41	281935H	IC/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F
2030		49	282030H	RWB2/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F

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In	Out				
				SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 280001H to 282400H Dec 1965	
				At 281033H a Company "B" patrol apprehended 1 male VC WIA, who was medevaced to CMC, and 1 female suspicious WIA, who was sent to the 59th ARVN Hospital, in the vicinity of (BT 105655).	
				Company "C" provided 1 platoon (rein) as a mobile blocking force for an ARVN operation which terminated at 281027H in the vicinity of (BT 045754) with no enemy contact.	
				The 2nd platoon, Company "B" had 1 WIA at 281430H when it received a large volume of fire from an estimated 17 VC located at (BT 092649), (BT 107648), and (BT 105646) while operating in the vicinity of (BT 105647). The platoon returned fire, was reinforced with 1 squad and 2 tanks, and supported by 81mm HE. When the platoon was reinforced the VC immediately broke contact with a possible 2 WIA. At 281530H a squad patrol from the 2nd platoon received 4 rounds of 40mm HE at (BT 107656). The area was searched and 2 expended M-79 rounds were discovered but no further enemy contact was made.	
				A patrol from the 3rd platoon, Company "C" captured 4 VCS at 281730H in the vicinity of (BT 036673). They will be sent to the 1/9 GP on the next supply run.	
				The 2nd platoon, Company "C" received 15 rounds S/A fire from (BT 039667) at 281650H while moving into a PPE at (BT 039669) and returned fire and searched the area but with negative results.	
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In	Out				S-Staff F-File M-Maps T-Troops
0001			290001H	Journal Opened.	S
0815				Comment: RWB had MedEvac for 1 Marine with broken hand.	
1117		25	291117H	RWC/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F
1410		30	291410H	RWB28P2/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1510		32	Wire	ID/I3. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
1630			Wire	S3/I3. Probable that operation BIG CHEER will not commence until 291700H.	S, F
				SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 290001H to 292400H Dec 1965	
				At 290900H a Company "C" patrol apprehended 1 VCS at (BT 047657) and brought him to the company CP to await transportation to the battalion Cp.	
				1 VCS and 1 suspicious male were apprehended at 291130H in the vicinity of (BT 071702) on the advice of the village chief.	
				Company "B" had 2 WIA at 291215H when an ambush located at (BT 089683) received fire from 7 or 8 VC, armed with at least 2 automatic weapons. The patrol returned fire possibly wounding 2 VC and was reinforced with 2 tanks and an additional squad but the VC escaped to the northwest. At 292145H a Company "B" patrol received 70 S/A rounds from an unknown number of VC at (BT 120635). The patrol returned 125 rounds and 20 rounds of 105mm HE causing the VC to disperse with unknown casualties.	
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Time		Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken S-Staff F-File M-Maps T-Forms
In	Out				
0001			300001H	Journal Opened.	S
	0111	5	300111H	RW/PS. Ref. your 300026H. VC fired approximately 60-80 rounds	S, F
				S/A. USMC returned 100-150 rounds	
				S/A. Arty mission called in.	
				Number of rounds fire - unknown.	
				VC dispersed, casualties unknown.	
1115		19	301115H	RWB/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
	1322	22	301322H	RW/RWB. Find it necessary to restate that tanks are not to be utilized for resupply or administrative runs. Tanks to be employed only on tactical missions.	S, F
1445		26	301445H	RWB/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
2000			Comment	Siren sounded in CP to commence drill.	
2100			Comment	Alert secured.	
				SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 300001H to 302400H Dec 1965	
				At 301030H Company "B" apprehended 3 VCS in HA QUANG (4) (BT 114648) and sent them to the 1/9 CP. The S-2 sent them to ITT.	
				A local security patrol from the 3rd platoon, Company "B" observed 2 VC in a treeline at (BT 088673) and took them under fire while attempting to close with them. As the patrol neared the VC position, the VC threw 1 frag grenade and fled to the east. The patrol returned 1 frag grenade and small arms but the VC managed to elude capture.	
				At 302000H a practice alert for all units in Rear Area "B" was conducted with successful results.	
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0001			310001H	Journal Opened.	S
	1400		Wire	I3/S3. Wire completed between (BT 063720) and (BT 066716). Only a triple concertina due to shortage of stakes.	S
	1405		Wire	I3/IC. Upon completion of operation tomorrow reestablish river block at (BT 032663). Advise when completed.	S
2200		36	312200H	RWB/RW. SPOTREP.	S, F, S3
2240		40	312240H	S2/I2. SPOTREP.	S, F
2247		41	312247H	PS/RW. 1. Strong possibility that RWA will be reserve for operation LONG LANCE to be conducted by 1/1 in accordance with Div OP Plan 354-65. 2. Request you have RWA6 attend briefing at 1/1 CP at 011300H Jan 1966.	S, F
				SUMMARY OF JOURNAL for 310001H to 312400H Dec 1965.	
				At 2100H a Company "B" ambush located at (BT 072673) observed 3 VC moving along a dike 100 meters to the east and took them under fire. A search of the area produced negative results.	
				At 2215H the hospital site (BT 063727) and MCB-9 (BT 058737) reported receiving light incoming S/A fire.	
				5 TOT's were fired by Battery "D" during the night to celebrate the advent of the new year.	
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DA NANG, RVN
151100H Dec 1965

Frag Order No. 26-65

Ref: (a) Haps. Standard
(b) 9th Mar Frag Order 68-65

Time Zone H

TASK ORGANIZATION

Company "B" (-) (Rein)

Co Hqtrs

1st Plat (Rein)

2d Plat (Rein)

Det, 4th Plat, Co "B", 1st AmTrac Bn (four LVTP-5, two LVTE-1)

D/S OpCon

Det, Co "B" (-), 3d Tank Bn (four 90mm gun tanks, one flame tank)

D/S OpCon

Det, Co "C", 3d Engr Bn (one Mine Clearance Team (four men) plus four additional personnel assigned to LVTE-1 for clearance/demo work)

FO Tm, Btry "D", 2d Bn, 12th Mar

FAC Tm, H&S Co

1. SITUATION

a. General. This is a search and destroy operation conducted within the horseshoe area formed by the SONG HA XAU in the extreme southeast corner of the 9th Marines TAOR. This operation is conducted as a means to establish contact with, and destroy VC forces.

b. Enemy. Current S-2 ISUM's and briefing.

c. Friendly

(1) 1st MAW provides CAS on 30 minute alert, and AO on 15 minute alert.

(2) MedEvac provided by 1st MAW on strip alert.

(3) Btry "D", 2/12 D/S 1/9.

d. Attachments and Detachments

(1) FAC detached from Company "D" and attached Company "B" effective 151600H.

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2. MISSION. Commencing 160600H, conduct search and destroy operations in the "horseshoe" area formed by the SONG HA XAU in the southeast portion of the 1st Bn, 9th Marines TACP, to locate and destroy any Viet Cong forces therein, destroy fortifications and trenches, and to locate and capture or destroy any Viet Cong food or supply caches. Upon completion of operations within the horseshoe area on or about 19 December, conduct a search and destroy mission of the VIEM DONG area in grid square (BT 0965). Upon completion of operations on 19 December, proceed to the vicinity of the leprosarium (BT 099664), and establish a company base and resume normal patrols and activities within assigned sector of responsibility.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept. At approximately 160600H, Company "B" (-) less one platoon, along with reinforcing elements, departs from vicinity of the present Company "B" CP and proceeds south along the South China Sea Coast to an LOD just north of HA QUANG (4) (BT 114648) and on order, conducts a search and destroy operation southeast through HA QUANG (4). One reinforced platoon of Company "B" will move to blocking positions vicinity of HA QUANG (4) prior to first light on 16 December, elements of the force will commence search and destroy operations within the horseshoe area of the SONG HA XAU, and will continue such operations until completed on 18 or 19 December. On order, on 18 or 19 December, establish a blocking force to the northwest of VIEM DONG, grid square (BT 0965), and on order, Company "B" (-) move from company base to search and clear VIEM DONG. Upon completion of this search, proceed to the vicinity of the leprosarium (BT 099664) and establish a company base and resume normal patrol and ambush activities within assigned zone of responsibility. The blocking force for the VIEM DONG sweep will be provided by 3d Platoon, Company "B", who will remain in position in vicinity of TRA KHE (3) (BT 073667) during search and destroy operations in the "horseshoe" area.

b. Company "B" (-) (Rein)

- (1) On order, at approximately 160600H, depart present positions and proceed to LOD north of HA QUANG (4).
- (2) Establish a blocking position south and southwest of HA QUANG (4) with one platoon (Rein), introduced into the area prior to first light on 16 December.

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- (3) On order, cross the LOD and conduct a search and clear operation of HA QUANG (4).
- (4) Upon completion of search and clear of HA QUANG (4), move the Company (-) (Rein) to vicinity of coordinates (BT 110647) and establish a company operating base.
- (5) On order, on 16 December, commence a search and destroy operation within the horseshoe formed by the SONG HA XAU, conducting a detailed search for VC or VC supplies.
- (6) Upon completion of the search and destroy mission, move from vicinity of HA QUANG (4) to the northwest and prepare to conduct search and clear operation in VIEM DONG area, grid square (BT 0965).
- (7) Provide blocking force to northwest of VIEM DONG, utilizing 3d Platoon, Company "B" (Rein).
- (8) On order, conduct search and clear of VIEM DONG area, from southeast to the northwest.
- (9) Upon completion of the search and clear of VIEM DONG, proceed to the vicinity of the leprosarium (BT 099664), establish a company base, and resume conducting normal combat operations within assigned zone of responsibility.
- (10) Upon arrival at company base in vicinity of the leprosarium, release all supporting units, except light section of tanks, FO Team, and one engineer mine clearance team, and return them to their parent organization.

c. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Normal FSCC procedures. Artillery FO coordinate with Battalion FSCC in pre-planned fires.
- (2) Essential elements of information See S-2, 1st Bn, 9th Mar EEI listing dated 10 Dec 1965.
- (3) Request reinforcements or other support directly to Battalion S-3.
- (4) Reports
 - (a) Situation reports (to include locations) hourly, commencing 160600H.
 - (b) Spot reports as required in standard format. Report all MedEvac's ASAP when MedEvac's completed.

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- (5) Submit night defensive fires at the earliest practicable time.
- (6) Report locations of PPB's, Company Base, or patrol areas, and ambushes as established.
- (7) Report crossing LOD's and arrival at LOA's.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Administration

- (1) Casualty evacuation procedures normal. Ensure essential information is included in MedEvac requests. State whether Emergency, Priority, or Routine.
- (2) Submit WIA report to Battalion S-1 at earliest opportunity following evacuation.
- (3) Handling of captives in accordance with BnO 3461.1
- (4) Wounded captives or civilians evacuated through normal medical evacuation chain.

b. Logistics

- (1) Uniform and Equipment. Helmets and flak jackets required. Normal combat and other equipment as desired by Company Commander.
- (2) Supplies
Class I - 3 days per individual preloaded in LVTP-5's. Full canteens on departure plus adequate halazone tablets.
Class III - Emergency amounts only, carried by tracked vehicles.
Class V - B/A per weapon plus selected items. Class V preloaded in LVT's. Additional demolitions, frag grenades, and pyrotechnics as desired by Company Commander.
- (3) Resupply Emergency only, by tracked vehicle or helicopter. Pre-position critical items at Battalion Supply in heli-lift blocks. (Should include Class V, medical supplies, and minimum Class I)

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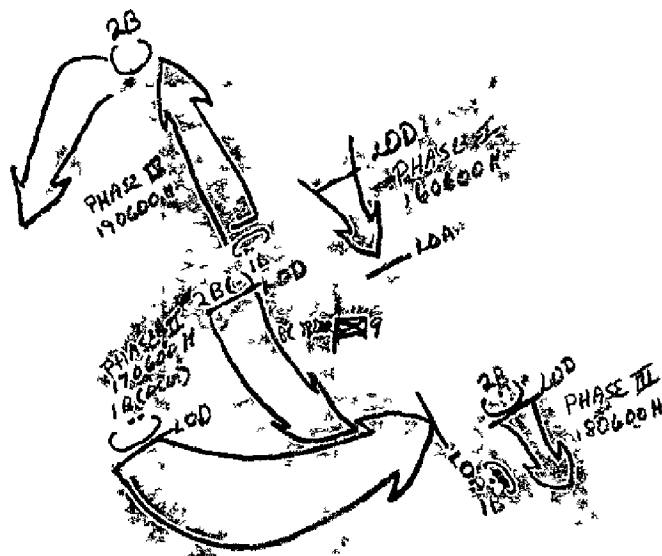
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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICSa. Command

- (1) All units task organized to Company "B" under OpCon of Company "B". 1/9 S-3 effect liaison/coordination as required.
- (2) Command Posts. Company "B" (-) (Rein) initially vicinity of HA QUANG (4) (BT 110647) Report changes as they occur Report PFB's in accordance with coordinating instructions.

b. Communications

- (1) Radio is primary. Company "B" authorized one PRC-25 for use on Battalion TAC Net PRC-10's as required for internal command and control on Company TAC Net.
- (2) Supporting units maintain guard on Company "B" TAC Net. Ensure communications capability of entering and guarding this net.
- (3) Frequencies and Call Signs

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CALL SIGN</u>	<u>UNIT FREQ.</u>	<u>GUARD FREQ.</u>
Company "B", 1/9	Redwood Bravo	49.4	
Det, Co "B", 1st AmTrac Bn	Slaveborn Bravo	44.4	
Plat, Co "B", 3d Tank Bn	Sharpshooter Bravo	25.6	
FO Tm, Btry "D", 2/12	FO Delta 4	35.5	
FAC Tm, H&S Co	Redwood 14 Bravo	49.0 (for MedEvac)	
(OTHER FREQUENCIES)			
Request for MedEvac	Landshark	2196 (HF)	
Airborne MedEvac	Deadlock	273.8 (UHF)	
Aerial Observer	As Designated	40.7 (FM)	
Arty Conduct of Fire	Sunrise	35.5	
1/9 Bn TAC Net	Redwood	49.0 (FM)	

- (4) Three day supply of all types of batteries will be pre-loaded.
- (5) KAC-138AJ current coupling table. Company "B" draw three day's sheets from Communications Officer prior to departure.

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ANNEX

A - Operation Overlay

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From Commanding Officer
To Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

Subj Special Report of Company "B" Patrol of 27 Dec 1965

Encl. (1) Diagram of Vicinity of Action

1. This special report is an account of a 17-man combat patrol sent out from the 3d Platoon, Company "B", 1st Battalion, 9th Marines. This patrol, and supporting arms, accounted for a total of 41 VC killed, by body count; the patrol leader was a First Lieutenant, and the patrol was reinforced with two M60 machine guns and one 60mm mortar. The area of activity was approximately 11 miles south of DA NANG, in the vicinity of the hamlet of QUANG HA (1). The patrol was a regular combat patrol, dispatched to an area of known VC activity, with the mission of killing or capturing any VC and destroying any trenchlines or hiding places. The patrol was approximately 4500 meters south of its platoon patrol base and 3500 meters south of the Company CP when contact was established.

The patrol was proceeding in a southerly direction when it received four or five rounds of sniper fire from the west, at a distance of about 300 meters. Upon receiving this fire, the patrol leader dispatched a fire team to the ridgeline to his west to search out the snipers and afford the patrol additional flank protection. As the patrol approached the hamlet of QUANG HA (1), at a distance of about 30 meters, it received a heavy volume of fire from the treeline to its front and from the right flank (see enclosure (1)). This initial high volume of fire lasted about five to six minutes and accounted for the total Marine casualties of one killed and six wounded, as well as the death of a VCS that the patrol had earlier apprehended. The initial burst of fire killed the radioman with the patrol and destroyed his radio, and the VC then directed their fire to the two machine guns, rendering one inoperative. It is estimated that over 50 VC occupied the ambush site with at least 15 automatic weapons.

The patrol and its flank fire team returned fire immediately. It is possible that the VC were not aware of the flanking fire team, because the VC soon commenced a frontal assault from their concealed positions to the front of the patrol. In the assault, the Marines' fire, from the flanking fire team especially, took a deadly toll, as the 12 VC attempting to assault from the front were exposed in the open at close range. These 12 VC were killed by Marine small arms fire. Simultaneously with the assault from the front, the VC located to the west in the north-south axis of the L-shaped ambush attempted to move onto the sandy ridge on the patrol's right flank, these VC were spotted moving by the flanking fire team and were taken under fire in the open, resulting in nine VC KIA.

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At this time, it was noticed that an additional 40 to 50 VC occupied positions about 50 to 100 meters to the rear of the ambush site. This was disclosed when they came forward to recover the bodies and weapons of their fallen comrades, using meathooks to drag away the bodies. It would be well to point out that at this time the patrol had fought over 30 minutes against a VC force superior in number, and with only 10 Marines who were not casualties, this fact prevented the Marines from recovering any weapons. They did continue to fire at the VC who were policing the battlefield, however, another three VC were killed while dragging off bodies and weapons.

After the enemy fire diminished, the patrol leader moved forward to the high ground. At this time he heard a shrill whistle, apparently a VC withdrawal signal. As the VC started to withdraw, the patrol placed 18 rounds of 60mm mortar fire on them, resulting in an unknown number of VC casualties.

Since the radio had been rendered inoperative, the patrol leader earlier had fired a prearranged pyrotechnic signal for assistance. Now, after the firing subsided, the patrol leader put the assistant patrol leader in command and started to return, with another man, to his platoon patrol base to make sure that reinforcements were on the way, and to guide the reinforcements. After he had travelled about 1200 meters, the patrol leader met two ONTOS with an accompanying squad of infantry who were enroute to the action.

With communications reestablished through this reinforcing unit, the patrol leader requested helicopter MedEvac and additional support of two tanks from his Company CP. The patrol leader then returned to the area of contact, searched the area where the mortars had fired, and discovered large pools of blood and pieces of bodies. Within five minutes of his return, the two tanks with an additional rifle squad, arrived from the Company CP, at this time the MedEvac helicopters also arrived, and while the MedEvac was being completed, the tanks engaged the withdrawing VC with long range fire from their machine guns and 90mm guns. This fire resulted in another 13 VC KIA, which were observed and counted by the Tank Commander and the Company "B" Commander who had arrived on the scene with the tanks.

After the MedEvac was completed, the escort helicopter remained behind and provided covering fire while Company "B" units withdrew. This escort accounted for an additional three VC KIA. After all friendly units had withdrawn from the area, the AO called an artillery fire mission on 20 VC withdrawing to the south, resulting in one confirmed VC KIA and seven probable VC KIA.

The total casualty figures for the encounter were

a. USMC

(1) KIA - One

(2) WIA - Six (including one DOW)

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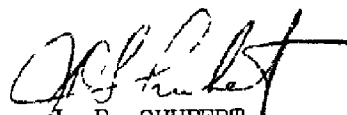
- (1) KIA - 41 confirmed, and additional 15 to 20 probable.
- (2) WIA - Unknown.

Although no weapons were recovered from the scene of the battle, due to the heavy activity taking place while the patrol was vastly outnumbered, the following equipment was recovered

- 1 cartridge belt
- 3 BAR magazines
- 1 M20 fragmentation grenade
- 41 calibre .45 rounds
- 1 Thompson sub-machine gun magazine
- 2 aluminum cigarette lighters with "403" engraved upon them
- 1 GVN identification card
- 1 binfold
 - camouflage soft covers
- 1 notebook with writing
- 1 red neckerchief
- 1 calibre .30 round
- 1 cigarette pouch
- 1 poncho
- 1 camouflage jacket, with live foliage attached

Only a representative amount of equipment was taken from the scene, much expended brass and several bloody camouflage jackets were left in the area.

The VC encountered were well-camouflaged, occupied freshly-dug positions, displayed good fire control, and gave indications of being a well-disciplined, hard-core unit. Their fatal mistake was an assault that was perhaps premature, and a failure to recognize the flanking fire team position. Their camouflage was excellent, consisting basically of a woven bamboo lattice interlaced with three to four foot strips of green vegetation. This lattice was placed on their back and secured by a string tied around the waist, and rendered the VC almost indistinguishable, even when they moved out of their prepared positions to assault the patrol.


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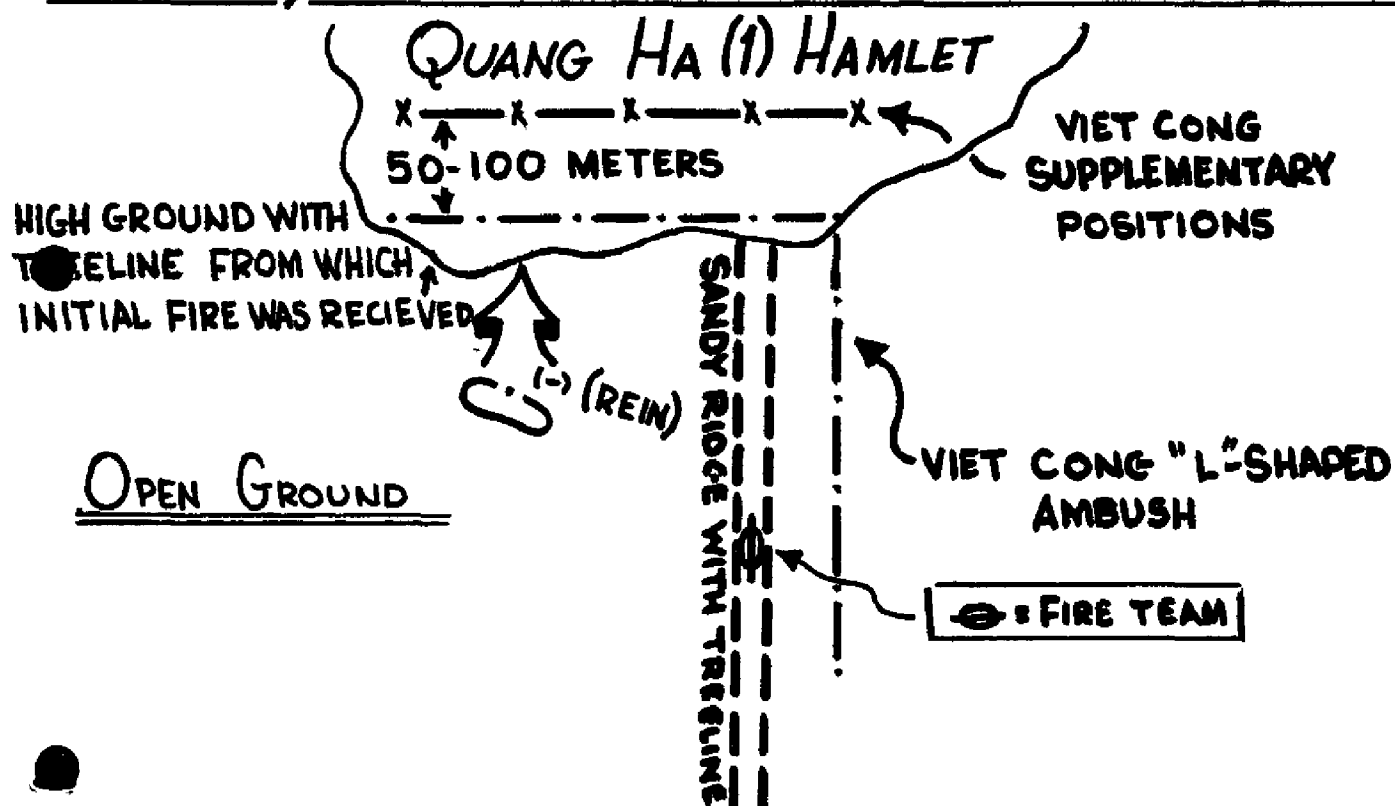
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Marine #24
FPO, San Francisco 96601

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From: Intelligence Officer
To: Distribution List

Subject: Essential Elements of Information

1. Determine if the Viet Cong are using the Fixed Directional Mine (DH-10).
2. Determine if the DH-10 is manufactured outside of Vietnam.
3. Determine information on route, warning, and advisory signs presently in use in Vietnam by the Viet Cong.
 - a. Route signs: Identification of primary, secondary and other; construction, location, color, and symbol.
 - b. Warning signs: Construction, location, color, and symbol. Commonly used phrases in native language and English translation, if possible.
4. Determine the Viet Cong manufacture assembly and utilization of all types of mines and booby traps, specifically the following:
 - a. Location of shops, factories or manufacturing areas used to make parts and casing of any type mine or booby trap.
 - b. Determine source of munition supplies used in mine and booby trap manufacture.
 - c. Determine basis upon which targets are selected.
 - d. Specific details on how mines and booby traps are placed in roads, railroads, waterways and other locations. Determine modus operandi.
 - e. Determine how mine and booby trap locations are marked.
 - f. Determine type mine or booby trap employed (against vehicle, personnel, targets of opportunity).
 - g. Determine how individuals are selected for mine operations/booby trap operations. The training of VC Cadre for mine and booby traps.
5. Collect the following items for technical analysis evaluation:
 - a. All recoilless rifles.
 - b. Foreign made recoilless rifle ammunition.

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- c. Foreign made, excluding French manufacture, explosives.
- = d. Modified MAT 49 sub-machine guns. Modified weapons not previously reported in the area.
- e. Two to six round samples of each type of foreign made small arms ammunition, excluding French ammunition.
- f. Home-made weapons not previously reported in your area.
- g. Anti-aircraft guns, excluding US Cal .50 machine guns.
- h. Communist bloc S&S type carbine, AK type assault rifles, and RPD type light machine guns.
- i. Launchers capable of launching US 2.75 inch rockets not previously reported in your area.
- j. Mines, mortars, booby traps and rocket launchers, excluding French, not previously reported in your area.
- k. All artillery.
- l. Artillery ammunition not previously reported in your area.
- m. All electronics communication equipment, to include operating instructions and codes.
- n. Medical items not generally available on the local market.
- o. Viet Cong helmets. Include information on type of materials, origin, color, and all markings.
- p. Viet Cong uniforms and accessories. Include information on types of uniforms or combinations of uniforms, type of material(s), color, distinctive markings such as insignia, scarves, or patches; accessories such as footgear, webbing equipment and packs.
- q. Chemical munitions.
- r. Personal protective items, such as gas masks, for use in a chemical environment.



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MEMORANDUM

To Distribution List
From Intelligence Officer

Subj Special Intelligence Report

1. Recent activities in our TAOR indicate that the Viet Cong have a large (battalion reinforced) force operating here.
2. Intelligence reports from the village official indicate that this battalion (rein) may try to attack the 1st Battalion CP within the next week.
3. The current situation follows
 - a. That the Viet Cong have two companies near BINH KY (1) - KHUE DONG (1).
 - b. That they have an additional company somewhere to the south of the above two hamlets.
 - c. They have two companies of Main Force in the vicinity of (BT 123624).
 - d. That the present Viet Cong plans are to cross the SONG CAN BIEN, (BT 066703), and attack the 1-9 CP from the west.
 - e. That the plans include an additional force which will cross the S. CAN BIEN at about (BT 077697) with the mission of attacking the 1-9 CP from the east.
 - f. That the Seabee camps and Marble Mountain Airfield will be attacked simultaneously, however, the attacks will be secondary to the main attack on the 1-9 CP.
 - g. That mortars will be used to hit all facilities in the HOA LONG complex.
 - h. That the roads and bridges will be heavily interdicted with mines.
4. Additional Special Intelligence Reports will follow as more information becomes available. Rated C/3.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Distribution List
From: Intelligence Officer

Subj: Special Intelligence Report 2-65

1. The current enemy situation as reported in Special Intelligence Report of 10 December 1965 has changed somewhat as follows:

1. That one Main Force platoon is positioned in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0570), KHUE DONG.
2. That two Main Force platoons are located in the vicinity of grid square (BT 0965), VIEM DONG.
3. That enemy has five companies plus a battalion command post in the vicinity of grid squares (BT 0564), (BT 0465), (BT 0562), and (BT 0563).

The mission of these units remains the same: to attack the 1st Battalion and to make secondary attacks on the other military installations in HOA LONG. Rated C/3.

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S-2, 1st Bn, 9th Mar
Marble Mountain, RVN
160400H December 1965

INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE

Ref (a) Maps: 1:50,000, 6658 I, 6658 IV, 6659 II, 6659 III

1. MISSION.

- a. Basic mission Remains unchanged. (See Intelligence Estimate of 151850H November 1965.)
- b. Previous decisions. That the Viet Cong would not attack the HOA LONG military complex until late December 1965. (See Intelligence Estimate of 250600H November 1965.)

2. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AREA OF OPERATIONS. See current area studies.3. ENEMY SITUATION.

- a. Composition. Recent intelligence reports include the following.
 - (1) That the 1st Volunteer Battalion (a provisional battalion of two local force and one main force company) has moved into the 1-9 TAOR. (Rated C-1)
 - (2) That the 1st Volunteer Battalion is reinforced with the H-41 Local Force Company. (Rated C-1)
 - (3) That one company of the 344th Battalion may be in the "Horseshoe" area. (Rated C-4)
 - (4) That one Intelligence Platoon is operating in HOA LONG (Rated C-1)
- b. Strength and combat efficiency. The strength of the enemy probably does not exceed 450 men (150 main force and 300 local force). In the absence of firm information to the contrary, it must therefore be assumed that the combat efficiency of these Viet Cong is high.
- c. Dispositions. These Viet Cong units are currently situated somewhere in the area formed by east-west gridline 66 to 63 and north-south gridline 05 to the seacoast.
 - (1) On 10 December 1965, the battalion was reported in the VILM DONG area, grid square (BT 0965).
 - (2) This same unit was reported in the NGAN TRUNG area, grid square (BT 0564), on 12 December 1965.

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- (3) On 14 December 1965, this unit was again seen at VIEM DONG.
- (4) On early (about 0400H) 15 December 1965, the Viet Cong moved to NGAN CAU (1) area, grid square (BT 0764).
- (5) Significance. This disposition of the enemy indicates that the commanders desire to remain in close contact with their forces so as to be able to move more rapidly, be able to strike targets of opportunity, and to enhance rapid communication. These considerations are important if the Viet Cong are waiting for orders to strike targets in the HOA LONG military complex. It is therefore evident that the Viet Cong commanders do not know the time frame for such an attack (an obvious move to maintain maximum security).
- d. Arms and armament. The past weapons density of local force Viet Cong has been 1:2 on small arms, however, in view of current indications they probably now have exceeded that ratio. The main force units have had a ratio of 1:1 and most likely retain that ratio. Additionally, reports were received on approximately 1 December that heavy weapons were brought into our TAOR for distribution to the Volunteer Battalion (four 60mm mortars, two 57mm recoilless rifles, and four 81mm mortars).
- e. Recent and present activities. The Viet Cong have been conducting extensive sniping activities since 10 December 1965 in the area discussed in paragraph 3.c. They have spent considerable time and effort constructing redoubts and barriers in the vicinity of VIEM DONG - HA QUANG (4).
- f. Time and space. In their present location, the Viet Cong could make contact with Companies B or D within 1.5 hours. They could make contact with units in the HOA LONG area in four hours. These times exclude the period spent at an assembly area.
- g. Personnel considerations. There is the possibility that a large Viet Cong force could get a few replacements from higher headquarters or from local recruits. However, this is a minor consideration.
- h. Logistical considerations. The Viet Cong probably have all the supplies they require stored in our TAOR. Food is supplied by the local populace. Therefore, for all extensive purposes, they are operating with severed lines of communication.
- i. Reinforcements. Reinforcing units could be sent into our TAOR from the south. However, a heavy influx would be readily noticed by friendly forces and the Viet Cong would be vulnerable to large scale offensive operations in terrain unfavorable to a good defense. There are also a minimum of escape routes from our TAOR. Therefore, it is believed that heavy reinforcement of the Volunteer Battalion is unlikely. The Viet Cong could, however, supplement the Volunteer Battalion with as much as another company or perhaps a sapper platoon.

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- j. Peculiarities and weaknesses. The Viet Cong seek to "celebrate" various "holidays" by military victories and thus aid their political proselytism. The "holidays" in the month of December are:

Viet Cong Historical Days

- 19 Dec - National Resistance Day
- 20 Dec - Founding of the National Liberation Front of SVN
- 22 Dec - Establishment of Vietnamese Popular Army and National Resistance Day

International Holidays Observed by Communists

- 26 Dec - MAO TSE TUNG's Birthday Anniversary

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.a. Evacuation.

- (1) The Viet Cong could attack the 1-9 CP in strength and simultaneously create a diversion at the Seabee camps and the Marble Mountain Air Facility
- (2) The Viet Cong could mass against either Company B or D
- (3) They could strike the Marble Mountain Air Facility and simultaneously create a diversion at the Seabee camps and the 1-9 CP.

b. Analysis and discussion.

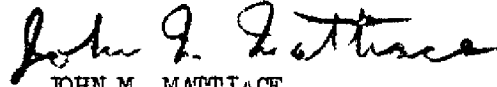
- (1) The Viet Cong will probably attempt an attack on the HOA LONG military complex between the dates 20-30 December 1965. This attack will probably take the form of a double envelopment (from the east and west simultaneously) on the 1-9 CP. In conjunction with this primary attack, a secondary attack will probably be made on the northeast corner of the Marble Mountain Air Facility (probably a platoon size, which will most likely assemble on the Stella Maris Convent grounds). The Seabee camps (notably MCB-9) will more than likely receive an attack to include small arms and a "granade squad", which will attempt to approach the Seabees from the direction of MY THI, coordinates (BT 056737).

After their attack on the U.S. military camps in HOA LONG village, the Viet Cong will probably attempt to blow up the CAU BIEN Bridge, coordinates (BT 071701), as they retire to the south, in order to slow down the anticipated reaction of the U.S. units.

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- (2) The possibility still exists that the Viet Cong could launch an attack on either Company B or D (the forward 1-9 companies). However, since this would involve the enemy in a battle of maneuver, in which they would be at a disadvantage (considering the rapid reinforcement and superior mobility capability of the infantry battalion), this course of action is unlikely.

5. CONCLUSIONS. Likely courses of action are enumerated in paragraph 4.



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