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ORGANIZATION OF THE1. DESIGNATION

3d Battalion, 9th Marines

Lieutenant Colonel
E. J. LA MONTAGNESUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company

Captain J. S. GRABILL
1-2 March 1968Captain J. R. CUNNINGHAM
3-31 March 1968

Company I

1stLt J. W. THURSTON
1-31 March 1968

Company K

1stLt B. E. BRYAN, JR.
1-31 March 1968

Company L

Captain T. A. SHIELD
1-31 March 1968

Company M

Captain R. A. O'NEIL
1-31 March 1968ATTACHED UNITSCompany H, 2d Battalion, 4th
MarinesCaptain J. L. WILLIAMS
1-4 March 1968Company M, 3d Battalion, 1st
MarinesCaptain A. LEWIS
4-23 March 1968Company L, 3d Battalion, 1st
MarinesCaptain R. HEMPTWELL
16-25 March 1968Company C, 1st Battalion, 1st
Regiment (1st Air Cav,Captain C. BRYAN
16-22 March 19683d Platoon, Company A, 3
Engineer Bn1stLt H. FROWN
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2. LOCATION

- 1-28 March 1968 - Battalion Command Post and two (2)
Rifle Companies, THON SON LAM, Quang
Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam.
- Command Group "BRAVO" and three (3)
Rifle Companies, CA LU Combat Operat-
ing Base, Quang Tri Province,
Republic of Vietnam.
- 16-22 March 1968- Command Group "TIGER" and two (2)
Rifle Companies, CA LU Airfield,
Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam.
- 29-31 March 1968- Battalion Command Post and three (3)
Rifle Companies, THON SON LAM, Quang
Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major J. P. OLIVER
1-14 March 1968Major T. J. POWER
15-31 March 1968

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1stLt H. DUGAS
1-31 March 1968

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1stLt T. A. MILX
1-31 March 1968

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Major B. W. GARDNER
1-15 March 1968Major F. J. BRUTH
16-31 March 1968

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Captain J. S. ADAMS
1-31 March 1968

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1stLt D. E. STEFF
1-31 March 19684. AVERAGE STRENGTH

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1-31 March 1968, 3d Battalion, 9th Marines continued in the defense and occupation of THON SON LAM (XD 982545) and CA LU Combat Operating Base (YD 012455). This included conducting security operations on Route #9 in assigned AO, denying access through CA LU and BA LONG Valley, and conducting operations to destroy enemy forces and intercept enemy LOC's. Command Group "BR/VO" continued coordinating all functions and activities in the CA LU area.

3d Battalion, 9th Marines assumed OTCON of Company M, 3d Battalion, 1st Marines and passed OTCON of Company H, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines to the 4th Marines at 1600H on 4 March

On 9 March 1968 Company K moved out from CA LU Combat Operating Base to establish a patrol operating base in the vicinity of XD 977489 and to observe activities along Route #9 between THON SON LAM and CA LU Combat Operating Base. On the same day Companies I and L conducted sweeps of Route #9 in preparation for large convoys

On 11 March Company L furnished security for a detachment of engineers from 11th Engineer Battalion rebuilding a bridge (XD 991497) and replacing culverts (XD 990497, XD 990494) destroyed by the enemy 2-3 weeks earlier. On 12 March the bridge was completed and Company A (11th Engineer Battalion), with a small detachment of US Naval Personnel (SEABEES), moved in to begin construction of CA LU Airfield at XD 998480. The 3d Battalion was assigned the responsibility for security of the airfield during construction

At 1540H on 16 March this Battalion assumed OTCON of Company L, 3d Battalion, 1st Marines and Company C, 1st Battalion, 12 Regiment (1st Air Cav USA). These two (2) companies were used in the defense of CA LU Airfield during construction

On 21 March Company I relieved Company K on the high ground (XD 977489) west of Route #9 and Company K returned to CA LU Combat Operating Base. Company I remained in the field until 24 March when they returned to the CA LU Combat Operating Base.

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On 22 March responsibility for security of the airfield and an Area of Operations surrounding the ~~airfield~~ overlay, Part IV) was assigned to 2d Battalion, 1st Marines. OPCON of Company C, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines was also passed to 2d Battalion, 1st Marines. On 23 March OPCON of Company M, 3d Battalion, 1st Marines was passed to their parent unit, and on 25 March OPCON of Company L, 3d Battalion, 1st Marines, was also passed to their parent unit.

On 23 March THON SON LAM received 10-15 enemy rockets (122mm) while two convoys were attempting to pass each other at this position.

At 1700H on 26 March OPCON of Company K was passed to 2d Battalion, 9th Marines for an operation outside 3d Battalion, 9th Marines AO.

The responsibility for security of CA LU Airfield and a surrounding AO was passed to 2d Battalion, 1st Marines at 221700H March.

On 28 March OPCON of CA LU Combat Operating Base was assumed by 2d Battalion, 1st Marines. Command Group "BRAVO" moved to THON SON LAM and Command Group "ALPHA" with 1st Battalion (-) departed THON SON LAM to conduct a three day search and destroy mission approximately 8,000 meters east of Camp J. J. CARROLL. OPCON of Company K was returned to 3d Battalion, 9th Marines for this operation.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. FME organization committed to combat
 - a. Combat mission assigned.
 - (1) Provide security for the THON SON LAM Operating Base and the CA LU Combat Operating Base
 - (2) Conduct operations to maintain security of MSR Route #9 in AO.
 - (3) Conduct operations to interdict enemy LOC's and destroy enemy forces in assigned AO.
 - (4) Deny enemy access through CA LU/THON SON LAM areas.

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(5) Provide security for the construction of CA LU airfield (16-22 March).

(6) Provide reactionary force for Rough Rider convoys on 15 minutes notice.

b. Significant operations conducted

(1) Provide security for the initial construction work at CA LU Airfield.

(2) Conduct a search and destroy operation in an area approximately 8,000 meters east of Camp J J. C'ROLL.

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy

KIA Confirmed -----0.

d. Casualties sustained

(1) KIA -----5.

(2) KIA (NBC) -----1.

(3) DOW -- -----1.

(4) WIA -----42.

(5) WIA (NBC) -----5.

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 31 March this unit remained under the OPCON of the 4th 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 Support received during the period was sufficient to support operations.

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1. Civic Action.

(1) 156 civilians, fleeing KHT SANH area, passed through CA LU Combat Operating Base on their way to CAM LO.

(2) 113 civilians were treated by BAS and 16 were evacuated by helicopter for medical reasons.

(3) 30 civilians have nearly finished construction of the Chapel at CA LU Combat Operating Base. Civilians were also employed to cut grass for fields of fire at the CA LU Airfield construction site. Payment for all labor was made with food and small tools.

(4) Semi-weekly meetings with local village officials have been held, and plans are under way for a school to be established at CA LU Combat Operating Base.

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

k. Personnel. Replacement personnel have been available in sufficient quantities to replace losses due to combat and rotation to CONUS.

1. Intelligence.

(1) Weather

(a) Temperature - the average high for the month was 85 degrees fahrenheit. The mean minimum temperature ranged between 60-65 degrees fahrenheit.

(b) Winds - during the month of March the winds were mostly from the north-northwest at an average of 8 to 10 knots per hour.

(c) Precipitation - the precipitation was greatest during the first half of the month. The accumulated amount of rainfall during the month was 4.9 inches.

(d) Humidity - the relative humidity averaged 90%.

(e) Clouds - cloudiness increased after the first of the month. Clouds were broken to scattered at 500 feet. The sun shown through 4 out of 5 days. Ground fog occurred between 2400 - 0300 and usually cleared between 0800 - 1100.

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(f) Visibility - visibility averaged 5 - 7 miles except during the early morning hours.

(2) Terrain

(a) 3d Battalion, 9th Marines observation post "Rockpile" (XD 979558), is the most dominant terrain feature in the area and provides the best observation of the AO. The other dominant terrain features of the AO include the Razor Back (XD 964573).

(b) The terrain of the AO is heavy brush and undergrowth, some of which is secondary jungles. In the low valley areas, elephant grass is predominant from knee high to head high.

(c) The mountains and hills in the AO range from gradual sloping hills to sheer cliffs. Some of the mountains are so steep that troops can not move up them fully combat loaded.

(d) The dominant streams and rivers of the AO include the SONC C/M LO, SONG TRINH BINH, and the RIVER D7 QUANG TRI. There are numerous small seasonal streams in the AO which run fast and clear.

(e) Roads - the north-south road (XD 999564) to (XD 980436) is an all weather road and accurately marked on the map (TTON DON BINH, sheets 6342I and 6342II).

(f) Villages - all villages except those around C' LU (YD 013543) are destroyed but can be recognized as such. The villages to the east-southeast of C' LU are presently occupied.

(g) Observation and Fields of Fire - the thick brush and vines which cover the mountains severely hamper observation and fields of fire. The low grassy areas offer excellent observation and fields of fire. The lowlands are either covered with thick brush which limits observation or marshland or old rice paddies covered with knee high to waist high grass and permits excellent observation and fields of fire.

(h) 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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(i) Obstacles - the major obstacles for foot troops is thick brush, parts of which are almost impenetrable. The streams and rivers during and after rains become obstacles. Wheel and track vehicles are restricted to road travel because of wet marshy lowlands and steep hills. Many types of explosive devices have been found in the area.

(j) Landing Zone - LZ's are limited to low grassy areas, rice paddies, gentle sloping hills, or hill tops which are covered in grass.

(3) Enemy Situation - from reports received, it is believed that elements of the 812th Regiment is located at XD 910620, elements of the 803d Regiment at XD 980640. Also elements of the 18th Regiment at XD 890560, and the 29th Regiment at XD 970460. It is also reported that three unidentified units are located south of CA LU.

(4) Enemy Activity - enemy activity in the area of THON SON LAM and CA LU was increased compared to February. On 7Mar68 at YD 0052 Recon made contact with 150 to 250 NVA. On 14Mar68 at YD 017443 recon took small arms fire. On 20 Mar68 KILO made contact with 6 NVA at XD 970474. On 23Mar68 Camp ROUGH took 17 rounds of 122mm rockets fired from XD 963537, recon made contact after rockets. Mines and booby traps have been found throughout the valley.

m. Communications. The Communications continued to provide support for the Battalion with no difficulties encountered.

n. Fire Support

(1) Firing in direct support of the Battalion was the 1st Battalion, 12 Marines.

(2) During the month of February there were 438 missions fired with a total of 4580 rounds. There were 152 unobserved and 284 observed mission with 2 illumination missions. Of the total rounds fired, 2443 rounds were H & I's and 4 rounds were illumination.

c. Air Support. A detailed breakdown by types of aircraft is listed below:

TYPE
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<u>TITLE</u>	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>
Priority	28	28
Emergency	30	30
Resupply- Routine	47	47
Priority	11	11
Emergency	0	0
Helo Recon	0	0
Helo Gunship	0	0
Troop Lift	3	3
Admin Lift	0	0
T of (O)	15	11
Fixed Wing - C/S	1	1
D.S	0	0
TTC	112	UNK

p. Chaplain

(1) Divine Services - Protestant

(a) Number of services 51 (14 - led 36).

(b) Total attendance 579.

(c) Number receiving Holy Communion 122.

(2) Divine Services - Catholic

(a) Number of services: 29 (1 - led 26)

(b) Total attendance 378.

(3) Significant events.

(a) Chapel at Cf LU ready for dedication

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g. Medical

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

(2) There were 1135 visits to sick call this month, 1111 Marines, 10 Navy and 14 Army.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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- ↓ 1. S-3 Journal
- ↓ 2. S-2 Journal
- ↓ 3 Overlay, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines AO.

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- 011220H K Co found fresh EN tracks at 061443 while on patrol. Tracks est to be 24 hr old and indication of approx 15 EN heading NW
- 011220H CaLu received 6 rds incoming mortar. Rnds impacted at 009455 in mine field with no damage to main field. Position of impact prevented crater analysis, but they were 60mm or 82mm mortars, with an 8012 pop to splash. Counter mortar fire was not called due to friendlies in the area. LP 3 did not hear rounds being fired but has been diverted to check out suspected EN position at 998453.
- 011855H M Co 3/9 night ambush reports finding 3 fresh fighting holes 2x3x3 about 2 to 3 days old. Also reports AP mines planted on both sides of trail, (trail on left side of road) unable to determine type mine due to darkness. Grids from 982516 to 982512 Continued to ambush.
- 011245H Coral Bush found EN harbor site at 989464 on trail running SE to NW. Site could accomodate approx 20 people. Fresh human waste was found in area. It is believed that EN moved NW due to foot prints observed.
- 011855H CW thorough search of area 982516 to 982512 today revealed mine field non-existent. 82mm mortar fuse plugs were found in the area. These were reported as mines yesterday. (Follow-up)
- 021415H I Co on sweep found anti-tank min at 990498. B.I.P.
- 022226H CWB reported 3 EN 60mm mortar impacted in ravine at 009453 on outer wire. 10 rnds 4.2 HE counter fired on probable EN site. Unknown results.
- 031610H CWB received 6 rnds EN mortar fir on SW portion of perimeter at 984446.. Counter fired immediately with dusters and 4.2 mortars, 3 rnds WP and 3 rnds HE, good coverage Also at 014435 with 4.2 mortars, 3 rnds WP, 5 rnds HE, 30 rnds 40mm. Good coverage. Results unknown.
- 031708H H Co 2/4 observed movement at 997480 that appeared to be 1 man. Called 4.2 mortar msn, 6 rnds HE. Unknown results.
- 031822H I Co (Hole 26, NE Sector) at 010465 observed 4 EN Fire msn fired, 12 rnd 60mm. EN had small arms. Possibly wearing flak jackets, helmets w/ camouflage Searched area, negative results.
- 032327H CWB received approx 8 rnds 82mm incoming from 999455, impacted western sector. Counter fired w/81mm, 4.2, 105 and 155. Good coverage. Unknown results.
- 041430H M Co Ptl called arty msn on suspected EN position at 974483.

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041825H M Co Plt found 6 fighting holes at 980516 on very edge of road on both sides. Appeared to be 1 to 2 months old. Size 3x3x3. Checked out area.

042300H 4th Marines Counter-Elec Aircraft picked up 37mm AA Radar OP position at 998488. Request CWI to check it out. Due to no TPQ's in area.

051117H CWB received 7 rnds of 82mm at 012445. Possible EN FO at 998452. Returned with 4.2 on EN position with 3 secondary explosions. Also 40mm Mssn at 998452. Unknown results

051700H I Co checked out suspected EN AA position at 998488 Negative results.

051800H OP ADAM FO spotted four NVA/VC digging in at 990564. Arty fired 30 rnds HE 105. Good Coverage. Unknown results.

052135H M Co reported lights extinguished at 004588.

061130H CWB received interfering transmission on M-663. Voices heard sounded like indigenous personnel using no call signs just continuous talking for about 5 minutes.

062134H I Co observed red light at 986454. 4.2 mssn called with 200x200 zone and sweep. Unknown results.

062145H OP Texas observed one big light at 986446. 105 mssn called, 12 HE good coverage Light extinguished. Unknown results.

062128H Recon Team reported spotting 22 lights moving east down hill at 037497. Called Arty fire mssn.

062215H OP Texas observed red star cluster at 949450, observed 2nd star cluster at 2218H. Called Arty Mssn, 22 rnds 105 HE. Good coverage, unknown results.

071045H I Co patrol heard hammering at 980481, sounded like logs. Fire Mssn 4.2 and 105. Good coverage, unknown results.

071130H Recon Dustlight made contact with approx 15 NVA after brief firefight at 005523, broke contact and called Arty Mssn.

071245H Recon Distlight reported advised by A.O. approx 150 to 250 NVA were moving their direction Believed earlier contact at 0052 was with point element of EN movement. A.O. called to work with recon on fire Mssn. L Co ordered to saddle up.

072025H OP Ben spotted lights at 930544. Called Arty mssn 4 rnds 105 WP, 12 rnds HE. Good coverage, Light Extinguished. Unknown results.

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080030H OP ADAM spotted lights at 991557. Arty msn called with 6 rnd of 105mm WP, 8 rnds HE, Good coverage, lights extinguished. Unknown results.

080615H L Co LP2 heard heavy movement away from them just off road at 980540. Fired 5.56 rnds, searched area, Negative results.

081112H K Co Ptl 3 2nd squad detonated mines on west road at 990498. 1 Fr KIA, 2 WIA medevac, 4 WIA minor.

081025H K3PP reported 1 NVA in open at 969499. Arty called w/good coverage. Unknown results.

081400H SO reported fox holes and possible ambush site at 085595, 1 NVA in open at 080595 and 2 NVA bunkers at 085590.

081815H OP Texas reported 2 Heavy MG spotted at 980496. Hueys appeared to knock 1 out. 10 rnds 106mm Msn. Good coverage.

082030H OP Eve reported light at 992572. Arty msn called, 10 rnds HE, good coverage, unknown results.

082215H OP Ben reported lights at 932540. Arty msn called, 4 rnds WP, 12 rnds HE 105mm, 1 secondary explosion Good coverage.

090820H CWK reported 2 NVA at 978492. Arty msn called with good coverage, results unknown.

090830H CWL found 12, 82mm plugs and 5 fox holes at 982515. Searched area with negative results.

090855H CWK found RPG rnd and boster, 2 - 105 rnds w/cannisters at 992489. Blown in place.

091015H CWK found bunker 10x2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x2 $\frac{1}{2}$ at 987494, 2 weeks old, recent used. Destroyed.

091500H CWI found a chain of 3 AP mines & frag grenade 15 meters long at 991495. Blown in place.

092215H OP Ben observed 3 flashing lights NE to SW at 968538, 40mm msn with good coverage. Results unknown.

092300H OP Sue observed lights at 957558. Arty msn of 4 105 WP, 10 HE, good coverage. Lights Extinguished, Results unknown.

100200H I Co 2 P, trip flare at 992495, 1 individual ran. 3 rnd m-79 fired.

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100850H I Co 2, reported a possible 3 or 4 NVA at 988495. 60mm fired, 1 WP, 16 HE.

101030H CWK rpt 50 cal position 4x3x3 at 970504 with spent ammo, bunker, fox holes. Bunker destroyed. All destroyed.

101100H CWK reported at 20 foot trench 2x4 foot deep and 2 fox holes at 973505.

101100H CWI reported bypassing 4 - 250 LB bombs.

101246H L Co 2, reported AT mine at 991497, Blown in place. At 991496 2-claymores, incomplete bangalore torpedo, blown in place.

110940H CWI reported 70 fox holes, 300 meters on each side of road. 1 RPG rocket, 1 claymore at 992488, blew all in place.

111055H L P3 reported 82mm rnd at 978515, blew in place

111045H CWI reported 2 bunkers 5x10x4 at 990494, blew in place.

111400H L P3, reported 2-AP mines and 1-Chi Com frag at 990498, blew in place.

111420H OP Ben reported 4-NVA North-NE at 932544, arty, tanks and duster. HEI

111200H OP Texas reported wire cut at 005461, 106's, 60mm and 107 marked.

111810H M A1 reported NVA boot tracks heading north at 984532, estimated to be 4 to 5 individuals

112245H OP Ben PPS-5 heard noises at 969538, 8 rnds WP and 18 HE of 81mm.

120735H M P2 reported foreign boot prints at 968532 in trail running SW from OP Ben.

121245H CWI reported plastic mine detonated by lowboy at 992490.

122030H OP Ben reported movement heard at 966536 and 946517, Arty & 81mm msn called with good coverage.

131015H CWK reported 1-mine exploded at 965495 and found 1 AP mine, and 30 fox holes.

131145H M P2 reported fresh cut trees at 965535 heading South-SE.

131143H CWK reported sniper with auto weapon, at 966495.

131515H CWK reported 2-EN bunkers 4x3x2 at 967488, did not destroy.

131815H K Co reported 3-EN bunkers 5x4x3 at 978495, and assorted USMC gear and ammo.

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131655H I-2 reported 32 fox holes, 2 bunkers, 1-81mm rnd, 3 AP mines and 1-60mm rnd and EN E-tool at 991493.

131330H L Co reported 20 fox holes, 1 bunker 4x4x8, and 5 Chi Com claymores and 1000 meters of Comm wire at 767500. Blew in place.

131230H L Co found 30 fox holes at 975507. No action taken.

131215H L Co reported 1 underground bunker 4x8x10 with 2x3 foot tunnel entrances at 979505. Blew in place.

130930H L Co reported 8 fox holes, small piles of rock 36" high with strands of grass pointing vertically at 986504.

140030H CAW Co B detected movement at 014461 with PPS-6. 60mm msn called with 9 rnds HE. Good coverage.

141030H CWK reported 2-NVA packs, 20 salt, 25 rice, 6 peanuts, 1 helmet, 1 AK-47 magazine, 1 officers belt, 1 pit helmet with officer insignia at 982502.

141230H I Co 2 reported 5 bunkers, 3 caved in, 2-M79 rnds, 2 M-14 mines at 991492. Bunkers Blown in place, M-14 returned to Ca Lu.

141150H Recon Sandbox hit explosive device at 017443 and took small arms fire. fire msn called and team extracted.

142015H OP Ben reported 30 persons detected by PPS-5 at 941541, moving NE. Arty msn called 1 WP, 9 HE good coverage, with unknown results. No more movement.

141725H AO suspects camouflaged EN position at 933556. Fired arty msn.

151030H I Co 2, found 2 bloody, torn EN packs.at 990595.

151125H K P3 detected explosive device at 978480, area heavily booby trapped.

151120H CWT reported wire leading to hole with 7.62mm linked ammo at 992490, blew in place.

151120H K P3 found 3 Chi Com Grenages rigged as booby trap at 978480.

151245H K Co reported 10 to 12 82mm mortar incoming from 965495. Called arty msn.

151315H K P3 reported AK-47 fire Returned with 60mm and Arty.

151335H K P3 reported 4.2 mortars at 984485, 3 rnds hit k P3

151720H I co heard chopping of wood and trees falling at 998467. 60mm msn called.

152215H OP Sue reported flashing light at 957525 Arty msn of 4 WP, and 6HE.

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161120H CWI found USMC helmet, 60mm rnd, 1 EN aiming circle at 996493, boot prints moving East and West from 995493.

162000H CaLu observed movement at 987478, fired 18 WP 105mm, good coverage, unknown results.

162138H CaLu reported light north of OP Texas at 047455.

162205H CaLu reported light at 035467, fired 64-40mmrnds, 5-106mm rnds. good coverage, unknown results.

170600H OP Wyn heard movement at 976538, 2 men seen with starlight walking north. Fired 4 M-79 rnds, good coverage.

171045H I Co 2 found 1 USMC gas mask and flashlight and 1 Ho Chi boot sole at 985488.

171300H CWK found 3-Chi Com squad-buster explosive devices at 978480, forwarded to Bn.

171423H Recon reported 5-VC/NVA moving SE at 050441 Arty msn fired with 8 HE rnds, good coverage, unknown results.

171450H CWK found 8 living type bunkers 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x2x5 at 976477, 2 months old.

171755H OP Texas reported 4-NVA/VC at 000452 Arty msn fired 22 rnds of 4.2, 16 were V.T.

172015H GLM CP H heard movement to South West at 002452 No action.

172050H OP Wyn reported light at 974538 and heard movement on wire. threw frag and light went out. Movement stopped.

171850H OP Texas reported EN movement at 998452. Arty called, good coverage, negative results

171800H CWK found 4-82mm with out fuses, and 1 Chi Com squad boster at 979481.

180255H Op Texas reported 3 to 4 VC/NVA 20 to 40 meters from wire. fired 16 rnds of 60mm, 20 rnds m-26, 4 rnds M-79. Negative find.

180455H CWI rpt 1 man moving south on Rt 9, fired 3 rnds of 5.56.

180830H K P2 found 5-2 man fox holes 5x3x2 at 979477. Blew in place.

181325H CWI found EN boot prints heading South on Hwy 9 at 992489, 1 to 2 weeks old.

182022H Recon reported 1 man observed moving at 967462.

182130H OP Wyn reported figure on wire at 976537. Fired 5.56mm with Negative results.

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182230H OP Texas detected movement SW of perimeter and threw 5 frags Negative results.

190355H K P2 found MG position and connecting trenches at 975480. Destroyed.

191000H K P2 Found Ammo bunker, 13-82mm rnds, 27-82mm fuse, 4 cans increments at 973477. Blew in place.

191050H K P2 found 24 bunkers 10x10x4, 13 fox holes 5x5x4 and misc. gear at 978479.

191145H K P2 detonated explosive device at 970478, medevac helo received fire and escort helo returned fire.

201243H K P3 contacted 6-NVA/VC, 1 MG, AK-47 at 970479. Fired arty, unknown results.

210615H OP Tex reported 1-VC at 006480.

210845H Recon found cave 5x3 feet and trench 7x3feet at 02369.

211115H CWK received 15 rnds 82mm incoming, Arty air returned fire. unknown results

211100H M Pl found mortar pit 7 foot diameter, 10 foot deep, at 951507.

211100H AO reported huts at 951507, called arty, unknown results.

AO reported Active AA or mortar position at 958455, arty and air called

210739H M Pl found 2 fox holes 2x2¹/₂ at 977524. Destroyed

202030H CWK found 45 four men bunkers 6x4x5 and blew in place at 973479 to 973476.

202030H K P3 found 3-13 man bunkers 8x2¹/₂ x4 and 2- bunkers 10x7x3 at 972478. bunkers billed.

211900H CWB reported 3-NVA at 014507, Arty called , good coverage, negative results.

212023H OP Ben reported light at 912518, arty good coverage, results unknown

212205H Op Ben reported light following TPQ at 030506, arty called, good coverage, light extinguished

212310H CWB reported movement at 992484, Small arms and frags, 1 KIA water boo.

220925H CWI found 14 fighting holes at 992479 and 1-82mm pit. Blew in place.

220820H CWI found 4-EN claymores 12" in diameter, 2 full USMC demo bags and much misc USMC gear at 978477.

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221010H K3/1 reported sniper fire at 042566.

221413H Recon found EN base camp at 979486. Arty good coverage.

222123H CaLu Co B reported Airburst 100' to 200' above position.

222115H CWI reported lights on ridgeline at 977500.

E Battalion, 29 regt at 9741.

230430H Div reported 2 large metallic objects at 140408 and 000472, later lighting at 040468.

231506H OP Ben reported receiving and Rockpile reported receiving 17-122 rockets, area messhall, 105 position and throughout perimeter and 4 on OP Ben 105 ammo bunker hit. Pattern generally along road to strike returning convoy. Counted 106's in 30 seconds. Dusters, mortars, arty, emergency TPQ.

231245H OP Adam snipers reported sighting 2 men at 998556. Arty msn good coverage, unknown results

231330H OP Wynn observed flash, appeared to be binoculars.

231820H Recon made contact at 963537 right after rocket attack Took Small arms, mortars, 50 cal 1820 extract.

231824H OP Ben received heavy auto weapons fire from 969540 and 961539, returned 106, arty, air, dusters, tank, and 50 cal.

23 evening OP Ben A0 reported several large secondary explosions with air strikes

232201H OP Ben reported 3-NVA at 965540

241620H OP Ben found 6 fox holes in vicinity of 964543 and 965545.

241645H OP Adam reported SID and PPS-6 detected movement NE and South sides of OP.

241300H CWI found 175mm rnd in stream bed, booby trapped at 977478. Blew in place

242120H OP Ben reported 1-NVA moving W. SW at 962537.

250445H OP Ben reported lights at 939539

250730H OP Ben found trail complex to possible EN OP at 966538.

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252145H 3/9 enroute to ambush site heard movement 50 meters to direct front. at 963540. Fired Small arms, M-79, called fire mssn, fired 11 HE, 4 WP 81mm, good coverage and unknown results, pulled back.

261408H CWB observed 2-EN at 018442, appeared to be observing this position. arty request.

261550H OP Ben observed what appeared to be a camp fire and heavy trail leading into canopy at 958525 Requested arty, couldn't observe.

262115H 3/9 PPS-5 picked up 8 to 10 EN troops moving S-SW at 947542, called arty mssn, fired 2 WP, 4 HE 105mm, good coverage. Movement ceased.

271015H CWB received 1 rnd SA that appeared to come from south and friendly air craft. Negative action.

271110H OP Ben amanda made contact with approximately 3 to 5 NVA wearing dark green uniforms at 961537, also wearing bush hats, armed with auto weapons, moving NE Called 81mm mortar mssn. excellent coverage, unknown results.

280210H OP Wyn spotted light with starlight scope at 976541. 81mm fire mssn called, good coverage, light extinguished will search first light.

281820H OP Ben received 1 rnd from 967545. Keeping area under surveillance.

282355H OP Ben detected movement and spotted light at 950527. Called 81mm fire mssn and 40mm dusters Good coverage Movement ceased, light extinguished. under observation.

291925H OP Sue spotted 5 troops with PPS-5 moving West into treeline at 992520 Called arty mssn, good coverage Movement ceased.

300810H CW3 reported 82mm mortars impacted at above coord - 135528, appeared to be fired from SW. continue sweep.

301600H CW found base camp with 20 living bunkers cooking facilities, cloths lines, washing area and OB tower in trees at 134535. Sector of observation 170 / 300°. Destroyed bunkers, tower and burned area.

302115H OP Ben sighted flashlights at 970532 Fired duster and illumination.

302250H OP Ben observed white lights at 957518. Called arty mssn, good coverage, flare was extinguished.

302250H L A-2-3 bridge received - 1 rnd 81mm HE at 986504 from South direction, liaison being made with friendly forces to the south.

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IN	OUT				
0021		1	081112H	When Co K patrol approached bridge at XD 990498 two (2) mines were exploded, which appeared to be of claymore type as the pattern of charge and pattern of blast, devices exploded on west side of road. Pattern of frag cross road from the north west to southwest, if located on east side of road slightly south of point of detonation. Personnel located closer to the explosive device received minor shrapnel effect and heavy blast effect. Approx 75 meters north of point of detonation, a marker made of grass was noted, 3 ft wide crossing road with large clump of dirt located in center of marker and road. The patrol completely checked out area for additional explosive devices with negative results destroyed road marker. Action resulted in one (1) USMC KIA and six (6) USMC WIA (2 medevac, 4 minor).	S-F, 4th Mar.
0850		2	090820H	Co K spotted 2 NVA in the open at XD 978492 called in artillery with good coverage, unknown results.	S-F, 4th Mar.
0855		3	090855H	Co K found 1 RPG with booster and 2 105mm rounds with cannisters. All ordnance was blown in place.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1025		4	091015H	Co K reported finding enemy bunker 10x2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x2 $\frac{1}{2}$ approximately two (2) weeks old. Bunkers were destroyed.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1500		5	091500H	Co I found 3 AP mines tied in with frag grenades stretched 15 meters along Route #9, all were blown in place.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1945		6	091130H	CA LU COB reports 46 refugees from KHE SANH arrived at CA LU. They report from 100-150 more coming during the next 2 to 3 days. Desire to go to CAM LO. Regiment advises CA LU to hold all refugees until balance arrive and send along same route as previous group to CAM LO Area.	S-F, 4th Mar.

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IN	OUT				
1115		1	111115H	Co I at XD 992488 found series of two (2) man fighting holes. Holes extended north for approximately 300 meters and were on both sides of road. 1 trail ran northeast up finger of hill 70. Holes were approximately 4-6 weeks old. Gear found, 1 RPG rocket with propellant, 1 claymore with cord, but not hooked up. All were blown in place.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1130		2	111130H	At 111055H Co L patrol found 1 82mm mortar round, believed lost at XD 978515. Round was blown in place.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1215		3	111215H	Co I found two (2) wellbuilt reinforced bunkers at XD 990494. Bunkers had two (2) rooms approximately 5x10 and 4ft deep with 3 ft of earth on top. Each complex could hold 6-10 men. Bunkers were blown in place.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1355		4	111320H	Crane working on north side of bridge at XD 991497 detonated a mine while setting in a bridge truss. Crane damaged beyond use. Engineers are making an estimate for construction of temporary by-pass for immediate use.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1425		5	111400H	Co L patrol found 2 AP mines at XD 990498, blown in place.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1425		6	111420H	OP BEN observed 4 NVA in the open, arty mission fired with good coverage.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1440		7	111200H	Co M (3/1) while inspecting wire on OP TEXAS discovered fresh cut perimeter wire. Aiming stakes were found placed in front of 106mm, 60mm and MG positions. Probably results of movement heard last night. Wire repaired and stakes destroyed.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1855		8	111810H	Co M ambush while en route to their ambush site found fresh boot tracks (tennis shoe type) approximately 1 1/2 days old heading in northerly direction toward THON SON LAM.	S-F, 4th Mar.

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0010		1	112010H	The "Dusters" (dual 40mm) at CA LU COB were cleared to fire on an azimuth of 4400 to 4700 mills in general direction of the west. Had fired approx. 80 rounds in that direction, when the gunner noticed one (1) round leaving tube on normal trajectory, but other round dipped to an unusually low trajectory. It is believed that this low round hit a tree directly behind hole #22, in the western sector of the CA LU COB, with shrapnel spraying the immediate vicinity. Two (2) men were sitting on sandbags without helmets on, directly in front of hole #22 with their backs to blast, when a piece of shrapnel hit one (1) Marine in the back of the head, passing through and exiting out chin, the other was tumbled forward from blast and received minor bruises. A formal investigation is underway. 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIA (minor).	S-F, 4th Mar.
0010		2	112245H	OP BEN reports hearing sounds, metal on metal, to the south of their position at XD 969538. PPS-5 radar (in use on OP BEN) immediately began tracking movement. 81mm illumination was called and fired 8 WP 18 HE 81mm (from OP WYN). PPS-5 tracked suspected enemy for several minutes while rounds were impacting. Figures apparently fell to ground, and are now stationary. Area presently being searched.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1315		3	121245H	Lowboy with Co I hit a plastic mine in roadway.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1350		4	121245H	Plastic mine believed to be command detonated. All vehicles in convoy able to continue in convoy. 2 USMC WIA (1 medevac and 1 minor).	S-F, 4th Mar.
2136		5	122035H	OP BEN picked up movement at XD 966536 and XD 946517, called for arty and 81mm's. Fired 1 WP 44 HE 81mm at XD 966536, with good coverage, movement ceased. Fired 10 HE 105mm at XD 946517, good coverage, search	

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1102		1	122035H	Found heavily used trails all running SSW. Found 1 Battle dressing.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1130		2	131015H	At XD 965495 Co K had one (1) mine explode, thought to be command detonated, probably an early warning device. Found 1' large AP mine, will blow in place. Found 30 fighting holes that appeared to have been redug in past 2 or 3 days. Will destroy as much as possible.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1425		3	131200H	Refugees arrived at CA LU COB claimed to have been hit by an air strike while stopped by NVA/VC. 4 were wounded and two (2) family members were medevaced from CA LU COB. 42 stayed and joined 113 for a total of 155.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1530		4	131153H	Co K received small arms (sniper) from XD 966495. No further contact.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1750		5	131515H	Co K found 2 enemy bunkers, 1 covered, 4x3x2, dug within 2 days. Due to time and terrain did not destroy.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1953		6	131815H	Co K found 3 bunkers, estimated to be one (1) week old, 5x4x3. Also assorted ammo and "782" gear 9 M79 shot gun rounds, 5 M16 magazines, 1 M14 magazine, 3 canteens 1 M17 protective mask, and one USMC soft cover. Distributed usuabl gear among troops.	S-F, 4th Mar.
2000		7	132000H	2dPlt Co I found 32 fighting holes (some fresh) and two bunkers. Also found one 81mm in case, 3 M14 anti-personnel mines with enemy det cord (Probably used for command detonation of mines) one 60mm, possible dud (could be booby trapped), and one enemy E-tool. Brought the AP mines back to their position, will re-search area tomorrow.	S-F, 4th Mar.
2113		8	131945H	Marine while setting out barrery operated claymore had blasting cap detonated. The man caught schrapnel in face and neck.	

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0043		1	140043H	CA LU COB detected movement outside wire with FPS-6 radar employed on Co I's section of perimeter. Called in 60mm, fired 9 rounds HE, good coverage, will check area at first light.		S-F, 4th Mar.
1425		2	141150H	Recon team, SAND BOX, hit explosive device and took small arms fire. Fire mission was called in and at 1240H team was extracted.		S-F, 4th Mar.
1430		3	141230H	Co I, 2dPlt, found 5 bunkers, 3 caved in, at XD 991492. Also found 2 M79 rounds upside down sitting on rocks, appeared to have been booby traps, also found 2 M14 mines. Bunkers were blown in place, mines will be brought back to this position and blown later.		S-F, 4th Mar.
1435		4	141030H	2dPlt, Co I, found at XD 982502 2 NVA packs, 20lbs of salt, 25 lbs of rice, 1 pith helmet, 1 bush cover, 6 1lb cans of peanuts, 1 AK47 magazine, 1 officers belt, 1 pith helmet with officers insignia		S-F, 4th Mar.
2145		5	142015H	OP BEN detected 30 persons (XD 942541) by FPS-5 radar. Persons were moving north east, then south west. Called arty fire mission, fired 1 WP 9 HE 155mm, with good coverage, unknown results, moving no longer detected.		S-F, 4th Mar.

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1243		1	201245H	Company K reports contact at XD 970479	S-F, 4th Mar.
1313		2	201305H	Company K reports estimated enemy force of about six (6) persons, with one (1) MG, AK47s and carbines. They are now clearing LZ for medevacs one (1) minor and one (1) serious. Also adjusting 60mm mortar fire on enemy position.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1323		3	201320H	Company K has secured hill top and pursuing fleeing enemy by fire.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1343		4	201343H	Company K reports one (1) heat casualty emergency medevac	S-F, 4th Mar.
1415		5	201415H	Company K medevac complete 3 heat casualties, one (1) priority	S-F, 4th Mar.
150400		6	201430H	Two (2) heat casualties from Company M one (1) priority, one (1) emergency, and one (1) heat casualty from army engineers at CA LU Combat Operating Base, priority have completed medivacs.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1655		7	201655	101100 Company found 4 250lbs bombs. These were blown in place by engineers with Company I.	S-F, 4th Mar.
2022		8	201608	Company K found 45 four (4) man reinforced fighting bunkers XD 973479 to XD 973476. Bunkers were 6x4x5. Has good fields of fire and could possibly hold one (1) company. They are estimated to be 2 to 4 weeks old, no sign of recent use. 16 of the bunkers were destroyed by demolitions. TOT being requested.	S-F, 4th Mar.
2030		9	201200	Company K found three (3) bunkers, 2-4 man living bunkers, 13 man fighting living bunkers, 10x7x3, fighting bunker 8x2x4. Also found some blue electrical wire about 2 feet in length. Fighting bunker filled up. Living bunker caved entrance filled XD 972478	S-F, 4th Mar.

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0650		1	210615H	Co M, 3d Bn, 1st Mar, observed from OP TEXAS one (1) NVA/VC at YD 006480. The enemy fled the area after ten (10) rounds small arms and one (1) fragmentation grenade was fired.		S-F, 4th Mar.
1100		2	211100H	Co K received two (2) mortar round outside of the perimeter. An artillery mission was fired		S-F, 4th Mar.
1115		3	211115H	Co K received approximately 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire outside the perimeter at XD 965495. An artillery mission, 60mm mortars, returned fire.		S-F, 4th Mar
1145		4	211000H	Co M discovered one (1) large man made hole, believed to be a mortar pit, in a cleared area allowing fields of fire in all directions except westerly. The hole (7x7x10) was uncovered and appeared to be 3 months old. Area checked with no visible signs and negative results.		S-F, 4th Mar.
1315		5	210800H	While sweeping down Route 9 east, an element of 3d Bn, 1st Mar, recieved small arms fire from an unknown position. Dusters gave support fire and gunships were requested. Small arms fire was again received on a second attempt to sweep the road.		S-F, 4th Mar.
2128		6	212128H	OP BEN spotted lights at XD 912518. An artillery mission, 105mm firing 6 WP and 10 HE, fired with good coverage, lights were extinguished.		S-F, 4th Mar.
2352		7	212205H	OP BEN spotted light at XD 930506. Lights were extinguished after TPQ and 105mm firing 6 WP and 10HE rounds.		S-F, 4th Mar.

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0935		1	220935H	Co I found 14 camouflaged fighting holes and one (1) 82 mortar pit approximately three (3) to four (4) weeks old at XD 978479. Holes and mortar pit were filled in.		S-F, 4th Mar
0945		2	220820H	Co I found one (1) Marine canteen cup, four (4) M-16 magazines, and one (1) M-79 round all in good condition at XD 978477. Items were returned to present position.		S-F, 4th Mar
1033		3	220900H	Co I found four (4) enemy claymores approximately 12 inches in diameter, two (2) full demolition bags (Marine type), one (1) Marine helmet with liner, 75 rounds of 7.62 mm machine gun ammo, one (1) Marine cart-ridge belt, one (1) Marine entrenching tool, one (1) hand illumination grenade, one (1) red pon up, three (3) canteen pouches, one (1) M-16 magazine pouch, three (3) M-26 fragmentation grenades, and one (1) well used trail running north to south, swinging west with fresh NVA tracks 24 hours old at XD 978480. Mines, demolitions and machine gun ammo were blown in place. Remaining items were returned to present position		S-F, 4th Mar
1510		4	221413H	Recon team DUSTLITE observed enemy base camp at XD 979496 and nine (9) NVA in the open at XD 981498, artillery fired with good coverage. OP SUE observed movement at XD 981496.		S-F, 4th Mar.
1600		5	221400H	Highboy 3-2 crash landed at YD 010458. One (1) crew member suffered a minor leg wound, there were no serious injuries. The craft appeared to be a total loss.		S-F, 4th Mar
1630		6	221413H	Recon team DUSTLITE received mortar fire from XD 973494. AO observed mortar fire and called fixed wing strikes OP BEN		

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IN	OUT				
0100		1	222345H	Co I received four (4) to five (5) mortar rounds at XD 980475. LP took casualties. Medevac was called, three (3) emergency, two (2) priority, and two (2) routine. Two (2) USMC KIA and five (5) USMC medevaced.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1620		2	231506H	The ROCKPILE (9 82545) received "incoming" 122mm rockets from 934532 and 944531. The rounds landed in the messhall area and the 105mm artillery battery area. The 105mm ammo bunker exploded. The incoming pattern was generally along the road, with the intention of striking the returning convoy. Counter rocket was fired with tanks, 106's, dusters, artillery and mortars. The reaction time was 30 seconds. Emergency TPQ's were requested on XD 934532 and 944531. Casualties were one (1) KIA, two (2) WIA serious, and six (6) WIA minor	S-F, 4th Mar
1824		3	231824H	OP BEN received heavy automatic weapons fire at XD 961539. Estimated reinforced enemy platoon. Air strikes, artillery, 106's, dual 40mm and 90mm guns were fired.	S-F, 4th Mar
2007		4	231824H	Reinforcements on OP BEN resupplied with ammo. Direct fire crew served weapons had excellent target coverage. Air strikes conducted by AO. Enemy fires suppressed. One large secondary, two (2) 50 caliber machine gun positions destroyed 11 90mm HE, 32 40mm M42, and 350 rounds of .50 caliber were fired.	S-F, 4th Mar.
2105		5	231955H	Last remaining elements of Co M 3/1 lifted out of CA LU.	S-F, 4th Mar
2307		6	232201H	OP BEN observed three (3) NVA/VC with Starlite Scope, carrying a large object at XD 965540. M79, 40mm (M42) and .30 caliber machine gun were fired. Called 81 illumination and fire mission, 9 HE,	

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IN	OUT				
1115		1	241000H	OP BEN conducted search of area where personnel were observed last night. They found wire cut by pliers in the northwest corner of the perimeter, five (5) to six (6) NVA type boot prints, and a fresh trail complex running west southwest and west northwest	S-F, 4th Mar.
1450		2	241300H	Co I found one (1) 175mm round in a stream bed wedged between rocks, lying north to south at XD 977478. Possible booby trap. Engineers blew in place.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1652		3	241620H	OP BEN's FO observed six (6) fighting holes running from XD 964543 - XD 965545.	S-F, 4th Mar
1655		4	241655H	PPS6 and SID on OP ADAM registered movements on north, east and south sides of OP. Observation continued.	S-F, 4th Mar
1817		5	241730H	OP BEN observed two (2) NVA in open. Personnel were moving north into treeline 81mm mission called that AO requested	S-F, 4th Mar
1830		6	231824H	OP BEN reports large secondary fire started at XD 959534 by ordinance dropped by a flight of four (4) A-4's at 231905. XD 959534 and adjoining area checked out by AO at approximately 241205, reported signs of large fire, probably a storage area. AO stated not enough left to identify cause of fire. Also, trails in area showed signs of much recent movement	S-F, 4th Mar
2225		7	242120H	OP BEN observed with Starlite Scope one (1) enemy moving in west southwest direction away from this position 81mm mission fired one (1) WP, 13 HE, good coverage, movement ceased. Area will be searched at first light.	S-F, 4th Mar.

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0510		1	250445H	OP BEN observed bright lights at XD 939539. A 105mm artillery mission was fired, four (4) WP and 12 HE, with good target coverage. The lights went out. The area will be kept under observation.		S-F, 4th Mar.
0800		2	250730H	OP BEN found trail complex leading to likely enemy OP. Grass was matted down as evidence of enemy activity. OP located at position plotted as on call target. H & I fire planned.		S-F, 4th Mar.
1400		3	251255H	OP BEN at XD 958533 observed what appeared to be two (2) large wooden boxes lying on a well worn trail. M48 tanks delivered five (5) rounds direct fire 90mm and 105's fired four (4) rounds HE with good coverage. Boxes were destroyed, no secondary explosions.		S-F, 4th Mar.
2220		4	252220H	Co L patrol while moving to ambush site heard heavy movement 50 meters direct front at XD 963540. Small arms and M79 were fired. An 81mm mortar mission was called and fired 11 HE and four (4) WP, with good coverage, results unknown. Pulled back to Co M's patrol position and set up with them for the remainder of the evening.		S-F, 4th Mar.

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
1010		1	270940H	Company L patrol while clearing the side of the road found one (1) case of AP (USA) mines, five (5) ft. off the road. Case was old and opened, no mines were missing from the case. The case was blown in place, at XD 979514		S-F, 4th Mar
1150		2	270940H	Recon patrol AMANDC made contact with approximately three (3) to five (5) NVA wearing dark green uniforms and bush hats, armed with automatic weapons, at XD 961537 moving towards XD 961540. AMANDA broke contact and pulled back to OP BEN. An 81mm mortar mission was called in firing two (2) WP and 18 HE at XD 961537 and at XD 961540 fired three (3) WP and 18 HE plus 48 rounds of 40mm. Excellent coverage of area with unknown results.		S-F, 4th Mar
1155		3	271015H	BRAVO Command Group received one (1) round of small arms fire at YD 012454. The round appeared to come from the south and was probably fired by a U. S. Army gunship.		S-F, 4th Mar
1411		4	271411H	Two (2) U. S. Army resupply convoys passed through THON SON LAM on Route #9 to CA LU Combat Operating Base.		S-F, 4th Mar
1450		5	271450H	3/9 resupply convoy arrived THON SON LAM		S-F, 4th Mar
1650		6	271605H	3/9 resupply convoy departed THON SON LAM		S-F, 4th Mar
1620		7	271620H	Resupply convoy from CA LU passed thru THON SON LAM enroute to DONG HA.		S-F, 4th Mar
1655		8	271655H	Resupply convoy from CA LU passed thru THON SON LAM enroute to DONG HA		S-F, 4th Mar

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IN	OUT				
1236		1	281236H	Chop OPCON of CA LU Combat Operating Base to 2/1.	S-F, 4th Mar
1300		2	281300H	Resupply convoy passed through THON SON LAM on Route #9 to CA LU Combat Operating Base.	S-F, 4th Mar
1510		3	281510H	BRAVO Command Group arrived at THON SON LAM	S-F, 4th Mar
1619		4	281500H	Company I, at XD 982546, fragmentation grenade of unknown origin exploded in an area being cleared by burning. One (1) serious and two (2) minor WIA resulted. Investigating officer appointed	S-F, 4th Mar
1725		5	281725H	Company I helilifted for operation at YD 1454.	S-F, 4th Mar
1740		6	281740H	3/9 ALPHA Command Group helilifted for operation in the vicinity of YD 1454.	S-F, 4th Mar
1815		7	281815H	3/9 ALPHA Command Group relieved 2/9 BRAVO Command Group.	S-F, 4th Mar
1825		8	281825H	Frag order for 29 March 1968. At 290700H conduct road sweep south along Route #9 to the 50 grid line. Maintain a reaction platoon on 15 minute standby.	
1855		9	281855H	OP BEN received one (1) round small arms harassing fire from the vicinity of XD 967545. Area being kept under surveillance	S-F, 4th Mar
1900		10	281900H	One (1) routine medevac from THON SON LAM, Marine had fever of unknown origin.	S-F, 4th Mar
2250		11	281700H	2/9 chopped OPCON Company K to 3/9.	S-F, 4th Mar
2359		12	282355H	Company M, OP BEN (coord XD 969540) observed movement and a light at coord XD 950527. 40mm direct support mission and 81mm mortar mission of two (2) rounds WP and 26 HE fired with good coverage of target. Light was extinguished and movement ceased. Results unknown.	S-F, 4th Mar

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0230		1	290210H	Company M, OP WYN (coord XD 974538) observed light using Starlight Scope. 81mm mortar mission of four (4) rds WP, eight (8) rds HE, and one (1) rd illumination fired with good coverage on target. Light was extinguished. Area search with negative results.		S-F, 4th Mar
1320		2	291300H	ALPHA Command Group (coord YD 152528) found one (1) Chicom CH 10 AP mine placed in a tree and set to be command detonated with jerk wire from camouflaged position 15 meters up hill. Mine was disarmed and turned into S-2.		S-F, 4th Mar
1540		3	291437H	Company I (coord YD 151522) found 41 two (2) man bunkers and two (2) CP type bunkers. The CP bunkers had three (3) man thatched huts on top of them with fresh running water in the area. Captured material; four (4) pair sneakers, four (4) sets of under clothing, 50 AK 47 rds, two (2) Chicom grenades and two (2) packs. Documents captured, 12 3X3 cards with notes written on them, diaries, and propaganda pamphlets. Bunkers and huts destroyed, captured gear and documents returned to CP.		S-F, 4th Mar
2011		4	291925H	Company M, OP SUE (coord XD 986537) observed five (5) NVA/VC moving into tree line at coord XD 992520. 105mm artillery mission of two (2) rds WP and 16 rds HE fired with good coverage on target. Movement ceased.		S-F, 4th Mar

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0820		1	300810H	Company K observed 20 rds of 82mm mortar impacting at coord YD 135528. Enemy rds appeared to have been fired from a south westerly direction. There were no friendly units near area of impact	S-F, 4th Mar
1225		2	301210H	Company I (coord YD 143531) found 10 fighting holes that appear to be very old. They also found a trail to the NW that appears to have been used in the past three (3) to four (4) days. The holes were destroyed.	S-F, 4th Mar
1306		3	301258H	Company I (coord YD 143533) found four (4) bunkers, 3X2X5 ft., covered with dirt and camouflaged with dead trees. Bunkers appeared to be three (3) to four (4) days old. Bunkers were destroyed.	S-F, 4th Mar
1320		4	301259H	Company I (coord YD 147532) found one (1) fighting hole 3X5X3 ft. Hole appeared to be about one (1) month old. Hole destroyed.	S-F, 4th Mar
1345		5	301336H	Company I (coord YD 144533) found caved in bunker that appeared to be five (5) to six (6) months old. Bunker destroyed.	S-F, 4th Mar
1414		6	301359H	Company I (coord YD 146533) found trail running southwest and a fighting hole 2 1/2 X 2 1/2 ft. approximately two (2) weeks old. Fighting hole was destroyed.	S-F, 4th Mar
1610		7	301600H	3/9 Battalion (-) sweep found at coord YD 134535 and enemy base camp with 20 living bunkers, cooking facilities, clothes lines, washing area, and observation tower in trees - sector of observation 170° - 300°. Destroyed bunkers, tower and burned the area. Also found in area was six (6) NVA Packs, canteens, NVA Rations, one (1) Chicon grenade, one (1) M18A1 AP mine (US), and one (1) sugar bag inscribed with "Donated by the People of the U. S."	S-F, 4th Mar

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