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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 DECEMBER - 31 DECEMBER 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

2d Battalion, 12th Marines

LTCOL J. SCOPPA JR. 058530/0802
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SUBORDINATE UNITS

Hq Btry, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT E. E. PRICE III 087934/0802
 USMC (1-8 December)

CAPT W. W. COOK 083044/0802
 USMC (9-31 December)

Battery "D", 2d Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT M. R. ROSS 088020/0802
 USMC

Battery "E", 2d Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT H. C. BARNUM 084262/0802
 USMC

Battery "F", 2d Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT W. W. COOK 083044/0802
 USMC (1-8 December 1968)

CAPT R. W. POOLEY 010495/0802
 USMC (8-31 December 1968)

Mortar Battery, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT C. F. NORTON 080524/0802
 USMCR

Mortar Battery, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines
 (2-12 December)

1STLT J. F. GIMBER 0102781/0802
 USMC

1st Provisional 155 Towed Battery

CAPT J. B. WILKES IV 094071/0802
 USMC

2d Provisional 155 Towed Battery
 (1-12 December)

1STLT R. G. HOOPES 0100732/0802
 USMC

3d Provisional 155 Towed Battery

CAPT T. S. HUTCHISON 094802/0802
 USMC

2. LOCATION 1-31 December, RVNCONFIDENTIAL

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

MAJ R. H. LEDET 063172/0802
USMC

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1STLT N. W. CARMEN 096338/0130
USMC

S-2

1STLT R. W. WYAND 0100794/0802
USMCR

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MAJ E. A. CONDON JR. 072264/0802
USMC

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CAPT E. E. PRICE III 087934/0802
USMC (1-8 December 1968)CAPT W. W. COOK 083044/0802
USMC (9-31 December 1968)

Liaison Officer

MAJ K. E. SOESBE 071961/0802
USMC

Ordnance Officer

WO C. L. SERGENT 0105810/2020
USMC

Supply Officer

1STLT P. M. SHEEHAN 095667/3002
USMCR

Motor Transport Officer

1STLT W. T. WHEELER 0103885/3502
USMCR

Communications Officer

1STLT A. S. KYLE 0102617/2502
USMC

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
42	614	3	14

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of December 1968, the 2d Battalion, 12th Marines fired 2,607 missions and expended 40,347 rounds in support of the 9th Marine Regiment on Operation "Dawson River Afton" and "Dawson River." 33,194 rounds of 105mm, 5,763 rounds of 155mm, and 1,390 rounds of 107mm were expended.

The majority of firing was designed to neutralize helicopter assault landing zones and to channelize enemy forces believed to be operating within the area bounded by the 45GL on the north, the 20GL on the south, the 30GL on the east, and the 86GL on the west (TAB A). Although infantry units and reconnaissance teams had brief contacts with enemy elements during the reporting period, lucrative troop targets were virtually non-existent. Nevertheless, the battalion was credited with 9 probable VC/NVA KIA; 1 cave position, 1 fortified position, 1 structure, 15 bunkers, 2 fighting holes, and 40 meters of trenchline destroyed; 3 mortars and 1 AAA weapon silenced and possibly destroyed; and 32 secondaries indicating a significant quantity of ammunition or POL destroyed.

Positive damage assignments on most suspected enemy locations were difficult to obtain because of dense vegetation and rugged terrain, and also because the infantry scheme of maneuver did not always permit a detailed search of areas attacked by artillery fires.

As the reporting period opened, the 2d Battalion, 12th Marines had operational control of its organic units (less a 3-section detachment of Mortar Battery) and both the 1st and 2d Provisional 155mm (Tw'd) Batteries (4 howitzers each), which gave the 9th Marines the firepower support of 18 105mm howitzers, 8 155mm howitzers, and 3 4.2" mortars.

During the reporting period, the battalion assumed OPCON of Mortar Battery (-) 3/12 for 11 days, chopped OPCON of the 2d Provisional 155mm (Tw'd) Battery, and assumed OPCON of the 3d Provisional 155mm (Tw'd) Battery. The latter unit, unlike the 1st and 2d Provisional Batteries, is a 6-howitzer battery. At the close of the reporting period a net gain of 2 155mm howitzers had been realized by these OPCON changes.

On 1 December all units except the 2d Provisional Battery were situated on Fire Support Bases (FSB) in support of operations south of Vandegrift Combat Base (VCB). Battery D and Mortar Battery were at FSB SHILOH; Battery E and the CP were at FSB DICK; and Battery F and the 1st Provisional Battery were at FSB TUN TAVERN (TAB B). The 2d Provisional Battery remained at CALU to facilitate future operations.

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On 3 December Mortar Battery helilifted to LZ CHARLIE (TAB C) to provide support for 1/9 units attempting to exploit sporadic VC/NVA contacts in that area. Although a typical FSB was not developed at LZ CHARLIE, the Mortar Battery position there became known as FSB "LITTLE BIG HORN". Evidence of recent VC/NVA activity was abundant. While improving the position, a well-constructed camouflaged bunker was discovered under one of the mortar pits. The first significant mission for Mortar Battery occurred on the second day in the new position, when 49 rounds were fired on a suspected enemy mortar position. Batteries D, E, F and the 2d Provisional Battery fired an additional 452 rounds on active enemy positions in the same general target area during this 3-hour engagement. Thereafter, no significant missions were fired around LZ CHARLIE until friendly units began to extract from the area. In the last two days at LZ CHARLIE, Mortar Battery fired 434 rounds on targets of opportunity. This represented over 70% of the total rounds fired by that battery during the 12 day operation around LZ CHARLIE.

Simultaneous with the operation around LZ CHARLIE, units of the 9th Marines pushed south, up the DAKRONG river valley and east, toward the BASE CAMP 101 area. To support these drives, the 1st Provisional Battery helilifted from FSB TUN TAVERN to FSB SHILOH, and Battery F opened FSB BARNETT (TAB D). These moves added 5KM to the battalion FIRECAP in the east and southeastern position of the AO, and about 3.5KM to the south, as well providing additional artillery weight in the primary operating areas. With the assumption of OPCON on 7 December of the 3d Provisional 155mm(Twd) Battery, which had one 3-howitzer detachment at CALU and another at FSB CATES, the number of firing units under control of the battalion FDC increased to 9, and the battalion FIRECAP extended approximately 52KM from east to west, and 47KM from north to south, along an axis running generally northwest-southeast (TAB E).

On 12 December the battalion chopped OPCON of both Mortar Battery (-) 3/12 and the 2d Provisional Battery, and those units departed the VCB/CALU complex. Two days later, when the operation around LZ CHARLIE secured, Mortar Battery 2/12 helilifted to its old position at VCB. This move was the first step in the artillery retraction plan for closing Operation "Dawson River Aft'n". In order to provide an "overshoot" capability for the protection of each FSB during the retraction phase and to complement the infantry scheme of maneuver, the 1st Provisional Battery helilifted to a position in CALU from which it could cover the reopening and occupation of FSB HENDERSON by Battery D. Both of these moves were accomplished on 19 December. By nightfall 19 December, the batteries were aligned in the mutually-supporting positions depicted in TAB F. Retraction was then simply a matter of extracting the most

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distant battery as soon as the infantry supported by that battery had withdrawn to a position within the protective fan of the battery next in line behind it.

On 23 December the command group moved by echelon to its forward CP at VCB. The next day, Battery F closed out FSB BARNETT and helilifted to CALU. After FSB BARNETT had been evacuated, Battery E closed out FSB DICK that same day and helilifted to VCB. On 25 December, when Battery D closed out FSB HENDERSON and helilifted to CALU, the retraction was completed. With all 9th Marines and supporting units within the VCB/CALU complex, Operation "Dawson River Afton" was terminated at 1600 hours 25 December.

A conservative analysis indicates that "Dawson River Afton" had successfully interdicted major infiltration routes south of the BA LONG River valley and had disrupted major VC/NVA headquarters operating areas, thereby reducing the VC/NVA capability to apply pressure in the populated coastal areas to the east.

Operation "Dawson River" opened at 0001 hours 26 December. Responding to reports of enemy units in the rugged mountains between the MAI LOC TAOR and the BA LONG River, the 9th Marines planned to insert one battalion (-) in the vicinity of grids 108431 and 098444. To support this plan, Battery F reopened FSB HENDERSON on 28 December. The infantry assault commenced the following day. During this operation, Battery F Fired 1,461 rounds, of which about half were unobserved TOT's and H&I's on likely enemy harbor sites. 416 rounds were expended prepping assault objectives, and 263 rounds were fired on fleeting targets of opportunity. The problem of inconclusive surveillance of many observed missions, which characterized the previous operation, prevailed during Operation "Dawson River" also. No significant contact had developed at the end of the reporting period, and units were being withdrawn to the VCB/CALU complex to prepare for the next operation. On 31 December, FSB HENDERSON was closed out for the second time within a week, and Battery F helilifted to FSB CATES to facilitate future operations to the west (TAB G).

Noteworthy events occurring during the reporting period and not mentioned above included the 23 December rocket attack on Vandegrift Combat Base and the Christmas cease-fire period. Reaction to the rocket attack was swift and decisively weighted. By aggressively seeking and quickly correlating fragmentary information from Conduct of Fire reports and several sources, the battalion was able to commence counterbattery fires before the Spot Report announcing the attack had been received. 330 rounds of 155mm HEQ were expended on the area from which the rockets had been launched.

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The Christmas cease-fire was scheduled from 1800 hours 24 December to 1800 hours Christmas day. The battalion suspended firing unobserved fires at 1532 hours 24 December, after the movement of Batteries E and F from Fire Support Bases BARNETT and DICK to their new positions at CALU and Vandergrift Combat Base. In accordance with the directives of higher authority, at 1800 hours 24 December the battalion reported that it was in a "Standdown" posture; however, full watches were maintained throughout the cease fire period. There were no truce violations involving 2d Battalion units or personnel. At 1800 hours 25 December, the battalion resumed its rocket suppression program.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. 2d Battalion, 12th Marines.
 - a. Combat Mission Assigned. Direct support of the 9th Marines
 - b. Significant Operations Conducted. The 2d Battalion, 12th Marines participated in Operations "Dawson River Afton" and "Dawson River".
 - c. Displacements and Changes in Operational Control.
 - 2 December assumed OPCON of W/3/12 (-)
 - 3 December 1st Provisional Battery helilifted from FSB TUN TAVERN to FSB SHILOH
 - 3 December W/2/12 (-) helilifted from FSB SHILOH to LZ CHARLIE
 - 6 December F/2/12 helilifted from FSB TUN TAVERN to FSB BARNETT
 - 7 December assumed OPCON of 3rd Provisional 155mm (Twd) Battery with one 3-howitzer platoon at FSB CATES and one 3-howitzer platoon at CALU
 - 12 December chopped OPCON of W/3/12 (-)
 - 12 December chopped OPCON of 2d Provisional 155mm. (Twd) Battery
 - 14 December W/2/12 (-) helilifted from LZ CHARLIE to Vandegrift Combat Base

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19 December 1st Provisional Battery helilifted from FSB SHILOH to CALU
 19 December D/2/12 helilifted from FSB SHILOH to FSB HENDERSON
 22 December Platoon of 3d Provisional Battery helilifted from CALU
 to FSB CATES
 23 December Command Group from FSB DICK to Vandegrift Combat Base
 24 December F/2/12 helilifted from FSB BARNETT to CALU
 24 December E/2/12 helilifted from FSB DICK to Vandegrift Combat Base
 25 December D/2/12 helilifted from FSB HENDERSON to CALU
 28 December F/2/12 helilifted from CALU to FSB HENDERSON
 28 December E/2/12 moved from Vandegrift Combat Base to CALU
 31 December F/2/12 helilifted from FSB HENDERSON to FSB CATES

d. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy. 9 Probable VC/NVA KIA.

e. Casualties Sustained. 2 WIA

f. Equipment Maintenance Situation. The DX program has steadily declined. Optical and sighting equipment for howitzers have been in high demand with long delay in repair facilities. Second echelon deadline for parts is very high.

g. Logistics During the month of December 1968, the Battalion accomplished displacements and subsequent resupply almost entirely by air. These operations necessitated a split logistics section; one sub-section handled air resupply while the other sub-section handled maintenance and administrative functions. The Motor Transport section was afforded opportunity to perform more than the usual preventive maintenance functions since all firing batteries were isolated from roads. A consolidated Battalion transportation schedule was established with two runs daily to Vandegrift Combat Base and the Quang Tri area. This run has made still more vehicles available for maintenance functions while reducing the volume of Battalion traffic on Routes 1 and 9. A total of 37,101 rounds of 105mm, 107mm, and 155mm ammunition were transported during the month.

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h. Civic Action. During the month of December 1968, the Civic Action program of this Battalion was centered on the Hamlet of Thiet Trang and the refugee Hamlet of Troung Xa. On 7 Dec68 a Medcap and a Dentcap were held. 61 patients and 1 pig were treated. 14 Dec68 a Medcap was held for 53 patients. On 21 Dec a Christmas party was held at the elementary school in Thiet Trang for the children of both Hamlets. 14 enlisted personnel and 2 Officers attended. Toys, candy, refreshments, and clothing were distributed to approximately 300 villagers. Emergency patients were treated also on 21 Dec. On 24 Dec 12 sheets of tin and 30 bags of cement were delivered to Mr. Da the chief of Thiet Trang for school repairs and for the construction of a well. On 27 Dec the S-5 interpreter, Mr. Giam (The Hamlet chief of Troung Xa) and 7 villagers went to the CORDS warehouse in Quang Tri City to pick up 150 bags of grain and bulgar for the refugees and delivered same to Troung Xa.

On 28 Dec a Medcap was held for 54 villagers. On 30 Dec 50 bags of cement were delivered to Troung Xa for construction of 2 new wells and an ancestral temple.

i. Personnel. The Battalion was at 95% T/O strength at the end of the reporting period. Shortages exist in the MOS's 0122, 0239, 0844, 0848, 0849, 2111, 3041, 3052, 3516. Sixty-four Marines participated in the R&R program during December.

j. Intelligence. Operation "Dawson River Afton" continued through the month of December 1968. The 9th Marines/2d Battalion, 12th Marines continued applying pressure to NV4/VC units in the DaKrong River and southern Balong areas, generally bounded by the 45GL on the north, the 20GL on the south and the 30GL on the east, 86GL on the west. There were no contacts with large enemy units; however, captured documents and equipment indicated the presence of the 7th Front Rear Service Headquarters, the 812th Regiment and the 808th Battalion.

The 1st Battalion 9th Marines, initially supported by Battery D and Mortar Battery (-) 2/12 and the 1st Provisional Battery at FSB SHILOH, had sporadic contacts with small VC/NVA units between the DAKRONG River and Laotian border. As 1/9 moved east of the DAKRONG River, well developed trails were discovered. Significantly, the battalion discovered what appeared to be a relay station, and captured radio equipment, documents and 3 female detainees in the vicinity of grid YD 193295. In the same time frame, a heavily-used camouflaged trail was discovered on Hill 1108 (YD 199278), and a well developed trail approximately 8 feet wide and running in a north-south direction was discovered in the vicinity grid YD 175253.

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3/9, supported by Battery E from FSB DICK and Battery F from FSB BARNETT, continuing working east from the DAKRONG Valley toward Base Area 101. They discovered well-developed trail networks and numerous caches. The battalion found a significant communications cache alongside a trail in the vicinity of grid YD 168312. All equipment was new and in shipping containers.

Analysis: As the operation moved to the east/southeast it became evident that the 9th Marine Regiment was working into major infiltration routes and major enemy headquarters operating areas. Communications equipment captured was packed for transport and documents found indicated the presence of 7th Front Rear Service Headquarters. The operation applied pressure, hampering enemy operation and possibly forcing elements of the 7th Front Headquarters to evacuate Base Area 101 and surrounding areas. Thus, it is believed that the operation contributed significantly to reducing VC activities in the adjacent coastal area.

k. Communications. During the month of December 1968, the Communications Platoon supported the Battalion FDC at FSB DICK and Vandegrift Combat Base, maintained a rear in Kong Ha, and operated a relay station on Signal Hill. The Tech Shop continued in its Second Echelon Program for the firing batteries. The Radio Section received 19 KY-38 portable voice encryption devices, but the KYK-28 and PRC-77 units have not arrived yet. The policy of training all new radio operators in Headquarters was abandoned. An attempt is now made to rotate experienced operators from the field to the Headquarters Battery. Cross training of wiremen in the radio specialty was used extensively due to the emphasis on radio communications in the fire support base concept of operations.

l. Training. All cannon batteries conducted training for self-defense of FSB's, including the firing of illumination and beehive. Although 155 mm munitions are included in these self-defense plans, proximity of friendly troops did not permit practice firing of 155 mm during the reporting period. An FO School was conducted on 27 December.

m. Weather. Good weather prevailed for most of the reporting period, but morning ground fog conditions at the Vandegrift Combat Base Logistics Support Activity reduced the volume of resupply. While this did not significantly affect combat operations, it did require conservation of artillery ammunition to a greater degree than would have been necessary if resupply had been continuous. The worst weather of the reporting period occurred during the retraction phase, which required several adjustments in the retraction schedule.

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n. Air Support. The capability of Marine helicopters to support operations of this nature appears to be marginal, due to low aircraft availability. A requirement exists for command/control aircraft to be available to the artillery battalion commander for reconnaissance, liaison, and command visits almost every day. This requirement could not be supported during the reporting period.

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EXTRACTS OF MISSIONS FROM 2ND BATTALION, 12TH MARINES

PERIOD 302300 Nov to 012300 December

- 2310 FM, F/2/12 (096374), Enemy movement, Oaktree
EOM 2345, 1 ILLTI, Movement ceased, BX 7896
- 1100 FM, D/2/12 (050238), Suspected enemy position, Sandbox 61-A
EOM 1150, 20 HEQ, 2 WP, Area neutralized, BX 7900
- 1040 FM, 1st Prov (944301), Storage complex, 12th Marines
EOM 1140, 36 HEQ, Reliable intelligence target, BX 7899
- 1110 FM, F/2/12 (058366), Suspected enemy position, Klondike 63
EOM 1215, 15 HEQ&D, 12 WP, Area neutralized, BX 7903
- 1240 FM, F/2/12 (025259), Enemy trail network, Sandbox 61
EOM 1410, 12 HEQ&D, 6 WP, Area neutralized, BX 7906
- 1040 FM, E/2/12 (19843060), Suspected enemy position, Klondike 64
EOM 1410, 64 HEQ&D, 2 WP, Area neutralized, BY 0064
- 1645 FM, D/2/12 (101213), Suspected enemy position, Sandbox 64
EOM 1755, 24 HEQ, 2 WP, Area neutralized, BX 7895
- 1755 FM, D/2/12 (031258), Known sniper position, Sandbox 61
EOM 1900, 20 HEQ&VT, 12 WP, Area neutralized, BX 7917

PERIOD 012300 to 022300

- 2116 FM, F/2/12 (14853187), Lights, Corporal Pete 3A
EOM 2153, 18 HEQ, D&VT, 4 WP, Lights extinguished, BX 7941
- 1020 FM, E/2/12 (198324), LZ Prep, Klondike 24
EOM 1617, 312 HEQ&D, 12 WP, 11 Secondaries, BX 7943
- 1531 FM, 1st Prov (055250), Enemy shelter, Sandbox 61
EOM 1725, 5 HEQ, 6 WP, Shelter destroyed, BX 7962
- 2116 FM, F/2/12 (098378), Lights and enemy movement, Corporal Pete 3A
EOM 2153, 18 HEQ&VT, 4 WP, Lights extinguished, BX 7941

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PERIOD 022300 to 032300

- 1036 FM, F/2/12 (045365), Active 50 Cal., Klondike 63
 EOM 1130, 50 HEQ, 4 WP, Firing ceased, BX 7985
- 1300 FM, F/2/12 (044365), Suspected enemy position, Klondike 24
 EOM 1410, 22 HEQ&D, 4 WP, Position destroyed, BX 7988
- 1605 FM, 2d Prov (130540), 80 NVA in the open, 12th Marines
 EOM 1650, 54 HEVT, Unobserved, Reliable intelligence source, BX 5654
- 2000 FM, F/2/12 (024265), Suspected enemy position, Sandbox 61A
 EOM 2210, 64 HEQ, 2 WP, 2 Secondaries, BX 7974

PERIOD 032300 to 042300

- 0705 FM, F/2/12, E/2/12, D/2/12, W/2/12, 1st Prov.(097226)
 Small arms fire, suspected mortar position, Sandbox 24, 64
 EOM 1025, 441 HEQ&VT, 22 WP, Area neutralized, Contact broken,
 BX 8114

PERIOD 042300 to 052300

- 0600 FM, 1st Prov (097217) Suspected enemy movement, Sandbox 64
 EOM 0805, 30 HEQ&D, 2 WP, Area neutralized, BX 8149
- 1115 FM, F/2/12 (119272), Enemy trails and network, Sandbox 62
 EOM 1230, 60 HEQ, 6 WP, Area neutralized, BX 8151
- 1145 FM, 1st Prov (249282), Enemy bunkers, Bulldozer, Lima
 EOM 1332, 50 HEQ&D, 2 WP, 3 Bunkers destroyed, BX 8152
- 1800 FM, F/2/12 (034290), Active mortar, Sandbox 24
 EOM 1912, 150 HEQ&D, 2 WP, Mortar silenced, BX 8167
- 1830 FM, 1st Prov (050286), Enemy position, Sandbox 24
 EOM 1920, 90 HEQ&D, Area neutralized, BX 8169
- 1820 FM, D/2/12 (032269), Active mortar, Sandbox 24
 EOM 2010, 329 HEQ, Mortar silenced, BX 8168

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PERIOD 052300 to 062300

- 2240 FM, D/2/12 (090233), NVA in ~~treeline~~, Sandbox 64
EOM 2317, 45 HEQ, 2 WP, Area neutralized, BX 8190
- 2012 FM, E/2/12 (10393761), Enemy movement, Grasshopper
EOM 2230, 24 HEQ&VT, 54 ILLTI, Movement ceased, BY 0051
- 2235 FM, 1st Prov (090233), NVA in contact, Sandbox 24
EOM 2310, 22 HEVT, Area neutralized, BX 8190
- 2320 FM, D/2/12 (097241), Enemy movement, Sandbox 64
EOM 0100, 48 HEQ, 2 WP, Area neutralized, movement ceased BX 8191
- 0045 FM, 2d Prov (040475), Active Mortars, 12th Marines
EOM 0128, 60 HEQ, Reinforcing mission, surveillance unknown, BX 8192
- 1100 FM, 1st Prov (052257), Suspected enemy meeting place, Sandbox 61
EOM 1215, 30 HEQ&VT, 3 WP, Area neutralized, BX 8204 +, .
- 1425 FM, D/2/12 (03972621), Suspected enemy mortar, Sandbox 61
EOM 1454, 50 HEQ, 2 WP, Area neutralized, BX 8210
- 1730 FM, D/2/12 (04702568), Bunkers and trails, Bulldozer whiskey
EOM 1825, 65 HEQ, 4 WP, Area neutralized, BX 8243
- 1810 FM, 1st Prov (072243), Suspected enemy position, prep fire,
Sandbox 61A
EOM 1858, 29HEQ&D, 2 WP, Area neutralized, BX 8245
- 2138 FM, D/2/12 (028251), Enemy movement, Sandbox 61
EOM 2257, 25 HEQ, 4 WP, 4 Probable VC/NVA WIA KIA

PERIOD 062300 to 072300

- 1750 FM, 1st Prov (050287), Prep fire, Sandbox 61A
EOM 1917, 18 HEQ, 2 WP, 1 Secondary, BX 8282
- 0025 FM, 2d Prov (967564), Enemy cave position, Hasty Foot 61
EOM 0047, 7 HEQ, 8 ILLTI, 1 WP, Cave destroyed, BX 8253

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Period from 072300 to 082300

1755 FM, D 2-12 (072268), Heavy trails and activity, Seaworthy
 EOM 1845, 62 HEQ, 4 WP, Area neutralized, BX 8345

2030 FM, F 2-12 (257308), Lights & movement, Klondike 62
 EOM 2130, 24 HEQ&D, 10 WP, Lights out, BX 8397

1613 FM, E 2-12 (234334), NVA movement, League Leader
 EOM 1745, 100 HEQ, Rounds on target, HY 6397

2130 FM, 3d Prov (917574), Lights, Hastyfoot 61
 EOM 2310, 10HEQ, 8 WP, Lights went out, BX 8315

Period from 082300 to 092300

1930 FM, 1st Prov (091270), Enemy trails, Sandbox 64
 EOM 2120, 48 HEQ, 2 WP, 1 Secondary, BX 8446

1155 FM, D 2-12 (035279), Active 50 caliber, Sandbox 61A
 EOM 1425, 307 HEQ, 4 WP, 1 AAA weapon silenced & 1 Secondary
 BX 8419

2145 FM, E 2-12 (095246), Enemy movement, Sandbox 64
 EOM 2245, 30 HEQ, 2 WP, Area neutralized, BX 8407

2220 FM, D 2-12 (101212), Lights and noises, Sandbox 64
 EOM 2300, 105 HEQ, 2 WP, Lights out, noise ceased, BX 8411

2305 FM, D 2-12 (101220), Trip flare and movement, Sandbox 64
 EOM 2330, 54 HEQ, 2 WP, Area neutralized, BX 8413

Period from 092300 to 102300

1740 FM, F 2-12 (267318), Lights moving, Klondike 61
 EOM 2015, 14 HEQ&D, 2 WP, Lights out, BX 8503

1949 FM, F 2-12 (26293115), Lights moving toward friendlies,
 Klondike 61, EOM 2020, 8 HEQ, 2 WP, Lights out, BX 8504

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PERIOD 092300 to 102300

- 1425 FM, F/2/12 (275296), Small arms, troop contact, Klondike 61
EOM 1516, 32 HEQ&D, 2 WP, Small arms ceased, BX 8470
- 1610 FM, D/2/12 (095259), NVA in open, Delta 6
EOM 1645, 13 HEQ, 6 WP, Area neutralized, BX 8473
- 1600 FM, F/2/12 (260313), NVA on the move, Klondike 61
EOM 1710, 20 HEQ&D, 8 WP, Area neutralized, BX 8472
- 1625 FM, 1st Prov (101213), Known enemy trail, Sandbox 64
EOM 1730, 36 HEQ, 4 WP, Possible secondary, BX 8474
- 0805 FM, D/2/12 (090198), Known enemy position, Bulldozer X-Ray
EOM 1040, 54 HEQ&D, 12 WP, Area neutralized, BX 8462
- 1150 FM, F/2/12 (255307), Enemy movement, Klondike 24
EOM 1235, 60 HEQ&D, 2 WP, Movement stopped, BX 8461

PERIOD 102300 to 112300

- FM, 1st Prov (021192), Enemy movement, Sandbox 63A
EOM 1510, 20 HEQ, 2 WP, Enemy withdrawn, BX 8544
- 1628 FM, F/2/12 (261336), Bunkers and trenchline, Bulldozer
EOM 1718, 50 HEQ, 6 WP, Trenchline destroyed, BX 8549
- 1939 FM, F/2/12 (286277), Suspected enemy position, Klondike 63
EOM 2010, 29 HEQ&D, 2 WP, Area neutralized, BX 6557
- 1740 FM, 1st Prov (03422843), Suspected enemy position, Sandbox FO 1
EOM 2150, 91 HEQ, 7 WP, 5 large secondaries, BX 8566

PERIOD 112300 to 122300

- 1900 FM, D/2/12 (05042718), Lights, Oaktree
EOM 1935, 60 HEQ&D, 2 WP, Lights out movement ceased, BX 8690
- 2020 FM, D/2/12 (10771832), Movement, Oaktree
EOM 2040, 54 HEQ&D, Movement ceased, BX 8690

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Period from 122300 to 132300

- 0655 FM, F 2-12 (288309), Enemy position, Sandbox 63
EOM 0715, 75 HEQ&D, Area neutralized, BX 8721
- 1300 FM, D 2-12 (127183), NVA harassing recon extraction, Oaktree
EOM 1400, 180 HEQ, Area neutralized, BX 8779
- 1150 FM, D 2-12 & 1st Prov (106193), 40 NVA in bunker complex,
Oaktree, EOM 1437, 296 HEQ&D, 6 WP, Observer extracted,
BX 8778
- 1550 FM, 1st Prov (115184), Trails and bunkers, League Leader Whiskey
EOM 1700, 23 HEQ&D, 2 WP, Area neutralized, BX 8790
- 2118 FM, F 2-12 (269318), Lights, Klondike 63, EOM 2143
42 HEQ, 6 WP, Lights out, BX 8817

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- 1925 FM, E 2-12 (093377), Enemy movement and lights, Grasshopper
EOM 2005, 24 HEQ, 6 WP, Movement ceased, BX 0087
- 1440 FM, 1st Prov (197203), 3 NVA, Parasol, EOM 1727
20 HEQ, 3 WP, Area neutralized, BX 8874
- 1615 FM, E 2-12 (123270), Suspected enemy position, Sandbox 62
EOM 1808, 20 HEQ, 4 WP, Area neutralized, BX 8880
- 2245 FM, F 2-12 (26823168), Lights, Klondike 63
EOM 2330, 32 HEQ, Lights out, BX 8917

Period from 142300 to 152300

- 1940 FM, E 2-12 (103377), Enemy movement & contact, Grasshopper
EOM 2213, 92 Illumination, Contact broken, BY 0068
- 1635 FM, E 2-12 (096285), Suspected enemy position, Sandbox 24
EOM 45 HEQ&D, 8 WP, Area neutralized, BX 8946
- 1730 FM, F 2-12 (255321), NVA small arms at AO, Klondike 24
EOM 1810, 100 HEQ, 2 WP, Area neutralized, BX 8947

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PERIOD 142300 to 152300

- 1947 FM, E/2/12 (093377), Enemy movement, Grasshopper
 EOM 2052, 100 HEQ, 4 WP, Movement stopped, enemy withdrawn,
 BY 0087
- 2005 FM, F/2/12 (260318), Lights, Klondike 63
 EOM 2120, 25 HEQ&D, 14 WP, Lights out, BX 8969
- 2125 FM, F/2/12 (283317), Suspected enemy position,
 EOM 2205, 17 HEQ&D, 2 WP, Area neutralized, BX 8976

PERIOD 152300 to 162300

- 1000 FM, 1st Prov (098208), NVA firing, Sandbox 64
 EOM 1137, 130 HEQ, 2 WP, Firing stopped, BX 9003
- 1000 FM, D/2/12 (091201), NVA firing, Sandbox 64
 EOM 1200, 524 HEQ, 2 WP, Firing stopped, BX 9002
- 1210 FM, E/2/12 (237325), Enemy movement, Klondike 64
 EOM 1425, 176 HEQ, 6 WP, Area neutralized, movement ceased,
 BX 9007
- 1615 FM, D/2/12 (092207), Network of trails, Sandbox 64
 EOM 1620, 36 HEQ, 4 WP, Area neutralized, BX 9014
- 1610 FM, F/2/12 (263209), Enemy activity, Bulldozer
 EOM 1655, 100 HEQ&D, 2 WP, 3 bunkers destroyed, 4 probable VC/NVA
 WIA/KIA, BX 9012

PERIOD 162300 to 172300

- 0823 FM, 1st Prov (181134), Enemy troop concentration, Bulldozer
 EOM 0933, 60 HEQ&D, 2 WP, Area neutralized, BX 9038
- 1050 FM, E/2/12 (186266), Suspected enemy Observation post, Sandbox 63
 EOM 1205, 9 HEQ&D, 14 WP, O P neutralized, BX 9039
- 1240 FM, F/2/12 (213204), Suspected enemy position, Sandbox 61
 EOM 1335, 15 HEQ&D, 6 WP, Area neutralized, BX 9041

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Period from 172300 to 182300

- 1005 FM, D 2-12 (159283), Troop concentration, Sandbox 24
 EOM 1107, 300 HEQ&D, 6 WP, Area neutralized, BX 9104
- 1105 FM, D 2-12 (09792303), Troop concentration, Sandbox 24
 EOM 1122, 300 HEQ, 6 WP, Area neutralized, BX 9106
- 1105 FM, 1st Prov (209237), Suspected enemy position, Sandbox 24
 EOM 1143, 27 HEQ, 2 WP, Area neutralized, BX 9105
- 1300 FM, D 2-12 (116184), Suspected enemy position, Sandbox 24
 EOM 1330, 60 HEQ, 2 WP, Area neutralized, BX 9108
- 1415 FM, E 2-12 (193352), Suspected enemy position, Klondike 64
 EOM 1630, 30 HEQ, 4 WP, Area neutralized, BX 9125

Period from 182300 to 192300

- 2043 FM, 3d Prov (855386), Active vehicles, Blueplate
 EOM 2140, 20 HEQ, Reliable intelligence target, BX 9216
- 2141 FM, 3d Prov (815370), Active vehicles, Blueplate
 EOM 2155, 10 HEQ, Reliable intelligence target, BX 9217
- 1150 FM, 3d Prov(011333), 6 to 7 NVA in canopy, Bulldozer Tango
 EOM 1320, 121 HEQ, 5 WP, Area neutralized, HY 7171

Period from 192300 to 202300

- 1610 FM, F 2-12 (268279), NVA and small arms fire, Bulldozer Tango
 EOM 1746, 264 HEQ&D, 2 WP, 9 Bunkers destroyed, 40 meters of
 trenchline destroyed, small arms silenced, BX 9258
- 1713 FM, 3d Prov (939321), Small arms fire, Wisdom Jacket
 EOM 1855, 9 HEQ, 4 WP, 1 Secondary, BX 9267

Period from 202300 to 212300

- 1700 FM, F 2-12 (223261), Suspected enemy position, Sandbox 61
 EOM 1725, 18 HEQ&D, 4 WP, Area neutralized, BX 9322

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PERIOD 212300 to 222300

0610 FM, E/2/12 (097417), Prep fire, Klondike 61
 EOM 0625, 80 HEQ, 2 WP, 1 Secondary, BX 9355

2015 FM, F/2/12 (265325), Lost patrol, Klondike 63
 EOM 0028, 104 ILLTI, Patrol recovered, BX 9536

PERIOD 222300 to 232300

1300 FM, W/2/12 (972501), Suspected enemy mortars Sandbox 24
 EOM 1430, 60 HEQ, Area neutralized, BX 9391

1330 FM, F/2/12 (220284), 10 NVA in canopy, Sandbox 61
 EOM 1455, 48 HEQ&D, 2 WP, Found 782 gear, radio and rice
 BX 9392

1240 FM, 1st Prov (900500), Counterbattery fire, Corporal Pete 3
 EOM 1450, 180 HEQ, (zone and shift) unobserved, BX 8393

1330 FM, 3rd Prov (903497), Counterbattery fire, Corporal Pete 3
 EOM 1455, 70 HEQ, (zone and shift) unobserved, BX 9393

1440 FM, 1st Prov (915520), Counterbattery fire, Corporal Pete 3
 EOM 1540, 50 HEQ, (zone and shift) unobserved, BX 9394

1455 FM, 3rd Prov (943477), Counterbattery fire, Corporal Pete 3
 EOM 1535, 20 HEQ, (zone and shift) unobserved, BX 9395

1455 FM, 1st Prov (943477), Counterbattery fire, Corporal Pete 3
 EOM 1555, 10 HEQ, (zone and shift) unobserved, BX 9396

2130 FM, D/2/12 (123462), NVA elements, 12th Marines
 EOM 2300, 40 HEQ, Unobserved, intelligence target, HY 7316

PERIOD 2300 to 2400

1500 FM, 3rd Prov, (926522), Suspected rocket site, Hasty foot 24
 EOM 1532, 20 HEQ, Unobserved, intelligence target, BX 9001

PERIOD 272300 to 282300

1405 FM, 3rd Prov, (81804585), 3 NVA in the open, Hastyfoot 61
 EOM 1505, 17 HEQ&VT, 2 WP, Area neutralized, BX 0065

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Period from 282300 to 292300

2020 FM, F 2-12 (107377), Enemy movement, Fighting Mad India
EOM 0645, 32 Illumination, movement ceased, BX 9198Z

Period from 302300 to 312300

1630 FM, D 2-12 (983410), Small arms firing on aircraft, League Leader
EOM 1850, 60 HEQ, Area neutralized, BX 9335

1734 FM, 3d Prov (938478), 3 to 5 NVA in canopy, Nurse
EOM 2010, 59 HEQ, 2 WP, Area neutralized, BX 9337

1900 FM, D 2-12 (94014786), Enemy movement, Nurse
EOM 1950, 50 HEQ, Area neutralized, BX 9338

1345 FM, 3d Prov (826483), Suspected enemy position, Klondike 62A
EOM 1535, 31 HEQ&D, 13 WP, 1 Large sustained fire, 6 to 8
Secondaries, BX 9334

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