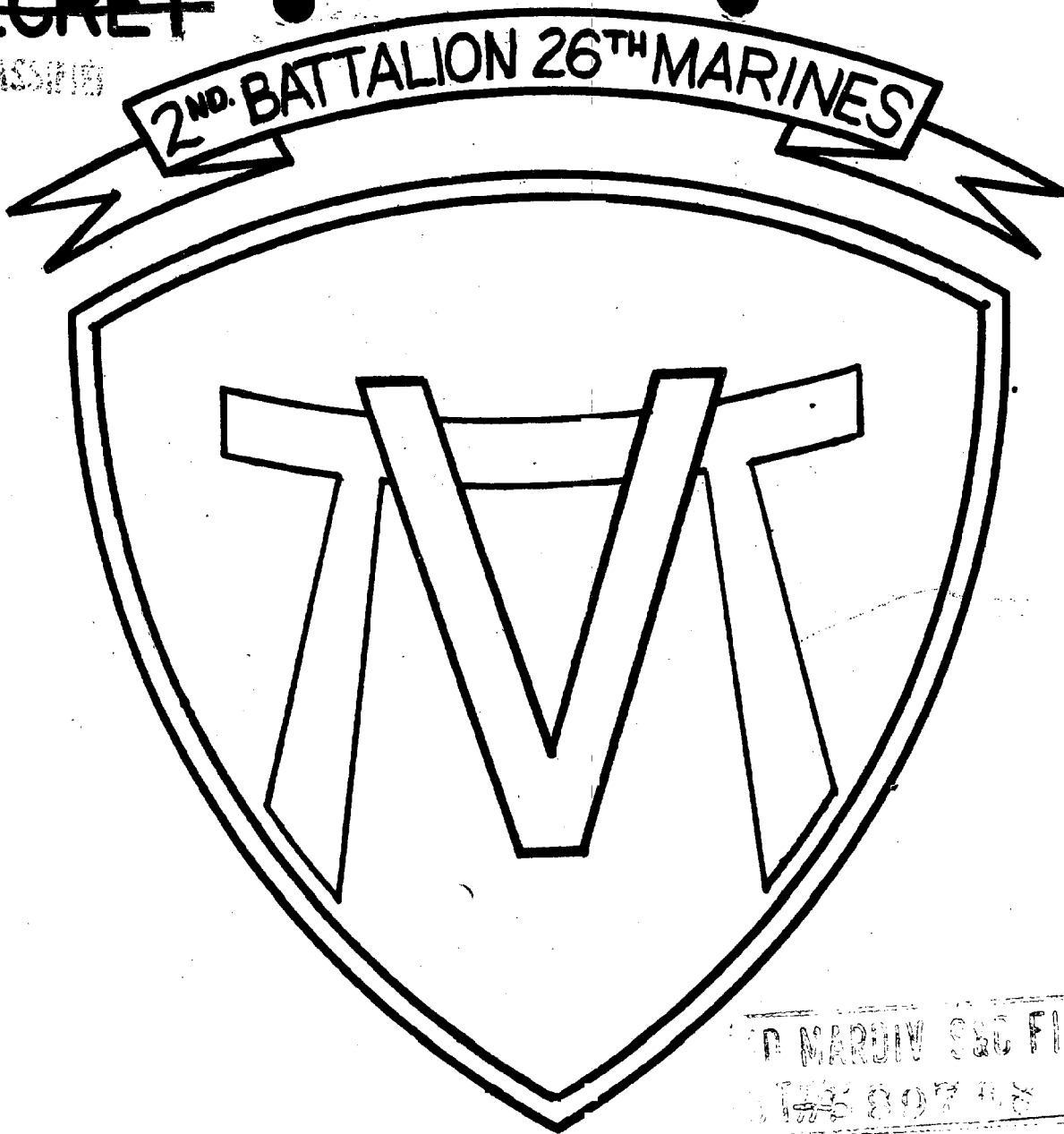


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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation.Commander

Battalion Landing Team 2/26	LtCol W.F. SPARKS	1-30 Sep
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Subordinate Units

H&S Co	1stLt D.S. HARRINGTON	1-30 Sep
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E Co	Capt J.C. CREGAN	1-30 Sep
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F Co	Capt S.M. HARTMAN	1-30 Sep
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G Co	1stLt R.W. RIORDAN	1-28 Sep
	1stLt P.A. POST	28-30 Sep

H Co	1stLt T.F. RUDD	1-30 Sep
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Attachments

Btry B(-), 1stBn, 13thMar	Capt F.R. FRANZEN	1-30 Sep
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Mortar Btry, 1stBn, 12thMar	1stLt R.H. SAUNDERS	1-30 Sep
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1stPlt(Rein), Co A, 5thAmTracBn	1stLt E.E. COX	1-30 Sep
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1stPlt(Rein), Co A, 5thATBn	SSgt C.B. WHITEFIELD	1-30 Sep
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2dPlt(Rein), Co C, 3dEngBn	2dLt J.J. ASHCROFT II	1-30 Sep
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2dPlt(Rein), H&S Co, 3dSPBn	1stLt S.J. O'NEILL	1-30 Sep
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1stPlt(Rein), Co A, 5thReconBn	1stLt P.J. McDONALD JR.	1-30 Sep
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4thPlt(Rein), Co A, 5thTKBn	2dLt D.M. MURPHY	1-30 Sep
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2dPlt(Rein), Co C, 3dMTBn	1stLt B.L. LANDIN	1-30 Sep
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LSU, BLT 2/26	LstLt P.A. BURNS	1-30 Sep
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Det, HQBn, (Postal, Dis&Photo)	1stLt R.J. LOVELACE	1-30 Sep
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Collect&ClearPlt, 5thMedBn	Lt(USN) D.A. BALLING	1-30 Sep
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Security Det, HQ Co, 9th MAB	Cpl R.L. MARKHAM	1-30 Sep
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NavGunFireLnTeam	Lt(JG) J. CARROLL	1-30 Sep
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Det, Radio Relay, HQ Co, 26thMar	Sgt J.W. BUFFA	1-30 Sep
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Location

1-4 September	MAI LOC (YD 093515)
4-13 September	CAMP CARROLL (YD 063546)
13-18 September	LZ MARGO (XD 903611)
18-30 September	North West of LZ MARGO (XD 899617)

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Maj	C. TYE	1-30 Sep
S-1	1stLt	J.W. SEAL	1-30 Sep
S-2	SSgt	H.E. ROLAND	1-30 Sep
S-3	Maj	J.D. LYNCH	1-30 Sep
S-4	Capt	C.O. BROUGHTON	1-30 Sep
S-5	1stLt	R.I. MORGAN	1-30 Sep

4. Average Monthly Strength.

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

At the beginning of September, BLT 2/26 was still participating in Operation SWIFT PURSUIT in the LANCASTER AO under the Operational Control of 3d Marines.

At 0800H on 2 September, Operation SWIFT PURSUIT was terminated. At this time, BLT units were positioned in the following locations. The BLT CP was at Mai Loc (YD 093515). Company E was operating from a patrol base at YD 049473. Company F was conducting a sweep to the east along a stream and was located at YD 149529. Company G was operating from a patrol base at YD 086455. Company H was operating from a patrol base at YD 059525. "W" Battery, 1/12, the Engineer Platoon, and the Tank Platoon were located with the BLT CP at Mai Loc. "B" Battery, 1/13 was located at C-2 in direct support of the 3d Marines. The Ontos Platoon was located at Camp Carroll. The Recon Platoon was attached to Company F.

From 2 to 4 September, BLT 2/26 continued in its mission to protect the Bru Village at Mai Loc, conducting patrols on the high ground to the south and west.

On 3 September, Company F and the Recon Platoon were helilifted to LZ PEDRO (YD 248488) and placed under the Operational Control of Headquarters Battalion, 3d Marine Division to defend the position.

On 4 September, the BLT CP and Company H moved to Camp Carroll where Company H assumed a portion of the defense of the base.

On 5 September, the remainder of the BLT units, in the Mai Loc area, less "W" Battery, 1/12, displaced to Camp Carroll. The 3d Platoon of Company E remained in the vicinity of the Bru Village as a protective force. Company E(-) joined Company H in defensive positions at Camp Carroll and Company G was displaced to Thon Son Lam Combat Base. The BLT's assigned mission was to continue to defend the Bru Village with one reinforced Rifle Platoon; and be prepared to assume the responsibility for the defense of Camp Carroll, Thon Son Lam Combat Base, Khe Gia Bridge and Route 9 in the 3d Marine's AO.

On 6 September, the BLT assumed the responsibility for the above listed positions and was given Operational Control of Company G(-), 2d Battalion, 3d Marines, which had its Company CP and one platoon at Khe Gia Bridge and one platoon at YD 066570 guarding Route 9.

On 7 September, "W" Battery, 1/12 was displaced from Mai Loc to Camp Carroll and given a direct support role for 3d Marines.

On 12 September, Company F and the Recon Platoon were helilifted to Camp Carroll and returned to the Operational Control of BLT 2/26.

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On 13 September, the BLT Alfa Command Group; Companies E, F, G and H; the 81mm Mortar Platoon; the Engineer Platoon; and the Recon Platoon were helilifted to LZ MARGO (XD 901611). The Bravo Command Group and the 106 RR Platoon moved to Thon Son Lam Combat Base. The remaining BLT units remained in place. The BLT's new mission was to find, fix, and destroy all enemy units and installations in the Area of Operations. The BLT was placed under the Operational Control of 9th Marines at 0800H on 16 September to participate in Operation LANCASTER II TROUSDALE NORTH. The BLT's mission and Area of Operations remained virtually the same. The BLT's posture remained the same at the end of the month.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. MISSION. During the month of September the BLT was assigned the following missions:

a. 1-4 September

- (1) Conduct company sized search and destroy operations in assigned AO.
- (2) Defend the Bru village.
- (3) Provide one reinforced rifle company on 3 September for heli-lift to and security for LZ PEDRO.

b. 4-6 September

- (1) Provide one company for Camp Carroll Base Defense.
- (2) Provide security for the Bru village with one reinforced rifle platoon.
- (3) Be prepared to assume responsibility for the defense of Camp Carroll, Thon Son Lam, Khe Gia Bridge and Route # 9 in the 3d Marines AO.

c. 6-13 September

- (1) Defend Camp Carroll, Thon Son Lam, Khe Gia Bridge and Route # 9 in the 3d Marines AO.
- (2) Provide minesweep and Seabee security as required.

d. 13-16 September.

- (1) Land and seize LZ MARGO.
- (2) Conduct search and destroy operations to the East in assigned AO.

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e. 16-30 September

(1) Attack North in assigned AO. Search out enemy locations, kill or capture the enemy, and capture or destroy his equipment and supplies.

2. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

2 Sep At 020800H, Operation SWIFT PURSUIT was terminated.

Ref: Journal No. 13
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

3 Sep At 031040H, Co F helilifted to LZ PEDRO in compliance with Frag Order 39-68 and was placed under Operational Control of Headquarters Battalion, 3d Marine Division.

Ref: Journal No. 26
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

4 Sep At 042105H, BLT 2/26 Command Group arrived in convoy at Camp Carroll and established a CP at that position.

Ref: Journal No. 41
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

6 Sep At 061000H, BLT 2/26 assumed control of the 3d Marines Area of Operations in the Operation LANCASTER II Area of Operations.

Ref: Journal No. 47
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

6 Sep At 061000H, BLT 2/26 assumed Operational Control of Company G (-), 2d Battalion, 3d Marines.

Ref: Journal No. 48
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

9 Sep At 090850H, A M35 truck in resupply convoy to Company E detonated a land mine (estimated homemade, 200 lbs TNT) at YD 078521; damaging the right rear of the truck and resulting in 11 USMC WIA, 10 of which required medevac.

Ref: Journal No. 64
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

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9 Sep At 091425H, 5 USMC and 1 USN from Company G, BLT 2/26 were seriously burned as a result of a flash fire in a bunker at Thon Son Lam. The fire was evidently fed by increments in one or more boxes comprising the floor of the bunker in which the men were living. A spark or cigarette ignited the fire.

Ref: Journal No. 66
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

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10 Sep At 102330H, Company G, BLT 2/26 received 3 rounds of suspected 130mm artillery fire from vicinity of enemy coordinates XD 985669 resulting in 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIA medevaced. Artillery mission was fired on suspected enemy coordinates with unknown results.

Ref: Journal No. 79
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

13 Sep At 131145H, elements of BLT 2/26 with BLT Alfa Command Group were helilifted to LZ MARGO, encountered sporadic small arms fire, suppressed fire and continued mission.

Ref: Journal No. 98
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

13 Sep At 131625H, Company F tripped a booby trap at XD 898614 resulting in 1 USMC WIA.

Ref: Journal No. 101
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

14 Sep At 141440H, Company H on a trail at XD 942621 captured 1 NVA and the following equipment: 1 AK-47 with magazines, 1 pound of TNT with fuzes and assorted 782 gear.

Ref: Journal No. 109
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

14 Sep At 142040H, Company H LP # 1 spotted 25 to 50 NVA moving toward their position at XD 895618. The NVA fired on the LP who returned fire and withdrew. 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIA medevac. Night defensive fires were fired and NVA withdrew.

Ref: Journal No. 115
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

15 Sep At 151110H, a Company E patrol heard movement on their east flank at XD 905625, opened fire with small arms, withdrew, called Arty and 81's, searched area and found 2 NVA KIA (C).

Ref: Journal No. 125
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

15 Sep At 151245H, a Company F FC spotted 17 NVA at XD 882617. Artillery mission was fired resulting in 1 NVA KIA (C).

Ref: Journal No. 127
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

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15 Sep At 151315H, a Company E patrol made contact with an unknown number of NVA; small arms fire was exchanged resulting in 3 USMC WIA.

Ref: Journal No. 128
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

15 Sep At 151730H, Company G spotted 3 NVA at XD 906607. G3P took them under fire resulting in 2 NVA KIA (C).

Ref: Journal No. 131
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

15 Sep At 151540H, Company G 3P observed 3 NVA at XD 905605. G3P opened fire resulting in 1 NVA KIA (C) and then withdrew in order to exploit supporting arms fires.

Ref: Journal No. 133
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

15 Sep At 150900H, Company E in the vicinity of XD 906624 made three separate contacts resulting in 3 NVA KIA (C), 1 USMC KIA and 6 USMC WIA. Company E also captured 2 AK-47's.

Ref: Journal No. 134
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

15 Sep At 151400H, Company F observed 21 NVA crossing a stream at XD 882617 carrying packs and weapons. Artillery and Air were utilized resulting in 1 NVA KIA (C).

Ref: Journal No. 137
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

15 Sep At 152115H, an unknown number of NVA opened fire on Company E positions at XD 935623. Company E called defensive fires and heard moaning in front of their positions.

Ref: Journal No. 142
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

16 Sep At 160800H, BLT 2/26 CHOPPED to OPCON of 9th Marines.

Ref: Journal No. 145
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

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16 Sep At 161520H, BLT 2/26 CP received a total of 158 82mm mortar rounds at XD 901611. Mortars were firing from XD 906617, XD 897620 through XD 906623, 882617 and 899617. Returned fire initially with machine guns and small arms, then used 81mm and artillery. The attack resulted in 21 USMC KIA, 135 USMC WIA and 6 USMC NBC.

Ref: Journal No. 149
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

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16 Sep At 161900H, BLT 2/26 at XD 901611 received 64 rounds of 82mm from XD 908615, XD 882617 and XD 899617. Returned fire with machine guns, 81mm and artillery. Attack resulted in 1 USMC KIA and 11 USMC WIA.

Ref: Journal No. 152
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

17 Sep At 171450H, BLT 2/26 GP received 57 rounds of 82mm at XD 901601 resulting in 3 USMC WIA. BLT 2/26 fired counter mortar fires with 81mm and artillery with unknown results.

Ref: Journal No. 160
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

17 Sep At 171720H, BLT 2/26 GP received 60 rounds of 82mm and an estimated squad size probe on the eastern portion of the perimeter. Small arms fire was exchanged and mortars were directed on probable routes of enemy withdrawal. BLT 2/26 sustained 1 USMC KIA and 13 USMC WIA as a result of the mortar attack.

Ref: Journal No. 162
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

18 Sep At 181350H, Company G had light contact with NVA at XD 897627. The NVA withdrew and Company G fired 81mm's and artillery on NVA position with unknown results.

Ref: Journal No. 167
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

18 Sep At 181730H, Company G found blood and battle dressings that appeared to be very fresh at XD 896627 and XD 895631. They also found friendly documents which were turned in to the S-2.

Ref: Journal No. 172
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

19 Sep At 190700H, Company G observed a bunker complex at XD 893633. Ran air strike on complex resulting in one secondary explosion.

Ref: Journal No. 175
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

19 Sep At 191115H, BLT 2/26 reported to 9th Marines a suspected compromise of extracts of the COI published by CTG 79.4.

Ref: Journal No. 176
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

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19 Sep At 190830H, Company F found 25 well built bunkers at XD 098632. A blue land line was connecting the bunkers and they contained various items of 782 gear. Bunkers were destroyed with demo.

Ref: Journal No. 179
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

19 Sep At 191730H, Company F spotted 3 NVA at XD 903636, took them under fire and believe to have hit 2.

Ref: Journal No. 181
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

19 Sep At 191900H, Company F received 3 rounds of suspected friendly artillery at XD 904635 resulting in 2 USMC KIA and 4 USMC WIA. Checked fire on artillery and initiated an investigation.

Ref: Journal No. 182
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

20 Sep At 200600H, Company G called prep fires on an NVA position at XD 892639 resulting in 11 secondary explosions.

Ref: Journal No. 186
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

20 Sep At 200900H, Company F fired on 5 to 10 NVA who were moving towards their position at XD 901639 resulting in 2 NVA KIA (C) with 2 AK-47's and assorted 782 gear.

Ref: Journal No. 188
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

20 Sep At 200900H, Company F found 1 carbine, a pack and a pair of field glasses in the area of the previous contact (XD 901639).

Ref: Journal No. 189
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

20 Sep At 201645H, Company G received automatic weapons fire from a bunker complex located at XD 891638, resulting in 2 USMC WIA. Company G pulled back and directed artillery on that position.

Ref: Journal No. 198
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

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20 Sep At 201830H, Company G discovered NVA bunker system at XD 891635. Bunkers were new and well constructed. Much blood reported on trails in area.

Ref: Journal No. 197
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21 Sep At 211425H, Company H found 23 well built bunkers at XD 908633. Bunkers contained 500 rounds of .30 cal, 2 82mm fuzes and 1 Chinese sub-machine gun magazine. Tracks indicated that 20 to 30 people had been in the area the night before.

Ref: Journal No. 205
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

21 Sep At 211630H, Company H found a bunker and sleeping complex at XD 915633 with a total of 30 bunkers and 20 sleeping holes. Fresh blood was found in the area. Bunkers were destroyed.

Ref: Journal No. 207
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

21 Sep At 211600H, Company G found an ammo cache in an area that had been recently occupied at XD 891636. Cache contained 155 cases 82mm, 50 cases 60mm, 10 cases demo, 2 cans 7.62, 110 cans .50 cal, 20 cases RPG rounds and 35 cases of AT mines.

Ref: Journal No. 209
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

21 Sep At 211645H, Company G received automatic weapons fire upon reaching the crest of hill 579 at XD 892638 resulting in 2 USMC WIA. An 81mm mission was fired while Company G was evacuating their casualties. Final results were 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIA and 1 NVA KIA (C).

Ref: Journal No. 210
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

21 Sep At 211800H, Company G discovered a bunker and fighting hole complex at XD 891637. 17 bunkers and 30 fighting holes were destroyed.

Ref: Journal No. 211
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22 Sep At 221415H, Company G found 14 thatched huts with adjoining bunkers, dispensary, kitchen area, head and CP area at XD 890636. Believe this to be a Battalion size base camp. Little equipment left behind; 3 NVA packs and assorted 782 gear. Documents turned in to S-2. Area will be destroyed.

Ref: Journal No. 218
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

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22 Sep At 221700H, Company G found 4 enemy bunkers at XD 892639. They contained a small amount of NVA 782 gear. Bunkers were destroyed.

Ref: Journal No. 220
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

22 Sep At 221730H, 1st Plt. of Company A, 5th Recon Battalion attached to BLT 2/26 observed 2 NVA moving at XD 886625. Directed artillery mission resulting in 2 secondary explosions; 1 medium, 1 extremely large.

Ref: Journal No. 221
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

23 Sep At 231330H, Company G discovered 32 well constructed bunkers with a mess hall at XD 893635. Area was very clean and was believed to be an NVA R&R site. Bunkers destroyed.

Ref: Journal No. 228
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

25 Sep At 251600H, Company E found 2 .50 cal machine gun positions with adjoining bunkers and trenches. Appeared to be recently built. Location XD 890620. Position destroyed.

Ref: Journal No. 239
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

26 Sep At 261515H, Company G found 4 NVA bunkers and 2 82mm mortar pits at XD 873634. Bunkers contained 60 82mm rounds complete with fuzes and increments. Bunkers were destroyed.

Ref: Journal No. 243
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

<u>1-30 September:</u>	Total number of patrols	71
	Total number of ambushes	66
	Total number of LP's	224
	Total number of OP's	62

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3. Personnel Administration

a. Personnel

- (1) Number of replacements received: 5 Off, 226 Enl.
- (2) Number of personnel lost through rotation: 10.
- (3) Number of personnel lost through attrition other than rotation:

(a) KIA: Off 0 Enl 31

(b) DOW: Off 1 Enl 1

(c) DMI: Off 0 Enl 1

(d) WIA: Off 2 Enl 153

(e) MDC: Off 0 Enl 106

(f) Intra MCB transfer: 1 Off, 96 Enl.

- (4) Number of personnel wounded, treated and returned to duty after treatment:

(a) WIA: Off 0 Enl 73

(b) MDC: Off 0 Enl 37

- (5) KIA: There were 31 Marines given KIA during the month of September.

b. Administration

- (1) Awards: No awards were issued during the month of September.

- (2) Promotions:

(a) To First Lieutenant 6

(b) To Sergeant 1

(c) To Corporal 28

(d) To Lance Corporal 2

(e) To Private First Class 4

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(3) Postal Services: All mail was routed to Dong Ha and picked up daily by mail clerks. The mail was then sorted and sent to the companies in the field by helicopter.

(4) Post Exchange: There were numerous post exchanges throughout the Dong Ha area.

(5) Special Services: This unit has volley balls, footballs, basketballs and other assorted athletic gear available for use. Also, in the Dong Ha area are numerous movies and USO shows for entertainment.

4. Intelligence.

a. Enemy Situation.

(1) The 31st Local Force Group was known to be operating in and around the Hai Loc/Camp Carroll area with a mission of interdicting highways # 9 and # 558.

(2) Elements of the 320th NVA Division were known to be operating in and around the BMT's AO during Operation LAMC. 101st II-THOUSAND NORTH. The 48th Regiment was located west of the Razorback and north of the Cam River; the 52d Regiment was located west of the Razorback; the 54th Artillery Regiment was located north of the Ben Hai River; and several unidentified support units were located near the southern edge of the BMT. Their primary mission was to engage allied units in their AO and maintain the support areas therein.

Elements of the BMT discovered large quantities of munitions and supplies, numerous fortified positions, base camps and extensive trail networks in their AO. The Battalion received mortar and artillery fire on a continual basis during the LAMC. 101st II-THOUSAND NORTH period, which ranged from harassing to intensive. Small unit ground contact with enemy forces was maintained during most of the LAMC. 101st II-THOUSAND NORTH period.

b. Enemy Initiated Incidents.

(1) Contacts. The enemy initiated 5 ground contacts against BMT 2/25 during LAMC. 101st II-THOUSAND NORTH. Small arms fire and automatic weapons fire were employed in each instance.

(2) Mines. The enemy successfully employed a vehicle mine on one occasion, damaging one M-35 truck in the Hai Loc area.

(3) Mortar/Arty/Rocket Fire. The BMT received a total of 345 rounds during the reporting period. Following is a breakdown by caliber of incoming rounds.

82mm Mortar	279
75mm M. Howitzer	5
85mm Artillery	10
130mm Artillery	33

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Known enemy mortar positions are listed below:

AD 882517	AD 900620	AD 916630
AD 892522	AD 906517	AD 908615
AD 897620	AD 906623	AD 945545

Known enemy artillery positions are listed below:

AD 965514	AD 970590	YD 008545
AD 982545	AD 985639	YD 014573

c. Summary of Enemy Casualties, POW's and Captured Equipment.

(1) KIA (G).

(a) By Ground	9
(b) By Air	0
(c) By Artillery	2
(d) By 81mm Mortars	2
Total	13

(2) Equipment Captured.

I.W.G.	6
.30 Caliber	500 rds.
.50 Caliber	11,475 rds.
82mm Mortar	765 rds.
R.F.G.	60 rds.
A.T. Mines	320
T.M.T.	10 cases

(Also captured were various amounts of 782 gear, medicine and documents.)

d. Significant Trends Noted. No significant trends were noted in the Mai Loc Area. During Operation LAMC, JUNE 11-30, 1968, the enemy chose to withdraw rather than make contact with BLT 2/26. The enemy relied upon supporting arms and small unit delaying actions to gain time to infiltrate his major units and their equipment from this AO.

e. Enemy Situation at the End of the Reporting Period. Elements of the 320th NVA Division retired from this AO. The 48th Regiment exfiltrated to the northwest while elements of the 52d Regiment exfiltrated to the north. Their destination was felt to be to safe areas North of the Ben Hai River. As a result of this operation, the enemy has lost the use of numerous base areas and resupply points along with the loss of large quantities of ammunition. These losses should seriously affect the ability of the 320th NVA Division to mount extensive operations during the coming monsoon season.

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5. Operations.

a. Command Relations. The BMT was under operational control of 3d Marines from 1-16 September, and 9th Marines from 16-30 September.

b. Major Operations. The BMT participated in Operation LANCASTER II-TRUCUONG MOUNTAIN from 16-30 September.

c. New Techniques. None.

d. Training. On-the-job training was conducted throughout the month.

e. Fire Support.

(1) During the period 1-13 September 1968, Artillery support was provided by the 1st Battalion, 12th Marines at Camp Carroll.

(a) There were 16 MA missions fired in support of the Battalion.

(b) There were no illumination missions fired in support of the Battalion.

(c) There were 40 MAI targets attacked at the Battalion's request.

(d) There was 1 significant mission fired in support of the Battalion.

1. At 111720H, Company E's forward observer called in a fire mission on active machine guns and mortars at grid AD 128528, resulting in excellent target coverage. Enemy fire suppressed.

(2) From 13-16 September, Artillery support was provided by the 2d Battalion, 12th Marines from Fire Support Base Bird and Fire Support Base Sandy.

(a) There were 131 MA missions fired in support of the Battalion.

(b) There were no illumination missions fired in support of the Battalion.

(c) There were 85 MAI targets attacked at the Battalion's request.

(d) There were 2 significant missions fired in support of the Battalion.

1. At 141000H, Company F's forward observer called in a fire mission on 6 NVA in the open at grid AD 882617, resulting in 2 probable NVA KIA's.

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2. At 151730H, Company E's forward observer called in a fire mission on active enemy movement and contact at grid AD 909630 with unknown results.

(3) From 16-30 September, Artillery support was provided by the 1st Battalion, 12th Marines at Camp Carroll.

(a) There were 242 HE missions fired in support of the Battalion.

(b) There were no illumination missions fired in support of the Battalion.

(c) There were 250 HAI targets attacked at the Battalion's request.

(d) There were 4 significant missions fired in support of the Battalion.

1. At 161500H, the Recon Plt forward observer called in a fire mission on active enemy mortar tubes at AD 911619, silencing tubes.

2. At 171000H, mortar suppressive fires were conducted on AD 888616. Mortars were silenced.

3. At 212000H, Company G's forward observer called in a fire mission on a possible enemy observation post at AD 885626, resulting in 11 secondary explosions.

4. At 251600H, Recon Plt's forward observer called in a fire mission for prep fires at AD 892621, resulting in two secondary explosions.

(4) 81mm Mortar Plt.

(a) During the period 1 to 5 September, the BMT 2/26 81mm Mortar Platoon was located at Mai Loc (XD 090512).

1. There were 10 HE missions fired in support of the Battalion.

2. There was 1 illumination mission fired in support of the Battalion.

3. There were 4 WP missions fired in support of the Battalion.

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(b) Two sections provided mobile direct support of Companies G and F operating in the vicinity of YD 139536. 1 M mission was fired in support of these forces.

(c) During the period 5 to 7 September, the 81mm Mortar Platoon consolidated and moved to Camp Carroll (YD 063548). No missions were requested or fired at this time.

(d) From 7 to 13 September, two sections were located at the Rock Pile (YD 983547) in direct support of Company G. The other two sections remained at Camp Carroll in a support and defensive posture.

1. There were 8 M missions fired in support of Company G.
2. There were 2 illumination missions fired in support of Company G.
3. There were 2 WP missions fired in support of Company G.
4. There were no missions requested or fired from Camp Carroll.

(e) From 13 to 18 September, the platoon was located at LZ MANGU (XD 902512) in direct support of the BLT.

1. There were 2 M missions fired in support of the Battalion.
2. There were 6 illumination missions fired in support of the Battalion.
3. There were 12 WP missions fired in support of the Battalion.

(f) During the period 18 to 30 September, the Mortar Platoon shifted with the BLT to LZ 099517. At this time the platoon had a density of 4 tubes. Mission remained the direct support of BLT 2/26.

1. There were 43 M missions fired in support of the Battalion.
2. There were 17 illumination missions fired in support of the Battalion.
3. There were 21 WP missions fired in support of the Battalion.

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(c) Significant Missions.

1. On 15 September, operating at LZ MARGO (AD 902612), the 81mm Mortar Platoon fired a mission on enemy movement at grid AD 907526 in support of Company A. 48 HE and 12 WP were expended resulting in 2 MVA KIA(c) found by Company A as they moved through the area.

2. On 15 September, from LZ MARGO (AD 902612), 81's fired on enemy movement across a ford at AD 882617, the Can Lo River. 1 WP and 25 HE were expended resulting in 1 MVA KIA(c).

3. At 1500H on 16 September, from LZ MARGO (AD 902612), 60 rounds of 81mm HE counter mortar fire was fired at AD 913627, in response to an enemy barrage. 81's continued the counter mortar fire until the enemy barrage ended.

4. Four additional counter mortar missions were fired from 1800H on the 16th to 2000H on the 17th during which 159 HE and 11 WP were expended, resulting in the probable destruction of 1 82mm mortar position.

(d) 105mm RA Platoon.

1. The 105mm RA platoon remained in a general support role during the month of September with locations as follows:

1-5 Sept - Hai Loc
5-13 Sept - Camp Carroll
13-17 Sept - Thon Son Lam
17-30 Sept - Vandegrift

2. There were no missions requested or fired in support of the Battalion during the month of September.

(5) Air Support.

(a) Close Air Support consisted of 19 flights of fixed wing, 7 C-47 "Spookie" missions, 6 UH1B flights, and 16 AC missions.

(b) Direct Air Support consisted of 5 flights of fixed wing.

(c) Medevac helicopters carried a total of 334 casualties.

(d) Troop lifts of a total of 1086 passengers were made.

(e) Resupply of 181,570 pounds was accomplished.

6. Logistics.

a. Source of Supply and Maintenance. The sources of supply for the Battalion during the period were FIC Da Nang, FLSG-B Dong Ha, and the LBJ at Vandegrift. Third and higher echelon maintenance was performed by FLSG-B.

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b. Supply.

(1) Status of supplies. The Battalion was adequately supplied in all classes of supplies with the exception of certain class II and IV items. Vehicle repair parts, clothing, individual equipment and weapon cleaning gear. Body armor (upper), gas mask, and M-16 cleaning rods remain in short supply.

(a) Short/Critical Items.

Item	FSN	Qty on Hand	Remarks
Gas Mask, Sm.	4240-542-4550	141	Short Supply
Gas Mask, Med.	4240-542-4450	244	" "
Upper Body Armor, Lg.	8470-576-4195	200	" "
Upper Body Armor, Med.	8470-576-4194	39	" "
M-16 Cleaning Rods	1005-556-4102	300	Critical
Foot Powder	6505-515-1584	1082	Short Supply

(2) Resupply. Resupply was dependent upon the availability of supply items at FLSG-B Dong Ha and FLC Da Nang. Initial stocks brought ashore consisted of BA-386 batteries, clothing and boots. These were not in sufficient quantities to support the Battalion during the period. The immediate requirements of the Battalion were filled at FLSG-B and FLC Da Nang. All classes of requested supply items were filled and sent forward from Dong Ha before resupply operations were shifted to Vandergrift. The LBU at Vandergrift provided Classes I, III, and V. Class II, IV, certain Class V items and medical supplies were sent from Dong Ha.

c. Transportation.

(1) Surface. Surface transportation by truck was utilized to transport all of the Class II, IV, certain Class V items, and medical supplies from Dong Ha to Vandergrift.

(2) Air. Resupply was then accomplished by helicopter from Vandergrift to the BLF units operating in the field.

d. Services.

(1) Water. The Battalion relied on water resupply by helicopter which was considered adequate. Natural sources were utilized whenever possible.

(2) Laundry. Except for support personnel located at Vandergrift, the Battalion has had no laundry facilities available to them during the period.

(3) Food Services. The tactical elements of the Battalion subsisted on "C" rations and supplementary rations during the period. A mess has not been established since the Battalion came ashore. However, cooks were provided at messes utilized by rear elements at Camp Carroll and Dong Ha.

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c. Maintenance. All second echelon maintenance of Communication/Electronic, Ordnance, Motor Transport, and Engineer equipment was performed by the rear elements at Dong Ha. Evacuation of equipment from the forward elements was accomplished by helicopter and truck. Third and higher echelon maintenance was performed by F100-B.

7. Civil Affairs. No Civil Affairs activity was conducted during this reporting period.

8. Communications. Communications support was provided for the BLT during the past month for Operations LANCASTER II, and LANCASTER II-THROUDDALE WORTH.

a. Radio.

(1) Constant radio communications was maintained during the past month between BLT Headquarters, Regiment, Companies and Supporting Arms. No major problems were encountered.

(2) The BLT Command Group did not have a covered capability during the month. An AN/PRC-77 and a KY-38 was borrowed from the 9th Marines, but the equipment was defective.

(3) The Tactical Air Control Party continued using VHF and UHF radios in support of the Battalion.

b. Wire. Wire communications was not extensively employed during the past month. This was due to the rapid movement of the Battalion during the month.

c. Radio Relay. During the past month a AN/PRC-27 shot was installed between Dong Ha, the BLT rear, and Camp Carroll during the time the BLT occupied the Camp Carroll position. This was done to facilitate resupply and administration.

d. Message Center. A total of 1243 messages were processed during the month of September.

e. Maintenance and Supply. During the past month AN/PRC-25 accessories were received to alleviate some of the part shortages. At the present time, whip bases for the AN/PRC-25 remain critically short.

9. Medical Support.

a. The BAS treated 1317 patients. 3d Medical Battalion handled all cases beyond the capabilities of the BAS.

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- b. Diseases encountered during the period are as follows:

Diseases	Patients
URI	29
GC	9
FUC	13
Diarrhea	62
Dermatology	97
Heat Casualties	4
Gastroenteritis	18
Malaria	5
NBI	24

- c. The Battalion BAS provided medical support for the tactical elements in the field and maintained a rear BAS at Dong Ha.

- d. Medical supplies were drawn from FLSG-B and sent forward according to requirements and requests.

10. Religious Services.

- a. Chaplain assigned: Lt Jerry A. ZANDSTRA, CHC, USNR

- b. Services conducted:

Type	Number	Attendance
Sunday Worship - Protestant	3	140
Sunday Mass - Catholic	3	130
Weekday Worship - Protestant	3	130
Weekday Mass - Catholic	1	20
Holy Communion - Protestant	9	385
Baptismal Service - Protestant	1	14 (2 Baptized)

- c. Personnel receiving counsel:

- (1) Professional counselling cases - 57
- (2) American Red Cross cases - 26
- (3) Cases utilizing MARS radiotelephone - 31

- d. Significant Activities:

- (1) Received and distributed 5 cartons of ditty bags filled with essential items for the field to the troops. A letter was written to the Division Chaplain of the 5th Marine Division who sponsored the program expressing our gratitude on behalf of BIA 2/26.

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(2) Fifteen boxes of reading materials, toilet articles, foods and comfort items were received from donors and were distributed to the troops. A personal letter of thanks on behalf of the command was sent to each of the donors.

(3) Acquired and distributed writing gear for the troops in our various positions.

(4) Current disposition of the battalion personnel in five locations requires a considerable deal of time in traveling about to cover these areas.

c. Facilities.

(1) The Brett Memorial Chapel was available for services in Camp Carroll. In Dong Ha, the transient barracks are available and suitable for services. In other locations, field equipment only was available for chaplain's work and worship services.

PART V

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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IN.	OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES & ORDERS	ACTION
	0550	1	010500	SITREP # 15	FR
	1140	2	011100	SITREP # 16	FR
	1500	3	011435	Sptrept: JEF spotted 3 people in black at 152557 moving SW. Arty was fired with unknown results.	FSR
	1650	4	011640	JB3 to FM3: Latest requirements from Alexander will place a John Brown unit at 090455.	FR
	1735	5	011725	JB3 to FM: Combat Task Organization.	FR
	1740	6	011700	SITREP # 17	FR
	1915	7	011909	JB to JBE, E, G, Flame A, Tarzan Co, JBT and Info FM: Plan for 02 Sept day acts. FTR	
	1948	8	011925	Sptrept: JBE at 065505 spotted 2 people wearing brown, running into a bunker or tunnel in a tree line at 061501. Fired 81mm mission with unknown results.	FSR
	2115	9	012100	JB3 to JEF: Operation will advance to Phase Line Hotel.	FT
	2255	10	012150	JB to FM: Spunky Hansen received report of NVA at 103464. No other details were available. Requesting more info.	FR
	2320	11	012300	SITREP # 18	FR
	0500	12	020500	SITREP # 19	FR
	0800	13	020800	FM to JB: Operation SWIFT PERSPECT terminated.	FR

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1130	14	020925	Sptrept: JBT1P found one 82mm Booby Trap at 149520. Disarmed and dest in place. FSR		
1240	15	021100	SITREP # 20		
1515	16	021515	JB3 to FM3: JB6 departed for Dong Ha.		
1642	17	021625	Sptrept: JBG at 110470 spotted smoke from suspected enemy camp at 097447. Called Arty mission with poor target coverage and unknown results.	FR	
1740	18	021700	SITREP # 21		
1745	19	021624	JB3 to all JB units: Night activity requirements for 02 Sept.	FR	
2125	20	021150	Sptrept: JBR searched a bunker complex at 045513 after an initial recon by fire. Bunkers appeared to be recently occupied. Destroyed with demolitions.	FSR	
2242	21	022045	Sptrept: JBE spotted flashes from NVA RR's at 105565 and 002566 which were firing on Camp Carroll. Requested Arty firemission and received clearance two hours later. Arty fired with undetermined results.	FSR	
2312	22	022300	SITREP # 22		
0510	23	030500	SITREP # 23		
0645	24	030645	Received Frag Order 39-68.	FS	
0935	25	030913	Sptrept: Truong Son Cadre found what is thought to be a RR round in a carry- ing case at 082508. Round was turned into Spunky Hansen S-2.	FSR	

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	1045	26	051040	JB to FM: JBF completed helilift to FSB P-180 in compliance with Frag Ord 39-60. JBF chopped OPGON to PROTRACOL.	FSE
	1115	27	051100	SITREP # 24	FR
	1154	28	051030	Airtel: JBU2P found 4 bunkers recently occupied at 065520. Destroyed with demolitions.	FSE
	1844	29	051700	SITREP # 25	FR
	1850	30	051700	JB to all units: New Thrust Points now in effect.	FSE
	2105	31	052030	JB3 to RV3: In view of loss of JBF, recommend eastern boundary of AO be returned to the 15 grid line.	FR
	2125	32	052100	JB3 to all units: Day activity requirements.	FR
2130	2305	33	052115	FM To JB: East boundry on N-S 15 grid line approved. Effective 052200H.	FSE
	2305	34	052300	SITREP # 26	FR
	0530	35	040500	SITREP # 27	FR
1110		36	041058	FM to JB: Request JB3 and JB6 come to this posit by 041130H.	FS
	1115	37	041100	SITREP # 28.	FR
1300		38	041300	Received verbal order by JB3 via radio to move to Camp Carroll.	FSE
1320		39	041240	JBF6 to JB3: Equipment and detachment request.	FS
1720		40	041700	SITREP # 29 29	

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2400		41 42	042105	JB "A" Command Group arrived with convoy from Hai Loo at Camp Carroll.	
				Enroute 1 tank broke down and had to be towed, and a 6x6 truck ran off a	
				20 foot embankment! wrecking the truck and injuring 1 USMC who was medevaced.	F
	0500	42 43	050500	SITREP # 30	FR
	1100	43	051100	SITREP # 31	FR
	1740	44	051700	SITREP # 32	FR
	2300	45	052300	SITREP # 33	FR
	0530	46	050530	SITREP # 34	FR
1000		47	061000	BLT 2/26 assumed control of 3d Marines' AO.	F
1000		48	061000	G/2/3 chopped OPCON to BLT 2/26.	F
	1200	49	061100	SITREP # 35	FR
	1720	50	061700	SITREP # 36	FR
	2300	51	062300	SITREP # 37	FR
	0500	52	070500	SITREP # 38	FR
	1115	53	071100	SITREP # 39	FR
1645		54	071645	FM to JB: Frag Order 41-68.	FS
	1700	55	071700	SITREP # 40	FR

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	0500	57	080500	SITREP # 42	FR
	1100	58	081100	SITREP # 43	FR
	1700	59	081700	SITREP # 44	FR
1730		60	081540	FM to JB: Frag Order 42-68.	FS
	2300	61	082300	SITREP # 45	FR
0100		62	090055	Sptrpt: JBE heard firing in vicinity of 103523, further investigation revealed that an RF ambush was sprung.	FS
	0500	63	090500	SITREP # 46	FR
	1050	64	090950	S ptrpt: Mine Sweep/Resupply to JBE hit a mine at 073521, damaging the right rear of a 6x6 truck and wounding 11 USMC, 10 of which were medevaced.	FSR
	1120	65	091100	SITREP # 47	FR
	1530	66	091425	Sptrpt: 6 emergency medevacs were the result of a fire at JBE's position at the Rockpile. Fire started by spark igniting igniting 6mm increments left in a box which was used as flooring in a bunker.	FSR
	1700	67	091700	SITREP # 48	FR
	2300	68	092300	SITREP # 49	FR

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	0140	69	092400	JB to PH: OPSUM # 3	F(SLF)
	0500	70	100500	SITREP # 50	FR
	1022	71	100950	JB to all units: Day and Night Activity Requirements for 11 Sept.	FR
	1130	72	101100	SITREP # 51	FR
	1525	73	101515	Sptrpt: JBG at The Rockpile received 5 rounds of 82mm mortar fire from 945545. Counter-mortar returned. (with unknown results)	FSR
	1700	74	101700	SITREP # 52	FR
	2200	75	102140	Sptrpt: JBG at 982545 received 5 rounds of estimated 75mm peak howitzer from 970590. Counter Arty in progress.	FSR
	2240	76	102200	Spt Rept: JBG at 982545 received an additional 9 rounds of what is believed to be 130mm from 985669. EVERSHARP conducting fire mission.	FSR
	2300	77	102300	SITREP # 53	FR
	0015	78	102240	Sptrpt: JBE reports 2 Special Forces "A" sites at 098528 and 084544 received SA fire. At same time RE/PE "A" site at 094520 observed and fired on 2 individuals with negative results.	FSR
	0035	79	102330	Sptrpt: JBG at 982545 received 3 rounds of suspected 130mm from 985669. Counter-Arty in effect. Result of incoming: 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIA (Medevaced).	FSR

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0110	80	110100		Sptrept: JBG received 5 rounds 130mm arty at 982545. Fired counter battery on 985669 with unknown results.	FSR
0127	81	102300		Alexander to WTH, Info JB: Warning Order.	FS
0500	82	110500		SITREP # 54.	FR
0615	83	110550		Sptrept: JBG at 982545 received 2 rounds of 130mm. Fired counter battery at 985669 with unknown results.	FSR
0725	84	110715		Sptrept: JBG received 3 rounds 130mm at 982545. Fired counter battery on 985669 with unknown results. Requested A.O.	FSR
0735	85	110645		Sptrept: JBG observed active arty at 963614. Firemission requested and denied because of proximity of friendlies.	FSR
1100	86	111100		SITREP # 55	FR
1155	87	110930		Final Sptrept: JBG at 982545 received a total of 21 rounds in the last 12 hours. Incurring 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIA at 102330H. Rounds appeared to be a mixture of 85mm and 130mm Artillery. 85mm was fired from 985669 and the 130mm was fired from between 008642 and 014673. Size of rounds was determined by crater analysis.	FSR
1705	88	111700		SITREP # 56.	FR

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				JBB P1	
	2000	89	111740	Spt rpt: BPA at 114534 spotted 3 NVA at 116533. BPA was then taken under fire by a .30 Cal MG and a 60mm mortar. BPA returned fire and gained fire superiority. Arty was directed with good target coverage. Ambushes were set in the vicinity of contact.	FSR
	2300	90	112300	SITREP # 57	FR
	0030	91	120035	JB3 to JMB & JB3: The 6 of respective units report to this point at 1500 for briefing. (Warning Order)	FT
	0500	92	120500	SITREP # 58	FR
	1100	93	121100	SITREP # 59	FR
	1730	94	121700	SITREP # 60	FR
	2145	95	122300	SITREP # 61	FR
	2300				
	0500	96	130500	SITREP # 62	FR
	1100	97	131100	SITREP # 63	FR
	1200	98	131145	Elements of JB with JB "A" Command Group were helilifted to LZ MARGO .	
				encountered sporadic small arms fire, suppressed fire and continued mission.	P
	1630	99	131615	JB3 to all JB units: Frag Order 112-68.	FT
	1635	100	131630	SITREP # 64.	FR

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	1640	101	131625	Sptrpt: 1 USMC WIA and medevaced from JBF as a result of a booby trap at 898614.	FSR
	2240	102	132250	SITREP # 65	FR
	0430	103	140430	SITREP # 66	FR
	0725	104	131830	Sptrpt: 1 USMC from T02 with JBE fractured ankle falling down a slope at 936615. Medevaced at 0720.	FSR
	1050	105	140945	Sptrpts: JBF at 942614 spotted 3 NVA crossing a stream at 902617. Directed fire mission with unknown results.	FSR
	1055	106	141030	SITREP # 67	
1220		107	141220	FM to JB: Boundary change.	FST
	1300	108	141220	Sptrpt: JBF FO at 943620 spotted movement at 894625. Artillery fired with unknown results.	FSR
	1450	109	141440	Sptrpt: 1 USMC with JBF was preparing positions on a trail at 942621 when he spotted 1 NVA walking up the trail. Marine challenged NVA with rifle and bayonet, capturing NVA and equipment including 1 AK-47 with magazines, 1 pound TNT with fuzes and assorted 782 gear.	FSR
	1640	110	141240	Sptrpt: 1 USMC from JBF had an accidental discharge with his M-16, wounding himself in left elbow, at 890615. Medevaced. Investigation being conducted.	FSR

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1640	111	141430		SptRpt: JBH found heavy trails running North to South, a sleeping area for 10 people, 3 bow and arrow booby traps and 6 bunkers at 897620. Believe NVA occupied area within the last 12 hours. Destroyed bunkers and booby traps. FSR	
1655	112	141630		SITREP # 68	FR
1730	113	141730		FM to JB: Frag Ord 46-68.	FS
1840	114	141500		SptRpt: Pluck Alfa One (Recon Plt) at 905614 spotted 3 NVA at 907614, engaged with small arms and withdrew in order to use 81mm as supporting arms. FSR	
2100	115	142040		SptRpt: JBH LP1 at 943619 spotted 25 to 50 NVA moving toward their position at 895618. NVA fired on LP who returned fire and withdrew. Night defensive fires were called. NVA appeared to withdraw. 1 USMC KIA & 1 USMC WIA medevaced. FSR	
2145	116	142135		SptRpt: JBH reports 1 USMC WIA as a result of defensive fires at 943620.	FSR
2230	117	142230		SITREP # 69	FR
2245	118	142230		SptRpt: JBH FO at 943620 heard suspected 60mm mortar being fired at 892622. 81mm fire mission was directed with good target coverage. Results unknown. FSR	
2340	119	142235		SptRpt: JBH at 943620 heard movement at 892622 and 890620. Fired 24 81mm rounds. A JBH FO observed enemy movement in the impact area. FSR	
2350	120	142320		SptRpt: A Marine with JBG at 904612 heard movement to his front. Threw M-26. Movement ceased.	FSR

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	0430	121	150430	SITREP # 70	FS
	1050	122	151030	SITREP # 71	FS
1055		123	151040	FM to JB: Frag Order 46A-60.	FS
	1110	124	150910	SptRpt: JBE patrol spotted 1 NVA. Fired Small arms with unknown results. When in pursuit found fresh fighting holes at 902624. Continuing search and destroying fighting holes.	FSR
	1300	125	151110	SptRpt: JBE patrol heard movement on their east flank at 905625. opened fire with small arms, withdrew, used Arty and 81's, searched area finding 2 NVA KIA (C).	FSR
	1305	126	151210	SptRpt: JBE element found punge pits and spider holes at 905625. Checking area and destroying holes.	FSR
	1310	127	151245	SptRpt: JBE FO spotted 17 NVA at 802617. A.O. adjusted Arty mission resulting in 1 NVA KIA (C).	FSR
	1410	128	151315	SptRpt: JBE Patrol made contact with unknown number of NVA at 907626. Small arms fire was exchanged. Contact still active. Using supporting arms. 3 USMC KIA.	FSR
	1420	129	151245	SptRpt: JBE FO spotted NVA crossing back across the river at 802617. Directed Arty VT and FIRECRACKER. AO called away before making appraisal. Results unknown.	FSR

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	1635	130	151630	SETREP # 72	FR
	1835	131	151730	SptRpt: JBG at 906607 was working North NVA bank of the river when lead fire team spotted 1 NVA on South bank. 2 other NVA spotted attempting to move East. G3P took them under fire resulting in 2 NVA KIA (C). G3P withdrew, called in Arty and Gunships both with good target coverage.	FR
	1840	132	151510	SptRpt: JBE used supporting arms on 906624 to cover removal of WIA's. Then withdrew to CP to allow maximum use of Air and Arty on enemy positions.	FR
	1845	133	151540	SptRpt: JBG 3P spotted 3 NVA at 905605 and heard movement of others. G3P opened fire killing 1 NVA. G3P then withdrew to allow supporting arms to exploit the area.	FR
	1900	134	150900	JBE consolidated Spot Report: Made 3 separate contacts in the vicinity of 906624. Results were 3 NVA KIA(C), 1 USMC KIA, 6 USMC WIA, 2 AK-47's and assorted other NVA combat gear captured.	FR
	1910	135	150900	SptRpt: JBE at 941613 observed 6 NVA crossing stream at 882617 with packs and weapons. Arty mission directed with unknown results.	FR
	1945	136	151900	JBG to all JB units: Frag Order 113-68.	FT
	1955	137	151400	SptRpt: JBE at 941613 observed 21 NVA crossing the stream at 882617 with packs and weapons. Air and Arty directed resulting in 1 NVA KIA (C).	FR

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2040	138	152010	SptRpt: JBE at 935623 has movement to the west and south of their position at 905622. LP's pulled in, Firing defensive fires.	FSR	
2230	139	152230	SITREP # 73	FR	
2255	140	152025	IM to JB: Chop OP00N to BEWARE at 160800H. Move JBH & JBE below JBF posit prior to 161200H.	FST	
2340	141	152300	SptRpt: JBE at 935623 received fire support of SPOOKIE 1-1 within 200 m of JBE's positions, with good target coverage. Will be unable to search area due to instructions in Op Order.	FSR	
2345	142	152115	SptRpt: Defensive fires for JBE at 935623 wounded a number of NVA. They can be heard moaning in front of positions. Group of NVA had just opened fire on positions when an Arty round impacted in the midst of them. Now directing SPOOKIE.	FSR	
2350	143	161950	SptRpt: JBE OP in vicinity of 940611 received 3 short rounds of friendly Arty due to rounds hitting tops of trees. No one injured. JB 24 called an immediate check fire on all Arty.	FSR	
0430	144	160430	SITREP # 74	FR	
0800	145	160800	JB Chopped OP00N to BEWARE.		

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1935	146	161030		SITREP # 75	BR
1100	147	161100		JB received 9th Marines Frag Order 92-68 and Overlay via courier.	F
1150	148	161040		SptRpt: JB at 941613 spotted 6 NVA moving from North to South at 882617. JB notified 7-Up, called 81mm and Arty fires with good target coverage but with unknown results.	BSR
2020	149	161520		SptRpt: JB at 901611 received a total of 158 82mm mortar rounds from 906617 897620 through 906623, 882617 & 899617. Took enemy mortar tubes under fire with MGs & small arms initially, then used 81mm mortars and Arty until Air became available. Believe position to be surrounded on the North, West and South. Summary of casualties will follow when compiled.	FSR
2100	150	162030		SptRpt: JB at 901611 detected heavy movement on the east side of the perimeter. Fired defensive fires, now directing SPOOKIE.	FSR
2315	151	162230		SITREP # 76	F R
0004	152	161900		SptRpt: JB position at 901611 took an additional 64 rounds of 82mm from 882615, 897620 through 906623, 882617 & 899617. Took enemy tubes under fire with MGs, 81mm & Arty. 1 USMC KIA, 11 USMC WIA.	F SR

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0150		153	162330	Spt Rpt: JDB LP1 spotted 2 NVA at 097618 and heard other movement. JB14 directed SPOOKIE fires to the South, West, North & East with good target coverage. Movement ceased.	FSR
0430		154	170430	SITREP # 77	FR
0855		155	170810	Spt Rpt: Pluck Alfa 1 at 902613 spotted enemy movement at 906616. Fired 81mm mortar mission with unknown results.	FSR
1100		156	171030	SITREP # 78	FR
1125		157	171110	Spt Rpt: JB position at 916591 received 13 82mm rounds. Medevac chase took enemy tube under fire at 916630. 81mm mission was also fired with unknown results.	FSR
1500		158	171200	Spt Rpt: JBG patrol spotted 3 NVA at 097606, took them under fire with small arms, withdrew and directed 81mm fire mission on that area. Area checked with negative results.	FSR
1415		159	171405	JB to BW: Final casualty report for 16 Sept; 21 KIA, 135 WIA and 6 NBC.	FR
1600		160	171450	Spt Rpt: JB at 901601 received 57 rounds 82mm from vicinity of 9062. Fired 81mm and Arty missions with unknown results. 3 USMC WIA medevaced.	FSR
1652		161	171630	Sitrep #79	FR

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1758	162	171720		SptRpt: JB GP received 60 rounds of 82mm at 901611 and a probe on the eastern portion of the perimeter. Directing Mortars, Arty & Air. Will need medevac choppers.	FSR
2020	163	171915		<u>Follow-up.</u> SptRpt: JBH lines were probed by a squad sized force. Enemy were engaged with small arms, enemy returned fire. Directing mortars on probable route of withdrawal. 1 USMC KIA, 13 USMC WIA as a result of prior mortar attack.	FSR
2154	164	172120		SptRpt: JB at 902611 has enemy movement on south slope at 906606 & 906604. Threw grenades and fired Claymore with unknown results.	FSR
0433	165	180430		SITREP # 80.	FR
1030	166	181030		SITREP # 81.	FR
1530	167	181350		SptRpt: JBG at 897624 had light contact with NVA at 897627. NVA fled. Fired 81mm mortars and arty on probable position with unknown results.	FSR
1710	168	181630		SITREP # 82	FR
0300	169	182230		SITREP # 83	FR
0435	170	190430		SITREP # 84	FR
0650	171	181745		SptRpt: JBG at 895631 found 33 enemy bunkers in a complex at 895633. Will fire Arty and utilize Air on site.	FSR

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0705	172	181730	Splight: JBF at 096627 and 095631 found blood and battle dressings that appeared to be very fresh, about 2 hours old. Friendly documents were also found and turned in to S-2.	FSR	
0710	173	190745	Splight: JBF at 907632 fired on 2 NVA at 907634. Believed NVA escaped and continued up a path leading North to North West.	FSR	
0955	174	191200	Splight: (Cumulative report on NVA positions and trails in the vicinity of 909630.)	FSR	
1100	175	190700	Splight: JBF at 097626 spotted a bunker complex at 093633. Air run on complex resulting in one secondary explosion.	FSR	
1120	176	191115	JB to JBF: Suspected compromise of extracts of COI published by PLUCHOLE.	FSR	
1105	177	191030	SUNUP # 05.	FR	
1310	178	182100	Splight: JBF IR at 097626 reported 3-4 NVA moving on both sides of the trail. IR opened fire with small arms and withdrew to perimeter. Perimeter labor received 3 Shi-Lom grenades and returned fire with small arms and frags.	FSR	
1434	179	190830	Checked area at 1st light with negative results.	FSR	
			Splight: JBF found approx 25 well built bunkers along a maze of primary trails at 098632. Also found a blue wire land line connecting bunkers & various items of 702 gear. Bunkers destroyed.	FSR	

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	1804	180	191630	SIIRREP # 86	FSR
	2030	181	191730	SptRpt: JBF LP at 903636 was establishing an OP when 3 NVA were spotted and taken under fire. Believe to have hit two, will search area at 1st light.	FSR
	2140	182	191900	SptRpt: JBF received 3 rounds of suspected friendly Arty at 904635 resulting in 2 USMC KIA & 4 USMC WIA. Check fire on Arty, investigation initiated.	FSR
	2145	183	192145	BW to JB: Frag Order 23-68.	FS
	2240	184	192230	S SIIRREP # 87	FSR
	0445	185	200430	SIIRREP # 88	FSR
	0708	186	200600	SptRpt: JBG prepred with Arty on NVA position at 892639 resulting in 11 secondary explosions.	FSR
	1025	187	200845	SptRpt: JBG discovered 1 Russian waterproof RPG case at 895631.	FSR
	1030	188	200900	SptRpt: JBF at 903637 fired on 5 to 10 NVA who were moving toward their lines at 901639 resulting in 2 NVA KIA (C) with 2 AK-47's and assorted 782 gear.	FSR
	1112	189	200900	SptRpt: JBF found 1 carbine with pack and field glasses in the same area as the previous contact (901639).	FSR
	1140	190	201030	SIIRREP # 89	FSR
1545		191	201507	BW to JB: LZ grids: BANDY 894617, GRAPE 903636.	FS

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1711		192	201630	SITREP # 90	FR
1715		193	201705	BW to JB: Frag Order 94-60.	FR
2017		194	201600	SptRpt: A.O. reported recent, heavily used trails at 890655 to 894662.	
				A possible supply or CP area. Directing Air strikes.	FSR
2030		195	191730	SptRpt (Final): JBG destroyed the NVA bunkers located at 895631 to 893633.	
				Bunkers were old, trails well used with bamboo steps.	FSR
2105		196	201630	SptRpt: JBG found a Company sized NVA bunker complex at 897639. Two mortar pits with various articles of basic comm gear were also found. Area will	
				be thoroughly searched.	FSR
2135		197	201830	SptRpt: JBG discovered another NVA Bunker system at 891635 and lead elements	
				located many more bunkers & gear in the vicinity of 891651. Bunkers are	
				new and well constructed. Much blood reported on trails. Will search area	
				thoroughly.	FSR
2215		198	201645	SptRpt: JBG lead elements received automatic weapons fire at 891638 from a	
				bunker complex at the same coordinates. Pulled back and directed Arty.	
				2 USMC KIA.	FSR
2235		199	202230	SITREP # 91	FR

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2315	200	202250	SptRpt: Pluck Alfa 1 at 900612 spotted lights at 885615. Fire mission directed with unknown results.	FSR	
0430	201	210430	SITREP # 92	FR	
1030	202	211030	SITREP # 93	FR	
1115	203	211100	SptRpt: Pluck Alfa 1 at 900612 spotted enemy bunker at 900612. Directed on 8mm fire mission with excellent target coverage.	FSR	
1630	204	211630	SITREP # 94	FR	
1820	205	211425	SptRpt: JBN 2P found 25 well built bunkers with heavy overhead. A 500 rounds believed to be .30 cal. 2 82mm mortar fuses, 1 Chinese sub-machine gun magazine & various small articles at 908633. Tracks after last nights rain indicate that 20-30 people slept there overnight.	FSR	
1828	206	211700	SptRpt: JBG lead elements under MG and RPG fire. Pulling back to use support- ing arms to assist in retrieving two casualties.	FSR	
1915	207	211630	SptRpt: JBN 1P found a bunker and sleeping complex at 915633. There were a total of 30 bunkers and 20 sleeping holes. Fresh blood around area. Will search and blow bunkers at 1st light.	FSR	
2000	208	211855	JB3 to all JB units (Info BW): Day activity requirements for 22 Sept.	FSR	

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2110 209	211600	SpBt: JMC found an ammo cache at 091636. Area had been recently occupied. Many bundles leading to storage areas. Cache estimated at 155 cases 60mm, 50 cases 60mm, 10 cases 81mm, 2 cases 7.62, 110 cases 50 4.2, 20 cases RPG and 55 cases of AT mines. Follow-up, Final. SpBt: JMC lead elements received automatic weapons and machine gun fire upon reaching the east of Hill 579 at 092630. Unit pulled back leaving 2 USMC VLA on the hill. An armor mission was fired allowing unit to go forward and retrieve personnel. Results were: 1 USMC KIA, 4 USMC WIA (wounded) and 1 NVA KIA (9).	FSR
2210 211	212600	SpBt: JMC discovered a well used trail heading north following the township from 091635 to 091637, also a bunker and fighting hole complex including 17 bunkers and 30 fighting holes which will be destroyed.	FSR
2250 212	212230	STREP # 95	FR
0435 213	220430	STREP # 96	FR
0910 214	212200	SpBt: Pluck Alfa 1 at 900612 observed 3 to 4 lights moving in a northeasterly direction. Directed a flame mission with rounds on target, extinguishing lights.	FSR
1030 215	221030	STREP # 97	FR

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1445 216	221740	JR2 to JRG: Recurrent code found in documents found on JRG sheet 1. Is as follows: RT 1500 IS.	PSR
1450 217	221600	Sgt Hptt JRG count of rounds previously reported by case is as follows: 11,475 rounds .50 cal, 705 rounds 82mm, 60 rounds 81mm, 320 AF mines and 10 cases TNT.	PSR
1500 218	221445	Sgt Hptt JRG found a base camp believed to be Battalion size at 890635 with a water point, 14 thatched huts with adjoining bunkers, dispensary, kitchen area, head and GP area. Very little gear left behind by 5 NVA packs, few tools and assorted similar gear. Also some documents being brought to JS OP. Area will be destroyed.	PSR
1535 219	221630	Sgt Hptt # 98	PSR
1525 220	221700	Sgt Hptt JRG in move to objective, found 4 more bunkers at 892639. Small amount of 782 gear. Bunkers destroyed.	PSR
1628 221	221730	Sgt Hptt JRG observed 2 NVA moving NW at 886625. Conducted Artillery fire mission resulting in 2 secondaries, 1 medium, 1 extremely large. Continuing Artillery with Zone and Shift.	PSR
1900 222	221800	Sgt Hptt JRG found 30 bunkers at 898638. Found no gear, destroyed part of complex. Will continue search and destruction tomorrow.	PSR

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1905 223	221330	SpitBpt: JRG found 25 bunkers and fighting holes at 091638. Destroyed bunkers. FSR	FSR
2230 224	222230	SINREP # 99.	FR
0430 225	230430	SINREP # 100	FR
1030 226	231030	SINREP # 101	FR
1443 227	231445	BT to JB: Freq Order 95-68.	JS
1500 228	231130	SpitBpt: JRG elements checked out 080642 and discovered 3 trails and 1 bunker in that area, very little gear. Bunker destroyed.	FSR
1530 228	2 3430	SpitBpt: JRG discovered 32 bunkers/hooches well constructed, very clean with a nose trail set up. Area believed to be an NVA R&R site. Location 093635. Very small amount of gear left behind, well polished. Will destroy.	FSR
1635 229	231630	SINREP # 102	FR
2150 230	232230	SINREP # 103	FR
0430 231	240430	SINREP # 104	FR
1030 232	241030	SINREP # 105	FR
1630 233	241630	SINREP # 106	FR
2230 234	242230	SINREP # 107	FR
2328 235	242328	BT to JB: Freq Order 96-68	JS

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	0430	236	250430	SITREP # 108	FR
	1030	237	242130	SptRpt: PA2 at 900612 directed Arty on a suspected exfiltration route at 881625, resulting in 1 secondary explosion. Will continue to R&L.	FSR
	1130	237	251030	SITREP # 109	FR
	1645	238	251630	SITREP # 110	FR
	1837	239	251600	SptRpt: JBE found 2 .50 cal MG positions with adjoining bunkers and trenches at 890620. Positions two weeks old. One had a canvas cover the other used overheading. Will complete search at 1st light.	FSR
2130		240	252130	BW to JB: Frag Order 97-68.	FS
	2235	241	252230	SITREP # 111	FR
	0430	242	260430	SITREP # 112	FR
	1705	243	261515	SptRpt: JBC found 4 NVA bunkers and 2 82mm mortar pits at 873634. Also discovered 60 82mm rounds complete with fuzes and increments. Bunkers blown and area searched thoroughly.	FSR
	1715	244	251830	SptRpt: JBE found a 12.7mm MG position with sleeping bunker at 890620. Destroyed position.	FSR
	1720	245	261630	SITREP # 113	FR

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1730		246	261040	BW to JB: Boundry change.	FST
1740	1740	247	261500	SptRpt: JBE P1 found two trails at 883622. One trail headed North the other led West. The trail leading north had fighting holes on both sides.	FSR
1742		248	261140	SptRpt: JBE spotted 1 NVA crossing trail at 892619. Fired 2 rounds small arms with negative results.	FSR
2230		249	262230	SITREP # 114	FR
0430		250	270430	SITREP # 115	FR
1030		251	271030	SITREP # 116	FR
1645		252	271630	SITREP # 117	FR
2116		253	272100	BW to JB: Frag Order 98-68.	FS
2250		254	272230	S SITREP # 118	FR
0430		255	280430	SITREP # 119	FR
1035		256	281030	SITREP # 120	FR
1415		257	281400	JB 3 & JB6 departed for a vertical air recon of new AO.	F
1730		258	281630	SITREP # 121	FR
2100		259	280900	BW to JB: Frag Order 99-68.	FS
2127		260	282120	BW to JB: Boundary Change.	FST

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2210		261	281205	BW to JB: Frag Order 49-68.	FS
	2300	262	282230	SITREP # 122	FR
	0430	263	290430	SITREP # 123	FR
	1110	264	291030	SITREP # 124	FR
	1700	265	291630	SITREP # 125	FR
	1910	266	291825	SptRpt: JBE found 2 NVA bunkers which were destroyed by artillery at 291600. Excellent artillery effect was noted all along trails in this area.	FSR
	2255	267	292222	SptRpt: JB Whiskey heard movement at 990617. Threw a total of 8 M-26's with negative results.	FSR
	2302	268	292230	SITREP # 126	FR
	0435	269	300420	SITREP # 127.	FR
	1030	270	301030	SITREP # 128	FR
	1630	271	301630	SITREP # 129	FR
	1745	272	301730	SptRpt: PAI at 890612 observed gunships shooting at 891614. After which a "46" flew over and PAI heard what they believed to be a .50 cal machine gun firing on the chopper. Arty mission directed with unknown results. Will be included in tonight's HAI's.	FSR
	2230	273	302230	SITREP # 130	FR
2235		274	302300	BW to JB: Frag Order 100-68	FS