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 To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)
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 (3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

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(3) S-3 Journal

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted.

2. Downgraded at 3 year intervals, declassified after 12 years, DOD Dir 5200.10.

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION.

3d Battalion, 9th Marines

Lt. Col G. C. COOK
1-31 October 1967SUBORDINATE UNITS

Company I

Captain W. A. CONNER
1-31 October 1967

Company K

Captain R. W. AUSTIN
1-31 October 1967

Company L

Captain J. S. ADAMS
1-31 October 1967

Company M

Captain F. J. BRETT
1-31 October 1967

H&S Company

Captain A. K. WARD
1-31 October 19672. LOCATION.

1-7 October 1967 - Con Thien, Republic of Vietnam

3-9 October 1967 - Dong Ha, Republic of Vietnam

10-31 October 1967 - Thon Son Lam, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS.

Executive Officer

Major R. J. JAMES
1-31 October 1967

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2dLt. R. E. POTTLAIT
1-31 October 1967

S-2

1stLt. J. L. PENNINGTON, JR.
1-19 October 19672dLt. B. E. BRYAN, JR.
20-31 October 1967

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Major B. W. GARDNER
1-31 October 1967

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1stLt. I. T. DALE, JR.
9-31 October 1967

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Captain R. A. O'NEILL
1-31 October 1967

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1stLt. J. L. PENLAND, JR.
20-31 October 19674. AVERAGE STRENGTH.

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
41	1006	2	51

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1-7 October 1967, this battalion continued in the occupation and defense of the CON TUIEN Complex (VD 114100) to include the mission of conducting ground surveillances and spoiling attacks throughout assigned OA with assigned forces to detect and destroy infiltrating NVA forces. In addition, this unit maintained security on Route #561 by aggressive patrolling and the providing of security on Route #561 for mine sweep teams.

On 071000H October 1967 this battalion relieved the OPCON of the CON TUIEN Complex to the 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment. This unit returned to DONG HA for the period 7-14 October and resumed the mission of the regimental reserve.

On 100900H October 1967 this battalion commenced its move from DONG HA to TON SON LAM (XD 982545). At 101800H October 1967 this battalion relieved the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines and became OPCON to the 3d Marine Regiment. The last elements of this unit closed on TON SON LAM on 11 October 1967. Operation areas were established at TON SON LAM (XD 982545), the "FISHBOWL" (XD 974565), and CAU J (XD 912455), with CP's on the "ROCKPILE" (XD 971558) and the "R. ROCKPILE" (XD 965513). Immediately aggressive small unit patrolling and ambushes were initiated.

In addition, during the period 11-31 October 1967, platoon patrols and company operations were conducted. All activities were directed at accomplishing the missions assigned.

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PART III

1. ~~FMF~~ organization committed to combat.

a. Combat missions assigned.

- (1) Occupy and defend the CON THIEN Complex.
- (2) Be prepared on order to provide relief/reinforcement to GIO LINH artillery outpost and CUA VIET Facility in the event of enemy attacks.
- (3) Conduct ground surveillance and spoiling attacks throughout assigned TAOR with assigned forces to detect and destroy infiltrating NVA forces.
- (4) Maintain security of Route #561 in OA by aggressive patrolling along flanks.
- (5) Deny enemy access through "ROCKPILE"/THON SON LAM area.
- (6) Conduct operations to maintain security of MSR Route #9 in OA.
- (7) Maintain Patrol Base at CA LU in conjunction with RF's to deny enemy access through CA LU and BA LONG Valley.
- (8) Conduct operations to interdict enemy LOC and destroy enemy forces in assigned OA.

b. Significant operations conducted. Normal company operations in conjunction with Operation KIL-INTER

Casualties inflicted on the enemy

- | | |
|-------------------------|---|
| (1) KIA Confirmed ----- | 1 |
| (2) KIA Probable ----- | 6 |
| (3) Detainees ----- | 3 |

a. Casualties sustained.

- | | |
|---------------------|---|
| (1) KIA ----- | 1 |
| (2) KIA (FBC) ----- | 3 |
| (3) DD ----- | 1 |

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(4) TIA ----- 27

(5) IA (NBC) ----- 6

e. New techniques employed. None.

f. Command relations. Command relations with all supporting units continued to be excellent. Coordination and assistance received on all levels of command functions has been excellent. During the period 1-9 October 1967 this battalion functioned under the OPCON of the 9th Marine Regiment and from 10 to 31 October 1967, under OPCON 3d Marine Regiment.

g. Equipment. During this period there were no serious problems with equipment and normal Marine Corps issue was sufficient in all respects.

h. Logistics.

(1) Supply and Redistribution.

(a) During this period all M16E1 rifles had their buffer groups changed. While this buffer lowers the cyclic rate of fire, it reduces stoppages. All missing M2 gear was replaced and soiled and unserviceable utilities were surveyed.

(b) The armory obtained an indoor "hot-locker". This locker is 16'x8'x2' and has a dehumidifier, two heaters and lights. This should alleviate weapon rust during the monsoon season. It is a corrective that all weapons be in some sort of heated locker.

(c) The armory is in the process of checking all weapons in the battalion. When this is accomplished the weapons will be turned to the Company Commanders rather than being held administratively by Battalion Supply.

(d) October began a new quarter. For this quarter this battalion was allocated \$140,000.00. Last quarter the battalion spent \$208,094.13 on SFM items alone.

(e) An inspection team which had previously inspected this battalion's supply system, revisited this unit. The purpose was to check if prior discrepancies were corrected. All corrections had been or are being corrected.

(2) Transportation.

(a) Shop space is presently available for 3d echelon maintenance.

(b) The majority of the MT Section is located with this CP where greater control of vehicles can be maintained.

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(3) Miscellaneous.

(a) Resupply is now being accomplished by truck convoy. This helps solve the major resupply problems, however, detached company positions have been difficult to reach and will become more so as the monsoon season sets in. Consideration must be given for alternate resupply means to the outlying positions at this time.

(1) There has been considerable difficulty in obtaining and using forklifts for loading vehicles for convoys due to maintenance problems and breakdowns. Every ingenuitive method has been attempted to alleviate this but so far to no avail. This one major defect in the logistics system has resulted in the convoys either being extremely late in departure or not being able to load at all.

1. Civic Action.

(1) The 3d Battalion, 5th Marines has been assigned Civic Action responsibility for the CA LU area. This area contains only three villages. CHAN RO and LAU CAT are both Montagnard and B. T. N. C. is Vietnamese. A census is currently being conducted to determine the population and governmental structure of these villages.

(2) The Battalion Civil Affairs Officer has established liaison with the local leaders of all three villages. An initial investigation has been conducted to determine the needs of the area to explore possible methods of assistance and discover any potential problems that might arise in relations between the resident company and the villagers. MedCap is currently being conducted as an initial step to make contact with people.

(3) A serious problem being civil is a shortage of food. This is related to their inability to travel safely to COMUSC to sell local products and purchase necessities. At present they have no ability to protect their villages at night. Because of this they are forced to assist VC/NVA at times and unable to cooperate openly with Allied Forces for fear of reprisal.

j. Administration. There were no administrative difficulties encountered during this period.

k. Personnel. Replacement personnel have not been available in sufficient quantities to fully replace losses due to combat and rotation to COMUS.

1. Intelligence.

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(a) Temperature - the mean maximum temperature ranged between 85 to 90 degrees fahrenheit. The mean minimum temperature ranged between 67 to 72 degrees fahrenheit.

(b) Winds - the winds were from the east to northeast at a mean speed of 5 to 8 knots.

(c) Precipitation - the precipitation increased until the middle of the month and then decreased.

(d) Humidity - the relative humidity averaged 87%, but the average is steadily decreasing.

(e) Clouds - cloudiness increased after the first of the month. Clouds were at high altitudes except during rainy periods. The sun shines through 4 days out of ten. Usually clearing occurs between 0200 and 0500.

(f) Visibility - visibility was limited only during rainy period (2 to 3 days) and early morning hours due to fog.

(2) Terrain.

(a) Rockpile - USMC observation post at (XD 97958) is the most dominant terrain feature in the area and provides the best observation of the TACR.

(b) Road - the north-south road (AD 999564) to (XD 980436) is an all weather road and accurately marked on the map. (TON DOG KINH, Sheet 6342II and 6342I.)

(c) Villages - all villages except the one at CA LU (1E 013543) are destroyed but can be recognized as such. The villages around CA LU are presently occupied.

(d) Observation and fields of fire - the thick brush and vines which cover the mountains severely hamper observation and fields of fire. Some slopes of the mountains are covered with elephant grass from knee to head high. The low grassy areas offer excellent observation and fields of fire. The low lands are either covered with thick brush which limits observation severely or is marshland or old rice paddies covered with knee high to waist high grass and permits excellent observation and fields of fire.

(e) Cover and concealment - concealment, except in the areas of low grass, is excellent to outstanding. There is excellent cover in the area.

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(f) Obstacles - the major obstacle for foot troops is thick brush, parts of which are almost impenetrable. The streams and rivers during and after rains become obstacles. Trucks and tanks are limited to road travel because of the wet marshy low-lands and steep hillsides.

(g) Landing zones - LZ's are limited to low grassy areas and rice paddies.

(h) Mountains - the mountains are mostly covered with thick vegetation, some of which is secondary jungle. This severely hampers movement of troops. The slopes of the mountains are not so steep that troops can not move up them with full combat gear.

(i) Effect on enemy operations - the excellent concealment of the vegetation in the area favors the enemy, but it also hampers his movement. Water is plentiful from the many streams which rain forest clears.

(3) Enemy Situation.

(a) Composition - from reports received, it is believed that elements of the 8th Battalion 29th Regiment, 3250 Division are operating in the area. Last known position of this unit was grid square YD 9250 with elements operating along Route #9 between 3d Battalion, 9th Marines CP (YD 982542) and (YD 012452). Estimated personnel strength of the 8th Battalion, 29th Regiment is 370.

(4) Enemy Activity.

(a) Enemy activity in the area of the "Rockpile" and CA LU, has been considerably light. Total of 16 light weapons occurred during the period. In a few instances the enemy used a group of 4-5, were moving southeast. One enemy mortar position was found with 12 firing holes at XD 981541. Report was received that VC were recruiting children 10 years and older to poison water and water cans at and military installations.

m. Communications

(1) General. The main events concerning operational communications for October were the move from CON THIEU to DONG LA, then from DONG LA to THON SON LAI.

(2) Wire Section. The wire section of the communications platoon assisted in all the moves the battalion made this month.

(a) The section coordinated the placement or replacement of telephone and wire gear with the 1st Battalion 9th Marines at the move

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from CON TIEN, and with 3d Battalion, 3d Marines in the move to THON SON LAM.

(b) Upon return to the rear all equipment used while at CON TIEN, was cleaned and repaired. The section repaired all OP lines which were not operating when we arrived at THON SON LAM. After the old system of the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines was put into temporary working order, it was replaced by a completely new system. The old system was torn out and disposed of. A battalion directory and Third Marine Division traffic diagram has been prepared. The section has continued to support the battalion in repairing broken lines, and replacing telephones which no longer meet correct operating standards.

(3) Radio Section.

(c) This section provided continuous communications for the moves from CON TIEN to DONG HA, then from DONG HA to THON SON LAM.

(b) Upon arrival at THON SON LAM, the section established four main nets used by this battalion: Regimental TACT, Battalion TACT, and Battalion ADMIN, and a Relay Net. The Admin net has been moved from the COC bunker to the S-1 tent.

(4) Message Center.

(a) An attempt was made with radio relay to set up a teletype circuit to 3d Marines but failed because of technical problems. All message center personnel were instructed on the procedures to set up a successful teletype circuit and on the basic functions of the KY-8 and KYK-12.

(b) This section is now serving as a nucleus for distribution within the battalion. By using messengers in coordination with the Motor Transport Section, runs are made twice daily at specific times to the 3d Marines.

(5) Tech Shop. During this period the tech shop has accomplished the following:

(a) Major items

1. Repaired 19 items.
2. Evacuated to 3d echelon or beyond 12 items.

(b) Minor items

1. Repaired 21 items.
2. Evacuated to 3d echelon or beyond 12 items.

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n. Fire Support.

(1) Units in direct support of this battalion during the month of October were

- (a) Battery E, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines.
- (b) Mortar Battery, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines
- (c) Battery D, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines.
- (d) Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines.
- (e) Battery B, 1st Battalion, 40th Artillery (USA)

(2) During the month of October, direct fire support artillery fired 290 missions. There were 75 unobserved and 215 observed missions. In addition there were 12 illumination missions fired.

(3) During the period a total of 11,680 rounds of M79 and 224 rounds of illumination were expended. There were 498 M79 concentrations with 6,704 rounds fired during the period.

o. Air Support. A detailed breakdown by type of aircraft is listed below

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>
MEDEVAC - Routine	2	2
Priority	5	5
Emergency	5	5
Helo Resupply - Routine	8	6
Priority	0	0
Emergency	4	4
Helo Trooplift	16	16
Helo Recon	4	3
Helo Gunship	1	1
Helo Admin	1	1
T-28 (AO)	10	6
Fixed Wing - DAS	1	0
CAS	6	3
TPO	276	UNK

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p. C Chaplin.

(1) Divine Services - Protestant

(a) Number of Services 17

(b) Total Attendance 454

(c) Number receiving Holy Communion 75

(d) Number of Evening Prayer Services 16

(e) Total Attendance of Evening Prayer 94

(f) Held 6 Choir rehearsals with a total attendance of 49.

(2) Catholic Services Catholic Services were covered by 2/12 Chaplin.

(3) Lay Services

(a) Number of Services 6

(b) Total Attendance 117

(4) Memorial Services

(a) Number of Services 6

(b) Total Attendance 496

(5) Significant Events.

(a) Dispensary and Hospital Visits 6

(b) Prayers for the Dead 2

(c) Condolence Letters Written 28

(d) Letters Written 6

(e) Counseling 62

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(f) Red Cross Cases 3

(g) Held 2 Troop Indoctrinations with an attendance of 52.

(h) Private Communion 1

(i) Narcotic Inventory taken for the month of October.

q. Medical.

(1) The medical status of the battalion is presently satisfactory.

(2) There were 364 visits to sick call this month, 361 Marines and 3 Navy.

(3) There were five clinical laboratory procedures performed this month.

(4) The present strength of the medical department of this battalion is

(a) 1 Medical Officer

(b) 51 Corporal

(c) 2 Corporals are presently under treatment at 1 Medical Company, 3d Medical Battalion

(5) Medical Supply is adequate.

(6) Medical treatment of civilians is satisfactory.

(7) The selection of the forward area of the battalion meets required standards and is showing signs of improvement. The rear area is adequate and will improve when the move from tents to hardbacks, which is presently in progress, is completed.

(8) There have been 10 cases of venereal disease in the battalion within the past month.

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311300H

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There is a Company OP at YD 134673
There are two NVA Plt's at YD 137683
and there are two OP's at YD 125682
and YD 129692.

312115H

Possible ground attack, multiple
breaching sapper attack, utilizing
directional mines. Do not know time,
place, or position. From SHOVE-2
via SENATOR-2.

010800H

JOURNAL OPENED

010730H

YD 179592 Heard an explosion at
this grid. TP3 sent patrol to check
out area. Resulted in NEG Enemy
contact. Found house with wall and
part of roof blown out, believed
to be caused by a large sachel charge
1 civilian Male child WIA.

020800H

JOURNAL OPENED

021315H

C-2, YD 136647 Engineer dozer had
track blown from mine. Mine had
been in position for months/

021345H

YD 068668, C-2 received 60 rds of
122mm rockets fired in volleys of 5.
Called counter battery fire 1 KIA 8 WIA

021400H

YD 127650 Enemy mortar position.

021900H

YD 085616 Arty position

YD 088593 OP

YD 093605 & YD 092614 NVA Company

YD 093610 NVA Company

02

7 reinforced bunkers; 50 cal. MG
and 57 recoilless at approx. YD 1268

030800H

JOURNAL OPENED

031230H

YD 135614 I-2B Found 20 lbs TNT, 1 blasting
cap. Both VC type. Confiscated,
returned to CP.

032030H

YD 105620 Perimeter observed what ap-
peared to be out going rocket flashes
at approx. the above coords. Rocket
appeared to be imparting somewhere
between Dong Ha Mountain and Camp
Carroll. Fired mortar mission at sus-
pected Rocket site.

031950H

Recon made heavy contact on Hill 70

032045

YD 105619 and TD 110628 are suspected
Rocket positions.

032100H

YD 118666 Friendly troops heard
movement and received 5 small arms
USMC fired 50 rds/5.56mm, 2M79 and
1 M-26 grenade. Unknown results.

040800H

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040800H

Word passed from Regt. - Snipers on
road to Con Thien.

050800H

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UNCLASSIFIED	051000H	YD 132627 Engineer road building equipment hit mine at above coord.	
	060800H	JOURNAL OPENED	
	061130H	2 VC spotted at YD 156609 & YD 166610	
	061305H	Enemy Plt. at YD 157605- last night	
	061600H	YD 123645 Found 1 NVA type tennis shoe in trail - not there 4 days ago (Regt. S-5) at 061100H 1 Co. VC coordinated with local VC with individual weapons at YD 158629. Five VC OP's at YD 152609. Mission to infiltrate Cam Hieu village.	
	062101H	YD 147643 MD-B Reported picking up an infra-red emitting device. It was picked up by starlight scope at above coord.	
	070800H	JOURNAL OPENED	
	071400H	YD 160699 moving to YD 147692 - 150 VN spotted by Aerial Photo. VN wearing black PJ's and hats.	
	071752H	MD-B began receiving incoming rockets and mortars. Received 30 rds 122mm rockets, 20 rds 82mm mortars and possible Arty-unknown type 3 WIA.	
	071850H	Convoy returning from Con Thien; one 6 ton truck tipped over on side of road. Convoy received S/A fire from enemy. Truck left there because of enemy activity in area. All Marines returned to this Cp. Truck possibly hit by RPG.	
UNCL	071925H	Dong Ha took incoming.	
	080800H	JOURNAL OPENED	
	080800H	YD 134623 Found 1 60mm rd. Can't be determined if ours or not. Blown in place.	
	080730H	YD 165587 11th Engineers Jeep activated a mine (above coord) Civilian truck also damaged, 10 civilian WIA, 1 Civ KIA 3 (three) USMC WIA	
	080852H	200 meters North of C-2 MD-sweep found 1 chicom grenade.	
	081150H	YD 071662 (enemy) Convoy received 15 rds. incoming 122mm rockets. Arty called on enemy position.	
	081400H	From Senator 2 3/26 captured POW 16, PFC, 1st Co., 27 Bn. Infiltrated with 2 regiments 15 days ago. Now located between 2 hills at 0966 & 0967	
		Mission to attack Con Thien - Regiment encircle second to break defense. Have been scheduled to launch attack 3 times but postponed, as was to attack last night but engaged 3/26 instead. Possibly will attack tonight	
		Regiment has 12 12mm rocket launchers 4 rds each, 1/3 recruits, 2/3 veterans	

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UNCLASSIFIED	081015H	YD 122637 Spotted 2 NVA called in Whisky - fired 3/3.5 WP and 10 M-79 Results unknown.	
	081720H	C-2, 126639 (ammy) received 4 rds 122mm rockets from above coords.	
	090800H	JOURNAL OPENED	
	090940	Road sweep found large number of HO CHI MINH sandal tracks heading S-E at YD 132637.	
	091150	BAILANCE BRAVO, pulling SCB Sheeps roller, hit mine at YD 133635. EST. 50 lbs. TNT. TNT in the middle of the road. Minor damage to Dozer- NO casualties.	
	100800H	JOURNAL OPENED	
	110800H	JOURNAL CLOSED NO INCIDENTS	
	110800H	JOURNAL OPENED	
	110700H	YD 108728 2 NVA in open. 81mm fired 1 NVA KIA (prob)	
	111319H	YD 100710 Wire laying & security received one 60mm rd and harassing s/a OP received 3 rds 82mm rds from Northerly direction.	
	111345H	Received 17 incoming 82mm mortars received 2 57 mm BR.	
	111337	Received 1 rd incoming 85 mm Arty from Northerly direction.	
	110740H	AO observed 4 NVA at YD 111723. Fired 81 mission.	
	120013H	OP #2 reported sighting rockets 600 miles from their position, about 6000 meters out	
	120110H	OP #2 reports 60mm mortars being walked in toward Con Thien; 0600 miles 1800 meters. Fired mission.	
	120750H	YD 128667 Road sweep activated explosive device near center of road. 1 KIA and 2 WIA 1 additional WIA from supporting unit.	
	120800H	JOURNAL CLOSED	
	120800H	JOURNAL OPENED	
	120920H	Received 7 60mm rds	
	121050H	Received 10 rds 82mm mortar and 5 rds. 60mm mortar from YD 122720. Returned 40 rds 81mm (HE) and 3 rds (WP). Unknown results.	
	121117H	Received 3 incoming 60mm mortars from unknown position w/2 USMC WIA	
	121240H	Received 12 rds 82mm mortars Returned 81mm and 60mm Unknown results 1 USMC WIA.	
	121320H	Received 30 incoming 82mm mortars and 9 rds 60mm mortar from unknown location 2 USMC WIA NON-MED EVAC	
	121320H	OP observed 60mm position YD 118735 Fired 5 rds 106mm HE w/good coverage on target,	
	121430H	OP observed active Arty position at YD 105725 OP received 3 incoming 85mm Arty rds from above coords. Arty mission of 105mm called w/2 secondary explosions.	

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UNCLASSIFIED	11070 H	JOURNAL OPENED YD 108728 2 NVA in the open 81MM fired. 1 NVA KIA (prob). Hill 88 (YD 09 40) is suspected NVA Bn Cp. A captured map (from 3/2) also confirms this to be NVA Bn CP.	
	110740 H	AO observed 4 NVA at YD 111723 fired 81MM mission.	
	111319 H	YD 100710 Wire laying detail and decirotg received one 0 MM mortar and harassing S/A. OP received 6 rds 82 mm mortar from northern direction.	
	111337 H	Received 1 rnd incoming 85 mm arty from northern direction.	
	111345 H	Rec'd 17 incoming 82 mm mortars . Rec'd 2/57 RR.	
	110740 H	AO observed 4 NVA at YD 111723. JFired 81 mission w/ unknown results.	
	120013 H	OP 2 sighted rockets 0600 miles from this position about 6000 meters out.	
	120110 H	OP 2 reports 60 mm being walked in toward Con. Then from 1800 meters at 0600mils.	
	120750 H	YD 128 7 Road sweep activated explosive device. Near center of road.	
	121050 H	Received 10 rounds 82MM mortar and 5 Rds 60MM mortar from Coord. YD 122720 returned 40 rds 81MM (HE) 3Rds (WP) unknown results.	
	121117 H	Received 3 incoming 60 MM rounds from unknown position.	
	121240 H	Received 12 rds 82 MM mortars returned 81MM and 60MM unknown results.	
	121320 H	Received 30 incoming 82MM mortars from unknown location.	
	121300 H	106's observed 60MM position Cord YD 118735 fired 5 rds 106 HE with good coverage on target.	
	121430 H	OP observed active arty position Cord YD 105725 Cp received 3 incoming 85MM rds from above Cord. 105 fired on enemy position 2 secondary explosions.	
	121500 H	Received 15 rds incoming 60 mortar	

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		from YD 110710.	
	121504 H	Received 4 rds 85MM incoming from unknown positions returned 10% fere mission.	
	121535 H	Received 12 rds incoming 60 MM from unknown position.	
	121610 H	OP observed enemy NVA platoon at coord E YD 149712 35 to 40 NVA in khaki uniforms 81's callid&arty called. Good coverage. 15 prob KIA.(air obs)	
	121835 H	1 incoming 82MM	
	122245H	Received harassing sniper fire and observed enemy movement.	
	122345 H	HARMFUL Have engineers be extra alert during sweep in AM for possible surprise. OP 2 YD 170725 OP using nod and telescope detected lights moving across strip. Lights moved from south to north and blinked as if sighting green tracers were also seen in this area. Arty mission called. Follow up of 122345 after the first rnd of WP the lights on the N side went out but lights on S side of strip cong to blink. After fire mission the S side lights moved up and down in a rapid manner VT mission was fired and 5 to 6 lights on the trace moved in a scattered and confused manner. A fire started on S. side and 20 secondary explosions resulted. Explosions were orange, yellow, orange red, and red. All explosions were very bright and some extended for 200M in the air. TPQ in the area produced 3 additional explosions, and some audible explosions. During the time the lights were spotted until the last secondary explosion OCT received no incoming and no enemy flashes were seen.	
	130200 H	Explosion 25 meters in front of the position. Second explosion 200 meters to left in wire and set off trip flare. Called 81MM illumination in concentration 502&506 observed nothing.	
	130320 H	CON THIEN enemy positions 113709 MG, 114712 ME 068699 Arty Position 053689 " 087774 Possible arty 115713 Troop assembly area 115716 " 125715 Secondary explosion from 50 cal fire 09 7-82MM position	

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		<p>10 7 82MM position 119704 MG position Received s/a 50 cal MG, RPG's, 60MM, 82MM, 85MM, arty. 0330 H ground attack by estimated Co reinforced began from north shifted in a westerly direction. 0357 H Enemy fired two red flares 0400 H. Enemy observed assembling cord YD 115716. 0432 incoming beased enemy withdrawing NW. 0449 incoming resumed and continued until 0 10. Total est incoming 495 Rds of all types. Follow up on report also received 57MM RR, and 82 MM fire from B 10 recoilless gun. 106MM RR fired from this position had secondary explosion, Enemy coord YD 122709.</p> <p>ENEMY POSITIONS</p> <p>113709 MG 114712 " 0 8 99 Arty 053 82 " 087774 Poss Arty 115713 Troop assembly area 11571 " 125715 Secondary explosions Prob 50 cal fire. 09 7 82MM Position 10 7 " 119704 MG</p>	
	130928 H	FO Observed NVA troops in open Cord YD 12471 Arty mission called with three enemy KIA prob.	
	131025 H	Received 21 rds incoming OMM and arty returned 81MM mission with unknown results. Enemy arty Grid 1875 Mortar YD 117 710.	
	131125 H	Received 7 rds incoming 82MM from cord YD 112 7 Returned 81MM fire mission with unknown results.	
	131345 H	OP Observed 2 NVA in open Cord YD 120710 Rds 81MM 1KIA prob.	
	131448 H	Received 10 Rds OMM From cord YD 111 78, YD108 78, YD112 80. There appears to be four mortar sites in this area. returned OMM and 81MM missions with unknown results.	
	131545 H	HIDDEN LAZAR YD Received 20 rds 105 MM.	
	131722 H	Mortobella 31 Observed active rocket site at grid 05 81re mission no secondary.	
	131712 H	Received 4 OMM rounds suspected mortar position at YD 108 77 Fire mission. No secondary explosions.	

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	131810 H	Received 4 rounds 82MM and 12 rds 82 recoilless rifle fire with air bursts. 106 Fire mission secondary explosion at 123717.	
	131830 H	Found tunnel YD12568 three foot diameter inside with opening of 5' diameter tunnel heads S E with air hole to north 40 meters from opening.	
	131820 H	Persevere C. Spotted troop movement around bunkers. Ran flights destroyed 100' of trenches and 4 bunkers at YD 131715 & 131717.	
	132020 H	Old River Whisky fired artillery mission on suspected enemy campsite resulting in a secondary explosion. & fire YD 129724.	
	132325 H	Received 3 RR, 82MM, arty mission called resulting in two secondary explosions.	
	132325 H	81MM H & I caused secondary explosions YD 117712.	
	132345 H	OP 1 observed flashing light (YD 100702) 81 mission called lights went out.	
	140307 H	Received four rounds arty. One bangalore torpedo exploded knocking out 10 meters of wire.	
	140354 H	Received 2 rounds of 82 MM.	
	140400 H	Received 6 120 MM rockets and spotted flashes at YD 104715.	
	140950 H	Received 8 rounds 60 MM and 4 rds of arty from unknown location.	
	141010 H	Received long range small arms fire from at least two locations. 106 fired 2 rds heat at YD 120711 1KIA prob.	
	141030 H	OP 1 coord YD 122690 received 4 rounds 85 MM incoming arty.	
	141035 H	AO observed 20 NVA in open YD 125716 moving bodies from air strike, 81 MM mission called 5 KIA conf 4 prob.	
	141120 H	Received 11 rds incoming 82 MM rds. Returned 81 mission with unknown res	
	141130 H	Co I Received 7 rds 60MM incoming from YD 106668. arty called with neg results.	
	141218 H	Road sweep YD 135666 received 88 rds incoming arty YD 052683 arty and air called.	
	141222 H	Received 3 incoming 60 MM rds from unknown location.	

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	141325 H	Received 5 rnds. 82 MM from YD 104081	
	141415 H	81 mission called negative results. Received 7 incoming 82 MM rnds from unknown position, also long range semi auto fire from westerly direction, 50 cal with unknown results. Received rnds incoming 82 recoilless from YD 1286720 and 113725. Returned 81 mission with secondary explosion YD 113725.	
	141612 H	Intelligence report indicates possible attack by 2 Btms size units with direction and time of attack unknown.	
	141620 H	AO spotted 5 to 8 NVA in open & trench line at yd 100702 81's called with unknown results.	
	141710 H	Received 2 82 MM recoilless rnds from unknown position.	
	141755 H	Received 6 incoming rockets from westerly direction estimated at 053683.	
	142017 H	I 3c received 2 incoming 60MM 5 min later encountered 2 personnel wearing white pith helmets. Fired 20 rnds auto and searched area with neg results.	
	150402 H	Received harassing semi automatic fire from sw returned 81 mission with neg results.	
	151255 H	From 9th marines to 2/9 inco 3/9 in view of enemy threat recommended you select night position close to UL 68.	
	151205 H	Received three rnds incoming 82 MM from YD 099713 Returned 20 rnds 81 MM mortar with unknown results.	
	151300 H	Received 3 rnds incoming 60 MM from YD 112 83 and 2 rnds 82 MM, Recoilless rifle from YD 118722. Returned 81 MM mission with unknown results.	
	151325 H	AO observed 15 to 20 troops in bunkers and trench line YD 102 78. Arty mission called, one bunker destroyed.	
	151420 H	Received 24 rnds incoming 82 mm from YD 110672.	
	151422 H	Received 6 incoming 82 MM RM from YD 128722 and 4 rnds 85 arty from YD 112832 81 and arty returned fire.	
	151450 H	Received 3 rnds 82 MM RR Returned 81 MM.	
	151623 H	Received six rnds incoming sixty MM mortar from YD 110620.	

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	151625 H	Observed 2 NVA at YD 119711 fired 106s.	
	151845 H	Received 5 rnds arty from unknown position unable to see because of weather.	
	152130 H	Co K Received two grenades & some automatic fire called 81 mission.	
	152258 H	Co K patrol reported that K1 patrol believe they were being surrounded. patrol returned to cp and saturated area with 81 mortars.	
	160218 H	Began receiving small arms fire, 60 MM, 82 MM, and arty some automatic fire from N and NW, with enemy moving into wire on the N with satchel charges. 160315 some automatic fire ceased and incoming mortar and arty slowed down. 160327 incoming ceased. 160330 incoming hitting outside perimeter. 160335 all incoming ceased.	
	161200 H	L Co patrol found two NVA bodies at YD 108688 That appeared to be dead for 2 to 3 weeks. Both bodies had dark green clothing, 1 body had field pack with chicom grenades and various other infantry gear other body was stripped except for clothing.	
	161500 H	A Co found 7 grenades and 2 NVA bodies. 6 grenades were empty YD 115683.	
	161635 H	Received 6 rnds 85 MM arty and 2 rnds 82 MM. 81 mission called YD 115683.	
	161735 H	Received 14 rnds incoming 82 mortar and 6 rnds 60 MM. Arty called on YD 123715 and 81 mortars on 138717 and 106666 with unknown results.	
	162300 H	Lr 3 requested mixture of 81 MM HE & illum because of suspected enemy in wire. Mission fired with neg results.	
	170114 H	OP 2 Reported an air burst in the southern part of the perimeter.	
	171830 H	Received 3 rounds 82 mortars one was a dud. Fired 81 mission at 115723	
	171830 H	Fired 81 mission resulting in 2 secondary explosions.	
	172015 H	Received 10 rounds 82 mortars and 4 rounds 60 mortars an 81 mission of 30 rounds was fired on 121707 no noticeable results.	
	172105 H	Received 17 rounds of 82 mortars and 4 60 mortars. Trip flares were activated and machine gun fire and s/a fire received from 100 meters out. 81 mission with 4.2 fired with unknown results.	

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	172242 H	Noise heard in front of wire, small arms fired with neg results.	
	180035 H	Had small arms fire in the draw between OP 1 & 2 man on OP thought he saw persons. no persons.	
	180235 H	Received 2 82 mortar rounds from unknown direction. Unable to indicate tube because of fog.	
	180310 H	Fired 12 rounds 4.2 at grid 117799 (had secondary and fire) fired six rounds 4.2 at grid 117706 (neg res)	
	180730 H	Found two holes in wire to north of this position. Where bangaloid torpedo had exploded. Found one bangaloid torpedo stillb intact. Torpedo dismantled and returned to OP.	
	180800 H	Received 3 rounds 82 recoilless from 104695. 81 mission called with unknown results.	
	180924 H	CO L received s/a fire, automatic, 60 mortar, and three grenades from 103684, 106688, 103686, from estimated enemy plt reinf. Returned s/a reconned size of unet. Called 81 mission and arty.	
	181510 H	Received 8 rounds 105 arty. Arty 187716 mission called 175177 w/2 secondary explosion from 11068179.	
	182051 H	Received ten rounds unknown size from n.e. direction. Impacted approx 3-400 meters out believed to be 175's from gio linh.	
	182120 H	CO M observed recoilless rifle pos at 114713.	
	182120 H	CO I Received 6 rounds s/a fire 2 rounds recoilless rifle fire.	
	182128 H	OP 2 Spotted shiny object moving due north. Called in 81 mission. neg res.	
	182200 H	Received 5 rds from 114713 Called in 81 mission, arty.	
	182203 H	Received 2 rounds of recoilless rifle fire.	
	182124 H	Made spot report of last register.	
	182237 H	Received 3 rds incoming.	
	182239 H	OP 2 has been replaced with new personnel.	
	182358 H	Received 3 rds recoilless rifle fire. From suspected enemy position. 12768	
		Fired 81 mission with neg results.	
		Received 3 rds from 114713	

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190655 H

Received 3 rds RR fire from grid 104701. Fired 81 mission, 106's, arty on enemy position. Good coverage res unknown.

190720 H

Received 202 rounds of heavy arty from grid 115785. Called in 175 arty on enemy position.

190735 H

AO observed troops in open at grid 102668. Ran fixed wing on enemy pos with unknown results.

191140 H

Red 6 rounds 60 mortars from grid 104699. Returned 81 mission with unknown results.

191345 H

GT 119845, 134708, Received 18 rds incoming arty, 191420, received 82 mortar, heavy arty, 26 rds mortars, 18 rds 85 arty, heavy arty still coming in. Fired 175, 81 mortars.

191735 H

Received 135 rounds incoming 82 MM from 134711. 81 mission called.

191820 H

Received 2 rounds 82 RR fire.

100035 H

India Co saw muzzle flashes at 107701, called in 4.2 mortar mission good coverage flashes stopped.

200040 H

India co saw movement in front of lines, called in illum while firing 60 mortars. May be bangaloid torpedo in wire. Must wait for morning to give accurate result.

200152 H

Began receiving heavy s/a fire, 50 cal MG, and 15 rds of 60 mortar fire. s/a was from east, north, and west. 200206 4 satchel charges into wire to the north east. 200235, all small arms fire ceased. Returned s/a 81 mortars, 4.2, Mission. Result secondary explosion on active 50 cal position. 106699, 200206, Heavy machine gun knocked out by law to north east.

200140 H

Search of area around Con Thien revealed foot prints in area of probe. Spot report 200152 also found 50 cal MG position coord 116705 and one block of TNT.

201005 H

Received 6 rounds incoming 82 MM and 10 rounds 60 MM from 107713 106's fired 4 rds 107713. Results white smoke fire, and secondary explosions. 81 & 4.2 mortars called.

201210 H

Received 9 rounds 82 mortars from unknown position.

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UNCLASSIFIED	201417 H	Received 2 rnds incoming rockets from 054683. Requested general support. Arty took enemy under fire.	
	201635 H	Received 2 rnds 82 MM fire from unknown position.	
	201950 H	Received 8 rds RR fire from 113712, 14 rds 82 MM from 094724. Returned arty and 81 mission. 81 had a secondary and a large fire 094724.	
	202330 H	Received 2 rnds incoming unknown size and direction.	
	202350 H	Received 2 incoming rounds. These rds appear to be coming, from the south believed to be friendly from the south believed to be friendly from Camp	
	202700 H	Carroll.	
	210140 H	Began receiving small arms fire and bangaloid torpedo from N/W direction.	
	210143 H	Began receiving incoming mortars s/a fire ceased.	
	210145 H	Received s/a fire from northerly direction, and approx 25 rnds 82 MM and 6 rnds 82 RR from 114705. Returned 81, 4.2, and arty.	
	210615 H	Saw man approx 30 meters in front of lines to north of friendly CP. Man was alone and walking due north. Fired approx 20 rnds M-16 at man who fell down. Must wait until morning for further observance.	
	210615 H	Man turned out to be part of op who returned to cp for company and got lost on his way back out.	
	210715 H	Received 12 rnds 85 arty from known rocket position and arty. 053682, called on arty.	
	210855 H	To 9th marines request boundary be changed to GL 69 request change to temporary boundary should allow for more flexibility in fire support and relieve congestion in unit activity.	
	300900 H	Search of wire around perimeter revealed 1 home made bangaloid torpedo unexploded in wire to N.E. and one new fighting hole north of wire 111708	
	211054 H	Received 8 rounds 85 arty from 122842 arty mission called with unknown result.	
	211201 H	Received 7 60 MM Rnds from 11071081 mission called with unknown results.	
	211225 H	Received 38 rds heavy mortar 108 rnds of heavy arty and heavy mortars mixed. 20 rds, 82 mortars, 24 rnds of 60 MM. At least 3 rnds 120 mortars appeared to have delayed fuse all incoming from 113723 (heavy mortar) 108712, 072704, 82 MM 107714, 60 MM 1283 arty. Returned 81 MM, 4.2, and arty mission.	

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UNCLASSIFIED	211905 H	Received 95 rds incoming rockets from hill 174, called in arty.	
	211835 H	Observed 10 enemy wearing flak jacket and helmets. One NVA was carrying M.G. enemy was walking just inside tree line. Called 81 mission NVA scattered into trees dropping M.G. Still observing M.G. for return of NVA.	
	212015 H	Received 3 rds recoilless rifle and 10 rds 60 MM from unknown position.	
	212030 H	Observed 10 NVA 75 meters from friendly lines. The NVA set off a trip flare and ran for tree line M-79, 60 MM, and a/a fire produced 2 prob kia.	
	212205 H	Received 5 rds 82 MM and 4 rds RR fire from unknown location.	
	221545 H	Received 15 rounds of 60 mortars incoming from unknown position.	
	221850 H	Received 7 rounds incoming 82 RR 60 mortar, YD 091686. 60 mortars were firing at carrot top. 81 mission called on recoilless rifle yd 103701 with secondary explosion, 90 millimeter fired on 60 mortars with one 60 mortar destroyed. Prib	
	230715 H	I-2 wire sweep came upon command detonated mine, and received small arms fire. Enemy at 340 degrees from perimeter yd 112700. Called in 81 fire mission.	
	230812 H	Received incoming 60 mortars cant tell direction because of wp being fired.	
	230715 H	I-Co wire sweep ambushed with command detonated explosive device and received small arms and some auto fire YD 110705 squad returned, some auto fire and called 81 mission. 1 sqd I-Co, one tank, one twin 40 dispatched to rein squad under attack. 81 mortars laid down smoke screen and sqd returned to CP. 1 NVA Prob.	
	230723 H	Enemy 82 RR position YD 099699. 81 mortar mission fired w/secondary explosion 106's returned fire with direct hit. Recoilless gun and two NVA were blown about 50 ft into air. 2 NVA Prob.	
	230926 H	Received 5 rds 82 mortars from YD 103705, a/a from YD 13374, 23094, received 5 rds incoming 82 mortars from 106714. Returned 81 mission with unknown results.	
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	231310 H	CP observed 14 NVA in open YD 105684. Fired 81 mission w/unknown results. AO called in fixed wing on target.	
	231415 H	Received 11 rds incoming 120 mortars and 45 rounds heavy artillery. Mortars from yd 106714. Returned 81 mission with unknown results.	

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	231145 H	Observed 82 RR position YD 123724 81 mortar mission fired with secondary explosion and fire started.	
	232115 H	Bangaloid torpedo blown, blew hole in wire, fixed law and called in 81 and arty mission. 81 and arty fired with unknown results.	
	240045 H	Received 100 rds 50 cal MG YD 102701 and 1 round 82 RR from unknown position called in 81 mission on MG with unknown results.	
	240150 H	Received two rounds 60 mortar from 111711 called in 81 mission w/2 secondary explosions.	
	240210 H	Received 14 rds 82 mortars from 109702 called in 81 mission. unk res.	
	240645 H	Received 6 rds arty from unknown northerly direction.	
	241115 H	Received 4 rds 60 mortars from YD 113716 and 18 rds 60 mortars from YD 105704. Returned 81 mission w/unknown results. A 106 mission on YD 105704 destroyed an enemy bunker with 1 NVA KIA conf.	
	241510 H	Received 30 rds incoming rockets from 042684, 8 rds heavy arty, and 2 rds 60 mortars, 90 MM mission of nine rds was called on suspected rocket position 81 mortars on susp 60 mortar position at 108700 w/unk res.	
	241615 H	Received 4 rds of heavy artillery from Grid 1178 and 2 rds 60 mortars from unknown Soc. arty mission fired unknown results.	
	241900 H	Wire sweep received s/a fire and observed 3 NVA running toward tree line. S/A, MD79 and 3.5 rocket fire was returned.	
	242000 H	Arty fired 4:2 mission w/1 secondary explosion, alone mortar position 071704.	
	242219 H	Received 1 bangaloid torpedo and s/a fire. South of OP-1 approx 200 81's fired 10 rds of also 6 rds of arty only direction, returned 81 and arty at coord 074696.	
	241915 H	Received 12 rds of arty from southerly direction, returned 81 and arty at coord 074696.	
	250545 H	Received 12 rds 82 MM from YD 103707 called in 81 and arty mission. Unk res.	

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	250715 H	Received 250 rds incoming 120 MM mortars, 82 mortars, 120 spin rockets, 82 RR,	
	250834 H	Observed 1 NVA in partly destroyed bunker at YD 105704. Fired 4 rds 106 w/all rds on target. Bunker almost destroyed.	
	242226 H	Bangaloid torpedo in wire. Observed sp spards in wire. 5 M-26 grenades thrown, fired hand illum. Torpedo exploded. 15 NVA near wire fired s/a, M-79, 5 NVA fell. 5 Prob.	
	250920 H	Received 12 rds arty fire from north 6400 mills grid 1284 and 13 rds 60 MM from YD 122709 active arty 135805. Active rockets 125716. General arty support requested, 81 mission fired w/unk results.	
	251117 H	Active mortar YD 111723 Received 2 rds 82 mortars, 81 mission w/unk res.	
	251130 H	Received 10 rds 82 mortars from 115 712 received 7 rds 82 RR and 6 large rds with propaganda pamphlets. returned 81 mission.	
	251319 H	Received incoming arty, martars and RR from west, north, and northeast. Received approx 65 rds all type. 81 mortar and arty mission fired.	
	251614 H	Received approx 50 rds arty, mortar and RR. Arty position reported. 260 degrees, 5000 meters, YD 116739, 100710.	
	251615 H	Observed object at YD 085680 believed to be enemy tank, arty mission called on object w/secondary explosion. Tank was blown on side. Believed to be completely destroyed.	
	252150 H	Received 5 rds incoming arty from unk position. 252220 Received 4 rds recoilless rifle and s/a fire. All incoming ceased after 81 mission on 112715.	
	252305 H	Received 4 rds RR fire 81 mission called on 110710 w/unk results.	
	260540 H	Received 4 rds 82 mortar from unknown location.	
	261825 H	Persever Oscar spotted one bunker. Believed to be CP bunker YD 102684 called arty, damaged one enemy cp bunker.	
	261915 H	OP-1 Reports receiving 3 rds incoming 82 RR from YD 101699 called in 81 mission and arty.	

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	262116 H	Observed lights at 098737, 4.2 mission fired w/2 and 4 secondary explosions.	
	262210 H	Received 20 rds 120 mortars from 125713 called in 81 and 4.2 mission.	
	262235 H	Had 2 bangaloid torpedoes exploded in wire at northern section of perimeter Fired illum.	
	262340 H	Received 32 rds 82 or 120 mortar from 103703 . Fired 81 mission w/7 secondary and 4.2 with 3 secondary explosions.	
	280550 H	Received 2 rds RR fire op 1 received one direct hit.	
	270700 H	Received 4 rds arty from northerly direction Called arty 108777 Wire detail found 2 5 Ft bangaloid torpedoes and one 3 Ft long also found 20 blocks TNT.	
	271214 H	Received 7 rds 57 RR from YD 112712 and 4 rds 82 mortars from unknown location. Returned 81 mission.	
	271418 H	Received 33 rds 82 mortars, firing from 114718 Returned 81 mission.	
	271640 H	M Co received approx 100 rds s/a fire called in 81 mission firing stopped	
	271647 H	M Co Received 1 rd arty fire, called in arty mission 094797 zone sweep 200x200.	
	271745 H	Received rds incoming 120 mortars firing at known mortar position in northeasterly direction.	
	271824 H	Received 1 rd of 120 mortars cont fire mission.	
	280140 H	Received 34 rds 82 mortars from 11067117. fired 81 mission and 4.2 arty mission.	
	280203 H	Received one round 82 RR from 1106707 fired 81 mission.	
	290614 H	Received 3 rds incoming 57 RR from 101679.	
	280614 H	Received 3 rds incoming 57 RR 106706 and 5 rds propaganda leaflets AO called air strike.	
	281231 H	Received 2 rds 82 RR 099714. Returned 81 and 4.2 mission.	
	281940 H	I co 113698 Patrol on ambush moving to location activated an explosive device. May have been command detonated. Explosive only no fragmentation wounds.	

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	301550 H	Observed 60 mortar position YD 105704 and 3 NVA. 81 mission fired w/unknown results.	
	301158 H	Received 6 rds incoming rounds of propaganda leaflets. Height of burst about 500 ft. Leaflets carried outside this position by wind.	
	301842 H	Wave sweep detail received 12 rounds 60 mortars and 3 rounds 82 mortars from an unknown southeasterly direction. 81 mission fired on 60 mortar position w/unknown results.	

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	290600 H	Received 3 rds 82 RR.	
	290929 H	Received 9 rds RR from coord 100719 and YD 111711. Returned 81 mortar mission W/unknown results.	
	291059 H	Received 3 rds heavy mortars from YD 105779, 5 rds 60 mortars from 115713, and 7 rds recoilless fire. Returned gen support arty and 81 mission.	
	291210 H	Received 6 rds of large cal arty from YD 065751 w/air burst at about 200 ft. Gen support arty requested.	
	291355 H	Received 15 rds 60 Mortar from YD 114716 Unable to return fore because of air in area.	
	291420 H	Received 6 rds incoming arty from YD 156763, received 4 air burst from arty coord YD 065651. Requested general support arty.	
	296627 H	Received 6 rds 82 RR and 1 rd 82 mortar from unk location.	
	291817 H	Observed small fire from 134718 that appeared to be NVA cooking chow. 106 and 81 fired on above coord no available fire was seen after mission.	
	291824 H	3 NVA in open at 139709 Fired 40 MM and quad 50 unk results.	
	291830 H	Received 20 rds 60 mortars from 126719 Fired 81 mission with good coverage.	
	291815 H	An artillery piece of unknown type was observed by OP at E 104768 an 8 inch fire mission resulted in 2 secondary explosions and one possible.	
	292150 H	Received 4 rds 82 RR fire from E 101699 and 094711 81 and arty fired with unk results.	
	300229 H	Received 2 rds incoming 82 mortar unknown direction.	
	300945 H	Received 1 rd RR from YD 055766 and 5 rds 82 mortars from YD 100733. Returned 4.2 mission with unk results.	
	301101 H	Received 3 rds 85 arty from unknown location.	
	301347 H	Received 5 rds incoming arty w/air burst at about 200 ft. Enemy fire appeared to be directed at helicopters in area. enemy gun YD 055759. Received 6 rds incoming 60 mortars and observed 3 NVA YD 103704. Returned 105 arty mission on target. 81 mission fired YD 103704 w/good coverage on target w/one secondary explosion. Only 1 NVA was observed departing target area.	

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1428		1	051230H	Co. L patrol at XD 995468 found 1 vacated 82mm mortar pit. Approximately 5'x5'x3', believed to be about 2 weeks old. Also found 2 empty mortar cans beleived to have held 3 82mm mortars each. Cans were rusted and scattered about the area.		S-F, 3d Mar.
1919		2	051730H	CA LU Progress report 4 bunker complete, 1 bunkers 98% complete, 1 bunker 50%. 1 site prepared on OP. Land clear ne and wire laying progress quite well New LZ being prepared, no major difficulties.		S-F, 3d Mar.

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1830		1	061805H	CA LU Progress report. 4 bunkers complete, 1 bunker 98%, 1 bunker 90%, 1 bunker 50%, 1 site prepared, 4 sites half cleared. Land clearing and wire progressing well, hold up on finishing NW bunker is that this position, has only one mechanical shovel It is needed for hauling bunker timbers, rough dirt and stones for LZ road and LZ. Priority has been timbers and stones, nails. Company is suppose to get their own shovels.	S-F, 3d Mar.

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IN	OUT				
1645		1	081450H	Reference 071945H: Co. M patrol found 2 possible 60mm pits. They were located at XD 968537, and were approximately 2 1/2' to 3' in diameter and 18" deep. Also found stone markers in a large trail. Stones were placed in an arrow head point toward OF WYN. Stone had been put in place within the last 24-48 hours. 81mm H&I's planned throughout the night.	S-F, 3d Mar.
1845		2	081813H	CA LU Progress report. 4 bunkers 100%, 1 bunker 75%, 1 bunker 90%, 1 bunker that was previously reported as 100% was partially destroyed by bulldozer pushing dirt, against the wall. Entire wall collapsed including 2 uprights. Jacks have been ordered to repair clearing and wire laying progressing quite well considering slippery field. 4 sights prepared and all but 2 sights marked with dozer. Request to know progress of minefield clearing ability. Bunker construction beginning to reach out perimeter. Within 3 days security will present consideration. Construction is very slow to weather and its effects on roads. Hauling supplies, etc. use front end loader to haul trash, garbage and resupply in all areas. Trucks useless on anything but main routes. LZ ready for matting. Hauling of rocks to repair roads and by passes has ceased because of high water over rock supply.	S-F, 3d Mar.
2358		3	082345H	Dusters had loud secondary explosion during normal H&I's. Burned for about 2 minutes, repeated mission, search area at first light	S-F, 3d Mar.

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IN	OUT				
0255		1	170130H	While setting up ambush site, Co. L ambush observed two (2) enemy crossing bypass at YD002453. 10 M-79 rounds were fired and a small burst of return fire received. The enemy retreated and the area was checked out with negative results, a further search will be made at first light. The patrol returned to the IP with no USMC casualties.	S-F, 3d Mar.
0920		2	170730H	Co. L ambush went out to check out area of early mornings contact (see 170130H). Received sniper fire from a northerly direction (998457) 50 meters from the road. Received approximately 3 rounds of sniper fire. Returned 250-M60, 200-5.56, 10-M79, patrol pulled abck and called in 81mm mission with excellent target coverage. One (1) USMC WIA.	S-F, 3d Mar.
0930		3	170800H	Co. M patrol found VC boot prints heading east to NE at XD 970533. Followed prints as far as possible - prints from 12-24 hrs. old.	S-F, 3d Mar.
1630		4	171630H	Co. L reports that civilians that passed through this position on 16 Dec were encountered by 5 VC. They were tied up, gear and voting cards wrecked and destroyed. And they were told to return to where they had came from. 4 of the VC wore no shoes.	S-F, 3d Mar.
1721		5	172121H	CA LU Progress report: 8 bunkers 100%, 2 bunkers 98%, 1 bunkers 90%, 5 bunkers 75%, 3 bunkers 50%. Wireprogress. 1 double apron - 1350 meters 2 2 on 3 consantina - 1325 meters 3 single apron - 1700 meters 4 tangle foot - 1100 meters 5 staged for 600 meters of single and double apron. Cleared 15 acres, 56% completed.	S-F, 3d Mar.

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IN	OUT				
1242		1	191242H	Tank in convoy to CA LU reported receiving RPG, one USMC KIA resulting.	S-F
1300		2	191300H	Tanks and convoy report receiving mortars (believe to be 60mm).	S-F,
1315		3	191315H	Co. M advised to get reaction platoon ready.	S-F
1350		4	191350H	All vehicles (except damaged three) returned to this position.	S-F
1504		5	191242H	Convoy to CA LU at 982508 received one (1) RPG wounding 1 man. Convoy continued on and received 10 rounds 60mm, rounds landing along road. 1 tank and 2 trucks continued on to CA LU, others returned this IP with casualties. 7 medevaced, 2 non evac.	S-F, 3d Mar. S-F, 3d Mar.
1515		6	191515H	Convoy departed IP for CA LU	S-F, 3d Mar.
1615		7	191615H	2 trucks destroyed, one inoperable. Further search of ambush site disclosed one (1) USMC KIA.	S-F, 3d Mar.
1742		8	191742H	Convoy returning from CA LU reports receiving mortars (60mm) and small arms fire.	S-F, 3d Mar.
1815		9	191815H	Bridge received 3 rounds incoming 60mm, convoy entered this position from CA LU.	S-F, 3d Mar.
1825		10	191742H	CA LU convoy passing through this afternoon activity spot received incoming 60mm mortars and small arms fire. Dusters destroyed remaining trucks and continued on to this position. When entering this position received 3 rounds of incoming 60mm approximately 50 meters south of the south bridge.	S-F, 3d Mar.
2000		11	192040H	CA LU Progress report: 8 bunkers 100%, 2 bunkers 98%, 3 bunkers 90%, 8 bunkers 75%. Double apron* 2150 meters, 2 on 3 consentina - 1650 meters, single apron - 2340 meters, tangle feet, 1600 meters. Clearing progress 151 acres 57% cleared.	

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IN	OUT				
0120		1	220030H	Company M ambush spotted 6-8 people at 969582 moving 40-45 meters from ambush in southeast direction. Ambush opened fire. The search team found foot prints at ambush site, and will check out the area at first light 45 illum and 50 HE 81mm mortar were fired in support of ambush. Negative results.	S-F, 3d Mar.
1800		2	221800H	COB Progress report A. Bunker progress 8 bunkers 100% 2 bunkers 98% 7 bunkers 90% 6 bunkers 75% 1 bunker 10% B Wire progress Double Apron 2600 meters 2 on 3 Conoentina 2300 meters Single Apron 3200 meters Tangle foot 2100 meters Warning fence 475 meters Clearing progress 162 acres cleared 60% complete Mine field prog. 1100 meters laid out	S-F, 3d Mar.
2115		3	222100H	OF EVE, BP TEXAS spotted what was received to be rocket being fired Rocket looked as though traveling in a south westerly direction CA LU not receiving incoming. Verifying with other positions. Calling in artillery.	S-F, 3d Mar.
2230		4	22230H	Fired zone sweep in suspected area, had bright flashes possible secondary. Fired on grid again. Another bright flash, possible secondary. Fired mission again, had total of 5 bright fla shed, will be firing artillery surpressive fires through out the night.	S-F, 3d Mar.

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	I-Troops F-File
1032		1	241032H	Company M at 981521 found booby trapped grenades (2) and 60mm mortar round (2). Booby-trap blown in place. One (1) USMC KIA-NBC.		S-F, 3d Mar.
1225		2	241500H	Company L patrol at 030447 found approx. 12 NVA type fighting holes approximately 2'x2'x3'. Estimate holes to be 2-3 months old. S-2 personnel on patrol believed holes to be recently used by civilians for protection from incoming. Covered holes		S-F, 3d Mar.
1510		3	241315H	Same patrol from Company L saw what was believed to be 3 NVA running from a village over a nearby hill out of sight. Called in 81mm WP mission exact results unknown. Patrol reports good coverage		S-F, 3d Mar.
1800		4	241800H	Cease fire.		S-F
1800		5	241800H	COB Progress report 8 bunkers 100% 8 bunkers 98% 5 bunkers 90% 3 bunkers 75% Wire progress: Double apron 2850 meters 2 on 3 concertina 2400 meters single apron 3800 meters Tangle foot 2400 meters warning fence 700 meters Clearing progress 169 acres cleared 65% complete Minefield progress 789 Total.		S-F, 3d Mar.

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IN	OUT				
1800		1	301645H	COB Progress report 10 bunkers 100% 12 bunkers 98% 2 bunkers 90% Wire Progress single avron 4650 meters tangle foot 2400 meters Clearing progress: 199 acres cleared, 85% complete	S-F, 3d Mar.
2213		2	302125H	Company K snotted single light too hill (030464) fired 6 rounds 81mm HE, and 1 round illum fired, lights out.	S-F, 3d Mar.

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