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 (2) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force  
 (3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

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Encl: (1) Command Chronology 1 - 30 November 1968  
 (2) S-3 Journals

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 November to 30 November 1968

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3d Battalion, 9th Marines

LtCol E R. LAINE Jr.  
1 - 30 November 1968SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&amp;S Company

1stLt W B. SCHULTZ  
1 - 30 November 1968

Company "I"

Capt J.V. ARROYO  
1 - 30 November 1968

Company "K"

Capt J.W. SCHAFER  
1 - 8 November 1968  
1stLt R.A. RENA  
9 - 30 November 1968

Company "L"

1stLt R.C. BENFATTI  
1 - 30 November 1968

Company "M"

Capt T.F. HINKLE  
1 - 30 November 1968ATTACHED UNITS

F Battery, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines

Company C, 3d Engineer Battalion

Company C 3d Shore Party Battalion

Company A, 3d Motor Transport Battalion

2. LOCATION

1-11 November 1968 - Vandergrift Combat Base, Quang Tri Province RVN

11-30 November 1968 - Fire Support Base, TUN TAVERN, Quang Tri Province  
RVN3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj A.L. FINK  
1 - 30 November 1968

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1stLt E.H. MEYER Jr.  
1 - 30 November 1968**UNCLASSIFIED**

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2dLt L. E. HMBLIN  
1 - 30 November 1968

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Maj J. C. WILSON  
1 - 30 November 1968

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1stLt R. A. ARENA  
1 - 8 November 1968

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Capt J. J. BURGHART  
1 - 30 November 19684. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

## USMC

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
34	1143

## USN

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
2	45

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period of 1 - 30 November 1968 3d Battalion, 9th Marines participated in operations in the Quan Cam Lo and Quan Ba Long Districts located within the 3d Division Area of Operations.

On 1 November 1968 Alpha Command, Company "I" and Company "L" were located at Vandegrift Combat Base. Company "I" was assigned to provide security for Ca Lu Base. On 4 November 3d Battalion, 9th Marines received Frag Order #117-68 to continue assigned mission and on order be prepared to establish a fire support base 8000 meters from Fire Support Base Mink located at coordinates YD 059328.

On 4 November 1968 a patrol from Company "L" conducted a search of the Long Cat Montagnard village and a Vietnamese village, both are located in vicinity of coordinates YD 0344. The Vietnamese village name given was Dinh Dien Phu Thanh. People in both villages were very friendly. The village chief at Long Cat, personally escorted the patrol during the search. At the village of Dinh Dien Phu Thanh two village elders escorted the patrol, due to absence of the village chief, who was away on business trip to Cam Lo. Nothing was found in either village to indicate the presence of NVA or V.C. in the area.

On 8 November 1968 Company "L" conducted a helicopter assault to new position at coordinates YD059328, their mission was to secure Hill 512 and construct Fire Support Base Tun Tavern.

On 11 November 1968 Alpha Command Group and three rifle companies conducted a helicopter assault to new positions east of Fire Support Base

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Tun Tavern. Their mission was to conduct detailed clearing operations in assigned area of operations and seek, kill or capture the enemy, his supplies and facilities.

### PART III

#### SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

##### 1 FMF organization committed to combat

###### a. Combat mission assigned

(1) Provide security force for defense of Vandegrift Combat Base and assign one rifle company to conduct patrols in vicinity of Ca Lu Base

(2) To conduct a heliborne assault in the SCOTLAND II AO and secure Hill 512. Upon securing and clearing the area, establish a fire support base for continuation of Operation SCOTLAND II 'FTON.

(3) Conduct heliborne assault into multiple landing zones east of FSB TUN TAVERN and conduct detailed clearing operations, seek, kill or capture the enemy, his supplies and facilities.

###### b. Significant operations conducted

(1) Operation SCOTLAND II 'FTON/D 'SON RIVER 'FTON

###### c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy

(1) KIA (confirmed) 1

###### d. Casualties sustained

KIA None

WIA 1 USMC Off 1 USMC Enl.

###### e. New techniques employed - None

f. Command relations with all supporting units, coordination and assistance received at all levels was excellent.

g. Equipment During this period there were no serious problems with equipment and normal Marine Corps issue was sufficient in all respects with the exception of the following items, which are in short supply at battalion level wristwatches and bayonets.

h. Logistics. Support received during this period was adequate to support operations.

i. Civil Action None

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j Administration There were no administrative difficulties encountered during this period

k Personnel. Replacement personnel have been available in sufficient quantities to maintain the Battalion strength at a satisfactory level

# 1. Intelligence

## (1) Weather

(a) Temperature - the average high for the month was 80-85 degrees fahrenheit. The mean minimum temperature ranged between 70-75 degrees fahrenheit

(b) Winds - During the month of November winds were mostly from the east-northeast at an average of 5 to 10 knots per hour.

(c) Precipitation - The precipitation was greatest during the middle of the month. The accumulated amount was 4-6 inches

(d) Humidity - The relative humidity averaged 83%

(e) Clouds - Cloudiness increased after the first part of the month. Clouds were broken to scattered at 500 ft The sun shown through, 7 out of ten days

(f) Visibility - Visibility averaged 6-8 miles except during the early morning hours.

## (2) Terrain

(a) The terrain within the TAOR has heavy brush and undergrowth. The mountains and hills range from gradual sloping hills to sheer cliffs. Because of the thick undergrowth and steep slopes, movement of troops is quite difficult at times.

(b) The dominant river in the TAOR is the D. Krong River. There are, also, numerous small seasonal streams, which run fast and clear.

(c) Villages - Many villages have been found in the TAOR, mostly unoccupied. Villages are believed to be of the Montagnard type.

(d) Observation and Fields of Fire - The thick undergrowth and steep slopes severely hamper fields of fire and observation

(e) Cover and Concealment - Cover and concealment in the TAOR is excellent due to the thick undergrowth.

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(f) Obstacles - The major obstacle for foot troops is the thick undergrowth, which in some parts is almost impenetrable. Because of the steepness in mountains area, movement for foot troops is very difficult.

(g) Helicopter landing zones - Landing zones in the Battalion's TAOR are as follows

BOUGAINVILLE	YD025377	1 - CH46
CONSTITUTION	YD019363	1 - CH46
LANGLEY	YD025354	1 - CH46
TICONDEROGA	YD039353	1 - CH46
IDAHO	YD171320	1 - CH46
MIAMI	YD155337	1 - CH46
TUN T'VERN	YD059328	1 - CH46
DUM FIRES	YD096334	1 - CH46
NUTMEG	YD114303	1 - CH46

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### (3) Enemy

(a) Enemy situation - The enemy appears to have pulled out his main forces, leaving behind three and four man elements scattered in the Battalion's area of operations

(b) Enemy activity - The enemy was observed on several occasions but only in two and three man groups. Sightings were at long range and very little contact was made during this period.

m. Communications The Communications Platoon continued to provide support for the Battalion with no difficulties, however, there is a shortage in modules and H-189 Handsets for the PRC-25 radios.

### n. Fire Support

(1) The 2d Battalion, 12th Marines fired in support of the Battalion during this period.

(2) A total of 1315 rounds were fired in support of the Battalion, 50 missions were observed. In addition, 376 preparatory missions were fired with a total of 12,989 rounds and 672 H&S/T O.T. missions with a total of 4,995 rounds.

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o. Air Support A detailed breakdown of missions flown in support of the Battalion are as listed below

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SORTIES OF FLIGHTS</u>
Helicopter Troop Lifts	172
Helicopter Resupply	212
Helicopter Admin Lifts	56
Helicopter VIP Lifts	15
Helicopter VR Lifts	29
Helicopter Medevac Lifts	15
Aerial Observer	34
Fixed Wing	29
Flareship	1
Zippo Team	3
Gunships	34
TPQs	32

p. Chaplain

(1) Divine Services - Protestant

(a) Number of services 8

(c) Total attendance 112

(2) Divine Services - Catholic

(a) Number of services 3

(b) Total attendance 72

(3) Significant Events

(a) Counselling interviews held - 14

(b) Eight letters were written on behalf of the Battalion

(c) Twenty-six food packages were received and distributed to field personnel

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g. Medical

- (1) The medical status of this Battalion is presently satisfactory.
- (2) A total of 820 visits were made to sick call this month
- (3) Medical supplies have greatly improved since the last report.

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010001 November 012400 November 1968

TIME IN , OUT	SER NO	DATE TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
		010001H	Journal Opened	
	1	010700H	Co I was assigned base security of CA LU COMBAT BASE..	S-Regt
	2	011000H	A Rein Plt. from Co L commenced their helilift to VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE	S-Regt
	3	011130H	Co L Plt. completed their lift to VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE.	S-Regt
	4	012000H	3/9 Night position CP, Co I, Co L at VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE.	S-Regt
		012400H	Journal Closed	

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020001 November 022400 November 1968

TIME		SERIAL NO	DATE TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
			022400H	Journal Opened	
		1	021800H	3/9 night position: CP and Co L at VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE, Co I at CA LU COMBAT BASE.	S-Regt
			022400H	Journal Closed	

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FROM (DATE &amp; HOUR) TO (DATE &amp; HOUR)

030001 November 032400 November 1968

TIME IN OUT	SER NO	DATE TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
		030001H	Journal Opened	
	1	031800H	3/9 night position CP and Co L at VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE and Co I at CA LU COMBAT BASE.	S-Regt
	2	032000H	Received message from 9th Marine Regiment. Be on alert for large scale attack from 032000H to 040700H. Insure alertness.	S-Regt
	3	032217H	All units were instructed to set alert condition yellow by 9th Marine Regiment.	S-Regt
	4	032320H	9th Marine Regiment has instructed all units to set alert condition orange, enemy attack expected within 72 hours. Observation towers and perimeters, positions manned by a minimum of four men. 50% alert, increase internal security reaction force 15 minute stand-by.	S-Regt
		032400H	Journal Closed	

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040001 November 042400 November 1968

TIME IN , OUT	SER NO	DATE TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
		040001H	Journal Opened	
	1	040130H	Co I at coord XD965461 heard movement outside perimeter wire in thick underbrush. Fired two rounds M-79 with unknown results. Will search area at first light.	S-Regt
	2	040810H	Co I at coord XD976474 searched area of last night's movement with neg. results.	S-Regt
	3	040810H	Received the following message from 9th Marine Regiment. All units return to condition white.	S-Regt
	4	040918H	Received Frag Order #117-68. Continue assigned mission, on order, be prepared to establish an F. S. B. within 8,000 meters of F.S.B. Mink, tentatively at coord YD059328. On order, conduct a heloborne assault into assigned AO to conduct detailed clearing operation, to seek out and kill or capture the enemy, his supply facilities and loc's with special emphasis on regimental objectives C coord YD0833 and D coord YD0932.	S-Regt
	4	041530H	Co I of 3/4 became OpCon to 3/9.	S-Regt
	5	041630H	Co L at coord YD025485 a patrol from Co L searched the montagnard village of LANG CAT. The village chief was named CHA VAN, and appeared delighted to have the village searched. Approx. 120 houses in the village with 700 people, every 2 or 3 huts had a rein bunker. Chief stated all young men worked in the fields	

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			<p>or at U.S. trash dumps, also he stated no V.C. or NVA ever visited his village. The chief also requested medical aid. At Village VINH DIEN PHU THANH, a Vietnamese village, two elders, HOANG HOU THOUC and LE NGHI escorted patrol in search of village, they said village chief HA DOAN, was in CAM LO with District chief. Approx 100 houses and 500 people, all appeared very friendly and happy to have their houses searched. Elders stated about 10 young men in village, rest with ARVN's. Each family has bunkers, some fortified with metal sidings, elders deny any VC or NVA ever come to village, said it was two years ago when last VC were there. The two villages are approx 500 meters apart, and the vietnamese and Montagnards appear to be friendly with each other. After search of both villages nothing indicated the presence of NVA or VC in area.</p>	
	6	041700H	3/9 night posits. CP and Co L at VANDERGRIFF COMBAT BASE AND CO I at CA LU COMBAT BASE.	S-Regt
		042400H	Journal Closed	

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TIME IN , OUT	SER NO	DATE TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
		050001H	Journal Opened	
	1	051800H	3/9 night posits. CP and Co L at VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE and Co I at CA LU COMBAT BASE and Co I 3/4 VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE	S-Regt
		052400H	Journal Closed	

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060001 November 062400 November 1968

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO	DATE TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
			060001H	Journal Opened	
		1	061600H	Co I 3/4 was chopped back to 3/4.	S-Regt
		2	061800H	3/9 night posits CP, Co I, Co L and Co K at VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE.	S-Regt
			062400H	Journal Closed	



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070001 November 072400 November 1968

TIME		SER NO	DATE TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
			070001H	Journal Opened	S-Regt
1			071525H	Co M returned OpCon to 3/9.	
2			071800H	3/9 night posits At VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE	
			072400H	Journal Closed	

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080001 November 082400 November 1968

TIME IN . OUT	SER NO	DATE TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
		080001H	Journal Opened	
	1	081050H	Co L conducted helolift to new posit at coord YD059328.	S-Regt
	2	081245H	Co K at VAN DEGRIFT COMBAT BASE reported one man, service number 2405556, appears to have shot self in head, while allegedly playing Russian Roulette. The weapon was a 38 revolver. S I.R. being completed by 3/9 rear, investigating officer being requested. one NBC killed.	S-Regt
	3	081800H	3/9 night posits CP, Co M, Co I and Co K at VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE. Co L at coord YD059328.	S-Regt
		082400H	Journal Closed	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO	DATE TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
			090001H	Journal Opened	
		1	091800H	3/9 night posits CP, Co I, Co K, Co M at VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE. Co L at coord YD059328.	S-Regt
			092400H	Journal Closed	

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FROM (DATE & HOUR) TO (DATE & HOUR)

100001 November 102400 November 1968

TIME IN , OUT	SER NO	DATE TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
		100001H	Journal Opened	
	1	101800H	3/9 night posits. CP, Co I, Co K, Co M at VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE. Co L at coord YD059328.	S-Regt
		102400H	Journal Closed	

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110001 November 112400 November 1968

TIME IN . OUT	SER NO	DATE TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
		110001H	Journal Opened	
	1	110900H	3/9 commenced heloborn assault to new posit.	S-Regt
	2	111100H	Co K at coord YD036361 received five rounds incoming automatic small arms. Ran gunship strike, fixed wing requested, arty mission called. Returning small arms and M-79. Helolift has terminated until enemy fire has been suppressed.	S-Regt
	3	111115H	Co K at coord YD036361 received 12 rounds incoming 60mm mortar from unknown posit. Continuing to run fixed wing strikes, and firing arty mission.	S-Regt
	4	111330H	Co L at coord YD059327 reports one fixed wing aircraft went down in the YD0137 grid square, azimuth 335 degrees from Co L's posit. AO has posit where one chute was seen entering canopy. No other chutes sighted by Co L.	S-Regt
	5	111430H	3/9 completed helo borne assault to new posit coord YD056351.	S-Regt
	6	111700H	CG task force hotel and party visited this posit.	S-Regt
	7	111754H	Co K at coord YD043363 received 17 rounds 60mm mortar fire. Fired arty mission, 81mm mortars, 60mm mortars and requested AO. one WIA non-evac	S-Regt

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TIME IN , OUT	SER NO	DATE TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
	8	111920H	Co K at coord YD039361 on initial landing at 111115H Co K received automatic weapons fire and 12 rounds of 60mm mortar incoming. At 111754H Co K received 17 rounds 60mm fire incoming. Gun ships, 81mm mortars, fixed wing, arty, and 60mm mortars returned fire. Will search area at first light.	S-Regt
	9	111950H	Co I at coord YD056347 found one house 13'x8' with tached roof. Inside house found one pair NVA shorts covered with blood, Blood appeared approx month old Also found one quiver with 25 arrows for cross bow. Behind the house found one bunker with grass cover. Found a trail running east to west, no signs of recent use. Trail was searched for 75 meters in either direction, will be exploited tomorrow. At coord YD057352 found one fighting hole approx 2 months old, fighting hole 5 meters off of trail.	S-Regt
	10	112000H	3/9 night posits CP & Co I YD056351, Co K YD039361, Co L YD058327, Co M YD068324.	S-Regt
		112400H	Journal Closed	

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TIME IN , OUT	SIR NO	DATE TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
	1	120001H	Journal Opened	
	1	120900H	Co K at coord YD041361 found three old empty 82mm mortar boxes and one canvas bag which may have been used to carry mortar rounds. This gear was found inside a covered hootch. Searched area further with neg results.	S-Regt
	2	121115H	Co I at coord YD052348 found one old narrow trail running north-west on east side of stream found fence four and one half foot high, 200 meters by 200 meters around a potato patch. Also found four cases of bloody torn NVA shirts approx two weeks old in the potato patch. A trip wire leading to a ringing signal device was found on the gate of the fence. Destroyed tripwire and signal device, continuing search of area.	S-Regt
	3	121150H	Co K at coord YD034367 found NVA perimeter of eight fighting holes and remnants of small camp fires, none of which had been recently used. Continuing to search area.	S-Regt
	4	121250H	3/9 CP and 106 mm recoilless rifle Plt. commenced helolift to FSB TUN TAVERN at coord YD058327.	S-Regt
	5	121315H	3/9 completed helolift to new pos. sit.	S-Regt

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	6	121340H	Co I at coord YD050350 found trail running west to east used approx one week ago, on trail found one bamboo house 8'x6'x9', built 5 feet above ground, inside house found three rope hammocks, eight foot bamboo spear with metal head, two pair tennis shoes and one pair rubber thongs. destroyed all gear.	S-Regt
	7	121451H	Received Frag Order #118-68 Continue assigned mission. Concentrate operations in vicinity of Co K's recent contact to thoroughly clear area of enemy forces.	S-Regt
	8	121505H	Co I at coord YD045349 found one hootch, 10 meters off trail, hootch was 10'x10'x12' with wooden roof. Hootch elevated 3' off deck appeared to have been occupied in past month, three sleeping mats, 10 lbs rice in basket, 10 lbs. of corn on cob, 3-18" steel bush knives, under floor of hootch was hole 3'x2'x2'. Continuing search of area.	S-Regt
	9	121630H	Co A at coord YD043374 found enemy base camp of nine living hootches 20'x30' with bunk beds, five reinforced bunkers 10'x10', one, two story CP hootch, six fighting holes with connecting trench line, four 122mm rockets (two of which were in canvas bags) rockets appeared to be approx. three months old. Also found	

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TIME IN , OUT	SIR NO	DATE TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
			Continued mm 2 cans of 82 mortar increments, 1 NVA. canteen and cup and 2 woven bamboo baskets. Continuing to search area Blew rockets in place Destroyed bunkers and burned huts to ground.	
10		121800	Co. I at coord. 043 350 found 1 burned out vill in area 75x 100 meters. Vill appeared to have been burned approx. 6 mon- ths ago. Among the ashes there were unidentifiable peices of clothing and pottery. On the south edge found 3 caves, 10 meters apart On the north side of the river 3 additional caves, were found. Caves were 15x5x10 dug under boulders. In searching caves found 14 woven bamboo baskets, 2 fishing nets 30x30, 1-1 in. diameter metal stove w/3 legs, 12 ears of corn, 3 utility shirts (U.S. type), 1 air mat (U S type), 1 plastic canteen (U.S type), 1 leather tobacco pouch(N V A. type), 3 sets of documents believed to be V C. Ident. papers. Documents will be forwarded to 9th Marines.	S-Regt
		11 121900	3/9 night posits. CP.& Co. L- 058 327 Co. I-81mm mortar plt. 056 351 Co. M- 052 324 Co. K- 039 361	S-Regt
12		122400	Journal Closed	

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130001 November 132400 November 196

TIME IN	OUT	DATE NOV 196	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
		5 131245H	Co L at coord YD064335 found area where trees are recently cut along sides of trail running in a NE direction of a 40-50 degree azimuth. Trail had fresh NVA type sneaker prints on it. Continuing to search area.	S-Regt
		6 131700H	CG Provincial Corps Vietnam and party visited this position.	S-Regt
		7 131800H	3/9 night positions CP & L Co 058327 81mm Mortar Plt & ICo 056351 M Co 052324 K Co 039361	S-Regt
		132400H	Journal Closed	
		140001H	Journal Opened	
		1 140800H	Co I commenced an attack from last nights position overland to a position at coord YD-034357 .	S-Regt
		2 140830H	Co K commenced an attack from last nights position overland to a position at coord YD-026368.	S-Regt
		3 140930H	Co M & 81mm Mortar Plt conducted a helo borne assault from last nights position to a position at coord YD034386.	S-Regt

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	4	140930H	Co L at coord YD059325 found two NVA fighting holes 1 covered, and 1 in process of being covered. Also found fresh trail with NVA type boot prints that appeared to be approx 1 day old. Continuing to search area.	S-Regt
	5	141100H	CG Task Force Hotel and party visited this position.	S-Regt
	6	141600H	Co K arrived at new Position.	S-Regt
	7	141630H	Co I arrived at their new position.	S-Regt
	8	141700H	CG Third Mar Div and party visited this position.	S-Regt
	9	141715H	Co K at coord YD018366 enemy coord YD023363 sighted 3 NVA in open. Firing small arms, 60mm mortar, calling arty mission.	S-Regt
	10	141730H	Co K at coord YD018367 enemy coord YD023363 sighted 2 additional NVA for total of 5, 1 carrying mortar tube, NVA dressed in brown shirts & black shorts. Fired small arms, 60mm mortars & arty mission with good target coverage. 1 NVA KIA confirmed	S-Regt
	11	141800H	3/9 night positions CP & Co L 050327 Co I 038354 Co M 025378 Co K 018366	S-Regt
		142400H	Journal Closed	

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		150001H	Journal Opened	
1		151600H	Co K at coord YD009369 found large cave, containing 10 beds, cooking utensils. Kit Carsen Scouts said they are of mountagnard origin. Will conduct extensive search tomorrow.	S-Regt
2		151600H	CO M at coord YD025374 found what appeared to be a storage bunker measuring 50'x30'x12', with an entrance trench 16'x4' tapering from ground level to 12' deep. Adjacent to trench was a fighting hole 3'x8'x4'. Bunker & fighting hole were not covered and appeared to be several months old. There was a trail leading from bunker at 200 degree azimuth that had not been used recently.	S-Regt
3		151800H	3/9 night positions CP & L 058327 Co I 038354 Co M 026376 Co K 017367	S-Regt
		152400H	Journal Closed	

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	160001H	Journal Opened	
1	160400H	Co L at coord YD069328 while firing H&I fire with 60mm mortar using Lot# SRD 500-7-F1, Co L had one round fall short, landing near lines, one person had small pieces of shrapnel in lower right leg. Individual is a routine NBC medevac. Stopped H&I fire, incident will be investigated. There was an additional routine medevac from Battery Fox 212 Four Duce.	S-Regt
2	161030H	Co K (reference Co K YD151600) at coord YD014369 found (at above corrected position) 1 Chinese carbine, 1 SKS 50, 1-122mm rocket cannister and some documents. Continuing search of area.	S-Regt
3	161500H	Received frag order# 119-68. Continue assigned mission. Commence planning for operations in southern CP AG, portion of AO	S-Regt
4	161535H	3/9 CP commenced helo lift to Co M position.	S-Regt
5	161613H	3/9 CP completed helo left to new position.	S-Regt

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	6 161620H	3/9 CP at coord YD026376 after completing 3/9 helo lift, one of the lift CH-46 circled this position and fired approx 50 rounds from 50 cal machine gun. Pilot claimed to have received ground fire from vicinity at YD030370 grid. Co M had a platoon size patrol at coord YD031374. At 161800 when aircraft returned to complete lift, they reported the enemy position to be coord YD023378. No one at this position or on the patrol, heard any ground fire. It is considered dangerous for helicopters to fire into an area without first obtaining disposition of friendly troops. Side number was not copied. Two lift helos were from HMM-161	S-Regt
	7 161700H	CG Third Marine Division and party visited Co K position.	S-Regt
	8 162000H	Co K at coord YD014369 (reference Co K YD161030) found additional documents, 4 US canteens, several rounds of small arms for AK-47, M-1, M-16, M-60 machine gun. Also pictures and sketches were made of writings on wall of cave.	S-Regt

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		8 162100H	3/9 night positions CP and Co M 026384 Co K 017367 Co I 079346 Co L 058327	S-Regt
		162400H	Journal Closed	
		170001H	Journal Opened	
		1 170730H	Co K departed their last night's position to attack to coord YD999373.	S-Regt
		2 170800H	Co I departed their last night's position to attack to coord YD022355.	S-Regt
		3 170900H	Co M departed their last night's position to attack to coord YD998382.	S-Regt
		4 171100H	CO 9th Marines visited this position (and party).	S-Regt
		5 171500H	Co I arrived at coord YD024354.	S-Regt
		6 171600H	Co M arrived at coord YD997382.	S-Regt
		7 171615H	Co K arrived at coord YD998374.	S-Regt

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		8 171630H	Spot report follow up and final ref 151600 after thorough search of caves. Co K found additional documents, 4 US canteens, several rounds of s/a ammo for AK-47, M-1, M-16 and M-60 machine gun. Also pictures and sketches of writing on cave walls were made.	S-Regt
		9 171045H	Spot report initial and final at coord YD026376. 3/9 CP heard a 50. cal. machine gun firing. It was also heard by Co K at coord YD998354 and by Co M at coord YD998382. Firing came from vic of YD986364. There were no helicopters in area. Delta Btry 2/12 did not shoot from FSB Mink. It was not determined where rounds were impacting.	S-Regt
		10 172100H	3/9 night positions CP 026384 Co M 998382 Co I 022355 Co K 999373 Co L 058327	S-Regt
		11 172400H	Journal Closed	



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		180001H	Journal Opened	
	1	181830H	Cumulative and final spot report. Co I at coord YD020362 found 2 caves and 1 hootch made of bamboo. At coord YD020364 found 1 bamboo hootch built 8 feet off ground. At coord YD021364 found 3 traps made of logs, bamboo and vines. At coord YD993382 Co M found 2 fighting holes and a suspension bridge made of vines running across stream. At coord YD001384 found a trench line 30 feet long 3ft wide and 4ft deep, 1 fighting hole and the remains of 3 hootches, also found 1 piece of green comm wire, 2 small medicine bottles, 1 BA-30 battery (foreign made). All positions and items appeared to be from 1-2 years old and there was no sign of recent activity in area.	S-Regt
	2	182120H	Spot report initial and final. Co M at coord YD994385 found 10-15 fresh cut trees, approx 20 meters apart along side of trail. Also found 1 tree approx 10 feet tall which had a vine ladder going up to the top, possible use as an OP. At coord YD989383 found remains of 5 cultivated sweet potatoe fields, 9 uncovered fighting holes, 1 155mm arty dud that was marked with vines. Also found 1 NVA ponch, 1 pair NVA shoes 1 leather pouch. All of the above appeared to be approx 1 year old. All gear was destroyed by demo	S-Regt

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		3 182200H	3/9 night positions CP 026384 Co M 998382 Co I 022355 Co K 999373 Co L 058327	S-Regt
		182400H	Journal Closed	
		190001H	Journal Opened 190001 Nov 192400 Nov 1968	
1		190900H	Co I began heliborne assault to vicinity of YD068324.	S-Regt
2		190925H	Co I completed heliborne assault and proceeded overland to vicinity of YD085306.	S-Regt
3		191300H	Co K commenced move to Co M's position at vicinity of YD998382.	S-Regt
4		191400H	Co K arrived at Co M's position.	S-Regt
5		191530H	Co I arrived at their night position at coord YD991311.	S-Regt
6		191700H	CO 9th Marines visited CP 3/9 at position coord YD026384.	S-Regt
7		192000H	3/9 night position CP 026384 Co L 058327 Co K 998382 Co I 991311 Co M 998382	S-Regt
		192400H	Journal Closed	

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		200001H	Journal Opened	
1		200940H	3/9 CP began helilift to Co K position at coord YD058327.	
2		200950H	3/9 CP completed helilift to Co K position.	
3		201050H	Co K and 106 plt began helilift to vicinity YD116324.	
4		201135H	Co K and 106 plt completed helilift.	
5		201140H	Co M began helilift to vicinity YD116324.	
6		201200H	3/9 assumed OPCON of Co A 1/9.	
7		201235H	3/9 81 <sup>MM</sup> plt began helilift to vicinity of YD116324.	
8		201245H	3/9 81mm plt completed helilift.	
9		201255H	Co M completed helilift. And began to move overland to vicinity of YD115303.	
10		201600H	Co M arrived at night position vicinity of YD125317.	
11		201700H	C.G. TASK FORCE HOTEL visited 3/9 position.	

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	12	201745H	<p>Spot report Initial</p> <p>At coord 126317 Co M found 1 US type helmet, 1 pair NVA trousers, 1 NVA shirt, 10 BA-386 batteries and parts of other batteries, 1 NVA arm band, 2 destroyed USMC type message books, some hootch frames belived to have been built for the NVA by Montagnards, many C- ration cans throughout the area. At coord YD126309 found 1 M-1 carbine magazine and pouch, 1 NVA first aid pouch, 16 woven baskets, 9 assorted brass pots, 1 NVA canteen pouch, 4 rds 7.62 ammo (SKS-type), 4 projectiles of various size, 7 Montagnard huts, 1 set of ARVN utilities, 1 pr US type jungle trousers, 2 Montagnard swords, 1 lb metal suit case, 1 NVA notebook containing names of people working for NVA between 1962 and 1964, 1 letter from an NVA troopers home, 1 NVA womens blouse, assorted Montagnard clothing and assorted NVA documents. Will search area thoroughly tomorrow, destroy vill and gear. Will forward documents to 9th Marines S-2.</p>	

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		13 202100H	3/9 night positions CP 058327 Co L 058327 Co M 125317 Co K 116324 Co I 991311 81 Plt 116324 106 Plt 116324 Co A 1/9 144334	S-Regt
		202400H	Journal Closed	
		210001H	Journal Opened 210001 Nov 212400 Nov 1968	
	1	210945H	Co I at coord YD032298 while following trail at this position found 1 hootch, built 4 feet off deck. Hootch was 20'x10'x5'. Also found 1 meal grinder, 5 baskets, 4 water jugs, 1 gray shirt, assorted eating utensils, garden with local vegetables, 1 NVA canteen, 1 belt, 1 bamboo sleeping pad, 1 axe, 3 bush knives, 5lbs tobacco, 1 plastic jungle hat, 5 locks of human hair-10 inches long. 1 bunker 6'x6'x4'. Area appeared to have been occupied in past 2 days. destroyed all gear and hootch.	S-Regt
	2	211100H	Co I at coord YD080300 found 1 hootch approx 12'x8'x5', with 1 bunker 4'x5'x5', 7 bamboo baskets, 5 water jugs, 3 shirts, 1 fish net, 25 foot vine rope. area appeared to have been occupied in past 2 days. Destroyed hootch and gear.	S-Regt

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		3 211130H	Co K at coord YD127517 completed search of village found by Co M ( ref 201745 Co M ) yesterday. Destroyed village by burning.	S-Regt
		4 211200H	3/9 chepped OPCON of Co A 1/9 to 9th Marine Regiment.	S-Regt
		5 211545H	Co K at coord YD113523 found village of 2 hootches, 1 bunker and 1 bunker under construction. Also found 224 rounds of 7.62, 22 rounds of 7.62 long, 1 roll of gauze, 1 pair NVA sandals, 5 lbs of rice. Also heard dog barking in area. Searched area further with negative results.	S-Regt
		6 211600H	Co I at coord YD079301 found 2 observation positions, 30 meters apart in trees that were 3 feet in diameter and 50 to 60 feet above ground. Trees had bamboo leading to top. OP consisted of bamboo platform and had command view of valley floor. Destroyed both OP's.	S-Regt
		7 211700H	3/9 night positions CP and Co L 058326 Co K and 81mm 124521 mortar Plt, 106's 124521 Plt 124521 Co M 119504 Co I 091299	S-Regt
		212400H	Journal Closed	

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		220001H	Journal Opened	
	1	221030H	Co I commenced helilift from last night's position to new position at coord YD124521.	S-Regt
	2	221055H	Co I completed helilift to new position.	S-Regt
	3	221055H	3/9 at coord YD090291 received a MAY DAY call from sea worthy (HUEY) 99-6 and said his aircraft was going down in vicinity of the above coord. 3/9 tactical air control officer offered assistance and was informed by another huey aircraft, seaworthy 99-5 that negative assistance was needed at this time. At 221110 a CH-46 aircraft from Squadron 161 HMM and a huey type sea worthy aircraft extracted all passengers, guns and radio equipment from the downed aircraft. A huey type sea worthy aircraft, 99-5 informed 3/9 air officer that if assistance was needed in the extracion of the downed aircraft that he would be informed of such.	S-Regt
	4	221700H	3/9 night positions CP and Co I 058326 Co I 104531 Co K 124521 81mm mortar Plt 124521 106mm RR Plt 124521 Co M 114302	S-Regt
		222400H	Journal Closed	

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		230001H	Journal Opened	
	1	230830H	Co I at coord YD103531 found a Marine Huey Gun Ship #153759, partially burned. 4 M-60 machine guns still in tact, appears to be nothing else of value on aircraft. Aircraft crashed approx 4-5 months ago. Co I remaining at crash scene as security. Landing zone approx 150 meters from crash site, LZ is secure, no evidence of bodies or personnel ID.	S-Regt
	2	231700H	3/9 night positions CP and Co L 058326 Co I 095334 Co K 124522 81mm mortar Plt 124522 106mm RR Plt 124522 Co M 114302	S-Regt
		232400H	Journal Closed	



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		240001H	Journal Opened	
	1	241015H	Co I at coord YD094531 observed approx 6 NVA at coord YD091330 moving in thick brush in a southerly direction up hill. Terrain and brush were too thick to observe if they had weapons. All had assorted dark grey clothing. Fired 60mm mission, requested arty mission.	S-Regt
	2	241605H	Co I at coord YD086537 found 2 bunkers 75 meters apart, 6 months old. Bunkers were 3'x5'x3' with log roof covered with dirt and natural camouflage. Bunkers had no apertures other than entrances at east and west ends. Found 1 bamboo frame, 8'x10' for a hootch between bunkers, frame approx 5 months old, hootch never completed. Found 1 basket type fish net, 1 clay water jug, 1 montagnard bush knife with 12" blade.	S-Regt
	3	241700H	CG 3rd Marine Division and CO 9th Marine Regiment and their parties visited this position.	S-Regt
	4	241800H	Co I at coord YD085539 found 3 hootches 15'x15'x8'. Search of hootches revealed the following: 1 pair USMC jungle boots, 1 pair NVA trousers, 2 montagnard shirts, 6 baskets and 5 pick heads. Hootches were 25 meters apart, last used about 3 months ago. Destroyed gear, searched area further with negative results.	S-Regt

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	5	241900H	3/9 night positions CP and Co L 058326 Co I 095334 Co M 114303 Co K 124522 81mm mortar Plt 124522 106mm RR Plt 124522	S-Regt
		242400H	Journal Closed	
		250001H	Journal Opened 250001 Nov 252400	Nov 1968
	1	251800H	3/9 night positions CP and Co L 058326 Co I 095334 Co M 114302 Co K 124521 81mm mortar Plt 124521 106mm RR Plt 124521	S-Regt
		252400H	Journal Closed	

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		260001H	Journal Opened	
	1	260800H	Co K, 81MM mortar plt and 106mm RR rifle plt began move to new position. At coord YD148316	S-Regt
	2	260800H	Co M began move to new position at coord YD143299.	S-Regt
		3261400H	Co M arrived at thier new position.	S-Regt
	4	261700H	C.G. TASK FORCE HOTEL visited 3/9 position.	S-Regt
	5	261900H	Co K, 81MM mortar plt and 106MM RR rifle plt arrived at thier new position	S-Regt
	6	26200H	3/9 night positions CP and Co L Co I Co M Co K 81MM mortar plt 106MM RR plt	S-Regt
		262400H	Journal Closed	

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		270001H	Journal opened	
	1	271301H	Received Frag Order 120-68 continue assigned mission.	S-Regt
	2	271350H	Co M at coord 140294 found 6 hootches, 1 24ft x 16ft., 1 12ft. x 12ft. 2 12ft x 18ft and two that had been destroyed by nature. Under 2 of the hootches were incoming holes 10ft.x4ft.x5ft. approx 6 months old, appeared to have been occupied within last 2 to 3 weeks. Also found 1 woven bamboo basket. All items were destroyed.	S-Regt
	3	271420H	Co K at coord 154312 found 1 covered bunker approx. 10ft.x20ft., 8 fighting holes forming a 360 perimeter, 3 old hootches. No positions were recently used. Found 1 area where grass had been cut away estimated 1 man load had been taken away. Along same trail found 15 fighting holes, 7 bunkers, most of which were caved in, 1 NVA 'E' TOOL, 25 water cans, 1 water bag, 2 Chi Com grenades that had been rigged as surprise fire devices, 1 pick head, 1 NVA gas mask, 2 old NVA batteries, 8 bottles of pills 1 blasting cap, 1 leather ammo pouch with 15 rds of 7.62 in good condition. Destroyed all gear and equipment with demo.	S-Regt

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		4 271615H	Co I at coord 097528 found 3 bam- boo hootches 15ftx3ftx10ft 4ft off ground, appeared to have been used in past 24hrs. Also found 5 bamboe sleeping mats, 12 woven baskets, 8 water gourds, 2 fishing poles, 2 NVA 60MM mortars, 1 fishing spear, 5 bammbae hats, 5 chickens 1 of which escaped. Destroyed all of above with demo.	S-Regt
		5 271620H	Co 1 at coord 102537 found a well used trail approx. 2 meters wide. From above position trail ran North West and North East. Will search and clear trail tomorrow.	S-Regt
		6 271700H	C.G. 3d Marine Division visited 3/9s position.	S-Regt
		7 272000H	3/9 night positions CP and Co L 058326 Co I 045334 Co M 142299 Co K 148317	
		272400H	Journal Closed	

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		280001H	Journal Opened	
	1	281015H	Co I at coord 103535 found 4 complete 122MM rockets, 3 57MM recoilless rifle rds. Ordinance was found scattered along trail. No positions or storage areas were found. Destroyed all of above with demo.	S-Regt
	2	281135H	Co I at coord 103536 found the following along side of trail. 1 bamboo lean to hootches, 10ft x 12ft x 14ft approx. 4 months old and in good condition. Hootches contained 127 60MM NVA mortar rds, 7 82MM mortar rds, 99 RPG-2 rds, 8 57MM recoilless rifle rds, 5 57MM recoilless rifle rds, 4 122MM mortar rds, 7 122MM rocket war heads and 1 82MM mortar rd of unknown type. Requested mine detectors. Landing zone at coord 104532 will be secured by 1400. Destroyed all ordinance with demo. will forward unknown type 82MM mortar rd to 9th Marines S-2. Continuing to search area.	S-Regt

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	3 281250H	Co I at coord YD101536 found on trail, three 2 story bunkers about 40 meters apart. Top story above ground was living area, bunkers for storage and fighting; all bunkers had tunnels 11'x15' leading back into hill-side and firing apertures. One bunker was 40'x15'x12', two were 20'x12'x8'. Area appeared to have been used last about 4 to 6 months ago. Continuing search of area.	S-Regt
	4 281530H	A platoon of Co I at coord YD100-535 found 11 fighting holes along both sides of trail. Holes approx 1 month old and 15 meters apart. Holes were 4'x3'x2'. Continuing search of area.	S-Regt
	5 281700H	3/9 night positions CP and Co L 058326 Co I 095334 Co M 142299 Co K 148317 81mm mortar Plt 148317 106mm RR Plt 148317 A Plt of Co K 148319	S-Regt
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		290001H	Journal Opened	
	1	291230H	Co I at coord YD101538 found a swinging bridge across stream, bridge was partially destroyed. Bridge was made of vines with bamboo decking, 20' long, 2' wide approx 5' above ground. Appeared 1 year old also found one 82mm mortar found. Destroyed bridge and found.	S-Regt
	2	291315H	Co I at coord YD107336 found a village approx 1 year old. Dimensions of hootches were; 2 hootches 30'x20'x12', 3 hootches were 10'x10'x8', 2 hootches were 25'x15'x10'. Area had been deserted approx 1 year ago.	S-Regt
	3	291515H	3/9 night positions CP and Co L 058326 Co I 095334 Co K 148317 81mm mortar Plt 148317 106mm RR Plt 148317 Co M 141299 A Plt of Co K 172319	S-Regt
	4	292000H	The following is the trail that has been checked by 3/9 units. From 100340 east of stream to 104332 to 111335 to 120330 to 130326 to stream at 147326. Will continue to check trail to east.	S-Regt
		292400H	Journal Closed	

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		300001H	Journal Opened	
	1	300540H	3/9 CP heard what is believed to be a recoilless rifle, fire 7 rounds. Observed flash of weapon at 345 degrees, could not observe impact. Fire believed to be coming from 0436 grid. Firing arty mission.	S-Regt
	2	300800H	Co M commenced to move to a new position at coord YD171291.	S-Regt
	3	300815H	3/9 058326, aerial observer searched 0535 and 0536 grids for possible recoilless rifle emplacement. Possible emplacement 045364. Will register for future mission	S-Regt
	4	301100H	CG Task Force Hotel and party visited this position.	S-Regt
	5	301340H	Co K found at position 149323 to 151322 what appeared to be a base camp, over 6 months old. 75-100 holes, 1 mortar pit. Area was well policed. No gear or equipment was found	S-Regt
	6	301600H	Co M completed move to new position.	S-Regt
	7	301700H	CG 3rd Marine Division and party visited this position and CO 9th Marines and party visited Co K's position.	S-Regt

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		8	301800H	3/9 night positions CP and Co L 058326 Co I 095334 Co M 170291 Co K 148317 81mm mortar Plt 148317 106mm RR Plt 148317 A Plt of Co K 172319	S-Regt
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		130001H	Journal Opened	
	1	130930H	Co M at coord YD077314 found 6 old fighting holes 4'x3'x2'. Also found 1 fresh trail running on a 220 degree azimuth 25 to 50 meters off crest of finger, trail had NVA sneaker type prints on it that appeared to have been made by a platoon 1-2 days ago. Continuing search of area.	S-Regt
	2	131015H	Co L at coord YD063334 found fresh trail heading in the direction of valley floor. Trail was well camouflaged and had NVA type sneaker prints heading NE. Trail follows a 30-40 degree azimuth. Continuing to search area.	S-Regt
	3	131100H	Co K at coord YD037363, enemy coord YD033358 received a heavy volume of small arms fire, and 9 rds incoming 60mm mortars from above enemy coord. AO on station returning small arms, firing 60mm & 81mm mortars and arty missions.	S-Regt
	4	131100H	CO 9th Mar Regt & CG Task Force Hotel and their parties visited this position.	S-Regt

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