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(2) S-2/S-3 Journal 311800-302400H November 1965
(3) Frag Order 15-65
(4) Frag Order 16-65
(5) Operation Order 328-65
(6) After Action Report 6-65
(7) After Action Report 7-65
(8) After Action Report 8-65
(9) Do's for Civil Actions
(10) Psychological Warfare leaflet

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b) enclosures (1) thru (10) are herewith forwarded.

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Nov 1965

Command Chronology 1-30 November 19651. Organizational Data.a. Designations/Location.

- (1) 3d Battalion, 9th Marines
- (2) 1-30 November, occupied positions South of DA NANG from (AT9965) to (BTO365).

b. Period Covered, 1-30 November 1965.c. Commanding Officer, Staff and Principal Subordinates.

- (1) Commanding Officer - LtCol W.W. TAYLOR
- (2) Executive Officer - Major T.R. KELLY
- (3) S-3 Officer - Major R.E. EIDSON
- (4) S-4 Officer
 - (a) 1-5 November - Capt J.E. HOPKINS
 - (b) 6-30 November - Capt R.K. WIER
- (5) S-2 Officer - 1stLt D.G. RICHARDSON
- (6) S-1/Adjutant - 1stLt J.T. MACKIN
- (7) Company "I" Company Commander - Capt D.S. RILLINGS
- (8) Company "K" Company Commander - Capt R.P. BROOKS
- (9) Company "L" Company Commander - Capt D.D. COLCOMBE
- (10) Company "M" Company Commander
 - (a) 1-5 November - Capt R.K. WIER
 - (b) 6-30 November - 1stLt R.J. CRAIG
- (11) H&S Company, Company Commander - 1stLt C.C. PIERPOINT III

d. Average Monthly Strength.

(1) Marine Officer	36
(2) Marine Enlisted	974
(3) Navy Officer	3
(4) Navy Enlisted	56

2. Significant Events

a. Personnel

(1) Wounded in Action	47
(2) Killed in Action	10
(3) Died of wounds	2
(4) Non-Battle Casualties	7

b. Intelligence.

Rainfall was experienced twenty days during the month of November resulting in fifteen inches total accumulation. Trafficability worsened steadily until by mid-month all secondary roads and trails were completely inundated confining wheeled and tracked vehicle movement generally on north-south axis of National Route #1 and the MSR. Foot movement was restricted also in that the rice paddy flooding channelized all traffic onto dikes and well-marked trails.

Harassing actions of small arms fire against static U.S.M.C. positions were initiated by the VC 8 times in daylight hours and 30 incidents at night, the LE SON - AN TRACK Hamlet complex providing the scene for most of this type action.

VC - initiated attacks on patrols in the 3rd Battalion TAOR were received six times in daylight and twice at night but contact was broken immediately by VC in all cases when USMC returned fire. The VC attempted light probes on fixed positions by fire only four times and again broke contact in each instance when fire was returned.

Enemy efforts in mining and booby trapping were increased in areas worked by Marine patrols. Marines tripped fourteen booby traps and detonated five mines. Efficient utilization of 81mm and 105mm duds by the enemy provided the only deviations from the standard booby trapped Chicom grenade and pressure-cap activated straight TNT mine. Electrical detonation is suspected on 105mm duds utilized.

Initial successes in our rear areas by pacification teams caused them to be targeted by the VC and the primary guerrilla effort was focused on the disruption of the pacification movement. The balance of guerrilla strength shifted twice during the month. During the first two weeks of November guerrilla strength shifted from one rear area east into 1/9 TAOR but with the growing establishment of the pacification program in the rear areas and re-entry into HOA THAI and HOA CHAN villages was noticeable by the increase in harassing activity. Also guerrilla strength was reported filtering into the western rear sector of the TAOR east from 1/1 TAOR. This effort was also focused on the pacification personnel.

The VC maintained contact for a brief period in two instances in the southern sector of THAN TRUNG Village. Both of these incidents were in the second and third weeks of November and involved Battalion size forces in sweeping and blocking. Brief stubborn resistance was encountered in the vicinity of GS0063 and 0163 in the form of small arms and 60mm mortar fire. Contact was broken in both instances with the introduction of supporting arms by friendly forces.

The presence of confirmed units in the TAOR did not alter, although movement of these units and their action areas did shift. The 23rd Battalion previously operating in THAN SON Village retained same action area. The 345th and H-40 Companies concentrated their efforts in southern THAN TRUNG and western sector of THAN PHOUNG whereas the 345th Company moved southwest to an operating area in GS 9160, 9260, 9360.

A growing rapport was developed with the indigenous immediately forward of the MLR as information on VC activities filtered in to pacification teams and front line companies during their civic action programs.

Enemy losses for the month of November 1965 in the 3/9 TAOR are as follows:

	Bn Total	"I"	"K"	"L"	"M"
VC KIA	25	3	19	3	0
Confirmed					
VC KIA	19	6	5	4	4
Possible					
VD Suspects	108	37	38	19	14
Apprehended					
Confirmed VC					
Captives of VCS	34	13	16	6	2
Apprehended					

c. Training. Training was conducted in the utilization of the Seismastic Intrusion Device, Sniper rifles and Claymore Mines.

d. Communication-Electronics.

(1) The communications platoon installed and maintained metallic wire lines to all companies plus the ARVN district headquarters at MIEU DONG. In addition conduct of fire lines to forward observers supporting this Battalion. A local and a hot line were laid to India Company, a distance approximately five miles by road. Telephone communications during the period included 34 local line, 6 trunk lines, and 3 hot lines.

(2) A PRG-25 radio and operator were attached to both Lima and India Companies during the month, due to their semi-isolated positions, in addition these radios were used to support long patrols and operations. Nine Tactical Radio Nets at Battalion and Company levels were active twenty-four hours a day.

e. Close Combat.

(1) 1 November - Operation "Black SNAKE" was conducted. See Enclosure (3).

(2) 2 November - Company "K" took one VC under fire at (AT975653). The 2d Platoon, Company "L" conducted a search and clear operation (AT9664). No casualties were reported.

(3) 3 November - Two Platoons (-), Company "I" conducted a search and clear operation in GS (BTO363), (BTO364), (BTO463), and (BTO464). Five VCS were apprehended for lack of identification. A Company "K" patrol encountered five VC at (AT972653) killing two. A search and clear operation was conducted by 3rd Platoon, Company "K" (Rein), GS(AT9964), and (AT9965). One Marine was KIA by a booby trap. Company "M" apprehended one VCS at (AT998700) for invalid identification.

(4) 4 November - Blocking positions were established in support of a ARVN operation. See enclosure(4). Three VCS were apprehended for lack of identification at (BTO064). A Company "I" patrol received three hand grenades in their ambush site at (BTO33644). Two Marines received slight wounds.

(5) 5 November - Two Platoons (-) from Company "I" conducted a search and clear operation (BTO264) and (BTO263). One VCS whose name appeared on black list was apprehended. A Company "L" patrol received heavy small arms fire from a medium size enemy force one Marine was WIA. There were three VC KIA and two VCS were apprehended. Company "M", 3d Battalion, 3rd Marines came under OpCon 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines.

(6) 6 November - A Company "L" patrol received small arms fire from a small enemy force. One Marine was WIA. A platoon from Company "L" established blocking positions (AT9767), no enemy contact was made, but two large caves were destroyed.

(7) 7 November - The First Platoon, Company "I" and Second Platoon, Company "M" conducted search and clear operations from (BTO363) east to the VINH DIEN River. No enemy contact was established. A Company "L" patrol received heavy small arms fire from a medium size enemy force. One Marine was WIA. Prior to this enemy contact one Marine was WIA from a booby trap. A patrol from Company "I" ambushed a small enemy force at (BTO20673). Six VC fell under the fire. There were no Marine casualties.

(8) 8 November - A Listening Post from Company "K" at (BTO02657) received fire from eight VC. The Marines returned fire wounding one VC. No Marines were wounded. An element of H&S Company apprehended one VCS at (AT992679) for invalid identification.

(9) 9 November - A Company "L" patrol received light small arms fire at (AT968658). One Marine was WIA.

(10) 10 November - One KIA was sustained by a Company "K" patrol (BT9965) from unknown explosive device.

(11) 11 November - A Company "I" patrol apprehended one VCS (BT028660) when routine Identification check revealed his name on black list. Two VCS were apprehended by Company "K" for faulty Identification. Operation Order 328-65 was promulgated. See enclosure (5).

(12) 12 November - One Marine from a Company "I" patrol was WIA by a booby trap at (BT012648). Company "K" (-) reinforced by First Platoon. Company "M" conducted search and clear operations (AT9964). Two Marines were WIA from booby trap.

(13) 13 November - No significant events occurred.

(14) 14 November - A Company "K" Patrol sustained one WIA at (AT980635) from small arms fire. Company "L" command post security apprehended two VCS at (AT971666).

(15) 15 November - No significant events occurred.

(16) 16-17 November - Company "I" (-), Company "K" (-) and Company "M" (-) conducted a search and clear operation. See enclosure (6).

(17) 18 November - Company "I" (-), Company "K" (-), Company "M" (-) and Company "M" (-) reinforced, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines established blocking positions in support of an ARVN regimental operation. See enclosure (7).

(18) 19 November - Company "I" (-), Company "K" (-), Company "M" (-), and Company "M" (-) reinforced, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines continued support of ARVN operations. See enclosure (7). Company "K" (-) secured from ARVN operation at 191330. AT 191830 Company "K" command post received heavy small arms fire, estimated eleven VC. Three VC were KIA.

(19) 20 November - Company "I" (-) 3d Battalion, 9th Marines and Company "M" (-) reinforced 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, conducted a search and clear operation, see enclosure (). Company "L" (-) conducted a search and clear operation along east bank of the YEN River. Three VCS were apprehended and three tunnels were blown. Company "M" (-) reinforced conducted a search of the river between (BT026720) and (BT043719) and the SQOI MAU QUAM between (BT042716) and (BT030704). There was no enemy contact. Company "M" (-) reinforced 3d Battalion, 3d Marines chopped to 3d Marines at 201300.

(20) 21 November - No significant events occurred.

(21) 22 November - A Company "I" patrol ambushed three VC at (BT013645) killing two. A Company "L" patrol apprehended a VCS at (AT984661) for no identification. A Company "M" patrol sustained one WIA while destroying a mine at (AT982676).

(22) 23 November - No significant events occurred.

(23) 24 November - A Company "L" patrol received small arms fire from estimated seven VC at (AT978640). A patrol from Company "M" initiated an ambush in the vicinity of (AT982667) when three VC were observed moving west to east at (AT982666). A search of ambush site revealed extensive blood stains but no bodies.

(24) 25 November - A Company "L" patrol received small arms fire estimated six VC at (BT969645). No casualties were reported.

(25) 26 November - Battery "E", 12th Marines apprehended one VCS at (AT985671) for having no identification card. VCS was evacuated to ITT by this organization.

(26) 27 November - Company "I" (-), Company "K" (-) and Company "L" (-) reinforced by Companies "I" and "K", 3d Battalion, 3d Marines conducted an search and clear operation. See enclosure (8).

(27) 28 November - Search and clear operations continued. See enclosure (8).

(28) 29 November - A Company "I" patrol apprehended nine VCS at (BT032655). Companies "K" and "L" conducted a search and clear operation of (BT003669) and (AT997641). Ten VCS were apprehended and evacuated to ITT. Company "L", 3d Battalion, 3d Marines came under OpCon 3d Battalion, 9th Marines. A Company "K" patrol substained four KIA and 5 WIA at (AT9862) from an unknown explosive device.

(29) 30 November - Company "K" conducted search and clear operation (BT9762) and (BT9862). No enemy contact was established. A Company "L" patrol received small arms fire from (BT9664) and (BT9763) two WIA were substained.

f. Logistics.

(g) Supply and Distribution.

(a) The primary source of logistic support for this Battalion is the Force Logistic Support Group, III MAF with supply point distribution in effect for all classes of supply except class III bulk which is delivered to the Battalion by FLSG. Water resupply to companies "I" and "K" (maintaining company messes) is provided by a 1,000 gallon tanker from FLSG daily. This support eliminates tying up two trucks, 6x6 supporting this Battalion and enables the use of these two trucks for other essential administrative and tactical runs.

(b) This Battalion provided unit distribution by helicopter to one Rifle Company and to one platoon at two separate landing zones, and supply point distribution to the remaining companies during the reporting period.

(c) This Battalion provided logistic support to Company "M" 3d Battalion, 3d Marines during the period 14-19 November 1965, pending the arrival of the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines.

(d) On 17 November 1965, an emergency ammunition resupply by helicopters was made to Company "M" 3d Battalion, 9th Marines while this company was on a search and clear operation in the southern portion of this Battalion's TAOR.

(e) On 23 November 1965, Company "I" was resupplied by helicopter due to the MSR (Highway #1) being flooded by the recent rains, thus preventing the use of trucks for resupply to that company.

(2) Evacuation

(a) <u>Casualties</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Method</u>
KIA	10	Air
WIA	47	Air (27)
		Land (19)
DOW	2	Air
Non-Battle	7	Air (3)
		Land (4)

(3) Construction Projects

(a) A 20' x 30' command (operations) bunker, utilizing prefabricated bunker materials and approximately 27,000 sand bags, was constructed by Engineers and personnel of this Battalion during the reporting period.

(b) Prefabricated materials for two 8' x 8' x 8' bunkers have been received from FLSG. The materials have been delivered to Company "K" and construction is underway with Engineer personnel supervising and assisting in the construction. Materials for eight more of these bunkers are available at FLSG and will be picked up in the near future by this Battalion.

(c) Battalion and Company CP, Platoon bunkers, defensive positions and lines have been improved considerably during the reporting period as fortification materials became available.

g. Civil Affairs.

(1) General. The 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines has increased the scope of its MEDCAP and Commodity Distribution projects, supported the GVN Pacification Program (Operation Five Mountains), assisted many Vietnamese in settling individual difficulties, and continued to orient the individual Marine to his new social environment. Some tangible results were produced by the overall Civic Action program.

(2) Projects. The 3rd Battalion emphasized two short-range, high impact projects.

(a) Medical treatment and evacuation.

1 During the current reporting period, the 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines' doctors, company corpsmen and MEDCAP corpsman have administered approximately 127 treatments to Vietnamese adult males, 456 to adult females, and 961 to children under 18.

(b) Distribution of Civic Action Materials.

1 The following Civic Action Materials were distributed to Vietnamese civilians after receipt through the Chain of Command. 77 qt. cans cold water soap; 1,270 bars soap; 500 articles clothing; 300 buttons; 1 #4 box sewing supplies; 100 lbs corn meal; 1,700 lbs bulgar wheat; 42 gallon cooking oil; 72 12 oz. boxes salt; 2000 1 oz. pkg. salt; 5,000 1 oz. pkg sugar; 2,500 pieces chewing gum; 2,340 pkg candy; 500 6-tablet pkg. soft drink mix; 100 assorted toys; 1,000 charms.

2 The following Civic Action Materials were distributed after receipt from private sources; 50 rubber balls; 100 assorted toys; 1,000 charms. All gifts received from private sources have been acknowledged by letter.

3 Company "I" has given away 25lbs. of garbage daily. The garbage is used by villagers of BO MUNG (1) (BTO31659) for animal feed.

(3) Support of Operation Five Mountains.

(a) Company "I" and Company "L" have provided night security for PAT's working in their areas.

(b) Clothing and food stuffs were presented to 20 needy families in AN TRACH (1) (AT971663) on 19 November. The families were selected by the PAT which works in that vicinity. Attending the presentation were: Major GIA, ARVN, OIC Pacification Program; Captain FROST, USA, S-5 Advisor Pacification Program; Lt, MAGLEAN, USN, 3d Battalion Chaplain; Captain COLCOMBE, Company "L" Company Commander. Prior to distribution an ARVN Psychological Warfare/Drama Team presented entertainment and an information program.

(c) Employing the techniques developed in the AN TRACH distribution, Civic Action Materials were presented to 50 needy villagers at NHON THO (2) (BTO21656) on 25 November. Company "I" coordinated this activity.

(d) On 24 and 25 November, two corpsmen were assigned to the ARVN Special Psychological Warfare Team working throughout the Pacification Area.

(4) Liaison for Civic Action. The 3rd Battalion maintained liaison with U.S. Advisory and agency personnel, GVN officials and ARVN units involved with pacification operations in the TAOR.

(5) Civilian Claims. The 3rd Battalion Civil Affairs Officer assisted Mr. LUONG, the NOA THAI Village Chief, in verifying claims of five villagers in DUONG SON (2) (AT996676).

(6) Local Customs. During the reporting period 17 villagers from DUONG SON and YEN NE Hamlets were permitted inside the Battalion CP to visit and repair family graves.

(7) Individual Marine. Realizing that the impression made upon indigenous personnel by Marine is both an effective weapon against VC propaganda and a vital factor in the establishment of mutual support, continuing attention has been directed to orientation of the individual Marine to his new social environment.

(a) The Battalion Civil Affairs Officer lectured the Marines of Companies "K" and "L" on "The Role of the Individual Marine in Civic Action and Psychological Warfare."

(b) Copies of enclosure (9), a list of fourteen guidelines for individual conduct, were distributed to all Fire Team Leaders and above.

(c) The enthusiasm of the individual Marine was documented in part by the fact that Company "K" Marines have bought \$150.00 worth of clothing for Vietnamese children in the vicinity of YEN NE (1) (AT 993665). This was done on an individual basis rather than as a company project. In addition a Company "K" corpsman paid the annual tuition fees enabling an 11 year old girl to attend a Catholic girls school in DA NANG.

(8) Results. Villagers who have repeated contact with Marines are, generally, adopting a progressively friendlier attitude.

(a) The 3rd Battalion has received information of VC activities on ten occasions as opposed to two such reports during October.

(b) Company "L" reported five occasions on which the villagers of AN TRACH (2) (AT971663) have identified or destroyed booby traps in their hamlet.

h. Chaplain Support.

(1) During the month the Battalion Chaplain spent a total of 8 days with the line companies on the basis of 24 hour visits. These visits gave ample time for conducting of Divine Services, counseling and visiting.

(2) A total of 12 Protestant Divine Services were conducted for the Battalion up through and including 21 November. During the same period 7 Roman Catholic Masses were celebrated, 3 in the CP area and 4 with the line companies. Three Catholic Masses were cancelled due to last minute operation changes.

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(4) The Battalion Chaplain also serves as a member of the Battalion Civil Affairs Team and on several occasions represented the Battalion on presentation missions of food and clothing to local needy Vietnamese civilians.

(5) This Battalion was visited this month by Captain JOHN CRAVEN CHC USN Force Chaplain, FMFPAC and by Captain JOHN MISSING CHC USN, Chaplain 1st MARDIV., on 20 November for the purpose of securing an accurate picture of Chaplain activities.

i. Psychological Warfare.

(1) General. A shortage of interpreters and loudspeaker-equipped helicopters has forced primary emphasis upon printed materials. However, Company "K" has developed an effective face-to-face persuasion technique and continuing attention has been given to education of the individual Marine as to his importance in Psychological Operations and Psychological Warfare.

(2) Themes. Three themes have been promulgated in the 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines TAOR.

(a) Support of the GVN will bring you a better way of life.

(b) U.S. Marines are in your area to destroy the Viet Cong who oppress you.

(c) Viet Cong are ruthless and hardship for their sake is absurd.

(3) Techniques. Four techniques of theme presentation have been employed.

(a) Psychological Warfare Teams. (On seven occasions the "I" Corps 1st Psychological Operations Field Detachment (Prov) Audio Team has presented programs in hamlets adjacent to Company CP Locations.

(b) Air Drops. Two hundred thousand leaflets have been dropped in the forward portion of the 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines TAOR.

(c) Bulletin Boards. The MIEU BONG (BT021678) bulletin board has been kept up to date. Marines have posted a variety of leaflets on available wall space in the hamlets of: YEN NE (1) (AT987664); TAN HANH (AT988656); NA DONG (AT998643); BICH BAC (AT996630); and LE SON (1) (AT980659).

(d) Face-to-face Persuasion.

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Enclosure (1)

(a) Company "K" has developed a Company Civic Action/ Psychological Warfare Team which has been employed forward of the MLR on seven occasions. The Company Executive Officer or Company First Sergeant acts as team leader. Depending on the mission, the leader uses S-2 scouts, company and med cap corpsmen, an interpreter, Battalion Chaplain, and several Marines particularly interested in Psychological Operations. The Team is transported by tank, when possible, to a rendezvous with a platoon patrol the afternoon prior to or morning following the establishment of a patrol base. The Team first contacts the local man of authority and arranges for a sick call at which the unofficial chief will be available to chat with the villagers. Simultaneously, Marines pass through the village distributing Psychological Warfare Materials and, in some cases, searching homes. Sometimes packages of candy and inexpensive charms are distributed to particularly friendly villagers. These villagers felt to have the most knowledge of VC activities, and always the unofficial hamlet chief, are interviewed privately.

(4) Individual Marine. (See November Command Chronology, Civic Action; paragraph 7.)

(5) Support of Operation Five Mountains. Close liaison has been maintained with Captain FROST, USA, S-5 advisor, QUANG HAM Special Sector. A total of 250,000 Copies of enclosures (1) through (18) were delivered for use in Operation Five Mountains.

(6) Results. Discovery of various leaflets on VCS is an indication that some Psychological Warfare Materials are being read. On 18 November one VCC surrendered to the 703rd Company, RF, located at TRUNG LOUNG Hamlet (BT042723). He stated that enclosure (10) had been instrumental in his defection. In his opinion loudspeaker helicopters are more effective than printed materials since the VC often invoke harsh penalties against those who read GVN/USMC propaganda leaflets. (Additionally, see November Command Chronology, Civic Action; paragraph 8.)

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0030 27 020030H Fm:Sen; Request you use AO that
is presently on station. S.F.F.

0325 28 010325H Fm:L; Spot Report, BP 31. S.F.Sen

0445 29 010445H Fm:Sen; Requested check on coord
sited in 010325 Spot report check
made. coord wrong- correct coord
given Sen 5 (967691 Vice 657961) S.F.Sen

0615 32 010600H Fm:I; M3 has arrived this post. S.F.

0710 33 010700H Fm:I; Crossed LOD at 0700 S.F.Sen

0720 34 010700H Fm:K; Crossing LOD S.F.Sen

0727 35 010726H Fm:I; Progress is slow at first
village because of wooded area S.F.

0733 36 010732H Fm:I; Status report (Stopped to
probe) S.F.

0740 37 010736H Fm:K; Now crossing IP S.F.

0743 38 010740H Fm:I; Status report (Blowing t
tunnels in VIEN TAY (4) S.F.

0745 39 010741H Fm:K; Have crossed LOD S.F.

0755 40 10752 Fm:; Saw 3 men near bridge fired
1 HE 90 missile S.F.

0756 41 010754H Fm:I; Request fire concentration
15 S.F.

0800 42 010758H Fm:K; VC across river calling arty
to block via 9963 S.F.

0827 43 010827H Fm:Arty; AO received fire from
BICH NAM (2), firing men on the
road, approx 000640 S.F.

0828 44 010827H Fm:K; 5 VC 000640 are return
fire, 1 WIA leg wound S.F.

0905 45 010905H Fm:K; Man w/leg wound has been
evacuated S.F.Sen

0907 46 010907H Fm:I; Now enterin what we think
is HA TAY S.F.Sen

0910 47 010910H Fm:H; Spot Report; A. K. B. 010910
C. 964734 ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 1
VC KIA result of tank WP fire
1 had in his possession grenade
and fragments. S.F.Sen

0944 48 010944H Fm:K; Spot Report; A.K.B.
010944H loc AT999643 D. Block
ent AT956636 to 989628, sweep force
1 loc 997642 E. Progress slow,
blowing many tunnels and pms. (Reg en w/loc, S.F.
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0945 49 010945H Fm:3-3; To:3en-3; Spot Report
A. I. B. 010945H C. B 011647
D. Found chinese insta grenade
booby trap in fence line. E.
proceeding slowly because of this
find utilizing PF plat and wire
as guides to discover other
booby traps. booby trap blown
w/C-3. P-L Neg

1020 50 011020H Fm:3 en3 Spo 4 Report A.K; B.
011010H. C AT993647. D. Comp
sweep of mine and booby trap
area referred to recon to
determine mission for TD-15
starting mine sweep of RR bed.

1039 51 011039H Fm:K; Spot Report A.K6 B010913H
C. BROG444 D. Kilo 5 received
a/a fire from 001640. E. Retu
fire. Kilo direct hit L. 1VC KIA

10410 52 011041H Fm:K; Spot Report A. Kilo 1 B.
011030H C. AT987630 D. Received
a/a .30 cal from AT990631.
E. Returned fire w/M79 & 3.5
Neg results and plan enveloping
action.

1105 53 011105H Fm:I; Check out area via 001632
before leaving area today. Radio
antenna reported this loc earlier
and was target of HU1E rocket
fire about 1 week ago. Report
results of this search.

1121 54 011121H Fm:All; Code for challenge and
pass is RR

1205 55 011205H Fm:K; M1 Rep. L-1 and 3 complete
sweep of HA BONG Name 5 VCC captured
AT996643. Have trapped pocket of
VC at 991443. Hailing Arty. Inter
of VCC indicate 200 to 300 VC
in HA BONG last night. now searching
for weapons. 1 KIA By M-14. 1KIA
by 106mm RR.

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1210 56 011215H To:Sen; Spot Report; A. K. B.
011114H . CAT998641, D.HA DONG
sweep half completed. 2-chicom
grenade booby trips 995647. Receiving
isolated s/a fire from vic 990642.
E. Have destroyed booby traps.
Numerous tunnels and covered pans
Same vic P at 986631 and 998643
Will hold present pan am. K,
2-VC. attending envelope and
destroy source of s/a fire. S.F. Sen

1230 57 011230H To:Sen; Spot Report. A. India.
B. 0111200H C. 003641. D. Revg
heavy small arms fire. E. called
in arty and using 81mm mort.
Results not observed. F.Neg
G. 1 Leb wound H*L Neg. S.F. Sen

1300 58 En: ; Have completed sweep of HA DONG
and are remaining in blocking pan. S.F.

1400 59 En Sen 2Spot Report from squire; Ref report
VC B grids 83-77-84-78 S.F.

1430 60 En:K; VC traffic interpreted K
Tact translated "We will try the
new way" S.F. Sen

1445 61 En:K; Initial interrogation VCC
200-300 VC HA DONG (in GS9964)
night 31 Oct until 010700 Westerly
egre s wearing helmets, boots
and belt equipment. S.F.

1513 62 011513H En: Sen 3; Situation Report
India now generally loc AT995633
(center), 996633 (Left flank)
and sweeping west toward kilo loc S, S.F. Sen

1605 63 011705H En:I; Present loc 010633 moving
East along trail. S.F.

1720 64 011720H En:I; Present loc 008642 008644. S.F. Sen

1800 65 011800H To:I; Request situation report
today's activity with spot reps
on incidents ASAP (Sent 011900) S.F.

1745 66 011745H En:L5; Spot report (Ref: sign
on tree, black cloth on log an the
interrogation of old man S.F.S

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1803	1	011803	Have 2 WIA MedEvacs via 020642, LZ secure, will mark (1-USMC* & 1 - PF).	SF
1820	2	011826	Marine WIA initial B Ser#2132407	SFS-1
1830	3	011830	Med Evac completed.	SF
1834	4	011834	Marine (WIA) had finger shot off & PF had hip wound, both fr heavy SA fire.	SF
1932	5	011920	Req complete Spt Rept on Marine WIA who had finger shot off.	SF
1936	6	011936	Weather Report.	SF
1946	7	011946	Regional Force jeep hit mine at BT 016697 receive some small arms fire east of Highway.	SF
2000	8	012000	1. Number VC capt red 2. Where were VC taken? 3. Advise when IPK are on the move.	SF
2028	9	012028	PI6 attend meeting at Bn CP at 021100.	
2030	10	01 030	TUE HUI AN intial Rpt: From AT 083610 to BT 010618, there is one VC Bn operating. Believed to be 23d Bn, rated by Shove as C-3.	SF
012100	11	012100	Ontos will be positioned so as to see 6 power scopes and 50.0al.	SF
2135	12	012135	There have been 2 veh hit by fire in rear area tonight.	SF
2140	13	012140	2 Plt PF at BT 025705, 2ndst sqd PF at BT 033713.	SF
2200	14	012200	India Sit Rpt.	SFSon
2200	15	012200	Kilo Sit Rpt.	SFSon
0035	16	020030	A. Kilo B. 020030H C. 974654 D. Obsvd a man running N to S 975655, the man tripped a flare and threw a grenade exploding near of pan. E. Man was fired on.	

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but was not effective as a patrol
returning to friendly lines would
have recvd the fire also.

0715	17	020715	Civil Affairs Report	SF
0754	18	020655	Weather Forecast 020600-021800.	SF
0753	19	020755	Chk Out HOA PHOUC area GSs 0265, 0266, 0166 and 0167 and hill mass 55.	SF
0800	20	020800	India Reg contact Axehandle: Their men (here) need transp.	SF
0807	21	020807	Neg sighting Hill 55.	SF
0817	22	020817	Regards GS(entry #19) all act nor- mal, no unusual gathering.	SF
0817	23	020810	Reg recon Hill 55 N bet N-S Grid 97 and SONG YEN River (to west).	SF
0832	24	020832	Reg recon area bounded by grids 59-04-64-97, have rpt VC Bn in that area.	SF
0837	25	020837	Refers Entry #23- Neg sighting, no unusual activity, no boats on River.	SF
0830	26	020830	Advise Axehandle pers that Pol 4 arranging transp. Also-wpns insp today is only crew served wpns.	SF
0900	27	020900	Entry #24 Neg sighting. Neg whole TAOR.	SF
0904	28	020904	Smokercon has friendly trips fr them to water point.	SF
0905	29	020905	Resupply helo will be at your posn at 1130 after they complete a mission for RV.	SF
0940	30	020940	F-6, we are dptng to PS CP.	SF
0952	31	020952	Conduct Mt rein w/mosrib unit. Ptrl GS 0463, 0462 & 0563 today. Notify this unit of departure	SF

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			time. hourly Sit Rep.	SP
0957	32	020957	P-6 at PS CP.	SP
1025	33	021025	LP1E has cleared obj B on way to Ck pt #4.	SFSen
1137	34	021137	Code for Chal&Pawrd: 92.	SP
1210	35	021210	Ptrl Spd 1 VN male in boat via 985689. Marines fired SA at man he fled ashore toward CA. RE (3).	SFL
1215	36	021215	LP1I at Ck Pt #4	SP
1247	37	021245	LP1I at Ck Pt #5.	SP
1250	38	021128	India Civil Affairs rpt.	SP
1255	39	021235	Req Co Cmdrs w/interp at fol at 1530H to meet RF co Cmdrs to walk patrol boundaries: I Co CO 02658, K Co CO - 987664, L Co CO 966657. If Co CO's can't be at these loc at 1530, notify P2Ep in ASAP.	SP
1312	40		A. L-2 B. 1303 C. 970643 D. Ptrl rec fire fr 975645 SA, grenades, est 10 VC. E. Ret fire at this time. SFSen	
1318	41		A. K-1 B. 021310 C. 974654 D. Recd 2 rds mortar fire believed to be 60mm, E. Trying to get shell rep. 1 child WIA, shrapnel.	SFSen
1430	42	021417	RF o/1 for tonight activities will be late, as soon as rod will contact peep & polish.	SP
1438	43	0 1438	Req loc sniper scopes & SID.	CF
1454	44	021454	SID 015695, Scopes 015655.	SP
1555	45	021555	O/1 of Regional Forces pen at my loc operation Order being translated. will be completed between 1700 and 1800.	SP

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1600	46		Pay War Tns will be working N & S ptrl bdry 030900. 3 pers div clothes and armed. They do not have ID yet advise Mar Co & patrols to be aware of them. If quest arises to their ID, contact RF off that are. SF.
1629	47	122	ITT rpt: Rpt of en, approx 300 VC at HA THANH Hamlet. VC passed thru BICH BAN in NE dir 6-11-65 012300H. Rel unk (S-2 comment) Coords screw- ed up, VC came fr dir of BICH BAC Ham- let AT 986636 west of HA THANH. SF
1700	48	021700	Have polish Co Cmdrs meet w/RF Cmdrs? Ans ASAP. SF
1700	49	021650	Recon GS 9864 for any movement of any type. Recon frm 94 W to 60 S. to 64 N to 06 E. for any unusual act. Recon 9864 NE to 0668. SF
1706	50	021705	No unusual activity at GS 9864, and 9964. SF
1718	51	021717	Req change Dart IP2A to 037635. SF
1731	52	021730	Ran your second mission & found no unusual activity. There were 7 boats on the river but they apprd to be fishing. Could not run 3d mis- sion because of a line of fire. SF
1730	53	021730	A. M-2 B. 021725 C. Bridge #3 996637. D. Recd 3 rds fm NW. E. E. Unable to spot enemy & didn't return fire.
1750	54	021750	In regards to your msg reqstg info on LPII info to follow: A. VC rovd 160 rds. B. VC 30 cal. Auto & SA. 1 VC seen running w/long wpn. LPII rovd 2 explosions thought to be 60mm or M79. Rds rovd vic 969648. D. De- tailed rpt w/intel rpt will follow. SF/Son

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BF -S-3 has rpted that Mar Ptrl
working in vic of QUA GIANG(2) fm
S to N. Tongkah this area is N of the
Ptrl border line. Req info on this
ptrl ASAP.

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2055	1	021810	Following Lb pms, L-1 969659 L-2 963659, L-3 972662, L-6 971665.	SFScn
2056	2	021820	MF Plt at 974690. Plt Ldr NGUYEN THANH QUAT.	SFScn
2057	3	021842	Have pti in vlc. Has been coordin- ated w/HF Co Cmdr concerned.	SF
2046	4	021855	XXXXXXXXXXXX Weather Report.	SF
2047	5	021917	At 021800 HF2 rpt obs approx 20 men going fm E to W at 970670. A guard up on the hill (HF Area) obs through Binac, 6 or 8 persons working around a grave. They came fm the W, kept going back - forth 12 rptd to be in black clothing. Grave is at (AT 970672).	SFScn
2101	6	021917	Spt Rpt, Kilo	SFScn
2246	7	022245	"F" Btry reports VC plt AT 980690	SF
2303		022255	Short Round at 999663	SF
2316	8	022215	Eng will begin construction on barrier tomorrow 1100, 3 Nov lead 032662. Reg you provide day.	
2331	9	02230	Arty & 81's covered area sound w/ dropoff back found nothing. 81's HAI's until 0130.	SF
0515	10	030315	Number rds fired in Spt Co L, 02 Nov - 12. No rda fired by kilo 81's HAI - 49 HE light, 11-HE med.	SF
0655	11	030655	AO chkd (AT972653). Some entering.	SF
0720	12	030720	Weather Report.	SF
0750	13	030750	Mike. One VOS picked up at Bndg 2.	SFScn
0830	14	030836	Ind's Have crossed LOD.	SF
0850	15	030850	Reg on obs, still farming going on along Hwy.	SFScn

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0917	16	030917	Have 2 VC. Taking to CP. Req transp VC were picked up at 033643. SF.
0933	17		At 033643 we have 14 VCS w/no ID Cards. Also quest a man w/amer green back. SF
0936	18		Concerning 2 VUS, one on black list, other picking up supplies for VC. SF
1012	19	I	Relay HyFist C-3 Ontos threw track 037634 (ETA on the way -1 Hr.) SF
1035	20	Info	Plt of Bound Alfa now via ONG PHU (3) at 950630. SF
1054	21		Submit LZ Coords by Plt ARAP. (I,K,L) SF
1100	22		Code for Pwrd & Counter signs 16 SF
1106	23		AO rptd 9 boats 989623, 2 per boat, not moving. SF
1107	25		LZs #1 020656, #8 024657, #9 032662. SF
1320	26		Ontos has been repaired. SF
1250	27	051240	We are now back in our CP(India) SF
1253	28	051253	We have 3 VCS our pan, 2 were sent (ITT) this morning. Req 2 VCS be ret this pan. Remaining 9 were freed. SF
1325	29		A. K. B. 051250 C. AT 996647 D. Mar KIA Initial M Ser# 2093343. Engaged in mine sweep & enemy wpn search & had blown 2 VS gren & 1 ChiCom gren (booby-trap) in place at 1300, then a mine & rptd to have detonated. E. Med air evac. SF3am
1402	30		Stt Rpt. India Sweep VIEM TAY (1) 0430 to 1230 apprehended 2 VCS (black list) & 3 VCS. Mainly large

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amounts of rice found at V ien
 Tay at 040640. Villagers rep large
 VC grp moved east of area 2 wks ago. SF

1538	31		Reg AN/PRG 25 ASAP- Reason refer to S-3. SFComm
1637	32	031622	Claymore school for India 0609 0-061200, for M 070900-071200 at respective CP's. SFT
1638	33	031626	Arrange for guide to arrive MIEU DONG Ckpt by 040800 to lead political action team to your CP. SFT
1750	34	031700	Run the S side of Hill 55 coord 9661, 9660, 9560, 9761 for activity on trail, or people appearing to lay mines. SF
1751	35	031740	Run whole S end of Hill 55. No unusual act. Although quite a bit of people farming but lack legitimate. SF
1752	36	031800	Recd following report from agent about the next VC attack will be concentrated on ammo dumps at DA HANG & Marble Mt. unevaluated, will be eval in followup given at later date. SF
1800	37	031750	Spt Rpt. A. Kilo B. 031750H O. BT 000665 to BT 000670 D. A fire fight going on. Unk participants can obs fire but not of range. Impact area K CP. S. Troops fired dozen rds & new in holes. F.-L Reg. SFT

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1925	23121	031925	Base fight, no Marines involved. BT 005665-000670.	SP5Cen
1955	2	031800	Weather Report.	SP
1957	3	031958	ISJ left IP at 1900. Also TP30 will be delayed they are waiting for better light conditions.	SPM
2100	4	032100	Civil Affairs Rpt. 030830-031030, AT 992667 Co Corporal treated 3 women & 13 children. People grafl. SP	
23158	5	032315	A. LSB B. 032145 C. 964662 D. LSB rovd two rds from W AT 964664 Rds were 30cal. hit 15 to 20 yds from LS pan. Rpt was made to Co CP. New pan was taken 25 yds fwd of old ones. 20min later, LSB rovd approx 6 rds auto fire from same pan across river (964664). Sighted muzzle flash from only one rifle. LSB rpts they then moved to new pans by crawling low. They believed sniper had Sniperscope, all rds landed 15-20 yds from pans. LSB SS failed to operate at their pan. LSB did not ret fire. E. Same procedure of using SS will be used tomorrow night, no immed action was taken because rds came from across river. F.-L. Nag	SP5Cen
0122	6	040120	A. LFJA B. 040015H C. 974651 D. 8 blk bodies moving SE (967652) moving very fast by their right flank. Were out of killing zone. Were not fired upon. E.-R. Nont.	SP
0230	7	040228	Pol I dep IP at 0225 in accor- dance w/plan.	
0411	8	040352	IP30 CP #3.	SP

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0814	23	040814	Lost contact K2, we are moving Hill 55	SF
0850	24	040850	Have 2 tks stuck at block, Hill 55	SF Sen
0850	25	040850	A0 - SONG THAN HQUIT E-some tks, 3 boats, farmer w/rice, 1 boat moving W, others E. ARVN moves in open, don't seem under fire, moving will. Hill 55 no unusual activity.	SF
0903	26	040903	Sweep el loc obj 3. Neg contact & rec'g mortar fire.	SF
0915	27	040915	ARVN mov at Obj B-3	SF L
0915	28	040915	Assist being sent tks via Hill 55	SF
0940	29	040940	Sit Rpt: Kilo 6 my pos 98262A. 4 tks stuck at 984626, recommend tk retriever to pullout & tks then w/d fr area. Obs of VC act fr my loc poor due veg & my opinion blk force ineffective. AT 985630 land tank ran over mine but it did not detonate. Will blow mine in place.	SF Sen
1000	30	041000	A. K6 B. 041000 C. Approx 98262A D. We have visual contact w/ARVN force via AT 995630.	SF Sen & I
1015	31	041015	Have 2 VC captured & 2 VC KIA via 976667.	SF K, L
1035	32	040930	Block to refer to area loc gen on Hwy 14 fr 055590 to 984584 NW to 965602. Mortar fire res'd at 963584. Area has been cleared & action terminated. Sweep el still in Obj 3	SF
1100	33	041104	Some delay w/retriever at river.	SF, K
1115	34	041115	A. Inida B. 040615 C. 08642 D. 2 VCS apprehended at above coords, no ID cards E. Evac ITH.	SF Sen

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1180	35	041120	Situate 46(11th Ranger) and Situate 68(M-114 trp APC's) have cleared Obj 3 and moving on Objs 4 & 5. SF IAK
1211	36	041211	Sen Lao figures final obj will be secured about 30 min, spt not anticipated beyond then & Part may plan accordingly. SF
1530	37		3 runs out, 1 left, need 1 Marse SF
1530	38		Grass hut 021609, saw man (prior) run into it, (signs) ext digging - looks as it may be a bunker or has a false bottom. SF
1616	39		Kilo 6, my pan is 988644. SF
1622	40		Kilo 6, retriever passed my pan at 1622. SF
1630	41		Crowd Rpt: 30 VC, village 943664-9 2653, 032100-072130, took 33 ID cards & passes. SF
1650	42		Supplies pending for K: Load on Mike & trlr (Incl: water, rations, 16-BA279, Heat bars). SF
1710	43		L 041200, 958644 apprehended a VCS female no ID card. Evac Rpt. SF
1712	44		Mike, Sniper Scopes loc 967728 & 980533 (3d repair). SF 2-2
1715	45		M/3/3 (-) placed OPCON 9th for sixty ammo dump. Regt putting OPCON 39. FragO follows, effective 1 medately. SF
1719	46	2x	Be advise (AO Rpts) limited activity hill 55 area. In addition to vehicular, rpts ARVN still on Hill. West is unusually quiet. Minimal activity in fields & general area. SF & K

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and HUEY came overhead. PAC in threw illum to light LZ. 26 rds carbine auto, 2 rifle grns came into LZ. E. 30 rds SA returned. VC fired from vic 100meters front of GP from house which was destroyed. Prior to firing at house, people were warned. F.L. None. Med evac not & send msg & cancelled. SF

2140	12	042140	Spt Rpt; Sas msg #12.	SF Sen
2315	13	042315	Lima Spt Rpt.	SF Sen
2335	14	042335	Results of RF act from 040600 to 041800 discovered 5 hidden caves at 974677, 3 VC Co, 2 VC KIA in cave village, 1 shotgun, 2 grns. Coord unknown.	SF
2335	15	042300	RF Plt will sweep DONG SON (1) first thing in the morning.	SF
2340	16	042335	Ref you Spt rpt 042135H. How were 8 Marines WIA.	SF
2345	17	042501	Does K-2 posses reaper capability. Name on return route dentles are definitely possibility.	SF
0650	18	050630	RF Plt at DONG SONG (1) started sweep.	SF
0700	19	050700	Recon area between EV GL 63 & 59. Boarded on the West by YEN River and on East by GHIA River. Observe for unfriendly forces.	SF
0725	20	050725	Msg activity along rivers on area between GL 63&59.	SF
0731	21	Weather	Weather Report.	SF
0735	22		Dep your area to cont opn	SF
0740	23		R. triever enroute 3/9 GP for Engr Tm.	SF

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A. L6 B. 050700 G. 971663
 D. Sent unit to survey area
 from which VC fire came last night.
 picked up 1 male VCS w/no pic
 on ID. Also found in VCS house one
 old french mess gear - VCS stated
 son killed 1 yr ago by VC. Interp
 felt son may have been VC. E. VCS
 & gear by resup hals to Bn Coll
 Pt. P. & L. Neg L. 1 French unif
 & partial mess gear & one VN ID
 Card. VCS evac ITF 1140.

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0914	25	Have left CP for THI AN (1)(India)	SF
0915	26	(Lima) Civ Aff rpt. For 4 Nov.	SFCAO
0920	27	Present status tank?	SFSen
0938	28	A. LP4C B. 050830 G. 961652 D. Road approx 20 rds SA autown fr south of pan. E. LP4C dir approx 70 rds ML4 at area south of pan. E. LP4C dir approx 70 rds ML4 at area south of Pan. VC broke ang & no more fire reed. Enemy not seen, patrol contin route.	SFPesp
1035	30	Civil Affairs Report.	SFCAO
1050	31	Retriever arr'd tank about out have not started to move yet.	SFSen
1105	32	Civ Aff Rpt Neg (Kilo)	SFCAO
1105	33	Comp sweep THI AN (1) & BO MUNG (1) (India) 1 VCS (blacklist)	SF
1145	34	A LP4C B. 051145 C. Approx 955642 reed fire fr an force est 7 VC at 1125H. Ea fire increased by 1130 to est 20 bursts 10-22 rds ea. SA est heavier cal than carb or even ML4. E. Pans consolidated, ret on fire w/perm to fire arty.	

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Plt has PO & ammo sit good.
 F. None G. 1 light facial H.-
 M. N/A.

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1145	35		Kilo on move w/tanks to KCP as of 1138	SF Sen
1215	36		Refers Plt (Rain) w/PO Tm rpt MIEU DONG by 151300 for combined Broh & Gls Ops this date.	SF
1301	37	051231	All Sharpshooter units back in pen at CB. Kilo Plt enroute Pens.	SF
1304	38	051300	India 1 dead for MIEU DONG 1255.	SF
1327	39	051311	New fortifications Coord 963627, 963600, 970607, 973607.	SF
1328	39	051311	AO Rpts- New fortifications at 963627, 963600, 970607, 973607.	SF
1330	40	051326	AO Rpts Bamboo Bridge at 998607.	SF
1505	41	051505	Req any info regarding HE dud- Exploded 1/1.	SF
1522	42	051522	I Plt has comp sweep. Now in block pen 030693.	SF

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1930	2	051830H	Fm:Sen; Weather report.	S.F.
2015	3	052012H	Fm:I; Med evac requested. Man fired a rifle illumination grenade with a live round. Sustained multiple frag wounds	S.F. Sen
2021	4	052020H	Fm:F-1; IS-5, B052000H.0028656. B Received (5) rounds fire from 030655. Returned (10) rds observed (2) figures move out in easterly direction. Returned to platoon position F-L N/A	S.F. Sen
2055	5	052000H	Fm:K-2; Spot Report A. K-2 B 052000 C. 994656. D Heard bamboo signals movement detected. Heard bolt go home (1) man observed in house. 50 meters from site. Opened fire and saw other figures move. Enemy threw (1) grenade ambush withdrew to 990657. Set up secondary site. Figures by tree line saw (2) people fall. No fire returned by enemy. Enemy broke contact. Search of area, neg possible (2) VC KIA.	S.F. Sen
2106	6	052055H	Fm:I; Med evac completed 2055.	S.F.
2135	7	052115H	To:L-6; Block with 1 platoon from 973673 to 973678 for ARVN sweep of part of LA BONG (1) and YEN NE (4). ARVN will move east to west. Friendly forces in CAM NE (6) and LA BONG (3). Establish block at 060900H. anticipate receiving at 061500H. Be prepared to net with regt Tac net in addition to Co Net. On order move to position 060700H	
2148	8	051930H	Fm:I; Spot Report; A IP5F B 051920, C 027646. D Lights blinking at 025655. No one seen in village 024651, 028751, 027644.	

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0750	9	060747H	20-25 rounds. E. (60 small arms rounds (4) M-79 (2) 81mm Mortar returned F-L N/A	S, F, Sen
0908	10	F	Fm: Monrovia Weather Report	S, F
			Fm: L; Spot Report; A. LP5C B 060845	
			C. 964650 D Patrol received heavy enemy small arms fire from vic 967648 and 966645 (See msg) E.	
			returned fire, enemy broke contact and now checking area.	S, F, Sen
0920	11	L	Fm: L-2; We are now in block pos.	S, F, Sen
0925	12		Fm: P opsight Liaison; RP (force is in village.	S, F
	13	T	To: I, K, L, M; Challenge and pass is code #85	S, F, T
1050	14	061042H	Fm: Powerglide 4-1; (AO reports) foxholes 993627, san pans 997638 (men dove into water on pass) & rice paddy work 998635. Arty.	S, F, Sen
1120	15		Fm: L; Civ Affairs Report for 5 November	S, F
1125	16		Fm: L; Pacification Tm has arr LC	S, F
1135	17		Fm: L; Civil Affairs Report	S, F, SAO
1155	18	061151	Fm: L; Spot Report; A. LP5C, B 061130H approx C. AT969649	
			D. Patrol receiving fire fr unk enemy loc. E. Deployed & trying to engage & receiving sniper fire F None G. 1 Bullet/foot, vac Nov in progress, but LZ not secure.	S, F, Sen
1205	19	061200H	Fm: Sen 2; 60 People in field in groups of 10 (AT942595). Crops appeared to have been harvested	S, F
1210	20	061205H	Fm: L; Loc S/S & troops - 1st Plat S/S, 20 PH-SS-TPS, 10 PLT SS	S, F
1220	21	061215H	To: Sen 3; 1 med evac picked up & evacuated	S, F, Sen
1230	22	061225H	Fm: Sen; Req to know how many, how distributed, & how claymores are presently employed.	S, F, T
1235	23	061230H	Fm: L; 1 Man has chills & numbness in arms - being evacuated	S, F

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1240	24	Fm: Peepsight Liaison; Secure LZ (block at 1500. 3.F.
1325	25	Fm: L-2; Sitrep- Noz contact. 3.F.
1340	26	Fm: I; Spot Report; A. I B 061335 C BT032663 D Approx 1320H, river block detail apprehended 1-male & 1 female VCS in boat and at approx 1330 (while holding for evac) got another boat w/1-male VCS. 1-man has ID, other and woman no ID. E. In process of moving all to I for evac to ITT. (Refer msg #30) S.F. San
1540	27	061500H Fm: L2; Now dep (block pan) for QES, P. San
1945	28	061530H Fm: I; Spot Report; A. I B 061500H G. BT031662, D river block stopped 26 vietnamese women, children and old men in boat traveling north on SONG VINH DIEN claimed to be refugees going to DA NANG. E. Capt FROST notified and taking action to relocate group in conjunction w/ARVN S.F. San

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1900	1	061900H	Fm: L spt rept of 100 VC moving N. S.F. Sen
1900	2	061827H	Fm: Monroe; Weather forecast S.F.
1900	3	061855H	To: I; Chaplain will visit "I" for breakfast and have church at 070000H. S.F. T
2000	4	061000H	To Sen 3; No claymores employed tonight S.F.
2200	5	062120	Fm: L; Spot Report A. L-1 B 062120H C 969664 D Mank making head call in front of position received (1) rd of VC fire from 9/9665 returned six rds, contact broken. E. None F None 3 (1) WIA nicked in left calf, evac not necessary (1) None S.F. Sen
0720	6	070700H	Fm: Monroe; Daily weather forecast. S.F.
0750		Fm	Fm: AQ; VC troops in unif. at ror 6, at 054632 S.F.
0810			Fm: A tyi Filing man 054632. S.F.
0813	7		Fm: Peepsight Liaison; Request 2 plate 8 Nov (VIP009692) loc 006688 and 008694. S.F. T
0830			Fm: L; Patrol in contact VC (Plat) 961649. Arty man S.F.
0900			Fm: Sen 3; 6 Helo and 2 gunships avail if needed.
0940	8		To: I-M; Co I will sweep W to E w/1 Plat I Co and 1 Plat M Co in GS 0363, 0462 and 0463 for highway 1 to river. Lt sec of ontos will be emp. 1-plat I Co on call vic 030646 S.F. Sen
0945	9		Fm: Sen 2; (Eval F) 3 Nov VC-Plat W to E and Loc YEN NE 976687. 36 men w/fatigues, wps etc. S.F.
1055	10	Fm	Fm: Sen 2; Spot report A. L B 070830-071015. C AT 967647. D Patrol LP60 encountered VC Plt 20-25 961649 S/A w/pos 50 cal. E. Ret fire w/ arty man, VC broke contact. L Betn plat to retn. Nov sweep 3 SON (4) vic hpoly tryp 966649 trip wire. 3 VCS appreh w/maj wounds. f. none

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1100	11	11	Fm Sen 3; Warning order: provide block force via 028567 from 080630 - 081030 in conjunction with ARVN operation (east of river). More info when available. S.F.
1105	12		To: Sen3; I5 reported departed fm I CP for sweep operation at 1050 At 1145 along HWY 4 (BT039625) commencing sweep. S.F., Sen
1250	13		Fm: I; Am sweeping village at 040633. S.F., Sen
1210	14		Fm: Sen3; No 1/9 patrols to block east of river; alt. arty. S.F.
1215	15	Fm: I6;	River block 16 siv to I CP, Most women advise. S.F., Sen
1220	16	Fm	Fm: I5; Present loc 043633. S.F.
1230	17		Fm: 1/9; Clear to fire arty 1000m east of river bet FL 62-65. Advise start and comp. S.F.
1300	18		Fm: I5; Possession 049634, cont sweep, neg contact. S.F., Sen
1300	19		Fm: I; Have 1-VCS, name on black list, at I CP. No veh's for eva o, please advise. S.F., Sen
1410	20	071325H	Fm: I; BT049633 Marine stepped on punji stake. Medical evacuation 071400H S.F., Sen
1410	21	071400H	Fm: I5; Have reached river, completed sweep checking house at BT054636 at request of AO S.F., Sen
1430	22	071415H	Fm: I; Spot Report; A.I B 071415 BT054636. D. Found med supplies and cartridges in house. 2 women and 3 kids VCS E heading to CP S.F., Sen
1455	23	071440H	Fm: I; 071330H, BT054633, 1 VCS, on black list, evacuated to 3rd IRT (Refer #19) S.F., Sen
1455	24	071420H	Fm: Peepight Liaison; 16 vietnaese are authorized to fish and rivers request return boats. (refer msg #15) S.F.
1555	25	071536H	To: I; Req additional info on booby trap detonated by Marine earlier. S.F., T

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1550	26	071550H	Fm: I-15 in CP	S, F, Sen
1630	27		Fm: I; Situation Report Operation TYAN QUIT (5) and south patr (5) commenced 071115, 3 child and 2 woman (hse) 054634, med, 8 cartridges; 1-WTA USMC (unji) 051633, evac 1400, S/A fr 056633, heavy cal, returned 9-60mm. 071530 operation secured.	S, F, Sen
1645	28		Fm: I; I-1 and I-3 moved out at 1615	S, F, Sen
1645	29	Fm	Fm: Sen3; (Refers Entry #7) req fert provide 2-plat for visit of CP I corps to DUONG SON (1) PM of 8 Nov. Contact sen N.	S, F, Sen
1700	30		Fm: K; My CP Location now 985661	S, F, Sen

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1815	1	071815	TD-15 stuck at old CP, working on it, will advise.	SF
1825	2	071825	TD-15 out OK now. (Kilo)	SF
1925	3	071925	M Co Spt Rep - 2 VCS apprehended.	SF/Sen
1925	4	071925	K Co Spt Rep - 1 VC POW.	SF/Sen
1930	5	071924	Weather Report.	SF
2055	6	072050	India Spt Rep.	SF/Sen
2155	7	072150	Lima Spt Rep.	SF/Sen
2235	8	072230	Kilo Spt Rep.	SF/Sen
0210	9	080100	India would like to have some Hags elements when we go down at first light to see what we got. SSgt HUGG taking 4 of Sgt ADKINS sqd to pan by 0630.	Info
0600	10	080600	Weather Report	SF
0910	11	080910	Wire Tm (12 men) to be I Co area.	SF/Co
0925	12	080930	Spt Rep India: Sweep of ambush site, booby 60mm, est 40 VC WIA.	SF/Sen
0945	13	080938	Obs 5-VC along RR at 993594, disappeared under grnd.	SF/Arty
1015	14	081015	Keep S-3 advised on employ trn'd SniperScoop Teams.	SF/IKL
1020	15		Subj: Snipers - 6 of 18 qual Regt (none 3/9), screen, class 9-11 Nov 65, 3/9 quota of 4 to rpt Regt S-3 by 081800 w/gear; Snipers qual will be immed employed.	SF/1 ea Co
1115	16	081115	Efcvtv Lined: Mar back MIEU BONG Ok Pt; 081800 Pest resp scrt'y & Opn River barrier 032663, 1/9 provides scrt'y E side; trying RF trps for R.	SF
1230	17		Secue block conj. 1/9 opn East.	SF/I

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1230	18	081215	PF's rpt 5 caves 969663; also 5 VC speak Eng & w/ID cards rptd to try enter L CP, live 967638.	SF/IKL
1230	19	081200	Ref: I Co VC w/no ID - f 071845- to ITT (admits 7-man team)	SF/Sen2
1230	20	081000	Ref: I Co VCS w/no ID of 080700, stated VC took papers- ITT	SF/Sen2
1245	21	081155	Code for Chal & Pwrd is: 59	SF/All Co
1245	22		AM/PRS #3 areas: 032643 (1b TNT to dest 1-60mm), swept 992678-983661-990643-992678 w/no incidents. Delib sweep of 992678-987663-987665-959658-992678, Neg.	SF
1300	23		EO 5100.1-Rules of Eng(& Safety) Complied with.	SF
1310	24	081310	MIEN BONG Ck Pt manned 1 FT, 2 M Co at 081300H.	SF/Sen
1315	25	081315	Am interes ed for planning, views on est combat support Hill 55. Should we? When? with what? Comments.	SF/Sen
1337	26	0-1337	Refer Sen Conf 30 Oct: Submit counter atk plan by 12 Nov.	SF
1342	27	0813 0	I Co block detail in CP at 1340.	SF/Sen
1355	28	081355	M 2 deprim at 081355 to block for VIP.	SF/Sen
1420	29		M2 reached dest & moving into pan.	SF/Sen
1422	30	081400	2/12 xpts 2 VCS by M Co (Rear) No ID- To ITT.	SF
1615	31	081445	M-2 in pan. Awaiting orders(stay put)	SF
1615	32	081505	MIEN BONG ck pt rec'd fire at 1000H.	SF/I
1625	33	081505	Sniper Ssk postponed until 091800H.	SF/Co's
1625	35	081530	Req keep scrib for VIP until Notifd.-SF,M-2	

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1630	36	081535	Spt Rpt- LP7D- Booby Trap 1 WIA med evac'd.	SF/Sen
1635	37	081547	Movement of VC Co, N at 948584. Sal mortar observed.	SF
1655	39	081655	M2 Secured fr (VIP) block.	SF/Sen

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1914	1	081910	A. K-3 B. 081820H C. BT 000659 D. Observed 8 VC vic 002657 acting suspicious. VC fired 1 rd carb. E. Fire rtd w/MG 1 VC wounded and dragged away. 81mm mort fired. VC w/drew South. F.-I. N/A J. 1 K.-L. N/A	SFSen
1940			K-3 is in its Base Camp. Is sending out reg patrol.	SF
1950	2	081945	Weather Forecast.	SF
2001	3	081958	U-Shaped blocking force runs fm 99666 South to trail. East along trail to 003661, North to 005683.	SF
2018	4	082000	GPAT men will aid Marines on 24-hr basis on river block. Send guide to MIEU DONG at 090900.	SF/I
2030	5	082030	RF force has enemy contact AT 973670. Reg cas estimate 4 VC, 1 AR.	SFT
2300	6	082215	Kilo Spt Rpt.	SFSen
2301	7	082220	Lima Spt Rpt.	SFSen
2302	8	082225	Lima Spt Rpt.	SFSen
0720	9	090720	LP9C left IP	SF
0721	10	090721	Weather Report.	SF
0800	11	090800	Kilo Blocking force in Pan.	SFSen
0840			LP8C ok at #2.	SF
0845	12	090845	In regards to mission of River & RR, there was excessive movement in the villages East of the RR, & also there was movement on the East-West Road in GS 9961 & 0061. All this movement seemed to be either towards the East, South, or both.	
0900	13	090900H	LP8C sweeping Obj A.	SF

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0915	14	090830	A. HAS 3/9 B. 090800 C. 992679 D. 1 VCS claims to be PF, no ID card. E. Evac to IFF. SF
1030		091030	Patrols 9 Nov received. SF
1040	15	090933	Regards to aerial recon. SF
1055	16	090947	Regards to aerial recon. SF
1055	17	091040	A. L-6 B. 081500H. C. 972662 D. Yesterday VCS was picked up walking around Lima perimeter. VCS appeared to be looking at pens. VCS brought to L CP for Inter by L Interp. VCS admitted to being VC helper and has laid mines and punji traps at various times in the past. F. Evac to IFF. Roger to msg 18. SFCen
1050	18	091040	A. L Co B. 081500 C. 972662 D. 1 VCS apprehended E. Evac to IFF (Refer to msg 17). SF
1120	19	091120	Password & Counter Sign is: 73 SF/AllCo's
1125	20	091125	Civilian Action Rpt. (India) 1. Distrib 1 case "C" rats 70 Pacification team at NHON THO- GINGA NAM area (024630). Also made further arguments for their security. 2. General attitudes: MIEN BONG very friendly. 20 people from VIEN TAY (4) moved out of village because of fear of our mortars. SF
1200	21	091200	Kilo Block Back at CP. SF
1230	22	091230	M2 commenced sweep 1250. SF
1230	23	091230	AN/PRS#3 sweep of 992678-985561- 971663-992678 Negative. SF
1305	24	091305	M-2 rpts they are blowing a hole. SF
1400	25	091400	Lima Sgt Rpt. SFCen
1410	26	091410	Recon ptl operating 015652. SF

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1410	27	091410	A. Kilo B. 091100 C. 985661 D. 1 VCS apprehended E. Evac to IFF. Picked up on line trying to sell raincoats.	SF
1405	28	091415	M-2 picked up 3 VCS via DONG SONG (2).	SF
1505	29	091505	We have completed sweep. Taking prisoners to collection point.	SF
1515	30	091515	H&S Spt Rpt.	SF
1520	31	091520	Two ambushes consisting of 1 Sgt each from 1900 on all night. BT 05714-005717	SF
1520	32	091516	MIEU DONG Chk Pt. No Contraband.	SF
1525	33	091525	Lima Spt Rpt.	SF
1555	34	091555	Mad Evac Completed.	SF
1630	35	091630	Patrol Base 091800-100800 Co I - 015657, Co L 954645,	SF/Sen
1645	36	091645	Mike Co Spt Rpt.	SF/Sen
1700	37	091655	India Spt Rpt.	SF
1735	38	091730	On Nov 12, 10 armed civilians will be working with PAC Team in VIEM TAY (4).	SF/I

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1915	1	091859H	Daily weather report	S,F,
2005	2	092000H	Fm: Sen; during Marine Corps Birth VG may be tempted to go for Marine positions and CP, expecting to find holiday laxity.	S,F,T
1920	3	091920H	Fm: Sen; Spot Report; A. Mike B. 091920H C. AT998707 D. Observed 3 to 4 VC at 995701. VG fired 15 rounds semi auto. Returned 30 rounds a/a and 1-3.5 vp round ARVN fired 9-60mm illum 8-60mm HE and 400-500 rounds of S/A. F. None G. 2 WIA from B.5. Backblast R-M none.	S,F,M
2000	4	092030H	Fm: L; Received L Company Patrols 092030.	S,F,M
2145	4	092145H	Fm: Sen III; Chief of pacification program expresses much concern over TAN-NANH has danger of VC approach his area. Request day and night patrols coverage by Marines, passed for consideration in planning fertilizer patrol activities "K" Company was Not	S,F,T
0045	5	100035H	Fm: L; Lima; Lima spot report (1) WIA	S,F,Sen
0630	6	100630H	Fm: Lima;	
0725	7	101716H	Fm: Kilo; Spot report; (1) KIA stepped on beehy trap. coords 993653 Believed to be a 105. KIA is B2059844	S,F,Sen
0759	8	200740H	Fm: Monroe; Daily weather report	S,F,T
0725	9	100725H	Fm: Mike; M10A will be out tonight from 2330 to 0230 at coord 995678 It will consist of three (3) men one (1) red star will be signal for assistance	S,F,
	10	100900	Fm: Sen; A. Kilo B. 100843 CGS9965 D Completed sweep of TAN HANH hamlet. E Continuing search of area and will advise.	S,F
0920	11	100920	Fm: Merbid C-3; Vehicles moving out	

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to sniper positions recalled to Battalion CP, report ASAP.

Fm: Wagon master B; at 0815 spotted 3 men rear of positions armed; rec'd 5 rounds S/A (Short) approx 0805. S, F,

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101005H

Fm: Kilo; We are now back in CP S, F

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Fm: Sam; Sniper scope; men must be exp; 2 being ret. S, F, T

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Fm: I; Spot Report; A. 101010H. GI CPO23657 D. Vietnamese boy info'd interp (that) VC advised evas 016657- mortar attack in near future. Request night helo recon and (Pel 14) auth AO freq, dis loc. S, F

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101120H

Fm: Sam; ARVN convoy of 40 veh left QUANG NGAI at 0835 for DA NANG, Moving north on Highway #1. Probably pass thru your area sometime this afternoon. Another ARVN convoy will be going south from DA NANG Sometime today. S, F, T

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101327H

Fm: Rosemont; At 1245 spotted 3 uniformed Vietnamese walking W to E toward hamlet (028714) entered village there wearing olive drab unif 1 had red scarf around neck 2 had rifles, the other one I couldn't tell, seemed to be meeting other's there- weren't disturbed by my presence at 1300 (BT 05645) spotted 4 males garbed in native clothing, digging in ridgeline outside village seemed to be digging reinforced bunker & there was a bunker by their position. S, F,

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Fm: Sam; Patrol bases - "L"-955645 "I"-998654, "I"-040647.

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Fm: Sam Liaison Officer; QUA NAM spec reports 20 VC in area around 967660 (C-2) by un int sec-MIEU DONG S, F,

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1925	20	102925H	Re: Polish Liaison Officer; Request to know location of sniper scope s and SIP ASAP.	S,F,
1926	21	101926H	Re: Rosemont Hotel; Information refer to message 17.	S,F
1930	22	101930H	Daily weather forecast	
1940	23	102630H	MIU DONG OK PT contraband 36 Med size flash light batteries 24 Regular flashlight batteries 6 batteries sq shape 2x4x2 12-penlight batteries. 14 pkgs of 20 bundles each each bundle contained 20 sheet of paper. Each sheet 12"x16" all counterband was hidden in bundles of tea leaves. 4 VCS were apprehended for transportation goods. All was taken to HOA VANG All goods were taken from 101600-101630H.	S,F,

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2000	2000	1	102000H	To: Sen-3; Lima spot report	S,F,Sen
		2	102000H	Fm:Peepsight 2; Pay var ops, per ied 14-20 Nov	S,F,
2040		3	102040H	Fm:L; SID locations. A. 973662, 971661,	S,F, S,F
2120		4	102120	Fm:Sen Ln; Disposition of 703rd.	
	2140	5	102140H	To: Sen; A. ARVN RF B 102130H C. AT973686 D VC sprung RF ambush E. 2 VC KIA F-H None I B J-K none L 1-Sub machine gun	S,F,Sen
0100		6	110030H	Fm:"E" Batt; 4 VC spotted at 988675 moving from West to East. Company "M" and HAS notified	S,F,T
		7		Weather forecast	
0755		8	110755H	Fm:I; Have plat size recon patrol (Rein) leaving for coord 015652 at 110900H return at 111100H.	S,F,
0915		9	110915H	Fm:Sen3; There will be a meeting at 111330H in 3rd MAF conference room to discuss latest "I" Corps info on river traffic control Battalion "Rep" invited	S,F
0930		10	110930H	Fm:Sen3; Conduct HAY DAY 11-12 a ZWEENB submit locations no later than 1000 nov 11.	S,F
1350 1/2		11	115330H	Fm:I; Contraband report is flashlight batteries. I VCS	S,F, S,F,Sen
1400		12	111400H	Fm:I; Spot report	
1430			111430H	MR WHEELER AP news writer to "K" Company overnite	S,F,T
1645	1645	13	111645H	To:Sen2; A. "K" B111000H 0000656 B (1) VCS apprehended ran from Marine whiel searching house E. Evac to IFF F-H None	S,F,
1729		14	111729H	Fm: Peepsight 2; Ref: force order 01060 1. Dated 22 October 1965. Para 3.C. (3) of ref requires that prisoners (VO) and (VCS) must be tagged with standard POW tags prior to delivery to collection point or higher echelon. 3rd Div collection pt. reports numerous incidents in which	Cont't on Page 2

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captives delivered by ninth marines lacked required tags. Failure to tag captives inhibits full exploitation for intelligence value. Lack of time or opportunity no excuse for violation ref order.

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1840	1	111838	Daily Weather Report.	SF
1930	2	111925	Patrol Base Change on 13 and 14 Nov to 009643 & 017638 Respectively	SF/I
1940	3	111935	Submit Plt Parl Bases for week commencing 15 Nov NLT 130900. Pzls must go out at least 1000m preferably 2000 meters. Insure complete coverage of area.	SF/IKL
1950	4	111945	A. India B. 111925 C. BT023656 D. 1 Frag gun thrown at 2 marines while laying out trip flares. E. 2 M79 rds ret'd, Neg results. F. None G. 1-slight laceration-not evac'd. G.-N. Neg.	SF/Sen
2030	5	112010	A. India B. 112010 C. 022655 D. Reaction on SIB. E. Fired 3 60mm Mortars & 3 3.5 WP F.-L. N/A.	SF
2207	6	112145	Undetermined amount of ARVN Rangers in our vic (037637). Sen 3 to check ant-whys-where forces and will call back with info.	SF
2216	7	112200	A. LA2 B. 112115 C. 969660 D. In pm heard movement 25 meters to front. Rec'd 1 gren from tree-line to their NW. 1 WIA. Slight shrapnel left shoulder. E. Ret'd 10 rds neg results. F. N/A G. 1 WIA H-N. N/A. No med evac. Ret'd to CP.	SF/Sen
0720	8	120715	Daily Weather Report.	SF
1000	9	121000	K Co Left IP 1000	SF
1025	10	121025	What is status of K Co minus oper.	SF
1030	11	121030	In regards to 099664, 9563, 9663, & 9764, AT 963635 there are about 35 people in a rice paddy, but there isn't any rice. Also about 300 meters North of those Coords there are another 40 people in a rice paddy w/ no rice.	SF

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Engra swept road Coord 992678-985661- 971663 and ret'd. No incidents 11 Nov same.

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1520	22 22	121520	A. Kilo B. 121330H C. AT 993652 D. Apprehdd 2 VCS male. VCS had VC relatives. E. Disposition not yet determined. F-J. None L.I.M.-N None	SF/Sen
1520	23	121520	A. Kilo B. 121230 C. 993650 D. Apprehended 1 pretty female VCS. Brother was VC and killed in battle. Documents also found near house. E. Taken to Itt. F-K. None L. 1 M.-None N. Numerous documents.	SF/Sen
1545 Late Entry	24	120835	There is presently about 20 people moving East in 2 or 3 grps at 003661. There are 5 people moving East at 992650. There are more people moving at 003661.	SF
1610	25	121600	A. K B. 121300 C. 993650 D. 3 VCS apprehended. 1 Female captured documents indicate she is sister of dead VC. She stated her brother worked for govt, died in an accident. Dead VC father also a VCS says he knows nothing. Other VCS was captured in Hay stack with a flashlight, batteries, & wire.	SF
1645	26	121633	Martha RAYE will visit Kilo Co 13 Nov at 1630. Req Bn-6 to greet her and Sen-6 upon arrival. Appro security & concealment of P tubes.	SF/K
1650	27	121645	New deputy COMUSMACV Lt Gen HIRNGES USA, will visit Sen units 13 Nov. Itinerary: 1020-1130 Sen CP, 1040-1100 Port CP, 1100-1115 Port Kilo CP. Provide security at forward CP.	SF

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1715	Late Entry		Kilo ret'd to CP at 1500	SF
1725	29	121720	Disregard my 121526H msg: 11th Ranger Co has permission to remain in area until 16 Nov. Ranger will confine operation to following squares: 051619 to 023635 to 042644 to 051626.	SF
1740	30	121740	Change my msg 121633. Sen 6 will not accompany Martha RAYE. Rest of msg remains the same.	SF
1755	31	121755	A. Lima B. 121500 C. 962642. D. young VN girl injured by Arty Registration. E. Med Evac'd.	SF/Sen

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1830	1	121830	Delete India Patrol Base	SF
1830	2	121830	Daily Weather Report.	SF
1830	3	121832	AO Reports Neg results from Arty fire. We have ceased fire.	SF
1910	4	121910	Cancel IP12A- IAL2B - IAL2H. Change IP12B to 026650	SF
1911	5	121909	AI2A, B, C, D & E are in pan 1900.	SF
0030	Info	130030	AO r ts explosion at 007685. Bridge #2 said it was an arty type explosion. AO rovd one rd ground fire from 010685.	Info SF
0732	6	130730	Daily Weatherforecast	SF
0825-	7	130810	Sen G PAT at riverblock to PAT meeting at MIEU DONG.	SF/I
0900	8	130845	Damare assessment of HAI fires	SF/2
0930	9	130840	Intelligence rpt from PAT at AN TRCH.	SF
0930	10	130830	Lima. Rec'd ptrl bases for 14-20 Nov.	SF
1030	11	131025	Passwd & Countran Code: 15	SF/2 De's
1205			3 Plt sweep by RF G3 9767-9867.	SF
1205	12	131205	Engr rpt. 12 Nov 65. Swept road from 992678-985661-971663-992678. No incidents - 13 Nov 65- Visual sweep of same area. No incidents.	SF
1400	13	131400	Martha BAYE Landed at K CP 1400.	SF
1435	14	131435	A. I B. 1415 C. 016654 D. Received 20 rds SA fr 01665 est 6 wpm. E. E. Ret'd SA fire an 3.5 rocket plus 4 81mm HE rds. Rifle sd attempting to regain enemy contact. E.-N. None.	SF/Sen
1400	15	131340	Relay from Shove: "I" Corps rpts 2 VC Bn's have moved fr NAN DO C thru the DE BAY Pass towards AI-VAN Pass and West DA NANG w/purpose of attacking U.S. Bases in QUANG TRI and O NG DINH.	SF

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1400	16	131340	VC Force (see msg)	SF
1600	17	131555	Have patrol overlay of new pans, list of operational leaders and a propaganda packet at this com. (Sen)	SF
1615	18-	131600	Change in Mustang Beds.	SF/Lin
	19	BLANK		
1620	20	131600	Change in Mustang Beds	SF/3cm
1710	21	131710	To all Liaison Officers will be at III MAF Conference Room 151500H.	SF
1730	22	131730	P13A left at 1030 and is making its bed for tonight.	SF

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0840	17	140940H	Fm:M-2; Lt BRACHER rep to that explosion on MSH occurred approx 0720. That at 0709 a 6x6 truck f. 2/12 passed thru bridge #2 check point and had passed over the mine area. w/e incident, that the crater is centered on the road and no evidence of wires on either side of the road was noted.	S, F, Sen
0905	18	140905H	Fm:Sen3; Spot Report. A. Portilize follow up of spot report passed	S, F, Sen
0915	19	140915H	Fm:I; CA Report for 13 nova	S, F
	20	140940H	To:Sen; IA13A-refer info submitted last night amplified as follows. verifying of patrol indicated that no VC were killed. Fired on was a B A 3d possibly so mine could not defused. E. Blowing up place F-7	S, F, Sen
1035	22	141035H	Fm:Sen; MIEU DONG Ck Pt report.	S, F, Sen
1100	23	141100H	Fm:BAS; Refer to mine incident one man had probable fracture of left Femur and hip. the other man was suffering mainly from contusion and shock. Both were evacuated by helo to ARVN Hospital	S, F, Sen
1220	24	141200	Fm:S-2 Password & counters on code	S, F
1200	25	141200H	To: Eng; Report of swept road.	S, F
1245	26	141245	Fm:Lima; Spont report. A. L13C B 141234H	S, F, Sen
1410	27	141400H	Fm:K; Road between "K" & "H" clear	S, F, H
1535	28	141535H	Fm:I; Spot report B. 141530	S, F, Sen
1555	29	141555H	Fm:Sen; Ref; Div Order 005500.1	S, F, T
			Change 1	

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131955 Con't returned 60 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ rounds
of M-14. Enemy broke contact to
SW. F-N N/A S, F, Sen

----- 2020 9 132000H To: Sen3; MIU DONG check point
report for 131200. S, F, Sen

----- 2125 10 132120H To: Sen3; Spot Report; A. "I"
B. 132030H C 007647 and 013645.
D. IA13A initiated ambush when unk
no. VC entered killing zone. 9 VC
opened fire on IP13A patrol base.
E. Further info as available F-H
None I 1 Proable K-N None S, F, Sen

----- 2145 11 132135H Fm: Mike; will establish sad size
ambush from 132200 to 140100 at
KT996677 S, F, SEN, K

----- 2130 12 132228H To: Rosemont Charlie; Observe in
TAOP. Stay under 1000ft stay North
of EW grid line 65 and south of
CAU DO River S, F,

----- 0515 13 140505H To: M-14; BT chk for en activity at
hill 55 coord 9661 okk river south
ward from 967670 to 972593 last
to 057627. North to 026674 also
chk rail road bed GS 9963 (run
at first light.) S, F, T

----- 0640 14 140640H Fm: M-14; BT hill 55 normal and no
unusual activity. Railroad bed GS
9963 no unusual activity. Along
river no unusual activity one small
boat at GS9559 man was fishing.
Air Strick on hill 52 good coverage
of target S, F, N

----- 0810 15 140810H Fm: Parchment 2; Have Evac two wounded
civilians wounded between bridge
2&3. S, F,

----- 0815 16 140815H To: Sen3; Spot Report; A. Part
B. 140720H C. 995695. D. ARVN
personnel. E. Rosemont B dispatched
to seen. All traffic north and south
bound secured. Engineers in process
of sweeping road bed for additional
mines. F. None G 2Vietna. eseH-N none S, F, Sen

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1835	1		Fm: I; Change to "I" patrols: 007647 ABA 1830	S, F, M
1850	2	131900H	To: Sen3; Spot Report; A. Lima B. 131400H C. 973662. D. 2 Civilians came into Company CP one had foot wound and one had leg infection. E. Both were med evacuated. F-N Not applicable	S, F, M
1905	3	131900H	To: Sen3; Spot Report A. L B 131845 B. Receiving small arms fire in "L" CP. PAT W/"L" reports VC co in this area w/mission of killing PAT in LA BONG (1) (AT975672). C. Noti- fied sen liaison and reg'd loc of this southern most units. Will take under fire when this info ob- tained. F-N/N/A	S, F, Sen
1925	4	131915H	To: Sen3; Spot Report A. "L" CP B. 131845. C. 975668 D. unk no. of VC firing from tree line to NOW at of this CP. Approx coord 975668. Ret'd approx 40 s/a rds. E. Ret'd 80 M-1 rds, enemy broke contact F-L N/A	S, F, Sen
1930	5	131925H	Fm: Sen3; 141300-141330 Congressman COLLEMAN and Judge FERGUSON will visit CP. CO will brief 1330-1345 they will visit "K" CP accompanied by Sen -6	S, F, T
1930	6	131920H	To: Sen3; Darts - KP13A(991654) I 13A (010618) , IP13B (011643).	S, F, M
1945	7	131940H	To: Sen3; Ref r msg 131845H. All Vietnamese forces are moving North of GL 675 From GL 980 to the SONG YEN. Lima will take VC under fire w/3.5, 3.5 rockets and mortars. All fire will remain South of GL 675.	S, F, Sen
1955	8	131955H	To: Sen3; Spot Report. A. LP13C B. 131925H C. 967648. D. VC fired 2 or 3 burst of 15 to 20 rds auto fire from 969648. E. Patrol ret'd 5 or 7 burst of total of 50 rds and	

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1846		141800 141830	MIUE DONG Ck Pt Report.	SF
1903			All of India activities are now in position.	SF
2100	2	142015	K-1 Spt Report.	SF/Sen
2111	3	142100	M2C Spt Report.	SF/Sen
2200	4	142145	Lima Spt Report	SF/Sen
2215	5	142200	Lima Spt Report follow-up.	SF/Sen
2300	6	142300	H&S Co Spt Report.	SF/Sen
0700	7	150700	Engr swept MSR. Neg Mines.	SF
1001	8	151000	AO report 150930	SF
1005	9	151000	AO report 150945.	SF
1125	10	151122	Daily Weather Report.	SF
1132	11	151030	Lima Spot Report.	SF
1250	12		Read sweeps conducted 14-15 Nov65 w/AN PRS-3.	SF
1255	13	151140	Code for Password: 72.	SF
1340	14	151340	A. L 3/9 B. 150615H C. 971666 D. 2 VCS apprehended from a house in which fire was being delivered from night of 14 Nov. 1 VCS was female age (20) who states her husband is a VC and hasn't seen him in 2 months. E. Evacuated to ITT.	SF/Sen 2
1448	15	151440	Secret agent rpts that 2 VC plts have moved to 050714 at 141830H. Speak in North VN dialect and armed w/2 81mm mortars & small arms. Wear Khaki gray & Wlk unif. Additional source states that 10 VC Cadres of QUANG DA are operating in hamlets of TUNG-LAM, LIEM LOC, CO-INAN & TRUNG-LOUNG. Are watching the NGU HANH SON Pacification campaign. Rated B-2.	SF
1705	16	151700	Gas Rpt. Cpl RODELA stepped on punji stake. Treated at BAS & Ret'd to duty. Lima ptrl checklist received.	SF/S-1 SF

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1615	1	151810H To: Sen; MIU DONE ok pt apprehended 2 VCS S, F, Sen
1900	2	151900H Fm: Bound 3; HIEU DUC District hqtrs re ort two VC companies are located in the vicinity of AT970659. Their mission is to attack hill 22 or 41 S, F
1930	3	151915H Fm: PI; MED BVAG EMERG 1 U.S. Med Assist req, 128 are Bn Tac (Pick up was made 1926 S, F,
2005	4	151925H From: Monroe; Daily weather report S, F,
2020	5	151940H Fm: Regt; 1. Division trained snipers with M-70's will be placed in service immediately. These snipers are not in place of. But in addit on to set with M-14, sniper scope and ontos/ sniper activity 2. Repo t daily results of four categories of snipers. M-70 sst sniper scope and ontos/ sniper. S, F,
2150	6	152150H Fm: Sen 3; Two (2) VC companies located at coords 973658. Rating B-1. S, F,
2330	7	152320H Fm: Sen 3; 1. Reference Frag Order 64-65 2. Para 3B directs commence- ment of planning for combine operation. 3. Date of execution to be set by fert. However operation is to be cond cted as soon as feasable without waiting for new battalion boundries. 4. At earliest opportunity submit concept for operation including support requirements. Send also proposed D-Day. S, F,
0705	8	160700H Fm: Eng; The road to Kilo is open S, F,
0915	9	160905H Fm: Lima; Spot Report. A. L Co B. 160900H C 973663. D Local woman brought her 10yr old girl to sick call w/a severely burnt right arm. Woman stated that a cannister (Illum) fell on her house at approx 152000H, smashing an oil lamp spilling its flame

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all over the girls arm. (966663)
 E. Med evac'd called as fear of
 gangreen was evident. F-N N/A S, F,
 0920 ----- 10 ----- 160845H Fm: Sen 2; Subj: Plasters (See msg) S, F,
 0930 ----- 11 ----- 160910H Fm: Peepsight 2; Refers force order
 01060.1: Units repo t exp of ref
 down to squad Leaders. S, N,
 1055 ----- 12 ----- 161045H Fm: Lima 6; A. L 150 B161015 O
 975646. D. Upon entering Obj A,
 LF150 found an old man approx
 60 yrs old with severely infected
 wound of leg. Corpsman estimated
 wound to be two weeks old and is
 greatly infected to the point the
 man can not move. E. Med Evac
 Completed. F-N N/A S, F, Sen
 1105 ----- 13 ----- 161058H Fm: P Mike; We are now at antu 1
 Morbid Charlie hit a mine at (Bt
 026637). No casualties. He will
 have to be taken out.
 1115 ----- 14 ----- 161115H Fm: M & I; Pull onto back to I OP S, F, T
 1200 ----- 15 ----- Engr report S, F, T
 1205 ----- 16 ----- 161215H To: Sen 3; A. Mike Co B. 161150
 C. 022637 D. Attached en r wounded
 while blowing tunnel. E. Med Evac
 F. None G. 1 WIA, Extent of injury
 unk H-N None S, F, Sen
 1235 ----- 17 ----- 161231H Fm: B; We are receiving sporadic
 sniper fire fm AN TU (2) and PHONG
 LOC (2). We have found newly dug
 trenches & fighting holes at
 (022635). S, F,
 ----- 18 ----- To: Sen; Spot rep of M (Ref msg 17 S,
 ----- 19 ----- 161225H To: All units; Code for chal & Pa s 33 S, F, T
 1312 ----- 20 ----- 161304H Fm: B; We have one platoon in PHO G
 LOC (1) enroute to PHONG LOC (2).
 1333 ----- 21 ----- 161350H Fm: Sen 3; India co spot report S, F, Sen
 1410 ----- 22 ----- 161405H To: Sen 3; A. River Search (Baparian)
 1 ARVN Do not desire to provide
 any forces but have agree to
 provide a PAT 2. Plan execute
 commencing 200830H Nove. Route

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025720 west along no name river then from 042716 south along SUCI MAN QUAM to 025700. Anticipate at least two days and probable three to complete mission. 3. Res following support be at Pert CP 191600H. 5 LVTS, 2 Engr tms and 3 recon boat tms and boats

1415		161415H	Fm: M co in PHONG LOC (2)	S, F, Sen
1416	24	161408H	Fm: Monroe Daily weather forecast	S, F,
1445	25	161440H	Fm: I2 now in PHONG LUC (2) sweeping sighted 2 VC in unif, type U.K. Will advise. AO has taken 2 VC under fire w/MG	S, F,
1510	26	161507H	Loc of sniperscopes has already been submitted. Plans of side are	S, F,
1600	27	161535H	Fm: Sit rpt; Have begun sweep of PHONG LUC (2)	S, F,
1605	28	161525H	Fm: Sen2; Report of VC Bn (AT820860) and (1) mission to destroy U.S. forces in theat area.	S, F,
1610	29	161540H	To: Sen 3; follow up to spt rpt 161058H Mine was beleived to be 81mm or 105 mm surrounded w/20lbs explosives. Engrs sweeping road did not detect mine.	S, F,
1615	30	1615547H	Fm: Mike 3 seems to have stepped on punji stake coord 010632	S, F,
1615	31	161600H	To: Sen ; Spot Report A. M Co B. 161430H C. 9956 89 D. ap rehended a female VC3 wha whad paper that contained names o ship i n the pacific and omdrs name of each ship. E. Evac'd to ITT E-N n7/A	S, F,
1620	32	161616H	Fm: Advise Pol 3 that we are commencing sweep of LA THO BAC	S, F,
1635	33	161625H	Fm: Sen3; Spot Report	S, F, Sen
1645	34	161631H	Fm: M Spot report	S, F, Sen
	35	161744H	Fm: We are receiving sniper fire fm LA THO BAC presently registering	S, F,

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1830	1	161830	AA Mike B. 161750 C. 011633 D. Rec'd SA fire from vic 007630 E. Ret'd fire F. None G. 1 Facial wound - Med Evac'd H.-N. None	SF8en
1840	2	161831	MIEU DONG Ck Pt Rpt. No Nat'l Police at Ck Pt from 0830-1200 Nothing confiscated.	SF3en
1940	3	161925	Rpt rec'd fr Police Official of HA DONG Hamlet. Guerrillas oppr in Northern Portion of THAN TRUNG Village. This grp of guerrillas very conscious of camouflage discipline rptedly utilizing brush on heads & two tone abilities Number & designation if any, unk. S-2 rates F-3	
2200	4	162200	PAC Team presenting propaganda broadcast in GS 9868 secured at 2300.	SF
1755	5	161755	A. Mike B. 161755 C. 007630 D. M1 & M3 rec'd heavy SA fire and mortars. Med Evac reqst'd and completed. Arty called in assisted by two gun ships.	SF3en
0700	6	170645	Med Evac Rqst'd 001642 vietnamese child badly wounded.	SF
0700	7	170645	We have two wounded civilians, one girl & one baby. Will send them back on resupply chopper.	SF
0710	8	170650	High and Low MSR from Hiway #1 to 3/9 CP, clear & open for traffic.	SF
0730	9	170715	Be advised resupply is completed we sent VCS back with the wounded civilians.	SF
0730	10	170645	India in pen with positive communications w/India 5	SF

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0800	11	170800	A. India B. 161300H, 161100, 161730. C. 018638, 011634, 025690. D. Apprehended 4 VCS. 2 VCS had no reason for being at said coords and also lied to interpreter. 1 VCS had ID Card with one name and paper w/different name. 1 VCS has VC pass, VC Liaison.	SFSen
0805	12	170755	Spt Rpt. 170630H. Kilo	SFSen
0810	13	170806	All units in pan as per opn ovrlly submitted 16 Nov 65.	SFSen
0820	14	170756	My loc 984644 conducting sweep in BIG BAC & HA DONG. RR Bridge has been swept clear to other side of river.	SF
0835	16	170825	Results of 2d mission: AT 988609 new trenches dug. BT 030618 to AT 973611, trenches dug along river bank. No activity 973612 to BT 005645.	SF
0850	17	170848	A. Mike Co B. 170840 C. 000632 D. Forward elements AT 00632. E. No contact. F-L. Neg M. (1) cartridge belt, 1 helmet N. Neg	SFSen
0855	18	170853	Kilo - No change.	SF
0945	19	170940	Mike Co has not reached the RR. No contact, are blowing booby trap- ped fence, and quite a few tunnels.	SFSen
1000			I, K, L, & M notified to submit patrol overlays 21-27 Nov 65.	SF
1035	20	171020	A. Mike B. 171030 C. 996634 D. M Co is 100 meters South of RR moving thru canefield. E. No enemy contact. F-M. None.	SFSen
1055	21	171055	Location 990643 blocking force this vic. K-2 vic those Coord. K-3 loc. 9863 along river.	SF

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1108	22	171100	Chal & Pawrd: 62	SF
1115	23	171105	A. Fert B. 171045 C. 996637 D. Receiving heavy SA fire. E. Rqst'd arty - arty fired. F. 1 KIA G-H. Neg	SFSen
1135	24	171130	M CoF 1 Plt 996631, 2 plts at OP (008630) & moving to 996631. K Co: OP 991641, K-2 crossing bridge, K-3 985633.	SFSen
1230	25		AN/PBS-3 sweeps conducted 16-17 Nov 1965.	SF
1245	26	171245	Kilo Sit Rpt: No change.	SF
1300	27	172253	Sit Rpt: Mike cont'g sweep, blowing tunnels & trenches found. Neg enemy contact.	SF
1440	28	171441	Kilo. We do not need the Plt from L Co. We are despending w/o them.	SF
1540	29	171540	Sit Rep 1515. So M has crossed river bridge. Kilo Plt process of returning.	SF

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1850				All India's activities out	
1920		1	171922H	Fm: onroes; Daily weather report	S, F
1945X 1945		2	171945H	To: Sen3; Spot Report; A. Inida	
				B171620H CO10642 D Observed	
				20VC in the open. E. Fired	
				Arty for effect AT00726329.	
				Effect of fire could not be	
				determined. F-N None	S, F, Sen
		3	172024H	To: Sen3; Additional patrols to	
				Lima Co. LA5-ALSFHR-FWRAIDQA	
				LA6-BKKQTH-DMAQ-DAOA Delete LP17A	S, F, Sen
2033		4	172011	Fm: Lare; Info concerning poison	
				periodic water etc. All units	
				Notified	S, F, Sen
20 0		5	172030H	Fm: Sen2; DTG 172030H RE Co	
				operating out of THANH CHIET	
				has permission to clearing trees	
				500 meters on both side of route	
				#1. Be done and out by tomorrow	S, F, F
2240		6	172130H	To: Sen2; Spot report #6	S, F, Sen
2257		7	172255H	To: Sen3; Beginning first light	
				tomorrow 18 Nov be prepared to	
				move swain mike on short notice	
				by helo to ARVN Obj are on	
				vicinity blocking position. 2.	
				Shove will give initial directive	
				of moving being necessary during	
				ARVN operation. 3. There is HLM	
				near Swain Mike located which	
				will take 4 helos also HLM at	
				my location which will take 6	S, F, F
0110		8	180110H	To: Sen; No helo for resupply 18 Nov 65	S, F,
0150		9	180145H	To: Sen; ALima Co. B 172400H G.	
				962658 D. Detected movement to	
				front AT962658 accompanied by	
				sounds of drums and bugl s,	
				received carbine and S/A fire	
				approx 60 rds and explosion from	
				unk explosive device. E. Returned	
				50 rds W/A fire and one rd 81HE	
				on registered concentration at	
				coord 963654. S/A and noise ceased.	

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Contact broken as VC moved south
F. Neg G 1 H-N Neg

030	10	180330H	FmkK; H-2 departed 0330	S, F, Son
0430	11	180430H	FmkK; K left LOD at 0430	S, F, Son "W" Det
0455	12	180450H	FmkK; K in position	S, F,
0555	13	180553H	FmkK; We are now at 999643. Neg enemy contact. Req to know if sweeping element has started yet	S, F,
0635	14	180607H	FmkK; Have AO search 980063 and 9963--- AO searched - Neg FmkKgr; Upper and Lower road to 3/0 CP are clear.	S, F, Son
0710	15	180709H	FmkK; Situation remains the same. No enemy contact. we are at same loc. Still req to know if sweeping four has started.	S, F,
0740	16	180735H	FmkK; ARVN firing toward our blocking force. We are moving into tree line. It is believed ARVN are firing recon fire.	S, F,
0740	17	180740H	FmkK; Advise ARVN not to fire W of HA DONG Bridge as it is endangering our CP group. Also have sent 2 tanks down by river in case arvn sense up anything.	S, F,
0825	18	180821H	FmkK; Pres loc 990643, en vic 994639 (W to E) Recd few S/A.	S, F,
0935	19	180931H	FmkK; Be advised moving my CP in vic where VC last reported. Will recommend to my troop disposition when I reach my destination.	S, F, M
1015	20	181012H	FmkL; Spot Report "L" Co. LP17D	S, F, Son
1038	21	181025H	FmkL; Sp 1 Report WLN Co. LP17D	S, F, Son
1040	22	181026H	FmkL; Spot Report WLN Co. LP17D	S, F, T
1039	23	181025H	FmkL; Spot Report WLN Co. LP17D	S, F,
1041	24	181045H	FmkL; Spot Report WLN Co. LP17D	S, F, T
1015	25	181046H	FmkL; Spot Report WLN Co. LP17D	S, F, T

003643D. 1VCKIA by F-79Rdm. E. Looking for wpm in brush and water. F-H Neg I 1 body count K-1 X

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1046 25 181046H Fm:K; We have 2 people at this time
beating the bush looking for weapon
now also have killed 1 more VC
BT003643 was killed by M-79 hav o
2 more men looking for his weapon
in river. Both VC were killed
across river. S,F, Sen
S,F, Sen

1150 26 181015H Fm:K; Spot report B.181015H
1140 27 181140H Fm: MIEU DONG LN Officer; A vn
female 67 years old came to MIEU
DONG this am and stated she received
7 rds 81's in her home at 172200
coord 998654. She had a wound on
left arm and said her cow was killed
also checked kilo co and there
was no mortars fired in or
near her home during this period. S,F
S,F, Sen

28 181215H AT937643 5 men moving N with large
bangles S,F,
S,F, Sen

29 181230H Fm:K; Spot report B.181140H
181300H Fm:M/3/3; Received order to move
by truck to 1/2 CP S,F
S,F, Sen

1420 30 181410H Fm:L; Co "I" Moving out
1620 31 181600H Fm:M/3/3; All our units have crossed
RR bridge we are 500 meters up
neg contact. S,F
S,F, M

1625 32 181800H Fm:L; Received patrols fm L
1650 Fm:L6; Reports all 3 platoons are
back in CP S,F
S,F, Sen

1750 32 181800H ToSen: Spot Report Kilo Co

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	1		FM: Sen; Fwd units moving toward 997627 will set up CP there tonight	S, F, T
1942	2	181945H	Fm: Sen 2 to Pert 2; Intell report from bound	S, F
2010	3	182010H	To: Sen 3; Kilo go. spot report	S, F, Sen
2000	4	181900H	Fm: I; Spot report	S, F, Sen
2008	5	182000H	Fm: K; Unit locations	S, F, Sen, m
2110	6	182030	Fm: M; Mike spot report (10 WIA)	S, F, Sen
2325H	8	182325H	To: India; Warning order to I	S, F
320	9	182340H	To: M; 1 mike plt detached by K to I and 1 plat to M 3/3 for tomorrow operation	S, F
2340	10	182340H	To: Pol 4; provide transportation for 55 Marines at 0800. Pick up at coord 989643, transport to I Company	S, F, M
2345	11	182345H	To: K; Warning Order (10) Plat M Go for pick up at 0800 coord 989643 - See msg	S, F, M
0020	12	182355H	To Warehouse Mike; Warning Order Be prepared to commence sweep east to Route. 1. Northern boundary is E-W trail from BICH NAN E to ANTU (1). Southern boundary is E-W Grid 63. time frame uncertain - 0800 for planning you will receive 6 Rein Plat from Kilo at your position at 0700.	S, F, M, T
2355	13	182355H	To M/3/3; Resupply by helo probably not till mid-morning, will transport your requirements (chow & Water) by truck to HA DONG Bridge at 0800 for your pick-up there if convenient.	S, F, T
0100	14	190040H	Fm: K; Spot Report; Fm K 190040 msg; Hwy 1 to 3/9 CR. The road is clear	S, F, Sen
0645			Fm: K; Eng reached K CP & proceeding to HA DONG Bridge.	S, F, 4.
0645			Fm: K-6; At 2000H 10 Vet AT987623 we picked up 15 yr old boy for ques He revealed VC info including list of names of known VC in the area. We kept	S, F
0735	15	190750H	Sent to ITT	S, F

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0750	16	190741H	To: Rosemont; Rcn missions for AD	
1005	17	191011H	Fm: M 3/3; Co "I" moving out	S, F, Sen
1056	18	191042H	Fm: K; Mike (1) in position w/w houses	S, F, Sen
1059	19	191055H	Fm: K; Sit Report	S, F,
1130	20	191110H	To: All units; Code for challenge and password 45	S, F,
1205	21	191200H	Fm: M 3/3; We have joined w/ Polish & Mike one. Will notify when we jumped off.	
1210	22	191200H	Fm: K; Have one Plat sweeping BIC BACH, other in blocking position. Reg to move K 3 north to keep up w/ ARVN's. Also to move CP to B DONG Bridge.	S, F,
1245	23	191237	Fm: K; Sit Rpt sweep of BIC BAC complete no enemy contact. Visual contact ARVN forces 9962. No contact enemy. Have blown two 155mm. duds VIC 986635 & 987633. Conducting sick call in hamlet at 983622. Maintaining observation in GS 9861.	S, F, Sen
1250	24	191244H	Fm: M 3/3; We are now slowing off	S, F,
	25		Engr Report	S, F,
1320	26	191314H	Fm: DeepSight 6; Friendlies moved out. will sweep East to Hiway. Sit 66 will move South of LA THO River, Sit 68 & RF Forces will move North of SONG LA THO. Do not know Sit 16 Plan suggest you move Swain Mike as planned AT	
			Secure blocking forces AT.	S, F, Sen
1355	27	191320H	Fm: I; We are moving out of blocking position and unit sweeping pos.	S, F,
1355	28	191330H	Fm: M 3/3; Spot Report. E191315	S, F, Sen
1355	29	191355H	Fm: M 3/3; Spot Report. E191335	S, F, Sen
1425	30	191416H	Fm: I; Our position is 047 39. We can see Hiway one. there is a large village there. A fix fight at 04 YEN BTH we are headed to Hiway 1 w/caution.	S, F,
	31	191418H	Fm: M 3/3; We found anti-helo trap	

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004625. We did not blow it up.
 We are pushing forward. S, F,
 1445 32 191437H Fm:K6; My Positions 989644.
 Receiving S/A fire from treeline
 via 993643 Req permission to fire
 90mm HE WP into treeline. (PER GRANT) S, F
 1450 33 191440H Fm:I; We are now on Hiway #1. S, F,
 1450 34 191303H Fm:P-I-6; Sweep south thru hamlet
 048606 to 050633. Then West along
 trail to Hiway #1. Set block at
 Hiway #1. Along area recommended
 by P-I-6. M/3/3 sweep East along
 Anderson Avenue, ARVN will sweep
~~East along road to the west~~ West
 w/one Bn North and One south of
 SONG LA THO to Hiway #1. S, F,
 1530 35 191455H To:Sen 2; Spot Report I. 8191346 S, F, Sen
 1530 36 19 Fm:I; Lima Co Spot Rep (CA, PAT,
 and PSY WAR) S, F, Sen
 1605 37 191608H Fm:I; Sighted ARVN and PC's (so much)
 ARVN reached HWY #1 S, F, Sen
 1606 38 191606H Fm:M3/3; Have reached AN TU (1),
 Neg Contact. S, F, Sen
 1617 39 191 Fm:I; ARVN Camp move to South of
 I position. I req permission to
 move to meet M/3/3. S, F,
 1800 191800H November JOURNAL CLOSED. S, F,

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1925H	1	Fm:	Fm:I; Have left Pol 3 psn and o way (I) CP	S, F,
1930	2	191850H	Fm:K; A.K B1918M3M98561 D. Received s/a fire fm 982659 est 7-8 VC and fm 980662 est 4-5 VC. Ret fire w/81, 60, 90 and s/a F-H Neg I Est 3, verif by S/S	S, F, Sen
1945	4		Fm:M3/3; Night activity loc 027639 and 036643 1930-0600.	S, F, Sen
1945	4	191923H	Fm:Motherhood; Weather report	S, F,
2000	5	S	Fm:Sen3; 3/3 assumed def FLSG ASP#1, rel 3/9= 1/3/3 reverts 3/3 191800.	S, F, T
2005	6		Fm:Sen2; Agent rpts 55VC 960695, 2 BAR, grenlauncher. Split info 3 has to move S to 975695.	S, F,
2015	7	Fm:L1	ARVN Reg illun via LA BONG (1)	S, F,
2110	8	192105H	Fm:L1; Will send resupply req in tomorrow because LL is down.	S, F, 4
2120	9	192055H	Fm:Sen3; Sqain minus command grp and 3 rifle co's rein are placed on 12 hr alert status. More infor will follow.	S, F,
2145	10	192145H	Fm:Sen3; Patrol changes	S, F, Sen
0005	11	192350	Fm:Lima; Conduct searchand clear operation w/2 plats fm 960658 North GL68. sweep through hamlet along SONG YEN To GL68. Pillman unit will move with voy. Commence opns from 960658 at 200720H. ARVN provide block plat at 962679	S, F, T
0030	12	200015H	Fm:L1 Spot report #12	S, F, Sen
0106	13	210105H	Fm:Lima; Resupply for 20Nov65	S, F,
0642	14	200642H	Fm:I; RF advised that we are d departing fm this perimeter	S, F,
0645	15	200642H	Fm: Fort3 to Fort4; Upper & Lower rds fm CP to hyway 2 have been swept.	S, F,
0802	16	200735H	Fm:M/3/3; Be advise that Co "F" has furnish off highway enroute to bloc psn. We are commencing sweep	S, F,
0806	17	200743H	Fm:I; We are now leaving IP	S, F,

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0007	18	200750H	En:Shove; Spot rep (ARVN)	S, F,
0847	19	200749H	En:Col; How at 045627. One Co of ARVN at TRIAM QUIT (2) via 043628.	S, F,
0900	20	200900H	En:PLM; 703 arvn rpts 2 VC KIA LA BING (2) 19Nov	S, F,
0903	21	200826H	En:Monroe; Weather rpt	S, F,
0923	22	00920H	To:Sen S ot Rep (Swain Mike)	S, F, Sen
0924	23	200920H	En:Sen; Swain Mike chops to Strain upon completion fert opn by 201000	S, F,
1010	24	201005H	En:K; Spot Report Kilo Co	S, F, Sen
1011	25	201009H	En:L; Spot Report Lima Co	S, F, Sen
2012	26	201016H	En:M/3/3; Upon completion of sweep return to location set in last night when mike chops to strain this PM Mons position been changed will advise ASAP	S, F,
1109	27	201019H	To:Col; Be advised there is NP outpost 971670.	S, F,
1115	28	201107H	En:M; Ben fwd elements at 032416 Lots of people working in rice paddies	S, F,
1120	29	201113H	En:L; Have moved to GL67, blown 3 tunnels	S, F,
1150	30	201122H	En:M/3/3; Be advised we have co completed sweep and are moving to hiway #1	S, F,
1135H	31	201129H	To:All co. Challenge and pass Code number 75	S, F,
1207	32	201150H	To:Sen 3; 0033715 No contact Fert 6 GL670 no contact M3/3/ and Fert I Completed on returning to Hwy #1. Release Irontree C 3	S, F, F
1230	33	211215H	En:I; is on Hiway #1 on way to CP	S, F,
1230	34	201227H	En:L; Our pan now 963675	S, F, Sen
1240	35	201235H	En:Sen 3; RF will be cutting trees and brush 500m other side of Rt 1 for next 2 weeks - emporize, after todays opn, to are s and sw of Fert Lima Continue to give priority to are S & SW of F I	S, F,

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1250	36	201240H	Fm:M; Have completed sweep as far as 032716. Neg results	S,F,
1330	37	201325H	To:Sen3; M at 040710. LVT's can't go further and are returning to 998705. Anticipate completing with search today.	S,F,
1350	38	201350	Fm:M; Now at 030704 Neg results	S,F,
1415H	39	201410H	Fm:RM Tango; AT955682. A Vn moving west away from the sweeping Co	S,F,
1525	40	201525H	To:Sen1 Situation Report No 40	S,F,Sen
1535	41	201535H	Fm:M; Spot report #41 B201115H	S,F,Sen
1610	42	201610H	Fm:Sen2; Spot report from RM at B 201345H	S,F,T
1642	43	201642	Fm:M; Don't dispatch and more trucks for Mike Co	S,F,4
1655	44	201645H	Fm: RMEcho; Fire mission results: observed 8 KIA's est more KIA, but can't observe because of hedgerow. Excellent coverage of target. also 4 building destroyed One in flames	S,F,
1700H	45	201650H	To:Sen 3; Mike and Lima back in area opas today complete w/neg results	S,F,

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1915	1	201915	A. Lima B. 201501 C. 962685 D. Aprhnded 2 VCS who had no ID cards. tried to evade capture by running very arrogant and stubborn. ARVN stated they are VC wives & proud. SF/Son
1930	2	201930	Daily Weather Report.- SF
2050	3	202050	Ptrotl Changes- KB20A, KP20A, KP20B, KP20C, KL20A, Mnd Kile mistang bed. SF
2345	4	202345	Imentree planning Operation in GS 0662, 0663 on 24Nov65. Can you provide 1 plt to block on W of river. SF
2345	5	202345	Sen wants com. ent on ARVN.opn SF
0635	6	200635	ARty req registration at 98636 from 0700-1200 on 21 Nov. Request approved. Kile Co notified. SF
0759	7	210759	Weather Report! SF
1015	8	211015	Paswrd & Chal Codes is : 37 SF/Co's
1345	9	211340	Have completed sweep PF's can secure block. (Bound) SF/SenLno
154	10	211533	Sen: Require answer to my msg 202315H in order for Irontree to finalize plan. SF

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1908	1	1	211838H	Fm:Monroe; Weather Forecast	S,F,
1908	2	2	211845H	Fm:Sen2; Intell report from Lia	S,F,
1919	3	3	211910H	Fm:Shave; Intel report	S,F,
1940	4	4	211930H	All india activities are out	S,F,
1950			211930H	Fm:M; A. Mike MA B. 211930H C. AT986668 D. Patrol fired at 3 VC on way to ambush. A search was conducted. While searching the 3 VC were seen again and fired upon. They were missed. The patrol continued to their amb site. E-N None.	S,F, Sen
2100	5		212100H	Fm:Sen Ln; 1. The HOA LMI reports 1 VC Squad held a meeting w/20 VC at 985643. VC Co cmdr named LAM Stated that they plan to attack a unit near LE SON at night in near future. 2. 20 VC reported at 929654 plan to attack the pacification team at AN TRACK. 3. 15 VC reported AT974667. Dated B-1 by 59th Bn S-3.	S,F,
2115	6		212115H	Fm:I; A.I B. 212115 C. 025656 D. man bitten by unknown insect. E. med evac called in (med evac completed) 2130 approx F-N None	S,F, Sen
0719	7		220715H	Fm:Sing; Road has been swept from CP to Bridge.	S,F,
0850H	8		220850H	Fm:Sen3; Info - axehandle is starting to implace SONG CAU DO block vic. 971699 at 231000H sqain will furnish security for operation. 1 sqd on either side of river. Lvt will carry one sqd across for details call s n	S,F,
1100			221000H	Fm:Part2; password code #29	S,F,
1105	10		221105H	Fm:Monroe; Daily weather forecast	S,F,
1110	11		221110H	Fm:Lima; A. Lima B. 220900H-221100 C. GSAT9766 D. 3rd Plat conducted a s&c opn on both sides of the SONG YEN fm 971661-977670 this morning.	

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			1 Plat 592nd Ge RF blocked via 978671. E. No contact. Nothing found. F-N None	S, F, Sen
1220	12	221220H	Fm: Sen; Set road condition Alpha in danang TAOR. Except medical, ammo trucks, and command vehicles only. Also if emergency helicopter in area at 1300. <u>Bitten Maroon</u>	S, F,
	13	221327H	Fm: Sen3; Sen6 & British Brig Gen JAMES will visit fort cp at 230730H for 10-15 minute briefing.	S, F,
1630	14	221620H	Fm: M; He giving fire to our right front by arty "E" Btry.	S, F,
1658	15	221658H	Fm: M; We are going to blow a mine by a fence coord 982676.	S, F,
1715	16	221715H	Fm: M; Sending one man back to "IT" CP. He has shrapnel wound in back from mine that blew up on fence.	S, F, Max
1726	17	221726H	Fm: M; Mike has reached obj and are sandbag reconning area.	S, F,
1750	18	221750H	Fm: Sen2; A.L3/9 B221600H C. 974658 D. Apprehended one WCS. Suspect acted suspicious and tried to hide his face on questioning. E. Evac to ITT	S, F,
1740	19	221740H	Fm: M; Am leaving obj and moving back to our CP should b there in 20 minutes	S, F,

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1812	1	221812	A. Mike B. 221755 C. 982676 D. Found 1 mine by fence E. Blow in place - piece of shrapnel struck Marine in back. F. Neg G. 1 flesh wound - No med evas. H-H. Neg. SF/Sen
1900	2	221900	A. IP22 B. 1845 C. 013645 D. 3 VC came within 20 meters of patrol. 1 rifle, type unkn E. Patrol fired approx 50 rds SA. VC fled south. Bodies left at village. F.-H Neg. I. 2 VC body count. J.-H. Neg. SF/Sen
1915	3	221915	A. Kilo B. 221850 C. 990642 D. Bridge at HA DONG under 2-3 feet water. E. Not passable by foot F.-H Neg. SF/Sen
1915	4	221915	From HOA VANG - VC guerrillas in village of HOA-LO, HOA-THAI, HOA CHAM received case of grenades to be used to harass VN and U.S. personnel in villages. Upt from AM-TRACH states VC forced civilians to cut bamboo to make beds for evas. SF
2000	5	222000	Fert Spot Report. SF/Sen
2030	6	222030	Construction of river barrier on SONG CAU DO is scheduled for 23 Nov. Has been postponed. SF
2140	7	222140	Column of armored PC, 4 in number, will leave HOA VANG Dist. at 2300, cross GAN LE HAC Bridge to HAN-C Bridge. Will return to HOA VANG Dist about 230300. SF/I
2230	8	222230	Switch to alternate Power. SF/C (s)
2355	9	222355	Daily Weather Report. SF
0715	10	230715	Road clear to Highway #1. SF
0730	11	230734	Transportation consisting of 2 miles is out. Request you inform ME. SF/ME
0745	12	230745	Daily Weather Report. SF

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0945	13	230945	A. Lima B. 230900 C. 984611. D. apprehended 1 VCS, no ID Card. Evac'd to ITT. SFSen
1130	14	231130	A. Kile B. 231115 C. 984611 986658 D. 1 VN (female) came into K CP w/frag wounds in head & shoulder wounds which appeared to be about 12 hrs old. E. Medivaced F. None G. 1 Civ H-N. None SFSen
1135	15	231135	Password is: Code #45 SF
1200	16	231200	Do Not look at eclipse through field glasses. SF/Co's
1200	17	231200	Ref Hrag Order 63-65 Co. designated M (-) held pickup pt at (100QXV). SFSen
1200	18	231200	The ARVN pointed out an unmarked mine field via 027699 to Co M on 20 Nov during river sweep. No further details avail. SFSen
1325	19	231318	From: Lima - Unless water subsides, it will be dangerous to send lrg patrols from perimeter. Request to cancel all ptrls and just have Amb's close to perimeter and LP's. SF ---Req granted.---
1355	20	231345	From: PS - PS-6 directs full utilization of TPS-21 by all units. Status of equip & loc is to be included in daily ISum. All TPS-21 units will be positioned and utilized to maximum extent. SF 2
1525	21	231525	From: Sen - HOA VANG sub sector rating C-3. There is a VC Marine Force (1) Company at BT 035680 BT 050713 w/local villagers of HOA LAN & HOA HUNG. Wpns are (2) 30 cal. MG, (1) 60mm mortar. They may attack friendly trps operating the village of NGU-HAHN-PON. SF

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A. Engineers B. 231600 C. SONG
 CAU DO Bridge. D. One VCS ap rehended
 on routine ID Card check. Act d sus-
 picious and gave Marines a hard time.
 Proved to be drunk. E. Evac to IFF. SF

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From: Shove 2 - Alpha HOA VANG
 agent rated C-2 report that the
 VC are organizing a meeting at
 BT 006696, purpose to order local
 guerrillas to ambush, kidnap, &
 assassinate the PAC cadre in HOA LOI,
 AT961657 & HOA THAY AT 985684,
 and HOA CHU BT 04650 villages. The
 report indicated that the 23rd VC Bn
 would come to operate in vic BT
 059631 for the entire pacification
 operation. SFT

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1902	1	231856	Frm: Monroe- Daily Weather Rpt.	SF
1906	2	231805	Frm: RMA - Check GS 9762-9761, req low level flight near Hill 35.	SF
0730	3	240707	Daily Weather Report.	SF
0805	XXXX		Frm: Saigon - Road North clear	SF
0915	4	240912	Frm: RMA - Checked area around HA DONG Bridge broken in middle as always & under 2 ft of water no unusual act. all normal considering the flooded area.	SF
0931	5	2409228	Sited 4 grps of people 7-10 in each grp coord BT 026632. Appear to be harvesting rice but in unusual manner cutting rice then cutting heads off stalks in putting in lrg tall sacks.	SF
1038	6	241010	A. India 2 B. 241000 C. BT 030642 D. Block pans manned in support of ARVN cleaning roads.	SF3cm
1043	7	231030	Frm: Sam - Subj: Tactical Employment of PP Units and Mar units.	SF
1050	8	241005	Frm: India - I6A dept'g CP for H/2/9at 0000.	SF
1050	9	241018	Frm: India - I6A at this psn also PG H-6.	SF
1205	10	2 1153	Frm: Fort 2 - Pswrd is: 9	All Co's
1330	11	231325	Frm: Lima - A. Lima B. 240945 C. 973663 D. 9 yr old boy came to sick w/ severely gashed leg caused by mortar rd. also two infants with 1st & 2d degree burns on arms & legs. E. Requested med evac and completed. F.-N. N/A	SF

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1825	1	241825	From: MIEU DONG - MIEU DONG Chk point - Neg.	SF
1850	2	241850	From: Monroe - Weather Report.	SF
1933	3	241933	From: Lima - A. Lima B. 241830 G. 978640 D. Patrol received SA fire from est 6 to 8 VC w/2 auto w. ns. VC fired from 978635, 983638, and 971634. Patrol was on way to base camp when fired upon. E. Returned SA fire and 4 60mm mortars. VC broke contact. One 1 yr child was found in vic w/serious stomach wound. Child taken to Co GP for possible med evac. Patrol proceeded to patrol base. F. None G. 1 Civ child H. - N. None	SF Sen
2000	4	242000	From: B Btry - A. Echo Btry B. 241930 C. 972658-977666-977674- saw blinking lights. Located for approx 15 min. SF Sen	
2100	5	242100	To: Sen 3 - A. H&S B. 242055 C. 989692 D. Saw movements- fired hand illum. Saw 1 VC dive in bunker. E Co notified of incident. SF	
2335	6	242335	To Sen 3: A. MA24A B. 242310 C. 982647 D. Initiated ambush on sighting 3 VC - Marines fired 50 rds SA fire. No VC fire. Could not determine direction VC withdrew. E. No enemy armament.	SF
0740	7	250740	Lima Co Sp3 Report.	SF
0815			From: Eagle Road is clear.	SF
0845	8	250845	From: Sen 3 - C-3 staff officers will inspect bridge today at locations AT 998707-222 BT 016716.	SF
0930	9	250745	From: Monroe - Weather Report.	SF
1040	10	251040	From: Part 3 to Sen 3: Tact employment of P2 units.	SF

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1100	11	251100	Password Code is: 83	SF
1415	12	251405	To: Sen 3 - A. Kille B. 251400 C. 985661 D. Civ boy was brought into Co GP. Badly burned cause unknown. E. Med evac'd requestd. F. None G. 1 Civ H.-N. None	SF

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1835	1	251835	From: Monroe - Weather Report.	SF
1840	2	251815	From: Lima - A. Lima B. 251815 O. 969645 D. Has 40 rds carbine from approx 966648. Retrad fire 60 rds. S. E. 9 60mm, 2 M79 and S/A. Enemy broke contact to East F-M. Neg	SF Sen
2000	3	252000	To: Sen 3 - LP23A moved to 966666 for tactical considerations.	SF Sen
0805	4	260800	From: Sen 2 - Agent claims 6 Bns of VC are in HIEU DUC District Intend to move to HOA VANG Dist on 25-27 Nov, then spread out on Hiway 1 from HOA-AN to HOA VANG Dist Heavily armed. S-2 rates F-6.	SF
0825	5	2608-2	From: Monroe: Weather Report.	SF
1100	6	261100	To: All Co's - Code Pwrd is: 57	SF
1220	7	261220	To: Sen 3 - A. E Btry B. 261045 O. 985671 D. apprehended 1 VCS female who had no ID Card. Evac to ITR.	SF
1635	8	261635	From: Sen 2 - A. Bound B. 261100 C. AT 9862 D. Secret agent from HIEU DUC Dist hqtrs rpts 1 VC Company moved into the DON PHU area at AT 9462. It is repts that this company is commanded by NGO DINH HU ANG. It is a N Vietnamese main force Co.	SF

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1900	1	261750H Fm: Saigon; weather report	
2220	2	262215H Fm: Sen 3; A, 51st ARVN Regt. B.	
		26Nov65C. AT963503 D. VC co. E. "L"	
		Batt fired 18 rds of VC Co. ARVN	
		will investigate at first light	
		-M Neg	S, F
0330	3	270300H Fm: Sen 3; Spot rep.	S, F, Son
	4	70825H Fm: /Dain; There will be ARVN	
		type 2 jeeps w/1-3/4 ton veh	
		moving down rr bed to DUONG SON	
		(3) w/Lt ROSE and Army Capt	
		advisor in first veh.	S, F
0430	5	270430H Fm: SLN; A convoy of 5 armored	
		veh from HAU VANG will be at	
		bridge. 2 to serve as reactionary	
		force for RF's in DUONG SON (3)	
		(AT92 670). Armored veh in route	S, F
0432	6	270432H Fm: /; Request blocking force	
		988680 to 008698. RF fear VC may	
		escape that way-Kilo Notified	S, F, T
0435	7	270435H Fm: Kilo; Establish all night	
		ambush positions. to serve as	
		block for VC withdrawing from	
		DUONG SON (3)	S, F, T
0500	8	280500H Fm: SLN; Ambushes are in force	
		in area of requested block.	S, F
0523	9	270523H Fm: SLN; 3 KIA 2 Civ KIA 5 MIA	
		of unconfirmed MIA	S, F
0618	10	270618H Fm: SLN; all RF units East of RR	
		south of Pol CP will sweep at	
		daylight. Request you keep	
		blocking force in position until	
		relieved.	S, F, T
0615	11	270615H Fm: Kilo is going to establish	
		block at 00165H	S, F
0630	12	270630H Fm: SLN; ARVN Ranger Co. to depart	
		MI BONG (1) 270800 for S&C opn	
		east to west in GS BT001, BT0066,	
		AT9967, AT9966.	S, F
0635	13	270635H Fm: Sen 3; Marine are blocking in	
		AT9965 take detailed recon AT9964	
		9965, 0664. Take secondary recon	

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1705	32	271705H	To: Sen3; Sit rep Swain I now AT969648 Swain K now AT025640	S, P, Sen
1708	33	271708H	Fm: I/3/3; Have reached 5 houses, continuing move. Neg contact	S, P,
1710	34	271710H	Fm: I/3/3; Have found (1) 155 and at 969619 Blown in, lase	S, P,
1720	35	271720H	To: Sen3; Fert Kilo back in CP 271720H	S, P, Sen
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1830	1	271800	From: Sen 2 - HOA VANG (rated B-2) Secret Agent rpts 2 VC guer plts atckd 593rd Co. at 270245. Have w/dwn to vic 953650 & 960653. Approx 20 VC w/numerous mines hid at 942645.	SF
1845	2	271830	From: WH I - Our loc's - 966645, 976646, 968641, 965643, CP at 967644.	SF
1850	3	271846	For: WH K & I - Req loc of nite layouts near your pan.	SF
1928	4	271928	From: WH I - Kilo sight 01 at 024648 from 272100 to 280630 Sight 02 at 036644 from 272100 to 280100. Remainder of Kilo in Pmnd instrctd. Neg contact. Will Advise.	SF
1930	5	271930	From: WH I - Night layouts at 964543 and 68645.	SF
1931	6	271931	From: WH I - We are doing Scoratio SA fire from S, W, & SouthEast.	SF
1940	7	271940	From: WH K - Our loc 031643.-	SF
1945	8	271935	From: WH I - A. WH I B. 271835 C. 970642 D. 5 SA sniper rds. E. Rtrn'd fire to try & locate exact pan of enemy. F-M. None	SF/Sen
2014	9	272014	From: WH K - Rev'd sniper fire to the South, an automatic fire be- lieved to be carbine.	SF
2015	10	272015	From: Sen 1a - Ref QUANG NAM SS At 2 1030, 400 VC moved N from vic 992610. Portion of th s force believed to have hit 593d night of. QUANG NAM SS rates B-1.	SF
2015	11	272015	To Sen 3 - A. WH K B. 272014 C. QUANG D. Rev'd sniper fire from 030637. Believed to be auto matic carbine. E. Rtrn'd fire. F.- N. None	SF/Sen

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2109	12	272109	From: WH I - 2100 Sitrep sit Normal. SF
2109	13	272109	From: WH K - --do--
2210	14	272210	From: WH I & K - 2200 sitrep Neg. SF
2312	15	272312	From: WH I & K - 2300 sitrep Neg. SF
2330	16	272330	To: Lima Co. - Units from Bound encircling after due west your pan (other side of river) be informed they will sweep at 1st Light and req you be alert for any VC attempting to escape across river to the east. SF
2400	17	272400	From: WH I - 2400 sitrep. Neg. SF
0020	18	280015	From: WH K - A. WH Kilo B. 272335 C. 036644 D. incoming grenades E. Return fire & retract layout. F. None G. 1 scrap metal left eye not med evac'd H.-N. Neg. SPSer
0105	19	280100	From: WH K & I. Sitrep. Neg. SF
0200	21	280200	From: WH K & I. Sitrep. Neg. SF
0400	23	280400	From: WH K & I. Sitrep. Neg. SF
0500	25	280500	From: WH K & I. Sitrep. Neg. SF
0627	26	280626	From: Lima - Lima crossing LP. SF
0650	27	280649	From: WH I - Now moving out. SF
0720	28	280718	From: WH I - Con'ting moving. Neg. SF
0745	29	280735	From: Kilo - A. Kilo B. 280730 C. 986623 D. 4 VCS apprehended, suspicious. E. Will evac later. F.-N. N/A. SPSer
0827			From: Angers. Roads clear both ways.
0830	30	280820	To: Sen - Unit locations : I 3/9 - 040624, K(-) 3/9 986640, L 3/ 978643 - I 3/3 964624, K3/3 029641, Kilo 102/9 985645. SPSer

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0835	31	280808	From: WH I - location 964624.	SF
0836	32	280815	From: Kilo - Extensive activity between THAI-CAM 3 and BIC BAC. Armor in pan.	SF
0840	33	280840	Troops are now commencing sweep of BIC BAC.	SF Sen
0843	34	280844	From: Kilo - We have 6 males and 4 females VCS.	SF
0845	35	280835	From: WH - two gunships will be on station, at 0930. You instructs	SF
0845	36	280845	To Sen: A. Fort Lima B. 280830 C. 964648 D. One WIA from unkn ex lost e device. E. Med evac req'd, completed. F. Neg G. 1 USMC H. N. Neg	SF Sen
0900	37	280850	From: Kilo - Activity which appears to e males at 994636. We are sniping w/50 cal. trying to encourage their movement. We are preparing to fire 90mm if they are identified.	SF
0905	38	280859	From: Kilo - Have apprehended one VCS, name appears on black list.	SF
0906	39	280906	From: WH I - Now setting into pan.	SF
0910	40	280 00	To Sen 3: A. Kilo B. 280845 C. 983629 D. apprehended 6 more VCS, 4 female, 2 male. E. Will evac to ITT upon completion of opn. F.-K. None L. 6 M.-N. None.	SF Sen
0930	41	280925	From: Kilo - My loc at 988644 w/armor unit. Have apprehended 8 males total. Holding 4 females for security. Have engaged target w/50 cal. at 994637 & 997644 no definite kill, will hold pan & observe until sweep force ready. My OP will move thru 983623 at 0940.	SF
0935	42	280931	From: WH K - We are still in AN TU (1).	SF

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095	43	2 0948	From Lima - We are in a blocking pos from E to W (978635). Can observe sweep to our front from W to E. SF
1010	44	281010	From WH I - Sit Rep. Neg contact. SF
1012	45	281012	From WH I - Neg contact, we are still in AN TU (1). SF
1029	46	281029	From Kilo - We have visual contact WH I and Pol Lima commencing sweep. We are evacuating VCS to HA DONG Bridge where they will be evac to our CP. SF
1045	47	281045	From Kilo - Pol Lima now sweeping East. Should have visible contact in 15 min. Recommend they sweep thru us due North. SF
1104	48	281104	From WH I - Sit Rep. Neg contact. We are leaving AN TU 1 to the SE. SF
1234	49	281234	From WH I - Rec'd 00-30 frds A/W fire from 022628, ret'g fire. SF
1240	50	281245	From Kilo 3/9 - My loc via HA D NG Bridge. I-3-3 to my CP. 1 VCS indicates loc of rifle, sqd sent. Will advise when with drawn. SF
1302	51	281302	From WH I - Loc now 024626, neg contact, neg casualties. SF
1310	52	281215	From Sen 3 - Shove 6 requires following Locations searched for mines reportedly stored there BT 042645. Unkwn number of mines. Report results of area designated neg reports, required. SF
1315	53	281315	To Sen 3: A. WH I B. 281310 C. 024626 D. Now moving at coord 024626 and contact. E. Still moving F-N. Neg SF Sen
1320	54	281320	From Pol Lima - We are now back in our CP 1320. SF

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1321	55	281321	From: WH I - We are now boarding trucks returning to our parent unit. SF
1330	56	281330	From: Pol K - He advise weapon search proved neg. Referring to CP. SF
1340	57	281340	From: Pol K - We are now back in CP.
1358	58	281358	From: WH K - We are receiving fire from vic 025619. We are returning fire. SF
1400	59	281400	To Sen 3: A. WH K B. 281400 C. 025619 D. Recvd 10 rds sniper fire. E. Returned fire approx 20 rds. F.-N. None SF/Sen
1423	60	281423	From: WH K - We are receiving fire from 021619. Neg cas. Returning fire. SF
1430	61	281405	From: Mike Co. - Part M-3 returned. SF
1505	62	281505	From: Sen 3 - HOA VAN Dist Chief states that he considers civilian use of railroad through pacification and famine area is a security problem. Says he would agree with preventing civilian use of the road if Marines were of the same opinion. Senator 3 req commention of the matter. SF
1510	63	281420	Episcopal Bishop to U.S. Forces, the Reverend H. M. LEWIS will visit Port between 1520 and 1650 29 Nov. He will observe Civil action projected He will arrive by helo directly from C-Med to Port LZ4 SF
1520	64	281520	From: WH K - We are 1/3 of the way thru THANH QUIT (1). SF
1538	65	281538	To: WH K - When physical contact is made with Pol India, notify this Gq. Trucks standing by Polish India. Trucks will pickup at 01623, Return to WH, report to us by phone upon reaching WH K CP. SF

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1549	6	281549	From: WH K - We are receiving heavy sniper fire from their right flank in the village. They are returning fire. SF
1552	67	281552	From: WH K - We req those gunships come in on station because we could use them ASAP. SF
1600	68	281600	From: WH K - Be advised that WH K has pulled back from river and sniper fire has stopped temporarily. SF
1630	69	281630	From: WH K - Be approaching rear pan shortly. SF
1635	70	281635	From: WH K - 2 med evacs - one with stomach wound and other with thigh wound. Both gun shes.
1735	71	281703	From: WH K - A. Swain K B. 281630 C. 038623 D. Received 20 rds SA fire from 030617. E. Returned fire with M79 (4) rds & 60 rds SA fire. F. Neg G- 2 med evacs H.-M. Neg. SFSen
1740	72	281725	To Sen : Mine Hunt. Neg results. SF
1745	73	281725	From: WH K - Passing thru Pol I pan. SFSen
1750	74	281725	From: WH K - Swain K completed sweep, are trucked and returning to Swain CP. SFSen
1755	75	281745	From: MIEU DONG- Intell report. SF
1755	76	281740	To Sen - Newly constucted obstacle barring passage N to S on HA DONG Bridge vic 992641. Cave network w/barbed wire & possibly booby trapped blocking southern end of bridge. SF

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1900	1	281850H	Fm:Sen2; Intel report	S,F,
1930	2	281930H	Fm:Sen3; 592nd ARVN units rec'd s/a at 002669. Also confer Ba at MIEN BONG recv'g s/a fire No casualties	S,F,
2010	3	281910H	Fm:Sen2; Intel report	S,F,
2045	4	282045H	Fm:Sen2; 50VC attacked RF plat at 2000- coord 002669 - 1 RF WIA assume VC still in area PR w/drew to coord 605677	S,F,
2100	5	282100H	Fm:K; Spot report 21051s Time	S,F,
2115	6	282100H	To:Sen5; Tomorrow 1st Light, 1 plat, Kilo will sweep QUA GIANG (2) south to North. 1 plat A will sweep DUONG SON (3) west to east ARVN block at 004673. Opn in reponse to sen in rpt of 50 VC in QUA GIANG (2)	S,F,
0110	7	282110	Fm:Sen3; "I" Comp's report VC will attempt to sabotage the following bridges: NAM-C 929844 CAM VC 999706 CAM LE 015715 rep dated 20 November 65	S,F,
2300	8	282300H	Fm:PSLn; RF suffered 3 KIA 3 MIA 1 WIA via QUA GIANG () coord 003669	S,F,
0055	9	290045H	Fm:Sen; Spot report on Intel info and tomorr w action	S,F,
0000	10	290055	Fm:RM; AO has left 3/9 TAOR.	S,F,T
0630	12	290630H	Fm:M; Mike rein plat left CP to move to operation area	S,F,
0649	13	290649H	Fm:PSLn; Be advised blocking force is now in position	S,F,
0720	14	290730H	Fm:K; Spot report B is 290730	S,F,Sen
0745	15	290745H	Fm:K; Spot report B is 290745H	S,F,Sen
0750	16	290755H	Fm:K; Spot report B is 290755H	S,F,
0845	17	290845H	Fm:Monroe; Daily weather report	S,F,
0850	18	290850H	Fm:PSLn; Req you send VCS to MIEN BONG RF will supply transportation	S,F,
0910	19	290910H	To:RM; Mission to flown	S,F,
0908	20	290908H	To:PSLn; We are going to screen VCS 1st then you can have them	S,F,

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0910	21	Fm	Fm: uln; Req you let us know when you have finished screening these people. Be advised that we are questioning people also Regt	S, F,
0935	22	290920H	Fm: RMB; Checked area assigned No VO Activity	S, F,
0945	23	290923H	Fm: I; I6 is in route to your CP	S, F,
0945	24	290924H	Fm: M; Plat that was with blocking force for "V" is back at 0935H	S, F,
1110	24	291130H	Spot Report fm "M" B290900H	S, F, Sen
1110	25	291100H	Fm: I; Spot Report fm "I" B281430-290800	S, F, Sen
1111	26	291100H	Fm: All units; Challenge & Password	S, F, T
1112	27	291045H	Fm: Sen; FMFPAC inspection tm (See msg #27)	S, F,
1133	28	291133H	Fm: K; Spot Report B 290900H	S, F, Sen
1235	29	291230H	To: Sen; Intel report	S, F, Sen
1245	30	291245H	Fm: K; Patrol fm kilo at HA DONG Bridge reported 16 Vn mostly women & children moving W to E. will leave patrol there & will advise on further happenings	S, F,
1330	31	291300H	To: Sen; Spot Report Fm # 2/12 291115H	S, F, Sen
1335	32	291310H	Fm: Sen; Spot Report fm E/2/12 291115H	S, F, S
1348	33	291348H	To: RML; Mission to fly	S, F,
1400	34	291400H	Fm: SenLn; Opp that ARVN are in	S, F,
1425	35	291425H	Fm: RMB; Nothing unusual	S, F,
1500	36	291500H	Fm: SenLn; Secret agent report see msg #36	S, F,
1510	37	291510H	Fm: Shove; Req for perm for ARVN to operate in Senator TAOR	S, F,
1715	39	291701H	Fm: RMB; Mission to be flown	S, F,
1715	40	291715H	Fm: Sen3; Establish ambush tonight trail 020638. Conduct patrol acti though area 965625-980625 tonight 21th intention directed at area of	RR S, F,
1740	41	291740H	Fm: HQA VANG S-2; Intel report	S, F,

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1830	1	291830	To: Lima - Cancell IP29A, IP29B, Kilo patrol base, KP29B, 29C and 29D SF
1850	2	291850	Frm: Monroe Weather Report SF
1850	3	291850	Frm: India - I 1 (Rein) depld 1840 SF
1912	4	291912	To: Sen - New pan s 1 Plt Kilo, 1 Plt India. SF/Sen
1915	5	291915	Frm: Lima - Change LP29C SF/Sen
1940	6	291940	Frm: Sen2 - Switch to alternate Pwrd. SF/Allun to
2000	7	292000	Frm: Sen 3 - Five males believed to be armed seen at 291830 going into building 300 meters forward of Sen CP. Sen sending ptrl to invest. SF
2000	8	292000	Frm: Sen 3 - HCl AM reports VC Bn at 941588. Shove Bailey fired arty Shove 2 rates F-6. SF
2000	9	292000	To Swain: One Marine was helo evac'd from 978672. Non-battle cas. Had collapsed lung. SF
2032	10	292033	Frm: Monroe Primary Pwrd has been compromised. SF
2035	11	202025	Frm Monroe: Weather Report. SF
2100	12	292100	Frm WHL: We will cover all ave leading out of hamlet. SF
2130	13	292130	Frm: Sen 3 - Conduct S & G operta 30 Nov in following areas: 965636, 964623, 981625, 978639. SF
2130	14	292130	Frm Sen 3: Change to Frago 65-65. SF
2215	15	292130	Frm: Sen 3 - Sen 6 present intention that Swain L remain OPOON Fort until 020800 Dec. SF
350	16	292350	Frm: Pol I - Req gun ship on station first light to move home request reply. SF

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0001	17	300001	To WHL: Remain present disposition and OPGON Polish until 020800. SF
00 1	18	300011	To Pol I: Your 292350 request disapproved. SF
0016	19	300016	Frm: P-K - 1 KIA found preparing to withdraw frn village in about 45 min.
0300	20	300300	To Sen 3 - Sit Report. #20 3F Sen
0627	21	300627	Frm: Kilo - My loc no change. Commencing search of objective area for missing Marine. Neg enemy contact during night. SF
0650	22	300650	Frm: Kilo - Kilo moving into HIGH BAC. SF
0733	23	300733	Frm: Kilo - Have found dead MIA. SF
0740	24	300740	Frm: Lima - Lima has dep'd 0740. SF
0800	25	300800	To Sen 3 - PG 1 departed IP at 300740. SF
0812	26	300806	Frm: Kilo - Have confiscated wpns. Some damaged details in later rept. SF
0820	27	300816	Frm: Lima - At PL Alfa. SF
0840	28	300824	Frm: India - All of our night activities are in. SF
0842	29	300828	Frm: Lima - Found 1 Booby trap 985649. Blew in place SF
0843	30	300825	To Sen 3: A. Fort B. 300825 C. 9986 4 D. Recovered MIA at 985650 site of last night's explosion. E. KIA was med Evac'd. SF
0850	31	300750	Frm: Monroe - Weather Report. SF
0851	32	300800	Frm: I - FTB for 29 Nov established at 008634 and 010635. SF
0858	33	300213	Late ent y - Kilo Sit Report. SF

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0900	34	300900	To Sen 3- A. Lima B. 300845 G. AT 969649 D. Received 40 rds SA fire from 969646 E. Returned 100 rds SA, 4 rds M79, 4 rds 60mm. Received 1 minor casual ty. Will Med Evac. Blew booby trap 969649 F. None. G. 1 WIA, H-N. None SF
0915	35	300915	From: WH L-6 - Have swept hamlet. No contact. Villagers state pacifi- cation team moved 2 days ago to LA BONG West. SF
0940	36	300930	From: Lima A. Lima B. 300840 C. 969649 D. Marine unit while sweeping taken under SA fire. One war ne wounded left knee. Possible fracture. Est 15 VC delivering carbine fire. E. Med Evac called and completed. F-Neg G. 1 WIA H.-N. Neg. SF
1015	37	301015	From: Lima - Have blown 5 tunnels on way to obj B. SF
1045	38	301045	From: Fort 2 - Chal & Psrd: 31 SF/AllCo's
1045	39	301045	From: WH L - Night defensive fire plan. SF
1315	40	301300	From: WH L-6 - Conducted ptrl of area. Neg contact. Medcap in hamlet, 10 patients. PAC tn has not arrived my psn. SF
1325	41	311250	From: Swain L - Med Evac 1 sick Marine (susp Malaria) M - 3648. SF/S-1
1340	42	301340	From: Sen 3- Planned relief. SF/L
1410	43	301400	To Sen 3 - A. Lima B. 301345 C. 978635 D. Receiving A to wpns fire from 970640 unknown enemy force E. Returning fire w/Almort, arty, and SA. F. Neg G. One arm wound. H-N. Neg. SF/Sen

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1455	44	301450	From: Kilo-Kilo has recovered all wps and equipment.	SF/Sen
1455	45	301450	To Sen 2 - A. Kilo B. 301000 C. 980639 D. Apprehended 2 VCS who were moving West. They atapt to evade Marine patrol. They stopped when a warning shot was fired. Evac'd to ITT.	SF/Sen
1605	46	301600	To Sen - Lima Co (-) has returned to GP. No further contact.	SF/Sen
1730	47	301730	To Sen 3 - MIEU DONG Ck Pt - 3 male VCS - 1 female VCS w/1500 capsules of penicillin. Evac to ITT.	SF
1740	48	301740	From WH 1-6 - LP's location and ambushes location.	SF
1930	49	301927	From: Sen - Div LnO Opn 5 of Fert is finished & units departed TADR. Opn had neg results.	SF
1935	50		From: 1 3/3 - No PAC Tm in area. Searched all day for it. Coordinated w/villagers, they know nothing of PAC Tm in area. Also ARVN in area know nothing of the team.	SF
1945	51	301800	To Sen- Patrols Additions.	SF
2120	52	302120	From: Sen - Da Nang Secret Service rates C-3, 1 VC plt on rating in HOA THINH village 948702.	SF

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Ref: (a) Maps; INDO CHINA; 1:50,000; Series L701, Sheet 6658 IV

Encl: (1) Operations Overlay

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.a. Enemy forces.

- (1) DIEN BAN (H-40) Company - Main Force - confirmed to be operating in vicinity of HA DONG and TAN HANH Hamlets. Strength approximately 120 men with one 81mm Mortar, one 60mm Mortar, one 57 RR, 3 LMG, 18-SMG.
- (2) H-50 Main Force Battalion confirmed to be operating in vicinity of PHONG LUC, BICH NAM and VIEM TAY Hamlets. Strength approximately 300 men with 81 and 60 mm Mortar capability.
- (3) Elements of 23rd Main Force Battalion confirmed in vicinity of Hill 55 approximate strength 400 men have ability to reinforce in objective area.
- (4) Mines have been discovered in vicinity of HA DONG Hamlet probable that area of operations have booby traps and AP mines.
- (5) See current black list for VC Guerrillas operating in objective area.

b. Friendly forces.(1) 1st MAW.

- (a) Provide two UH1E for airborne command group at 010830H Nov 1965.
- (b) AO on station during operation commencing 010630H Nov 1965.
- (c) Fixed wing aircraft on 15 minute strip alert.

(2) 2d Battalion, 12th Marines.

- (a) Be prepared to support operation.

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- (a) Provide squad with mine detecting capability direct support to Company "I".
- (b) Provide squad with mine detecting capability in direct support of Company "K".

(4) Company "B", 3d Tank Battalion.

- (a) Provide two sections tanks to Company "K".

(5) Company "C", 3d AT Battalion.

- (a) Provide two sections Ontos to Company "K".
- (b) Provide one section Ontos to Company "A".

c. Attachments.

- (1) Company "A", 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.
- (2) 703d Company, Regional Forces, Republic of Vietnam.

2. MISSION. 3d Battalion, 9th Marines conducts search and clear operation in area as shown in Encl (1) (Operations Overlay) to capture or destroy Viet Cong personnel and material.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of operation. See Encl (1) (Operations Overlay).

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

Attached: FO Team 81mm Mortar
FO Team Battery "F", 12th Marines
Squad, 3d Engineer Battalion
Squad, 703d Company, Regional Forces, Republic of Vietnam
Interpreter

- (1) Conduct a search and destroy operation in assigned sector.
- (2) On completion of operation be prepared, on order, to sweep back to Route #1 between Company "A" original left flank and SONG LA THO.

c. Company "K" (-)(Rein).

Attached: FO Team 81mm Mortar
FO Team Battery "F", 12 Marines
FAC Team
Squad, 3d Engineer Battalion

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Squad, 703d Company, Regional Forces, Republic
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Interpreter
Two Sections Tanks, Company "B", 3d Tank Battalion
Two Sections Ontos, Company "C", 3d AT Battalion

- (1) Conduct search and destroy operation in assigned sector.

d. Company "A" (-)(Rein).

Attached: FO Team Battery "A", 12th Marines
FAC Team
Section Ontos, Company "C", 3d AT Battalion
Interpreter
FO Team 81mm Mortar

- (1) Conduct search and destroy operation in assigned sector.
(2) On completion of operation, be prepared, on order, to sweep back to Route #1 between Company "A" original left flank and SONG LA THO.

e. Coordinating instructions.

- (1) All units will establish communications on Battalion Tactical Net prior to crossing line of departure.
(2) Units will cross LOD 010700H Nov 1965.
(3) Contact right to left.
(4) AO will control artillery fires.
(5) Rules of engagement remain in effect.
(6) Reports.
(a) Report crossing LOD and Phase Lines.
(b) Situation reports hourly.
(c) Spot reports as required.

4. No Change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS.

a. Command Post.

- (1) Battalion CP. (AT 992678).

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(2) Airborne at 010830H Nov 1965.

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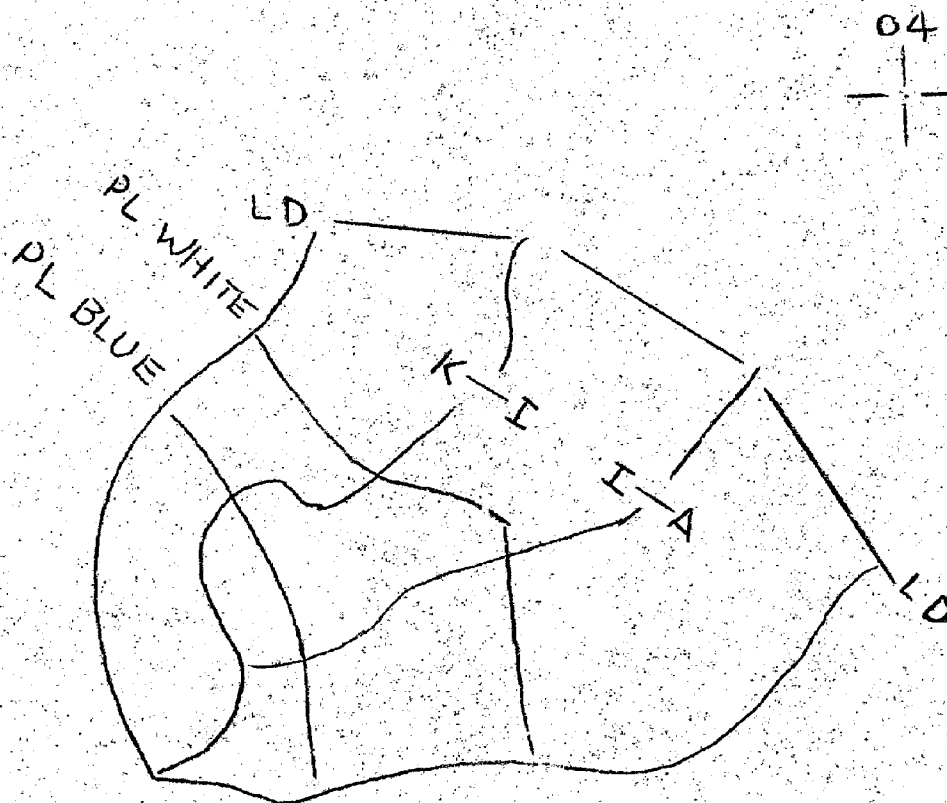
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3d Battalion Marines
 DA NANG, Republic of Vietnam
 031800H November 1965

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy forces. See current ISUMs.

b. Friendly forces.

(1) 1st MAW.

(a) Provide AO on station commencing at 040630H November.

(b) Provide UH1E for airborne command group.

(2) 12th Marines.

(a) Provide blocking fires as required.

(3) Company "C", 3rd Engineer Battalion.

(a) Provide 2 squads with mine sweep capability to Company "K" by 031700H November.

(4) Company "B", 3rd Tank Battalion.

(a) Provide one platoon to Company "K" by 040600H November.

(5) Company "C", 3rd AT Battalion.

(a) Provide one light section to Company "K" by 040600H November.

(6) ARVN Forces. See Annex A (Operation Overlay)

2. MISSION. 3d Battalion, 9th Marines establishes blocking positions in conjunction with ARVN search and destroy operation.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. See Annex A (Operation Overlay)

b. Company "I".

(1) Establish platoon size blocking position vicinity of HA TAY at coordinates 008644 by 040600H.

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- (1) Establish platoon size block in vicinity of BICH BAC by 040730H November 1965.
- (2) Establish platoon size block with platoon tanks in vicinity of Hill 55 by 040700H.

d. Company "M".

- (1) Attach one platoon to Company "K" by 040600H November 1965.

e. Coordinating instructions.

- (1) H-Hour is 040600H
- (2) Artillery block fires controlled by AO and Company "K" if can observe from Hill 55.
- (3) Reports.
 - (a) Situation reports upon leaving CP and every $\frac{1}{2}$ hour thereafter.
 - (b) Spot reports as required.
- (4) Use of Cn authorized.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.a. Radio.

- (1) All blocking units come up on Battalion Tactical Net by 040600H.
- (2) Army Advisor net is 49.5; Call Signs - SITUATE 46 - 11th Rangers
SITUATE 68 - APC Troop
SITUATE 41 - Regt CP

b. Command post.

- (1) Initially at Battalion CP.
- (2) Airborne.

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy forces. See current ISUM's.

b. Friendly forces.

(1) 1st MAW.

(a) Provide helicopter support as required.

(b) Provide AO as required.

(2) 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines.

(a) Prepared to support with blocking fires.

(b) Prep fires LZs if necessary.

(3) 3rd MT Battalion.

(a) Provide transportation as required.

(5) Company "B", 3rd Tank Battalion. Platoon direct support.

(6) Company "C", 3rd AT Battalion. 2 Platoons (-) direct support.

c. Attachments. Det 703rd Company Regional Force, Republic of Vietnam.

d. Assumptions.

(1) That any penetration of the MLR between company Base Camps will be initially contained by artillery and 81mm mortar concentrations because of reaction time of any available force to perform this mission.

(2) That two platoons of the Reserve Company will be available to restore MLR between Company Base Camps.

(3) That the Regimental Reserve Company will be available to restore any penetration.

(5) That the minimum reaction time of the Regimental Reserve will be 1 1/2 hours via truck or helicopter.

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2. MISSION. 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines counter attacks enemy penetrations Whiskey, Xray, and Yankee and restores MLR.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. All penetrations blocked and contained by artillery and/or 81mm mortar initially and counterattacked by Battalion Reserve Company (..) and/or Regimental Reserve Company.

b. Company "I" (Rein).

(1) On enemy penetration YANKEE on order establish Platoon (Rein) blocking position in vicinity of NEON THO (2). See Annex C (Operation Overlay). On order attack East flank of penetration and restore MLR.

(2) On all penetrations hold Company Base Camp positions.

c. Company "K" (Rein).

(1) On enemy penetration WHISKEY on order establishes Platoon (Rein) blocking position vicinity of LE SON (1). See Annex A (Operation Overlay). On order attack west and assist Company "L" restore MLR.

(2) On enemy penetration XRAY on order establishes Platoon (Rein) blocking position vicinity YEN NE (1). See Annex B (Operation Overlay). On order attack east and assist Company "M" (-) restore the MLR.

(3) On all penetrations, hold Company Base Camp position.

d. Company "L" (Rein).

(1) On all penetrations, hold at Company Base Camp position.

(2) On penetration WHISKEY, on order attack west to restore MLR.

e. Company "M".

(1) On penetration WHISKEY on order establishes Company (-)(Rein) blocking position in vicinity of YEN NE (1). See Annex A (Operation Overlay). On order attack west and assist Company "L" restore MLR.

(2) On penetration XRAY on order establish Company (-)(Rein) blocking position in vicinity of DOONG SON (2). See Annex B (Operation Overlay). On order, attack east and restore MLR.

(3) On penetration YANKEE on order establish Company (-)(Rein) blocking position vicinity BEN DONG. See Annex C (Operation Overlay). On order, attack east and assist Company "I" restore MLR.

f. Regimental Reserve Company.

- (1) On enemy penetration WHISKEY, on order establish blocking position in vicinity CAM NE (6) Annex A (Operation Overlay). On order, attack south to assist Company "L" restore MLR. LZ 979681. Detrucking point 991680.
- (2) On enemy penetration XRAY, on order establish blocking position in vicinity of GIANG DONG. See Annex B (Operation Overlay). On order attack south and assist Company "I" restore MLR. LZ 013688. Detrucking point 016685.
- (3) On enemy penetration YANKEE, on order establish blocking position vicinity MIEU DONG. See Annex C (Operation Overlay). On order, attack south and assist Company "M" restore MLR. LZ 013688. Detrucking point 016685.

g. Company "M" (Rein) 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines.

- (1) On all penetration, defend present position at all cost.

h. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) This Headquarters coordinates with Rural Construction Units in penetration areas through Regimental Liaison Officer.
- (2) Fire Support Plans. See Annex A (Operation Overlay Penetration WHISKEY), Annex B (Operation Overlay Penetration XRAY) and Annex C (Operation Overlay Penetration YANKEE).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No Change.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. No Change.

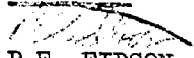
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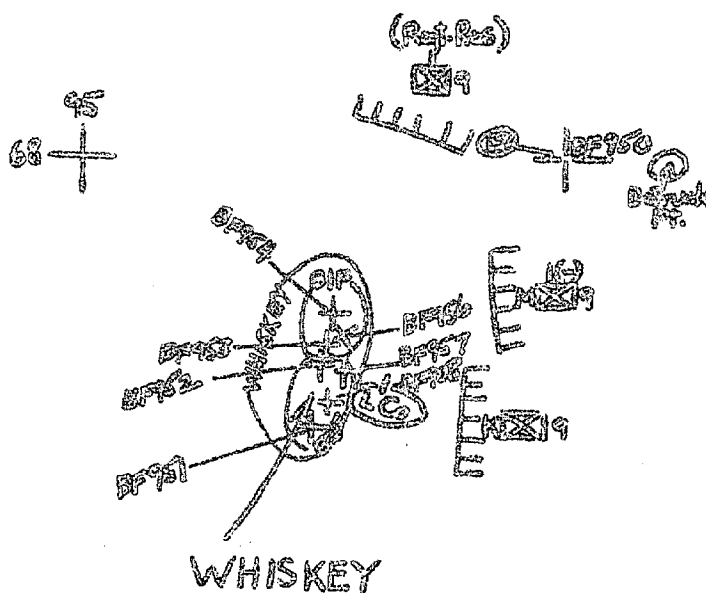
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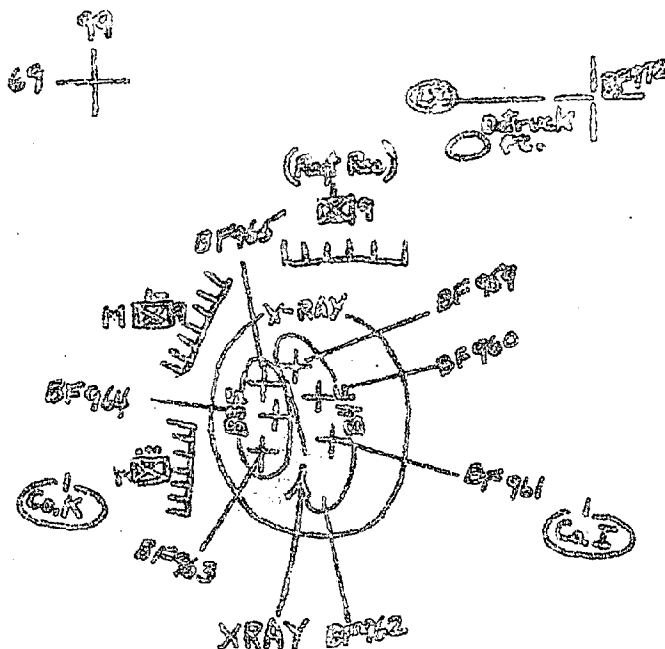
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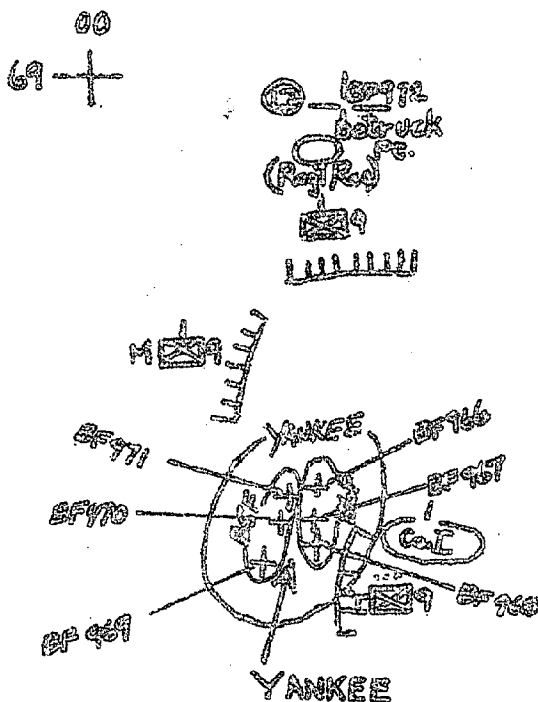
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ENCLOSURE (6)

After Action Report 6-65

1. Participating

- a. Company "M" (-)
- b. Company "K" (-)
- c. Company "I" (-)
- d. Detachment 3rd Platoon, Company "C", 3rd AT Battalion
- e. Detachment Company "C", 3rd Engineer Battalion

2. Time Frame Involved. 160730H-171600H Nov 653. Casualties

- a. USMC KIA - 3
- b. USMC WIA - 8

4. Narrative Summary.

The concept of this operation was to establish a Company (-) patrol base in the vicinity of (BT039637) during the night of 16 November and to conduct a search and clear operation in GS9963 and 0063 on 17 November while enroute to the patrol base the area along the trail from (BT030642) to BT(010635) would also be searched.

At 160745H the 1st and 3rd Platoon, Company "M" departed the Battalion CP, (AT992678) via MT for Company "I" base camp, (BT023655). Company "I" (-) reinforced with the two platoons Company "M" and a light section of ontos proceeded south along Highway #1 to vicinity (BT032643). At 160830H Company "I" (-)(Rein) began the search and clear operation westward through VIEM TAY (2). At (BT026637) one of the ontos detonated a mine and the remaining ontos was returned to the Company "I" base camp after retrieving the damaged ontos. No injuries were sustained.

At 161100H in the vicinity of (BT024636) an engineer was injured by a secondary explosion while blowing a tunnel net-work. The casualty was medevac'd. Small arms fire was received from (BT020634) and (BT023630), the fire was suppressed by a heavy volume of Marine small arms fire and 60mm mortars. In the vicinity of (BT023636) a "U"-shaped machine gun bunker was found along with many freshly dug trenches.

At 161250H one Marine was WIA in the vicinity of (BT013630) as the unit received small arms fire from an estimated four VC. The fire was returned, the VC broke contact. One Marine stepped on a punji stake in the vicinity BT007633. Both casualties were medevac'd.

At 161400H, the 1st Platoon, Company "I" began return to the Company "I" base camp and control of the operation was passed to Company "M", Commanding Officer. The hamlet of LA THO BAC (1)(BT005630) was cleared and Company

"M" (-)(Rein) began the return movement back to PHONG LUC (2) (BT011632) where they would establish a Company patrol base during the night.

At approximately 161730H the rear guard of the 1st Platoon, Company "M" received a heavy volume of small arms fire from (BT006632) and (BT005627) and four 60mm rounds from an unknown location. Both areas had just been swept. Two Marines were KIA And four WIA from the VC fire. The covering force immediately returned fire with organic weapons and three artillery missions. The VC broke contact. The casualties were medevac'd, during which, the area from which the VC fire had come was strafed by the armed HU-1E's escorting the medical evacuation helicopters. The two platoons returned to the patrol base at approximately 161815H.

At 170630H the 3rd Platoon, Company "I" departed their platoon patrol base in the vicinity of (AT979646) and establish a block in the vicinity of (AT999630). At 170600H the 2nd Platoon, Company "K" departed the Company patrol base (AT985661) and establish a block from (AT996641) to (BT003644). At 170645H the 2nd Platoon, Company "I" established a block from (BT007646) to (BT011643). Two Platoons, Company "L" were held on short notice alert as Battalion Reserve.

At first light Company "M" (-)(Rein) searched the battle area of the night before. Twelve definite positions were found where VC bodies had been and numerous other blood stains were found in the area. 30 Caliber, carbine and Chicom sub-machine gun empty cartridges were also found.

At 170730H Company "M" (-)(Rein) began moving westward searching grid square (BT0063) and (AT9962). One 60 meter tunnel was destroyed vicinity (BT007633). In the same area barbed wire was discovered that could be used to channelize anyone onto the trails which were heavily saturated with foot and punji traps. At 171045H heavy small arms fire was recieved by the 3rd Platoon, Company "M" vicinity (BT000630) from (AT9976310), (AT996630) and (AT997627). An artillery mission was fired at (AT997631). One Marine was KIA during the fire fight but no VC casualties could be ascertained.

At 170650H the 2nd Platoon, Company "K" block killed two VC as they tried to swim the river at (BT001642). One body was recovered along with one carbine magazine and various documents.

At 171100H the 2nd Platoon, Company "K" crossed the RR bridge, (AT 991642) and conducted an search and clear operation in grid square (AT9963) and (BT0064) along the south bank of the SONG BAU XAU.

Company "M" (-)(Rein) cleared BICH NAM (1) (AT990635) and destroyed and reinforced tunnel vic (AT994633).

All blocking forces were secured at 17 530H and Company "M" (-)(Rein) moved via foot to the Battalion CP where the 1st Platoon Company "I" was released and trucked to Company "I" patrol base.

5. Lessons Learned. An AO is essential to cover avenues of VC egress in areas of poor observation such as the low lands of rice growing areas.

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1. Participating Units.

- a. Co "K" (-)(rein), 3/9
- b. Co "M" (-)(rein), 3/9
- c. Co "M" (rein), 3/3
- d. Co "I" (-)(rein), 3/9
- e. 2d Plt (-), Co "B", 3d Tank Bn
- f. 3d Plt (rein), Co "C", 1/9
- g. RVN Forces.

2. Time Frame Involved. 180230H to 201600H, Nov 653. Casualties.

- a. USMC KIA - 1
- b. USMC WIA - 1

4. Narrative Summary. USMC forces initially were requested as blocking forces for an ARVN search and clear operation south of the 3d Bn TAOR and including the south eastern portion of the 3d Bn TAOR. Marine forces were requested to reinforce the ARVN forces when a large VC force was encountered.

At 180230H the 1st Plt, Co M departed the Bn CP, (AT 992677), and came under OPCON of Co K. By 180430H, Co K (-)(rein) had established three blocking pns west of the SONG BAU XAU vic (AT 987624), (AT 986634) and (BT 001643) for the ARVN forces pushing north. At 180700H a light section of tanks was moved to vic (AT 990644) with the mission of covering by fire the RR bridge crossing the SONG BAU XAU. One VC was killed by Marine S/A fire vic (AT 985621) at 181000H as the VC was attempting to cross the river. At 181030H another VC was killed by an M-79 round vic (BT 003643) while emerging from a tunnel in the river bank. Both bodies were observed floating down the river. Weapon recovery was not practical. A large tunnel was found vic (AT 983620). The tunnel included what appeared to be weapon storage facilities with plastic lined shelves. The tunnel was not destroyed because the Marine squad carried no demolitions across the river. Later that day the ARVN forces blew many excavations in the same area.

At 181300H, Co M, 3/3 was ordered to move from FLSG ASP #1 via M.T. to pns vic 993637 and on order attack south down the railroad bed to an objective to be designated. Because the disposition of ARVN forces was not clear on the afternoon of 18 Nov, or any other time for that matter, Co M, 3/3 was committed only as far as (AT 994637).

Company I (-) moved via foot to establish a blocking psn vic BT 006644 at 181410H. The block was established by 181500H. By 181600H Co M, 3/3 was established along the RR bed vic (AT 994637) where they were to sit in for the night. At 181700H one VCS, who admitted to being a VC, was apprehended near (AT 985623). At 181700 the 1st Plt, Co K moved from vic (BT 001644) to vic (AT 978623) to act as Co CP security in preparation for the night. The Co I (-) blocking force was secured at 181800H and was in the Co I base camp by 181930H. At 181815H Co K took approx 20 VC under fire as they were attempting to cross the river from (AT 986622) to (AT 980621). Five of the VC were killed but body recovery was not tactically feasible, Marines would have had to cross the river. One WIA was incurred by Co M, 3/3 vic (AT 994636) when he was mistaken for a VC by a listening post and slightly wounded in the neck. He was medevac'd. At 182000H Co K apprehended a boy vic (AT 987623) who volunteered information concerning the VC. He was evacuated the next morning to ITT.

At 191010H Co I (-) began movement via foot from the Co base camp to the vic (BT 035626) to establish a block force in anticipation of the ARVN eastward movement north of the SONG THANH QUIT. The 1st Plt, Co M, 3/9 was detached from Co K and attached to Co M, 3/3 at 191030H. The plt moved from the vic (AT 990643) to join Co M vic (AT 995630). At 191200H the 1st Plt, Co K conducted a search and clear of BICH BAC, (AT 984634). Two 155mm duds were destroyed at (AT 986635) and (AT 987633). At 191250H Co M, 3/3 (rein) began moving eastward for a search and clear operation from the RR bed to Highway 1, bounded on the north by the cart path from (AT 995633) to (BT 032643) and on the south by GL (T630). At approx 191300H the ARVN units began moving east toward the Co I (-) block. Co M (rein), 3/3 found a helo trap vic (BT 002627). The trap consisted of several 15 ft bamboo poles connected with barbed wire, it was destroyed. One Chicom frag grenade was found and blown in place at (BT 000630). Another helo trap was found vic (BT 004625). At 191330H Co K was secured and returned to the Co patrol base. Sporadic S/A fire was received from vic (AT 993643); The fire ceased upon Marine return fire.

Co M (rein), 3/3 reached Highway 1 at 191630H and prepared a Co patrol base vic (BT 032643). The 1st Plt, Co M, was detached and proceeded via M. T. to the Bn CP. At 191615H Co I (-) secured their block and began the return movement to their Co patrol base via Highway 1.

At 200630H Co I (-) moved via foot from the Co patrol base to a blocking psn along the northern bank of the SONG THANH QUIT vic (BT 052627). At 200730H Co M, 3/3 began a search and clear operation east from their patrol base, (BT 032643) to the SONG VINH DIEM and south along the river to the Co I (-) block. The 3d Plt, Co C, 1/9 conducted a similar opn along the east bank of the SONG VINH DIEM under the OPCON of Co M, 3/3. At 200900H Co M, 3/3 incurred one KIA at (BT 051640) from small arms fire originating from the east bank of the river. At 201130H the opn was completed and Co I (-) and Co M, 3/3 began the return to Highway 1. The 3d Plt, Co C, 1/9 was released at 201130H.

Not much is known about the ARVN operation. Their mission was to find and destroy a hospital cave vic (AT 993616). The 3d Bn, 9th Marines came up on the Army Advisor net, however, this net was so busy that it was difficult to communicate. Further, the Army Advisors did not know the location of the ARVN units nor were they able to inform the Marines of the ARVN movements.

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A Regimental Liaison Officer was assigned to the ARVN Command Group but was wounded during the early evening of 18 November. As a result, communications from the Regimental Liaison Team were sporadic throughout the entire operation. It was also noted that the Regimental Liaison Officer was communicating on the Regimental Tactical Net. Since 1/9 was also conducting an operation during this time frame, this net was far too overloaded to be used for this purpose.

This Battalion had the verbal understanding that the operation was to be a "coordinated" one, unless the Marine reserve force was committed, in which event overall control would pass to this Battalion. When Company "M" 3/3, the reserve, was committed, this word was changed. The operation continued to be a "coordinated" endeavor.

The entire operation was neither coordinated, nor were proper communications employed to facilitate coordination.

5. Lessons Learned

a. Definite command relationships and liaison procedures must be firmly established in order to:

- (1) Keep a constant plot of ARVN locations
- (2) Keep Marine units constantly informed of ARVN plans.
- (3) Ensure continuous communications.
- (4) Coordinate FSCC procedures .

b. A separate tactical net must be opened for this type of operation. The Regimental Tactical Net is not satisfactory, especially when two battalions are conducting separate operations.

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ENCLOSURE 8

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1. Participating Units

- a. Company K, 3/9
- b. Company L (-), 3/9
- c. Company I, 3/3
- d. Det. Co B, 3dTkBn

2. Time Frame Involved.

- a. 271400H to 281700H Nov 65

3. Casualties.

U. S. WIA 1
U. S. KIA 0

4. Narrative Summary. In response to information obtained on 15 Nov from a resident of Bich Bac, (AT 985629) a three Company S&C operation was conducted in the Bich Bac-Thai Cam-Le Son area, (GS's 9664, 9668, 9764, 9663, and 9664). Van May, the informer, stated that six or seven VC lived in Bich Bac and that they were part of a larger force operating in the Thai Cam-Le Son-Bich Bac area. Van May also pointed out the escape routes used by the VC as they departed Bich Bac.

On 15 Nov 1965 a patrol from Kilo Company, 3dBn, 9th Marines entered the hamlet of Bich Bac, (AT 985629) and held a sick call for the villagers. At the same time the patrol leader interrogated a male Vietnamese named Van May. The following information was obtained:

6 or 7 VC live in Bich Bac.

These are part of a larger force that operates in the Thai Cam-Le Son-Bich Bac area.

When Marine patrols are in the area the VC flee south from Thai Cam (3) or Bich Bac (trails are indicated on map), and cross the river or move south of Hill 55 (Nui Dat Son).

In order to sweep the Bich Bac-Hai Cam (3) area one problem had to be solved - how to block the escape routes to the south. It was decided that a squad reinforced would have to be positioned south of Bich Bac the day before the operation. Before dawn on the next day the squad (Rein) would block the trails leading south, while two companies swept the hamlets from the northwest and northeast.

The composition of the blocking force would consist of a rifle squad (T/O strength), a machine gun squad (7 men), a rocket team (2 men), a corpsman, an artillery FO, 2 radio operators, and 1 officer: Total 28 Marines. This task organized unit was carefully briefed, and the mission carefully rehearsed. Total planning time was approximately 7 days.

Enclosure (1)

At 271400H Nov Company Kilo moved into Bich Bac, ostensibly on a civil action patrol. Sick call was held, food and clothes were distributed, and an OP was established on the finger west of Hill 55. At the same time the blocking unit selected its patrol base and ambush sites.

At 271615H the blocking unit moved into a canefield at (AT 984625). A perimeter was established consisting of 11 two-man teams, with patrol headquarters in the center. Each man on the perimeter was tied in to his neighbor with comm wire. Each fire team leader was tied in with his men similarly, and each fire team leader was tied into the patrol leader. (A system of signals had been worked out in the planning stage). The men were placed on a 50% alert.

At 271630H Company Kilo (-) moved out of Bich Bac. At 271730H villagers in Bich Bac began beating on hollow pieces of bamboo. The signal was answered by people in Ha Dong (AT 997641) and Bich Nim (AT 990635). In the opinion of the patrol leader this was the "all clear" signal. Until 271730H Bich Bac had been completely quiet. Following 271730H children's voices could be heard in the hamlet, and the people moved freely in and out of the fields until nightfall.

At 272110H a series of bird-calls were heard from (AT 985627) and (AT 983622) (these did not sound natural). At 272130H one round of small arms fire passed over the patrol base, followed immediately by six more rounds which impacted nowhere near the patrol base. In the opinion of the patrol leader the round which passed close to the patrol base were stray rounds from a nearby fire fight, and did not indicate discovery of the patrol base by the VC.

The rest of the night was uneventful. At 280400H all members of the patrol were alerted. At 280410H ambush team #1 moved to (AT 986626). At 280420H ambush team #2 moved to (AT 984625). At 280430H ambush team #3 moved to coordinates (AT 983623). All ambush teams were in position by 280500H. The nature of the terrain was such that the whole area between (AT 981624) and (AT 990627) was covered physically or by fire.

Company India, 3/3 came under OpCon of the 3dBn at 271500 and proceeded via foot to Company Lima base camp and moved to a Company patrol base at (AT 970642) and remained in that location until 280630H. At that time the Company continued south toward Xuan-Diem (2), (AT 963625). The Company then turned east and established a block along GL (980) at 280930H.

At 280730H Company Lima (-) 3/9 departed the Company base camp and proceeded south to the Vic (AT 980636) where a block was established facing east. Both Company Lima (-) and Company India moved slowly and deliberately toward their blocking position. At 280830H one Marine was wounded by an unknown explosive device vic (AT 964648).

At 280700H Company Kilo (-) reinforced with a light section of tanks departed the Company base camp and moved rapidly to the Ha Dong bridge (AT 990641) where the tanks established a block Vic (AT 984643). The

Company (-) continued toward Bich Bac (AT 985634) and began to systematically search the hamlet.

At 280730H several Vietnamese males were seen to leave Thai Cam (3) (AT 980628) and move southeast along the trail toward (AT 983623). They were moving rapidly with approximately 200-300 meters between individuals and were looking back from time to time as if they were being pursued. Ambush team #3 was alerted, and as the first man entered the kill zone, he was apprehended, searched quickly, and hidden in the canefield. Three more were apprehended in the same manner before the others realized something was up. Approximately six men then detoured east into Bich Bac. Ambush team #3 alerted ambush teams #1 and #2, and sent a message to Kilo 6 that at least six VCS were now in Bich Bac. Three of these eventually tried to escape through the canefields to the south, but were captured by ambush teams #1 and #2. Three others were picked up later by Company Kilo (-) in Bich Bac. Four women were apprehended by ambush team #1 for security reasons. These were released after the operation. All ten VCS were interrogated by the Bn S-2 and three were found to be VC.

The following measures were employed to deceive the VC as to the blocking units strength and intentions.

- Company Kilo (-) converged on Bich Bac from three different directions, thus making it difficult for the VC to count the number of troops involved.

- The blocking unit and the rest of the company wore similar uniforms (soft covers and no flak jackets).

- Four machine guns were carried into Bich Bac (including the two that were to lay out with the blocking unit). Two others were wrapped in a poncho and carried on a mule, with the civil affairs equipment. When the Company left Bich Bac the two guns were taken off the mule and carried back to the Company C-P thus if the VC counted machine guns they got the same total going in and coming out.

Food, clothes, and medical aid were distributed liberally in Bich Bac. This was done to conceal the Company's real purpose for being in the area, and in the hope that the VC would be tempted to counteract Marine propaganda and confiscate the food and clothes.

When the blocking unit entered the canefield to establish the patrol base, most of the company moved into the canefield also. Until the base was established and no more movement or noise was necessary, the rest of the company remained in the field and the immediate area. Thus no attempt was made to conceal the fact that Marines entered the cane field; rather, it was hoped that the VC would not notice that not quite so many Marines came out of the canefield as went in.

Maximum use was made of individual camouflage, both in the way of sugar cane leaves and the camouflage stick. But no camouflage was applied until the blocking unit was in its patrol base, as this would have made the blocking unit stand out during the move through Bich Bac.

The blocking unit turned on its radio for only two minutes in every hour and no transmissions were to be made except in case of emergency.

Noise and movement were kept to an absolute minimum in the patrol base.

The operation was unusual for the following reasons:

The operation was at least in part the direct result of information gained through face to face persuasion.

Ten VC, if all turn out to be VC, were captured without a shot being fired.

The VC reacted exactly as planned. Their actions were completely controlled by Marine forces.

A force of 28 Marines remained undetected in VC-controlled territory for 15 hours. In fact ambush team #3 set up 15 meters from an occupied house.

The operation was successful for the following reasons:

The operation was carefully planned over a period of 7-10 days.

Every man in the patrol was carefully briefed both as to his own job and the overall mission.

Every aspect of the mission was rehearsed.

The VC were outsmarted. They probably did not expect the Marines to sweep the area twice in a row, and more important, they did not expect that a Marine unit could move into the area undetected. The encirclement was perfect, and the VC were caught completely unaware.

The personnel involved were all volunteers.

5. Lessons Learned.

a. The VC can be outsmarted with detailed planning and patience.

b. An operation can be successful, if sufficient time is permitted for planning and reconnaissance, all hands properly briefed and rehearsals conducted.

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DO'S FOR CIVIC ACTION

1. Civic Action is an important part of the U. S. Marines counter-insurgency program in Vietnam, but only a part. At no time should a Marine violate basic military principles:

- a. Do remember security, remain alert, and be ready to react with your military skills.
- b. Do remember that displays of military discipline favorably impress the local populace and enhance the degree of cooperation.

2. When tactically feasible,

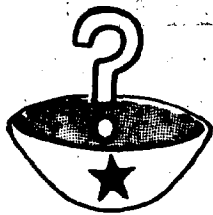
DO:

- a. WAVE at all Vietnamese.
- b. Shake hands when meeting people whether it be for the first time or upon subsequent meetings.
- c. Respect graves, tombs and other religious buildings or shrines. The Vietnamese people in our TACR are of a rural nature whose world is their village and who worship their ancestors. Many villagers are more sensitive about someone walking on a grave than about someone damaging their home.
- d. Afford normal courtesies such as deference and respect to elders, respect for authority of the Village and Hamlet officials.
- e. Give the right of way to the people whenever possible.
- f. Treat women with politeness and respect.
- g. Remember that hand holding among Vietnamese males is a custom of comradeship in RVN and not an indication of homosexual tendencies subject to ridicule and mockery.
- i. Keep your word. Be slow to make promises, but once made, do your best to keep them. Remember though, promises involve a command decision. Your commander must be given an opportunity to rule in such a matter.
- j. Return what you borrow, replace what you break and avoid unnecessary "liberation of local items" for your personal or unit's use.
- k. Remain extremely patient in all dealings with the people. Part of their custom includes repetition of facts or questions.
- l. Enter into the spirit of bartering without abuse and respect the local methods for conducting business.

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