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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) through (d), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 December 1969 to 31 December 1969

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

3rd Battalion, 11th Marines

COMMANDERLtCol K. N. MUELLER  
1-31 DecemberSUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery

Capt G. BELEY  
1-31 December

Battery G 3/11

Capt J. H. EAGER  
1-31 December

Battery H 3/11

Capt W. A. PARKER  
1-31 December

Battery I 3/11

Capt J. W. CHESSON  
1-14 December  
Capt R. A. CRANE  
15-31 December

Mortar Battery 3/11

1stLt F. W. VOLCANSEK  
1-21 December  
Capt C. W. CHEATHAM  
22-31 December2. LOCATION

Headquarters Battery

1-31 December 1969: Hoi An BT132457

Battery G

1-8 December 1969: Hiep Duc BT027341

9-31 December 1969: Dai Loc BT016463 (4 guns)

9-31 December 1969: Hiep Duc BT027341 (2 guns)

Battery H

1-26 December 1969: Hiep Duc AT946345

22-31 December 1969: Hoi An BT131450

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## Battery 1

1-26 December 1969: Hol Am BT131450  
27-31 December 1969: Hesp Dur AT946345

## Mortar Battery

1-31 December 1969: Hol Am BT140446

3. STAFF OFFICERS

## Executive Officer

Major H. SCHOFIELD  
1-31 December 1969

## Liaison Officer

Major J. A. WEINGARTEN  
1-31 December 1969

## Adjutant/Personnel Officer

2ndLt R. H. BESWICK  
1-31 December 1969

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1stLt S. D. SUSSMAN  
1-31 December 1969

S-3

Major W. J. SPITZER  
1-31 December 1969

S-4

Capt W. R. OTTO  
1-31 December 1969

S-5

1stLt J. R. KIRK  
1-31 December 1969

## Ordnance Officer

Capt D. P. BIGLER  
1-31 December 1969

## Motor Transport Officer

2ndLt J. C. RUPPEL  
1-31 December 1969

## Communications Officer

Capt G. BELEY  
1-31 December 1969

## Survey Officer

1stLt D. W. STRICKLAND  
1-8 December 1969  
Unassigned  
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Naval Gunfire Officer

Lt(j.g.) T. M. MUMFSEN USN  
1-31 December

Battalion Surgeon

Lt J. A. FURSTOSS USN  
1-3 December 1969  
Lt R. H. NICHOLSON USN  
4-31 December 1969

Battalion Chaplain

Lt P. R. PILARSKI USN  
1-31 December 19694. AVERAGE NOMINITY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
47	560	5	12	0	0

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the past month, this battalion continued to support units of the 7th Marine Regiment in search and destroy and rice denial operations throughout the Regimental TAOR.

A composite battery of the 44th ARVN Artillery Battalion consisting of six 105mm howitzers and four 155mm howitzers had occupied positions on LZ ROSS (BT027343) to support an operation by elements of the 1st ARVN Armored Brigade along the 7th Marines/Americal Division TAOR on 11 Nov.

On 4 December, the ARVN composite battery departed LZ ROSS and occupied positions on LZ BALDY (BT139458) to support an operation by the 1st ARVN Armored Brigade in an area consisting of the northern most section of Barrier Island and the area between Barrier Island and the 7th Marines TAOR.

Batteries of 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines reinforced the ARVN composite battery at various times during the above mentioned operations.

On 7 December the composite battery departed LZ BALDY as the ARVN operation on Barrier Island terminated.

Another Integrated Observation Device and team was emplaced in the 7th Marines TAOR on 4 December. The device and team were emplaced on a recon observation post on Hill 425 (BT000466).

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AND SURVEILLANCEROUNDS BY CALIBER

<u>UNIT SUPPORTED</u>	<u>4.2"</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>8"</u>	<u>TOTAL MISSIONS</u>
7th Marines	917	15,134	4,849	364	1,961
11th Marines	199	5,782	925	492	449
ARVN	6	118	116	7	16
Recon	0	0	0	73	11
Army	183	394	121	0	36
ROK	0	0	0	0	0
Total	<u>1,305</u>	<u>21,428</u>	<u>6,011</u>	<u>936</u>	<u>2,473</u>

SURVEILLANCE

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>KIA (C)</u>	<u>KIA (P)</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>Structures Destroyed</u>	<u>Secondary Explosions</u>
3/11	189	1	2	1	2
3/11 & Others	0	0	0	0	0
Others	<u>14</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>203</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. NARRATIVEa. Personnel and Administrative

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
(1) Losses				
Administrative	6	48	1	2
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (non-evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle MIA	0	0	0	0
Battle POW	0	0	0	0
Non-battle	3	7	0	0
(2) Replacements	3	41	1	0
(3) Net Loss	6	14	0	2
(4) Net Gain	0	0	0	0

b. Intelligence. The enemy continues his basic plan to avoid contact with Free World Military Allied Forces. He can be expected to increase his attacks by fire against FWMF installations, as part of his three-phase plan for a Winter-Spring offensive, culminating in the 1970 TET offensive.

c. Organization and Operations. Units of this battalion did not participate in a named operation during the month of December. Firing batteries occupied positions at LZ's BALDY and ROSS, and FSB's RYDER and BUSH-WACK at various times throughout the month. Battery K 4/13 continued its mission of reinforcing 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines. 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (-) also continued its mission of reinforcing 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines. Battery G, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines displaced four howitzers from LZ ROSS, (M10274) to FSB BUSHWACK (M1016463) on 9 December to support 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines in an operation in the northern portion of the

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7th Marines area of operation. Batteries H and I exchanged positions on the 27th of December, Battery I displacing from LZ BALDY (BT131450) to FSB RYDER (AT946345) and Battery H displacing from FSB RYDER (AT946345) to LZ BALDY (BT131450).

d. Training. An Officers/Staff NCO Information Program was started on a weekly basis. General military subjects training and technical MOS training were held during the month. Newly joined personnel completed a five day indoctrination training, including familiarization firing of individual weapons, prior to assignment to a battery. Artillery safety continued to be stressed.

e. Logistics, Equipment and Supply. During the month of December a total of 927,000 pounds of ammunition and supplies were airlifted to batteries located at Fire Support Bases RYDER and BUSHWACK. Additionally daily convoys were sent from LZ BALDY to LZ ROSS to maintain a constant flow of ammunition and supplies to Battery G. During the month of December, marked progress continued on the construction projects, in the areas of billeting, messing, maintenance, and sanitation facilities.

f. Civic Action/Civil Affairs. This command employed 54 local Vietnamese Nationals for use as laborers within the battalion area. No Civic Action Area of Responsibility was assigned during the month of December. The Battalion Chaplain conducted Sunday worship services in the village of Moc Bai (BT144458).

g. Psyops. Negative report.

h. Combined Action Company Program. Negative report.

i. Medical. The Battalion Aid Station treated 530 Marine outpatients were referred 21 other Marine patients to higher medical facilities. Fifty Vietnamese patients were treated during the month of December. Immunization shots for the personnel of the battalion were kept current, with 450 shots being administered.

#### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 December Battery H was credited with 15 KIA on a mission fired on 43 EVA at AT92773691 for the IOD team. Ref: S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III).
- 5 December Metro Station established at LZ BALDY (BT13104566).

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Ref: S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III).

9 December Battery G (-) displaced to FSB BUSHWHACK (BT016463), arriving at 091430H, laid on azimuth 4000 mils. Designated the dedicated battery for the IOD team at Hill 425. Ref: S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III) and S-4 Journal (Part IV, Appendix IV).

12 December Battery G (-) was credited with 12 KIA on a mission fired on 28 VC at AT99544805 for the IOD team. Ref: S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III).

13 December Battery G (-) was credited with 11 KIA on a mission fired on 60 VC at AT98514756 for the IOD team (Hill 425). Ref: S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III).

22 December Battery G (-) was credited with 15 KIA on a mission fired on 51 NVA at AT98274722 for the IOD team (Hill 425). Ref: S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III).

23 December Battery H was credited with 10 KIA and 2 WIA on a mission fired on 13 NVA at AT92133738 for the IOD team (RYDER). Ref: S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III).

25 December Battery G (-) was credited with 13 KIA on a mission fired on 22 VC at AT98274722 for the IOD team (Hill 425). Ref: S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III).

24 December 24-Hour Truce in effect. Ref: S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III).

27 December Battery T displaced to FSB RYDER (AT946345), arriving at 271510H, laid on azimuth 5500 mils. Designated the dedicated battery for the IOD team stationed at RYDER. Ref: S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III) and S-4 Journal (Part IV, Appendix IV).

27 December Battery H displaced to LZ BALDY (BT131450), arriving at 271145H, laid on azimuth 4000 mils. Ref: S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III) and S-4 Journal (Part IV, Appendix IV).

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31 December 24-Hour Truce in effect. Ref: S-3 Journal (Part IV,  
Appendix III).

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S-1 Journal  
3rd Battalion, 11th Marines  
DaNang Combat Base

000001H December 1969 to 312400H December 1969

010001		Journal Opened
010800	1	(USMC) Officer Tr To HqBtry 11th Marines
010900	1	Enl To Sk NBC
011300	1	Enl Jd Fr 3rd Marine Division
011300	1	Enl Jd Fr HqBtry 11th Marines
011300	11	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
011500	1	Enl Jd Fr HqBtry 11th Marines
020800	1	Enl Fr Sk NBC
021550	1	Enl Jd Fr Camp S D Butler
021700	1	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
030800	1	Enl Tr To Camp Butler w/Sk
030800	1	Enl Tr To CONUS
031000	1	(USMC) Officer to Sk NBC
031100	1	Enl To Sk NBC
040800	1	(USNR) Officer Jd Fr 1st Med Bn
040800	1	(USMC) Officer Tr To CONUS
040800	1	Enl To Sk NBC
041100	1	Enl Fr Sk NBC
041230	1	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
041600	1	(USMC) Officer To Sk NBC
050800	1	(USMC) Officer Tr To Yokosuka Japan w/Sk
050800	1	(USMC) Officer Tr To HqBtry 11th Marines
061700	1	Enl Jd Fr HqBn 1st Marine Division
061700	1	Enl Jd Fr 1st Tank Bn
061700	5	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
070600	2	Enl Tr To HqBtry 11th Marines
071300	1	Enl To Sk NBC
071800	3	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
080800	1	(USMC) Officer Tr To HqBtry 11th Marines
080800	1	(USMC) Officer Tr To 1st SP Bn 1st Marine Division
080800	3	Enl Tr To HqBtry 11th Marines
080900	2	Enl Fr Sk NBC
081400	1	Enl To Sk NBC
090800	1	(USMC) Officer To Sk NBC
090800	2	USN Enl Tr To CONUS
090800	5	Enl Tr To HqBtry 11th Marines
091100	1	(USMC) Officer Fr Sk NBC

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091100	1	Enl Fr Sk NBC
091300	3	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
091700	1	Enl Jd Fr HqBtry 11th Marines
100800	1	Enl Tr To HqBtry 11th Marines
100800	1	Enl Tr To 7th Marines
100800	2	(USMC) Officers Tr To HqBtry 11th Marines
101200	1	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
111230	1	Enl Jd Fr HqBtry 11th Marines
120800	1	Enl Tr To CONUS
120800	1	Enl Fr Sk NBC
120900	1	(USMC) Officer To Sk NBC
121200	1	Enl To Sk NBC
121700	1	(USMC) Officer Jd Fr CONUS
121700	1	(USMC) Officer Jd Fr HqBn 1st Marine Division
131230	1	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
140800	7	Enl Tr To CONUS
140900	1	Enl To Sk NBC
141215	1	(USMC) Officer Jd Fr CONUS
141700	1	Enl Fr Sk NBC
150800	1	Enl Tr To USNH Guam w/Sk
150800	1	Enl Tr To CONUS
151000	1	(USMC) Officers Fr Sk NBC
160800	2	Enl Tr To CONUS
171000	1	Enl To Sk NBC
180800	1	Enl Tr To CONUS
190800	1	Enl To Sk NBC
200800	1	(USMC) Officer Tr To 2ndBn 11th Marines
201400	1	Enl To Sk NBC
201700	1	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
201700	1	Enl Jd Fr 1st 8 Inch HowBtry
210900	1	Enl Fr Sk NBC
211400	2	Enl Fr Sk NBC
221530	1	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
230800	1	(USMC) Officer Tr To USNH Bethesda w/Sk
230800	1	Enl To Sk NBC
240800	1	Enl Tr To USNH Yokosuka Japan w/Sk
261200	1	Enl To Sk NBC
261330	1	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
261700	1	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
270800	1	Enl Tr To Yokosuka Japan w/Sk
270800	1	Enl Tr To CONUS
280800	6	Enl To To CONUS

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281400	1	Enl Fr Sk NBC
281500	1	(USMC) Officer To Sk NBC
281700	1	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
290800	1	Enl To Sk NBC
300900	1	Enl To Sk NBC
312400		Journal Closed

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S-2 Journal  
3rd Battalion, 11th Marines  
DaNang Combat Base  
010001H December 1969 to 312400H December 1969

010001H Journal Opened.

021300H B/1/7 platoon patrol (AT967388) found base area consisting of 21 huts with bamboo water system and bunker complex. Destroyed.

022110H G/2/7 Defensive position (BT095463) received 6 82 mm mortar rounds, resulting in 4 USMC WIA (Evac). Called fire mission with unknown results.

031430H 9th Engineers (BT076385) dump truck detonated 1 20lb box mine resulting in negative casualties.

041510H K/3/7 platoon combat (BT033413) observed 20 enemy moving southwest with packs and weapons. Called fire mission with unknown results.

051135H D Engineers (BT096410) PC detonated 1 35lb box mine resulting in 3 USMC KIA and 4 USMC WIA (Evac).

051530H G/2/7 squad combat (BT087464) found 4,400 lbs of unpolished rice, evaced to LZ ROSS.

061000H G/2/7 platoon combat (BT092465) found 5000 lbs unpolished rice in vats buried in floor of huts, rice evaced to LZ BALDY.

061215H E/2/7 platoon combat (BT117408) found 3500 lbs unpolished rice in burlap bags, evaced to LZ BALDY.

080940H M/3/7 platoon combat (BT013387) observed 35 enemy moving north, called fire mission and swept area with negative results.

111237H G/2/7 company sweep (BT088442) observed unknown size enemy force moving west to east through draw, engaged with small arms, air strikes, called fire mission, results 35 NVA KIA.

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161030H

C/1/7 platoon combat (BT030382) observed 15 NVA moving East with packs, set up hasty ambush, engaged with small arms resulting in 1 NVA WIA; he is a private from 120th Regiment, 2nd Battalion (AKA GK53 mortar battalion). Will forward to IPT.

191045H

C/1/7 squad OP (BT024397) observed 15 enemy dressed in gray utilities moving west, called fire mission, with unknown results.

221730H

M/3/7 company defensive position (PT023394) received 3 to 4 60mm mortar rounds approximately 75 meters outside perimeter from Southeast. Called fire mission and received 3 more incoming same area, negative US casualties.

230600H

M/3/7 company defensive position (AT963426) received 1 incoming round of unknown size from North-east, impact was outside perimeter, shrapnel was found inside of perimeter, size 6"x2"x3/4".

231855H

Prime Out observed 22 VC/NVA moving east on trail with packs and weapons in vicinity (AT982472). Called fire mission, results 13 VC/NVA KIA.

231910H

Prime Out observed 51 VC/NVA moving east on trail in vicinity (AT982472), called fire mission, results 20 VC/NVA KIA.

232000H

Prime Out observed 23 VC/NVA moving east on trail with packs and weapons in vicinity (BT002488), called fire mission, results 4 VC/NVA KIA.

231410H

H/3/7 (AT921373) observed 13 enemy moving East with weapons, called fire mission, resulting 10 NVA KIA.

240430H

B/1/7 squad OP (AT968343) received 3 82mm mortar rounds, resulting 4 USMC WIA (Evac), called fire mission mortars, with unknown results.

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251800H F/2/7 defensive position (BT050393) observed 15 enemy moving north across rice paddy, called fire mission, with unknown results.

261200H A/1/7 company search and clear (BT024390) found 7000 lbs unpolished rice, bags of clothing, civilians said VC made then collect the rice to be turned over to the VC; will Forward.

261410H B 9th Engineers (BT075383) 1 5 ton dump truck moving west on 535 detonated 1 25 lb box mine, resulting 1 USMC WIA (Evac).

261700H Wage Earner observed 25 NVA moving west with packs and weapons.

261730H Wage Earner observed 25 NVA sitting in semi-circle listening to lecture, had training aid.

271900H B/1/7 squad combat (AT982353) observed 25 NVA moving north; engaged with small arms, called fire mission, swept area and found 3 NVA KIA, and captured 7 packs, 150 lbs of potatoes, 25 lbs rice, 1 NVA canteen and documents, negative unit identification.

291720H 2 1st Tanks (BT03424) tank detonated 1 100 lb box mine, resulting in 1 USMC WIA (Evac).

301945H Durham (BT009522) observed 50 VC/NVA moving south to north with packs and weapons, called fire mission resulting in 22 VC/NVA KIA and 1 secondary explosion.

311230H M/3/7 platoon combat (BT002427) observed 20 enemy moving northeast, called fire mission with unknown results.

311825H I/3/11 (AT921373) observed 53 enemy with packs and weapons moving west, no fire mission due to cease fire.

311850H Prime Out observed 97 VC/NVA moving east (AT983464) no fire mission due to cease fire.

312400H Journal Closed.

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3rd Battalion, 11th Marines  
Da Nang Combat Base  
010001H December 1969 to 312400H December 1969

010001H Journal Opened.

011900H Mission fired on 43 NVA wearing helmets, carrying packs, and armed with AK-47s, at AT92773691 by Battery H for IOD Team (RYDER) resulted in 15 KIA (Confirmed). Initial volley of 30 rounds (ICM) covered the entire column from front to rear with all the enemy caught in the open. A second volley of 30 rounds was fired immediately.

012400H Fired 70 missions, expending 584 rounds.

021725H Mission fired on 8 uniformed NVA in open, led by 1 civilian at AT92883697 by Battery H for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 1 KIA.

022400H Fired 58 missions, expending 870 rounds.

031725H SPOTREP received from Battery H. D 1/7 FO reported finding 4 enemy bodies approximately 24 hours old lying on trail at AT92883697. Reported extreme stench of old bodies in and around entire area (reference DEG 011900HDec entry). Made identification of one body as that of an NVA officer and confirming a total of 4 KIA on mission fired on 021725HDec by Battery H. It was believed that the latter group was sent to find whereabouts of the former group.

031925H Contact mission fired on 30 NVA moving along stream bed at AT923370 by Battery H for D 1/7 FO resulted in negative surveillance.

032400H Fired 122 missions, expending 1322 rounds.

041330H Mission fired on a mortar site at BT015466 by Mortar Battery (155mm) for IOD Team (Hill 425) resulted in 1 KIA and 1 secondary explosion.

042400H Fired 110 missions, expending 1165 rounds.

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051300H Metro Station established at LZ BALDY (BT13104566). Stationed manned by personnel from the Survey/Metro Section, 11th Mar Regt.

052400H Fired 132 missions, expending 1472 rounds.

062015H SPOTREP received from Battery H. CO, B 1/7 reported finding 2 NVA bodies killed by HE fragmentation, approximately 2-3 days old. Enemy killed by artillery on 3 December (reference DTG 031925HDec entry).

062400H Fired 91 missions, expending 947 rounds.

072400H Fired 57 missions, expending 450 rounds.

082400H Fired 75 missions, expending 777 rounds.

090630H Received MOVREP from Battery G, displacing 4 guns to FSB BUSHWHACK (BT016463).

091430H Received FIRECAP from Battery G (Fwd) (-). Battery center BT0164634, laid on azimuth 4000 mils. Designated dedicated battery for IOD team (Hill 425).

092400H Fired 49 missions, expending 569 rounds.

102400H Fired 46 missions, expending 351 rounds.

111810H TOE mission fired on a confirmed enemy radio station at BT054432 by Batteries I, Mortar (155mm), K 4/13, and 2nd and 3rd Platoons, 1st 8" How Btry for ESCO 2/7, resulting in negative surveillance.

111620H Mission fired on 20 VC in the open at BT084432 by Battery I for G 2/7 FC, resulted in 5 KIA. (See 111630H entry).

111630H Reinforcing mission fired on 20 VC in the open at BT08424311 by Mortar Battery (155mm) for G 2/7 FC, resulted in 2 KIA. Mission fired by air, artillery and small arms, and credit for KIA sent by 2/7 ESCO.

111850H Mission fired on 15 VC proceeding along trail at BT99214793 by Battery G (-) for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 5 KIA.

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112030H SPOTREP received from Battery H. Detected noise in the wire and popped a hand illumination. Three VC were seen retreating, and small arms fire was opened up. One VC was observed dead in the wire.

112305H SPOTREP received from Battery H. L 3/7 FO reported discovering 8 NVA bodies on a trail over a 300 meter stretch at AT92933676. Bodies were hit by ICM fragmentation and were in uniforms with 5 gallon cans on the trail. It is believed that the KIA's were the result of a mission fired on 9 NVA at 091520H Dec by Battery H for IOD team (RYDER).

112315H SPOTREP received from Battery H. L 3/7 FO reported 3 uniformed bodies lying in gully along road at AT940364, killed by artillery fragmentation. KIA's were result of mission fired by Battery H on 15 NVA in open at AT937365 for IOD team (RYDER) while attempting to crawl away from contact point.

112400H Fired 75 missions, expending 1102 rounds.

120115H Battery H FDO reported the battery perimeter wire had been cut all the way. (Refer to entry 112030H). Continuing to check out area.

120930H Battery H FDO reported that the VC KIA (refer to entry 112030H) in the wire could not be found.

121755H Mission fired on 10 VC moving along trail at AT979464 by Battery G (-) for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 3 KIAs.

121800H Mission fired on 10 VC moving along trail at AT97894642 by 3rd Plt, 1st S' How Btry for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 1 KIA.

121915H Mission fired on 28 VC moving SE at AT99544805 by Battery G (-) for IOD team (Hill 425), resulted in 12 KIA.

122400H Fired 65 missions, expending 988 rounds.

131810H Mission fired on 22-30 NVA moving south at AT919572 by Battery H for IOD team (RYDER), resulted in 6 KIA.

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131900H Reinforcing mission fired on 20 VC moving southeast at AT98514756 by 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for IOD team (Hill 425); resulted in 5 KIA.

131910H Mission fired on 60 VC moving southeast at AT98514756 by Battery G (-) for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 11 KIA.

132400H Fired 76 missions, expending 972 rounds.

142400H Fired 61 missions, expending 495 rounds.

151917H Mission fired on 40 VC at AT98514756 by Battery G (-) for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 4 KIA.

152400H Fired 122 missions, expending 610 rounds.

162400H Fired 82 missions, expending 959 rounds.

171757H Contact mission fired at BT217467 by Battery I for an Army advisor resulted in 4 KIA, and 1 captured AK-47.

172400H Fired 61 missions, expending 518 rounds.

182400H Fired 71 missions, expending 1515 rounds.

191500H SPOBREP received from Army advisor on mission fired by Battery I at 171757H Dec confirming the surveillance.

192400H Fired 75 missions, expending 584 rounds.

201714H Mission fired on 2 VC in paddy at AT90383582 by Battery H for IOD team (BYDER) resulted in 2 KIA.

201925H Mission fired on 25 NVA moving southeast at AT99214795 by Battery G (-) for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 4 KIA.

201935H Mission fired on 1 NVA at AT99214795 by Battery G (-) for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 1 KIA.

202400H Fired 96 missions, expending 778 rounds.

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211045H Mission fired on 6 NVA at AT98344763 by Battery G (-) for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 1 KIA.

211410H Mission fired on 4 NVA at AT89193615 by Battery H for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 2 KIA.

211505H Mission fired on 5 VC at AT98344763 by Battery G (-) for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 1 KIA.

211520H Mission fired on 5 VC herding 14 water buffaloes at AT913362 by Battery H for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 1 KIA and 5 water buffaloes KIA.

211545H Mission fired on 5 VC at BT027490 by Battery G (-) for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 1 KIA.

211750H Mission fired on 5 VC at AT92123723 by Battery H for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 2 KIA.

211900H Mission fired on 20 VC/NVA at AT99544805 by Battery G (-) for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 4 KIA.

212400H Fired 96 missions, expending 1099 rounds.

221112H Mission fired on 4 NVA with packs and rifles at AT91123598 by Battery H for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 2 KIA.

221530H Mission fired on 6 VC gathering rice at AT91013863 by Battery H for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 2 KIA.

221845H Destruction mission fired on 3 NVA in bunker at AT98694809 by 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in bunker destroyed, 2 KIA and 1 WIA.

221900H Mission fired on 12 VC moving northwest at AT92103746 by Battery H for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 2 KIA.

221940H Reinforcing mission fired on 51 NVA at AT98274722 by 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry, for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 3 KIA.

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221940H Mission fired on 51 NVA carrying packs and rifles at AT98274722 by Battery G (-) for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 15 KIA.

221945H Reinforcing mission fired on 51 NVA at AT98274722 by Battery K 4/13 for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 2 KIA.

222012H Mission fired on 20 NVA on trail at BT00214873 by Battery G (-) for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 4 KIA.

222400H Fired 72 missions, expending 1512 rounds.

231350H Mission fired on 13 NVA at AT92133738 by Battery H for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 10 KIA and 2 WIA.

231535H Mission fired on 4 VC with packs, rifles and rations in hut at AT91883617 by Battery H for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 1 KIA and hut destroyed.

231930H Mission fired on 22 VC at AT98274722 by Battery G (-) for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 13 KIA.

232240H Mission fired on 13 VC on trail at AT99544805 by Battery G (-) for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 7 KIA.

232315H Mission fired on 30 VC at AT99494829 by Battery G (-) for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 4 KIA.

232400H Fired 110 missions, expending 1805 rounds.

240025H Reinforcing mission fired on 30 VC at AT98274722 by 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry, for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 1 KIA.

240215H Mission fired on 5 NVA at AT98274722 by Battery G (-) for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 3 KIA.

241800H 24-Hour truce in effect.

242340H Battery H reported an incoming CHICOM grenade.

242400H Fired 57 missions, expending 406 rounds.

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250027H SPOTREP received from Battery H. Movement observed in wire, possibly 2 VC at 242345H. Fired small arms and took 1 incoming CHICOM grenade. No casualties, negative results.

251800H End of 24-hour truce.

251805H TOT mission fired on suspected enemy position at BT046395 by Batteries I, G (rear), K 4/13, and 2nd and 3rd Plts, 1st 8" How Btry with negative surveillance.

251815H SPOTREP received from Battery G. CH53 helicopter made two passes over position; first pass knocked down the FDC tent. FDC tent was put up and then knocked down again on helicopter's second pass. FDC restored and back in action. Three casualties sustained, treated in position and returned to duty.

251914H Mission fired on 5 VC at BT050393 by Mortar Battery (155mm H) for F 2/7 FO resulted in 1 secondary explosion.

252400H Fired 21 missions, expending 331 rounds.

261910H Mission fired on 7 NVA at AT96274722 by Battery G (-) for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 2 KIA.

262400H Fired 67 missions, expending 1269 rounds.

270800H Received MOVREP from Battery I, displacing to FSB RYDER (AT946345).

270845H SPOTREP received from Battery H. IOD team observed 1 KIA at AT91373687. Mission fired on moving lights at 262435H by Battery H.

270900H MOVREP received from Battery H, displacing to LZ BALDY (BT13084195).

270950H Mission fired on 2 VC at AT99994788 by Battery G (-) for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 1 KIA.

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271145H FIRECAP received from Battery H. Battery center BT13084495, laid on azimuth 4000 mils.

271510H Received FIRECAP from Battery I. Battery center AT94643445, laid on azimuth 5500 mils. Designated the dedicated battery for IOD team (RYDER).

272400H Fired 102 missions, expending 1045 rounds.

281905H Mission fired on 20 NVA at AT98464722 by Battery G (-) for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 2 KIA.

282400H Fired 96 missions, expending 1326 rounds.

291110H Mission fired on 2 NVA at AT911367 by Battery I for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 2 KIA.

291610H Mission fired on 1 VC at AT921373 by Battery I for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 1 KIA.

292050H Mission fired on lights at BT010400 by Battery G (near) for E 2/7 FO resulted in 1 KIA.

292055H Mission fired on enemy movement at BT030397 by Battery G (near) for E 2/7 FO resulted in 1 KIA.

292400H Fired 104 missions, expending 1255 rounds.

301545H Mission fired on 2 NVA at AT911378 by Battery I for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 2 KIA.

301745H Mission fired on 10 NVA at AT921375 by Battery I for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 8 KIA.

301813H Mission fired on 7 NVA at AT98274722 by Battery G for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 1 KIA.

102130H SPOTREP received from Battery I. Approximately 80 NVA with packs, rifles and mortar were observed moving east to west from AT935365 - AT922372 at 1830 hours. A fire mission was started, after which the Battalion FDC informed Battery I that a battalion of NVA was known to be down in this area.

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302130H Reinforcing fires from Batteries G (rear), K 4/13, and 1st  
cont'd and 2nd Platoons, 1st 8" How Btry were called to cover  
known and used trails to block egress, while Battery I  
continued their fire mission. Surveillance unable to be  
determined due to fog, darkness and heavy foliage.

302400H Fired 96 missions, expending 1450 rounds.

311800H 24-Hour truce in effect.

311830H Battery I reported sighting 21 NVA with packs, rifles and  
heavy equipment moving east to west at AT938364.

311900H Battery I reported sighting 53 NVA moving east to west at  
AT921373.

311915H IOD team reported sighting 97 NVA moving west to east at  
AT93274722.

312400H Fired 80 missions, expending 1154 rounds.

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- 1 December Journal opened
- 1 December Air-lifted resupplies to FSB RYDER (AT946345) for Battery H, consisting of 300 rounds of fuzed HE. Retrieved one M149 water trailer from FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY (BT132455). The water trailer was filled and returned to Battery H at FSB RYDER. Sent two M35A2C trucks with trailers from LZ BALDY to Battery G at LZ ROSS (BT027342). The trucks were loaded with ammunition, consisting of 200 MTSQ fuzes and 360 rounds of unfuzed HE.
- 2 December Air-lifted resupplies to Battery G at LZ ROSS consisting of 300 rounds of unfuzed HE. Sent two M35A2C trucks from LZ BALDY to LZ ROSS for Battery G loaded with ammunition, consisting of 60 rounds of WP and 300 rounds of unfuzed HE. Retrieved one M149 water trailer from FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY. The water trailer was filled and returned to Battery H at FSB RYDER.
- 3 December Air-lifted resupplies to Battery H at FSB RYDER, consisting of 300 rounds of fuzed HE.
- 4 December Air-lifted resupplies to Battery H at FSB RYDER, consisting of 450 rounds of fuzed HE and 150 rounds of improved conventional munitions. Retrieved one M149 water trailer from FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY. The water trailer was filled and returned to Battery H at FSB RYDER. Air-lifted resupplies to Battery G at LZ ROSS, consisting of 60 rounds WP, 540 rounds unfuzed HE, 150 PD fuzes, and 450 MTSQ fuzes. Retrieved one 105mm howitzer from Battery G at LZ ROSS to LZ BALDY for repairs.
- 5 December Air-lifted resupplies to Battery H at FSB RYDER, consisting of 360 rounds of fuzed HE and 90 rounds of illumination. Retrieved one M149 water trailer from FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY. The water trailer was filled and returned to Battery H at FSB RYDER. Air-lifted resupplies to Battery G at LZ ROSS, consisting of 540 rounds of unfuzed HE, 90 rounds of illumination and 100 PD fuzes. Air-lifted one 105mm howitzer to Battery G at LZ ROSS.

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6 December

Air-lifted resupplies to Battery H at FSB RYDER, consisting of 60 rounds of fuzed HE and 96 rounds of illumination. Retrieved one M149 water trailer from FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY. The water trailer was filled and returned to Battery H at FSB RYDER. Air-lifted resupplies to Battery G at LZ ROSS, consisting of 450 rounds of unfuzed HE.

7 December

Air-lifted resupplies to Battery H at FSB RYDER, consisting of 450 rounds of fuzed HE. Retrieved one M149 water trailer from FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY. The water trailer was filled and returned to Battery H at FSB RYDER. Air-lifted resupplies to LZ ROSS for Battery G consisting of 450 rounds of unfuzed HE, 100 VT fuzes and 100 PD fuzes. Air-lifted the following resupplies to Battery K 4/13 at LZ ROSS, consisting of 200 rounds 155mm HE, 100 WB powder, 100 GB powder, and 100 PD fuzes.

8 December

Retrieved one M149 water trailer from FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY. The water trailer was filled and returned to FSB RYDER. Air-lifted resupplies to Battery G at LZ ROSS, consisting of 450 rounds of unfuzed HE and 450 PD fuzes. Air-lifted supplies to Battery K 4/13 at LZ ROSS, consisting of 200 rounds HE projectiles, 200 WB powder, and 200 PD fuzes for 155 guns. Air-lifted resupplies to LZ ROSS for 2nd Plt. 1st 8" Howitzer Battery consisting of 155 rounds of HE, 203 WB powder and 100 PD fuzes. Commenced part of Battery G's air-lifts from LZ ROSS to FSB BUSHWHACK (BT016463), consisting of one lift advance party and miscellaneous gear. One lift aircraft matting.

9 December

Retrieved one M149 water trailer from FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY. The water trailer was filled and returned to Battery H at FSB RYDER. Commenced Battery G's air-lift from LZ ROSS to FSB BUSHWHACK. One lift 105mm howitzer, one lift 105mm howitzer, one lift of 12 passengers and gear, one lift of HE ammunition (10,000 lbs) and another lift of HE ammunition (10,000 lbs.).

10 December

Air-lifted the rest of Battery G and equipment to FSB BUSHWHACK with the exception of their Battery rear (2 guns) which will remain at LZ ROSS. Lifts consist of one lift 105mm howitzer, one lift of 105mm howitzer, one lift of 12 passengers with gear, one lift of one M149 water trailer, eight lifts of ammunition, (10,000 lbs. each), and one lift of 100 rations. Air-lifted resupplies to LZ ROSS for Battery G's rear, consisting of 300 rounds of fuzed HE. Retrieved one M149 water trailer from FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY. The water trailer was filled and returned to Battery H at FSB RYDER.

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11 December

Air-lifted resupplies to Battery H at FSB RYDER, consisting of 150 rounds of fuzed HE. Air-lifted hot food to Battery H for noon meal. Retrieved one M149 water trailer from FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY. The water trailer was filled and returned to Battery H at FSB RYDER. Air-lifted resupplies to Battery G's rear at LZ ROSS, consisting of 150 rounds of unfuzed HE and 150 PD fuzes. Sent two M35A2C trucks to Battery G's rear with ammunition, consisting of 180 rounds HE, 30 rounds WP, and 32 rounds illumination.

12 December

Air-lifted resupplies to Battery H at FSB RYDER, consisting of 150 rounds of fuzed HE. Air-lifted resupplies to Battery G's forward position at FSB BUSHWHACK, consisting of 240 rounds of fuzed HE and 64 rounds of illumination. Retrieved one M149 water trailer from FSB BUSHWHACK to LZ BALDY. The water trailer was filled and returned to Battery G's forward position at FSB BUSHWHACK.

13 December

Air-lifted resupplies to Battery H at FSB RYDER, consisting of 150 rounds of fuzed HE, and one case of trip flares. Retrieved one M149 water trailer from FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY. The trailer was filled and returned to Battery H at FSB RYDER. Air-lifted resupplies to Battery G at FSB BUSHWHACK, consisting of 300 rounds of fuzed HE. Sent two M35A2C trucks from LZ BALDY to LZ ROSS for Battery G's rear echelon, consisting of one pallet PD fuzes, 64 rounds of illumination, 60 rounds of WP, 60 rounds of Beehive, and 60 rounds of unfuzed HE.

14 December

Air-lifted resupplies to Battery H at FSB RYDER consisting of four cases of 5.56mm ball ammunition, two cases of 7.62mm linked ammunition, one case of M-79 HE rounds, one case of M-26 fragmentation grenades, 400 2 foot engineer stakes, 160 6 foot engineer stakes, and 300 rounds of 105mm HE fuzed. Retrieved one M149 water trailer from FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY. The water trailer was filled and returned to Battery H at FSB RYDER. Air-lifted resupplies to Battery G's forward position at FSB BUSHWHACK, consisting of 300 rounds of fuzed HE, 96 rounds of illumination, and two pallets of "C" rations with heat tablets.

15 December

No resupply air-lifts due to inclement weather.

16 December

Air-lifted resupplies to Battery H at FSB RYDER, consisting of 150 rounds of 105mm HE. Retrieved one M149 water trailer from FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY. The water trailer was filled and returned to Battery H at FSB RYDER. Air-lifted resupplies to Battery G's forward position at FSB BUSHWHACK, consisting of 150 rounds of 105mm HE fuzed, and one internal lift of hot food for Battery G's noon meal.

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17 December No resupply air-lifts due to inclement weather.

18 December No resupply air-lifts due to inclement weather.

19 December No resupply air-lifts due to inclement weather.  
Sent two M35A2C trucks with trailers loaded with supplies for Battery G's rear echelon located at LZ ROSS, consisting of two pallets of "C" rations and 300 rounds of fuzed HE.

20 December No resupply air-lifts due to inclement weather.

21 December Air-lifted resupplies to Battery H at FSB RYDER consisting of one sleeve of concertina wire, and 300 rounds of fuzed HE. Retrieved one M149 water trailer from FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY. The water trailer was filled and returned to Battery H at FSB RYDER. Air-lifted resupplies to Battery G's forward position at FSB BUSHWHACK, consisting of 240 rounds of fuzed HE and 62 rounds of illumination.

22 December Air-lifted resupplies to Battery H at FSB RYDER, consisting of 96 rounds of illumination and 60 rounds of fuzed HE. Air-lifted resupplies to Battery G's forward position at FSB BUSHWHACK, consisting of 150 rounds of ICM, 300 rounds of fuzed HE, 100 VT fuzes, one case of M-79 rounds HE, one case of M-79 illumination rounds, one case of pop up flares, one case of M16 ammunition, and one case of M14 ammunition.

23 December Air-lifted resupplies to Battery H at FSB RYDER, consisting of 300 rounds of fuzed HE. Retrieved one M149 water trailer from FSB RYDER; the water trailer was filled and returned to Battery H at FSB RYDER. Air-lifted resupplies to Battery G's forward position at FSB BUSHWHACK, consisting of two pallets of "C" rations, one 55 gallon drum of gasoline, one 55 gallon drum of diesel fuel, 600 rounds of fuzed HE, 96 rounds of illumination, and 100 MTSQ fuzes. Air-lifted a hot noon meal to Battery G at FSB BUSHWHACK.

24 December No resupply air-lifts due to inclement weather.

25 December Air-lifted resupplies to Battery G's forward position at FSB BUSHWHACK, consisting of 540 rounds of fuzed HE, 60 rounds of WP, 60 VT fuzes and 60 MTSQ fuzes. Retrieved one M149 water trailer from FSB BUSHWHACK to LZ BALDY. The water trailer was filled and returned to Battery G at FSB BUSHWHACK. Air-lifted resupplies to Battery H at FSB RYDER, consisting of 600 rounds of fuzed HE, and hot food for Christmas meal.

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26 December

Air-lifted resupplies to Battery H at FSB RYDER, consisting of 300 rounds of fuzed HE. Retrieved two 105mm howitzers from Battery H at FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY for maintenance and repairs. One of the 105mm howitzers was air-lifted back to Battery H at FSB RYDER after it was repaired. Air-lifted resupplies to Battery G's forward position at FSB BUSHWHACK, consisting of 600 rounds of fuzed HE. Retrieved one M149 water trailer from FSB BUSHWHACK to LZ BALDY; the water trailer was filled and returned to Battery G at FSB BUSHWHACK.

27 December

Air-lifted resupplies to Battery G at FSB BUSHWHACK, consisting of 350 rounds of fuzed HE. Air-lifted Battery H from FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY, and air-lifted Battery I from LZ BALDY to FSB RYDER. The air-lifts commenced at 0900 as follows:

lift # 1 for Battery I, 105mm howitzer, eight passengers  
 lift # 2 for Battery H, 105mm howitzer, eight passengers  
 lift # 3 for Battery I, 105mm howitzer, eight passengers  
 lift # 4 for Battery H, 105mm howitzer, eight passengers  
 lift # 5 for Battery I, 105mm howitzer, eight passengers  
 lift # 6 for Battery H, 105mm howitzer, eight passengers  
 lift # 7 for Battery I, 105mm howitzer, eight passengers  
 lift # 8 for Battery H, 105mm howitzer, eight passengers  
 lift # 9 for Battery I, 105mm howitzer, eight passengers  
 lift # 10 for Battery H, 105mm howitzer, eight passengers  
 lift # 11 for Battery I, 105mm howitzer, eight passengers  
 lift # 12 for Battery H, trailer, ten passengers  
 lift # 13 for Battery I, trailer, ten passengers  
 lift # 14 for Battery H, trailer, ten passengers  
 lift # 15 for Battery I, trailer  
 lift # 16 for Battery H, water trailer, ten passengers  
 lift # 17 for Battery I, trailer, 14 passengers  
 lift # 18 for Battery H, trailer  
 lift # 19 for Battery I, water trailer  
 lift # 20 for Battery H, trailer, 14 passengers  
 lift # 21 for Battery I, miscellaneous external lift.

28 December

Air-lifted resupplies to Battery G at FSB BUSHWHACK, consisting of 450 rounds of fuzed HE. Retrieved one M149 water trailer from FSB BUSHWHACK to LZ BALDY. The water trailer was filled and returned to Battery G at FSB BUSHWHACK. Air-lifted resupplies to Battery I at FSB RYDER, consisting of 300 rounds of fuzed HE. Retrieved one M149 water trailer from FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY. The water trailer was filled and returned to Battery I at FSB RYDER.

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29 December

Air-lifted resupplies to Battery I at FSB RYDER, consisting of 300 rounds of HE. Retrieved one M149 water trailer from FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY, the water trailer was filled and returned to FSB RYDER. Air-lifted resupplies to Battery G at FSB BUSHWHACK, consisting of 450 rounds of fuzed HE, 60 rounds of illumination, 36 rounds of WP, one sleeve of concentina wire and 300 engineer stakes.

30 December

Air-lifted resupplies to Battery I at FSB RYDER, consisting of 450 rounds of fuzed HE, retrieved one M149 water trailer from FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY. The water trailer was filled and returned to FSB RYDER. Air-lifted resupplies to Battery G at FSB BUSHWHACK, consisting of 90 rounds of illumination and 60 rounds of fuzed HE.

31 December

Air-lifted resupplies to Battery I at FSB RYDER, consisting of 450 rounds of HE. Retrieved one M149 water trailer from FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY; the water trailer was filled and returned to FSB RYDER. Air-lifted resupplies to Battery G at FSB BUSHWHACK, consisting of 300 rounds of fuzed HE and 150 rounds of illumination.

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