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3D MAR DIV

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CP: 7

LT. ANDERSON, C.R. (CHI)
0105003/0302
895756 (45) [P.C.]

16 MAR 45
3 AUG 69
1 APR 69

CPL. CARRAGHER, R.M.
2184909/0311 [GUIDE]
855229 ~~[P.C.]~~

16 NOV 46
2 SEPT 69
1 DEC 68

CPL. HAGRANGE, S.A.
2384878/0311
894686 ~~[GUIDE]~~

18 DEF 49
14 AUG 69
11 MAY 69

~~C~~CPL. GLASS, J.R.
24⁵⁰544/0341
950979 [RADIO]

10 FEB 48
9 OCT 69
1 JUN 69
~~10 APR 69~~

LCPL. BOGARDUS, E.R.
2411454/0311
181162 (4)

28 AUG 49
25 JUL 69
11 APR. 69

HM3 GLENNON, R.D.
B8691.53
2089311 (45)

12 NOV 48
12 APR 70

S/SGT. HYMAN, R.I.
1817557/0369
773347 [PLT. SGT]

HN REED, B.A.
8183188
2456825 (45)

CPL. LAGRANGE, S.A.
2384878/0311
894686

Sgt. HOLL OMAN, R.E.
2175900/0311
[Guide]

L/cpl. WILLIAMS, B.A. (CALL)
2494735/0311
952513 [Radio]

24 NOV 38
4 JUL 70

9 JAN 47
DEC 69

18 DEC 49
14 AUG 69
1 MAY 69

6 AUG 47
10 AUG 69
1 APR 69

23 DEC 49
11 APR 70
1 JUN 69

1st SQUAD
L/CPL. REYNOLDS, C.A., JR.
2438437/3371
952836 [ETL] [SL]

L/cpl.
~~PFC~~ GUILLOZ, R.T.
2484653/0351
739327 [ETL]

L/cpl.
~~PFC~~ ADAMS, B.F.
2496180/0351
951611 [ETL]

Pvt. ECHEAVARRIA, J.A.
2292699/0311
771412

L/CPL. WATKINS, W/E.
2333127/0311
708911 [ETL]

P.F.C. JAMES, C.L.
2406249/0311
089284 (79)
2401934 (45)

26 APR 47
8 OCT 69
1 APR 69

1 JUN 49
12 APR 70
1 JUN 69
~~1 NOV 68~~

23 JUN 50
2 MAY 70
1 JUN 69
~~1 MAR 69~~

7 MAR 46
3 MAY 70
UA-SP-C, M.
ELIG. 3 AUG 69

17 SEPT. 48
27 NOV 69
1 JUN 69
~~1 SEPT. 67~~

3 NOV 49
13 JAN 70
1 DEC 68

10
10
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10

~~L/Cpl.~~
~~PFC~~ WILLIAMS, B.A.
2494735/0311
952513 [RAD10]

~~23 DEC 49~~
11 APR 70
1 JUN 69
~~1 NOV 68~~

PFC. RITTER, H.L.
2376823/0311
780938

24 FEB 47
10 AUG 69
1 JUN 68

L/Cpl.
~~PFC~~ WYATT, R.A.
2431939/0311
767501 [ASST] [SL]

26 MAY 49
5 JAN 70
1 JUN 69
~~1 OCT 68~~

CPL. LA GRANGE, S.A.
2384878/0311
~~824686~~ [SL]
1079038 (14)

18 DEC 49
14 AUG 69
1 MAY 69

P.F.C. MOLANDES, C.D.
2535955/0311
1148775

JUL 70
1 APR 69

PFC. OGLESBY, J.C.
2462083/0311
629179 (4)

3 FEB 49
JUL 70
1 MAY 70

Pvt. WRIGHT, J. (Chi)
2531704/0311
762151

4 NOV 42
5 JUL 70

L/Cpl. WARD, C.L.
2481800/0311
728324

~~15 JUL 48~~
16 JUL 48
3 DEC 69
1 JUN 69

P.F.C. MARTINEZ, S.
2540744/0311
793505

5 FEB 45
JUL 70
1 MAY 69

P.F.C. JACKSON, W.R.
2506063/0311
955820

6 DEC 49
JUN 70
1 JUL 69

PFC MITCHELL, E.
2488204/0311
692690

28 MAR 51
AUG 70
1 DEC 68

CPL. WATKINS, W.E.
2333127/0311
708911

17 SEPT 48
27 NOV 69
1 JUN 69

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[illegible]

2D SQUAD

CPL. SPRADLEY, V.I.
2409466/0311
64297 [SL] 25 OCT 69
1 MAY 69

L/CPL. TRETEN, G.D.
2413391/0351
241795 [FTL] 21 JUL 48
4 OCT 69
1 JAN 69

P.F.C. JACOBO, H., JR.
2498332/0311
768947 [FTL] 26 MAR 50
2 MAY 70
1 MAR 69

P.F.C. RICE, A.E.
2461902/0311
705590 2 NOV 48
15 MAY 70
1 MAR 69

CPL. SLOAN, M.H.
2469370/0311
~~691748~~ [FTL]
1070245 (14) 2 FEB 44
24 OCT 69
~~1 JUN 69~~
~~1 FEB 69~~

P.F.C. BALANDA, D.A.
2476991/0311
933408 22 DEC 50
16 MAY 70
1 DEC 68

Pvt. O'NASCH, G.M. (US) 17 FEB 47
2493792/0351
856020 [FTL] 25 NOV 69
ELIG 10 DEC 69
~~1 DEC 68~~

L/Cpl.
~~PFC.~~ DUCHESNEAU, D.G. 28 MAY 49
2449142 / 0311 1 APR
8523 (79) ~~30 APR 70~~
2188928 (45) 1 JAN 69

L/Cpl.
~~PFC.~~ ESAKI, W.F. 25 APR 50
2426120 / 0351 20 JAN 70
690620 [RADIO] 1 JUN 69
~~1 MAY 69~~

PFC. ROMAIN, T.R. 21 MAR 51
2529130 / 0311 1 JUL 70
531592 1 MAY 69

PFC. PETERSON, L.A. 6 NOV 47
2486690 / 0311 2 JUL 70
~~1070245 (44)~~ 1 MAY 69
698748

P.F.C. ROBINSON, J.T. 17 APR 50
2479911 / 0311 5 JUL 70
~~1079038 (44)~~ 1 MAY 69
894686

P.F.C. EISWORTH, J.A. 2 JUN 47
2542077 / 0311 24 ~~JUL~~ 70
674632 1 JUN 69

L/Cpl. JOHNSON, J.E. (Ch) 18 FEB 49
2494834 / 0311 5 AUG 70
990756 1 MAY 69

3D SQUAD

CPL. PAYNE, M.P.
2436726/0311

14 OCT. 48
28 AUG 69
1 APR 69

~~945616~~
1848775 (14) [SL]

L/Cpl.
~~PFC~~ HOLLOWAY, R.L.
2492369/0311

24 MAR 49
23 FEB 70
1 JUN 69
~~1 OCT 68~~

~~0137 (29)~~ [FTL]
~~1673067 (45)~~
638716

Pvt. BOSICO, D.F.
2464583/0311
951729

8 OCT 50
20 JUN 70
U.A.-C.C.-OH. ~~10 MAY 69~~
ELIG. 5 NOV 69

L/CPL. GLENN, R.M.
2384115/0311
683553 [FTL]

10 FEB 47
28 AUG 69
1 NOV 68

P.F.C. BEATTIE, E.W.
2466927/0311
746650

13 NOV 48
10 APR 70
1 NOV 68

P.F.C. NOLTZE, C.F.
2473901/0311
~~638716~~
745616

18 AUG 50
30 APR 70
1 FEB 69

L/Cpl.
~~PFC~~, CHEK, C.
2360764/0311
642092 [RADIO]

27 JUL 48

12 NOV 69

~~1 JUN 69~~
~~1 NOV 68~~

CPL, SPRADLEY, V. I.
2409466/0311
642971 [act S.L.]

9 MAR 48
25 OCT 69
1 MAY 69

L/CPL, CONWAY, L. V.
2471768/0311/8651
~~0137 (29)~~ [FTL]
~~1673067 (45)~~
70985

15 NOV 47

20 FEB 70

1 JUN 69

PFC, MOLANDES, C. D.
2535955/0311
~~0137 (29)~~
~~1673067 (45)~~ 743653

15 FEB 50

5 JUL 70

1 APR 69

P. F. C. VAZZIE, V. L.
2521493/0311
536913

11 DEC 48

3 JUL 70

1 APR 69

L/CPL ARNOLD, R. T.
2484087/0311
742560

23 NOV 49

13 JAN 70

11 MAY 69

CPL WATKINS, W. F.
2338127/0311
708911 [Ass't S.L.]

17 SEPT 48

27 NOV 69

1 JUN 69

PVT. MILLER, S.
2454874/0311
~~743653~~ 0137 (29)
1673067 (45)

2 MAY 51

AUG 70

U. A. - BC. - O. N. 1 JUN 69
ELIG. 1 DEC 69

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GUNS

CPL. DUQUETTE, B. 23 JUN 47
2422465/0341 15 OCT 69
744438 [SL] 1 ~~MAY 69~~

PFC. McLAIN, U.I. 14 MAR 50
2355003/0331 28 FEB 70
707818 ~~[SL]~~ 1 DEC 68

PFC. RUSSELL, C.G. 12 APR 49
2488003/0311 26 APR 70
2404959 (45) 1 JAN 69

PFC. BILLOU, V.U., JR. 18 AUG. 47
2488551/0331 18 FEB 70
793238 1 JAN 69

L/cpl. ~~[SL]~~ FRAGUIERO, S.M. 24 JUN 46
2439405/0331 19 NOV 69
550208 [TL] 1 ~~JUN 69~~
1 ~~OCT 68~~

PFC. HOWARD, L.V. 13 JUL 49
2482018/0331 24 FEB 70
1707153 (45) 1 MAR 69

PFC. MORALES, F.A. 31 MAR 50
2414158/0331 13 DEC 69
791739 [TL] 1 JAN 69

P.F.C. ANTZES, V.D.
2512053/0331
642958

9 OCT 47
23 JUN 70
1 MAY 69

P.F.C. BOULDIN, M.D.
2477633/0331
623696

23 NOV 47
23 ~~FEB~~ JUN 70
1 MAY 69

P.F.C. BRIGHT, R.H.
2538445/0331
645866

6 OCT 49
30 JUL 70
1 JUN 69

P.F.C. ANTZES, V.D.
2512053/0331
642958

9 OCT 47
23 JUN 70
1 MAY 69

M.G.	M-79	RAP.	STAR.
71646	3-0137	PLT: SHERRY	14413
88989	2-8523	8896	1434
Mos:	1-089284	1488	9284 (20/)
0311 - 24	MG typed - 237375		
0331 - 5	Batt, phone - receive, 06048;		
0341 - 2	trans, 11114.		
0351 - 5	144	45	
3371 - 1			
0302 - 1			
0369 - 1			

8 JUN 69

Days weeks	1172
Off. rank,	1370
Football tins.	0467
Fruit	1067
282 rear	0765
Hockey	9864
Leg	05 3 63
Beer	0862
Baseball players	956 3
Maps,	0262
C-rats.	136 1
Colors	0060
Autos	0859
Fish	1257
Soap	0355
States	1264

Breakfast - 0600-0730,
 Don't steal show - police men area.
 No goats,
 Flak 2 show,
 S/Sgt. M. - becomes 'B' 7
 tomorrow,
 I'll observe, have more to say
 later.

9 JUN 69

G₁ 1/284 G₂ 0/9 G₃ 1/383

Pkt, roster + nos, - doc + dent, tomorrow.
Doc - make sure all who to see doc see him.

Thoro police call all around lines later today

Couple thrust pit, changes.

Clean upns. - Sq. Lt. cheds, then I will.

Found one dirty area this morn.

Dogs - wear into or get some.

Wite - Sq. amb.;

1168 - approx.

Day - a sq. prepared to be road security for vehicles.

Clean upns. - Sq. Lt. will answer as well as man.

Admin. - fast + accurate.

Observe - you run yourselves well - I shouldn't have 2 remind you of the obvious.

2 things you won't hear from me - threat of punishment, promise of promotion.

Respond fast 2 whatever word you get.

CP - bunker - quiet after 1000; stand up, go outside if tired

~~total~~ Sq. out (7); 7 L.F.s. need.

26 in 9

9 out

17

33

31

2

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51

27

~~27~~

14

26

6

14

26

10 JUN 69

Resista help S/Sgt. Cates set targets outside perim. - on 12th all will zero sights at 300m.

Keep tracks - cots, vac. cans.

45's - for: P.C., P.S., Corps, M, summer, Bloopers. Not radios.

Claymores - leave ones on line

② set in; leave ones we bring in gear. F.P. sketch ea. hole include slope.

Wire weals anywhere? Can string it where we want - let me know where before.

U.S. Army destroy lost rifles; Collins - 728088; Williams - 726343.

Number holes - permanently + prominently.

No doctor today. Clean upns.

G₁ 1/25 G₂ 0/8 G₃ 1/37

Disciplinary

~~Chels~~ - ~~broken contact~~ 4 JUL 69
 Oglesby - lost gear cc.OH 21 JUL 69
 Rutter - " " "

Promotion Rec's.

70 L/Cpl.:

Cpl.:

~~James 6 25 JUN 69~~ ~~Queten~~
~~Wyatt (2)~~ 1 " R ~~Slenn~~
~~Holloway FTL 2~~ " R ~~Watkins~~ ~~1 JUN 69~~ ~~Reserve~~
~~Conway (2)~~
~~Dubhaneans (79)~~ " " ~~Reynolds~~
~~Chels 3~~ " R ~~Reynolds~~

70 Cpl.:

Reynolds
 Slenn
 Queten

70 PFC:
 O'Nash

70 L/Cpl.:

~~Alams 5~~ " R
 James 1 6 JUL 69
 Noltz 2 "

11 JUN 69 0630

Pkt. (E) slug, U+1/2 to complete;

From Sunday:

1	R	0,2	D	3,0
2	L	1,0	D	3,0
3	L	1,3	D	2,1
4	L	1,0	D	1,3
5	R	0,2	D	0,8
6	R	1,2	D	1,6
7	R	1,2	D	2,8

Spread it, check woodline 4 trails, etc.

New Pkt. Sgt.: S/Sgt. HYMAN.

No patrol 11 JUN 69

Comp. (E) to N - 1 fire team stays back.

Rev. 0445

1/2 day - be ready to go 0500 - 3 canteens, all ammo, smoke, etc.

2d pl. - be at menball 0515 w. all site gear. Eat, then move back near area, wait to move out. Pills.

Order - 3, HQ, Wpn., 7. Keep it spread.

45 list - needs by billet

11 JUN 69

Doc. + dent. tomorrow + tanks
Helmets + flasks all patrols - if can't wear, carry helmet.

Clean rifle - Sq. Lt. will answer.

Helmet - shavers to 6 ★

Pkt. Sgt. lead PT where our people have it

Rifles + frag report ★

Dogs site?

Radio man - new procedure.

12 JUN 69

~~0530~~

Guard slugger from Colonel U+1/2 - com.

1 L1.4 D1.0

2 L2.9 D1.0

3 L3.0 D2.0

4 L1.7 D1.8

5 L0.2 D1.8

Pkt. Sgt. goes.

With patrols - S-2 scout, FO,

11 JUN 69

Radio procedure:

7 reg's:

Bn. - 4345

" Admin. - 6580

Co. A - 7420

B - 7295

C - 6640

D - 6490

1-4 - 3250

Med. common - 4570

Atty - 5765

81 - 5915

Slow Roll - 4000

Unlucky mother - 1369

Jack Benny - 3900

Combat Patrol - safari | Recon patrol - roundup

Operation - game preserve | Ambush - make

Departure - launched | OP - Stand

Returning - re-entry | WP - Murrel

A0 - eagle | Patrol base - wheel

FO - vulture | Friendly - cat

Emergency - blizzard | Enemy - rat

Priority - flying | Fire team - panther

Resupply - hand-out | Squad - leopard

Drum - wood | Platoon - tiger

Water - vine | Company - lion

Shaw - leaves | Battalion - pony

Regiment - mustang | Incoming - Bats

Division - stallion | Prep fire - Hail Storm

KIA - Ace | North - Pine | South - Palm

WIA - King | East - Elm | West - Redwood

MIA - Queen | Yank - Bull | Ontos - Cow

NBC - Jack | Truck - Moose | Jeep - Deer

POW - Dance | Road - Chart | Mail - Bible

McDevac - Carl | River - canoe | Hill - Glider

106 - Chidder | 60 - Sparrow

42 - Turkey | 105 - Hawk

81 - Pidgeon | 155 - Condor

12 JUN 69

Bn 6 + 3 coming today - police

1130-1200 loc. thru N. gate.

PLT (-)

1 - 112 712

2 - 115 720 ✓

3 - 130 710

4 - ~~129~~ 129-698

Home

2 Corps., 62A

All Sq, Lt, to 6 of comments on 5-2.

~~the~~ gear up to date, ready 2 go.

Note - Sq. amb. 1930-0500.

Newboys - Quite response to word.
Absolutely no insubord.
Humps & Hellst in summer,
lean water discipline.
No John Wayne performances,
just get the job done.
Promotions - we live close
together in field, depend
on each other very much.
If you state it's obvious

Elig. 4 Cpl:
Waltham
Blamm
Wreter
Blas

Work parties - number given
previous day; they eat \$0.60,
report to Gummy \$0.30.
Check radios ea. day.
Newboys - PT - (1) \$0.15, 15 \$0.15 w.
Bridger.
Gummy keeps charge of custody
records on wpns. exchanges.
Serial prod. - newboys' wpns, organic
ext. - wpns. changes.

G₁ 1/33 G₂ 0/7 G₃ 0/2 = 1/42
Get in a state of readiness - to
leave on 15-min. notice if
necessary.

Solve thievery?
Geo sites tomorrow.

18 JUN 69
27 - 1369 Leopard. w. assist
1830 - 17 JUN 69 - relieve 3d at amb.
site 1372, 3: 132710 w. 62A
Morn 17th - road sweep, \$0.30; rest.
→ from LT. L 0.1 D 1.1
M+2 1/2 - U+1

19 JUN 69
Plt. ~~0730~~ recall.
1 R0.3 D0.8 Day
2 R1.1 U0.0 "
3 R2.2 U0.4 "
4 R0.2 U1.0 LT.
5 R0.1 D0.2 "

Sq. Lt. - recommend people
4 promotion.

Ammo out of mind.
MG - in boxes - metal or cardboard.
Bat phones - how many?
Packed up?

20 JUN 69

~~Thrust jets~~

G₁ 1/31 G₂ 0/9 - 0/2 = 1/42

1500 MG rds./gun.

339. 2 movie; call by 2230.

Check lines 4 cuts, tamperings.

Claymore map tomorrow.

New clays, frags on order.

21 JUN 69

Plt(-) out N 0700 - recall

1- R 0.3 D 0.7 Monday

2- R 1.2 D 0.1 "

3- R 2.2 D 0.2 "

4- R 0.3 U 0.8 Maj

5- R 0.5 D 0.0 "

6- L 0.3 D 0.4 "

7c F/cpl. - May 69:

Boyardin

Esabel R 1 JUN 69

June 69:

Conway R 1 JUN 69

Guilloz R "

Williams, B.A. R "

Count vac cans, cots, frags. 76

No wps. exchanged w/out 6

approval

Brett clays - sig.

clean wps. as wait to go

Use Marshall sphere.

Thrust jets:

59
64

Airlines - 1773

Beer - 1871

Flowers - 1769

Mex. foods - 1570

Insects - 2074

Camel - 2170

From TACO:

R 2.9 D 2.5

23 JUN 69

Sg. + 7.7, leaders: [chow-group, plate]

Communication - pass word

accurately. Examples:

2 columns - one col. gives an

ord, other thinks it's 4 then

Yerain + fatigue hypnosis.

Formation - "same as yest." +

may still don't know what 2 do.

Don't have 2 say, do too much -

should never have 2 say, spread out.

Weak sisters - be on them, they

could cause deaths.

Op. concept - ~~light~~ now - 23 JUN 69

Stagger - ~~humping~~ tomorrow.

How many E-tools?

List - all gear earned

Up - 2 date re supply list now.

Alpha report

Clothes - all shirts + util. shirts.

Fire - helmet,

6 meals - 2 days.

LRPs - don't eat w/out permision.

Next op.

New ammo - Mg.

Work pants, road sweep - usual

C.M. - type duties.

2d - reaction w. tanks + recon. tomorrow.

List - deserving S/Cpl. 2100 - 23 JUN 69

Messmen.

24 JUN 69

1000 - all cots staged - good + bad -

+ count.

Get all water out

3 LRP/man

1500 - issue rats, 2 days, can draw 9

meals.

1700 - police of rats task complete.

Draw ammo - AM

1700 - report all ready

POT, Sgt. + Guide - ~~25~~ ²⁵ ~~37~~ ^{time zone} /
1 Sq. - out S. gate, around perimeter,
in N gate.

24 JUN 69

B2Z 2000 - 0530

Major L0.2 D1.3

1/28 0/7 0/2 = 1/37

effect 0600 27 JUN 69

Airline - 1473

Sing - Sing - 1071

Prints - 1568

Animals - 0967 ✓

Rivers - 0568 ✓

Barber Tools - 0664 ✓

Beers - 1462

Motorcycles - 0261 ✓

Cigs. - 0760 ✓

Baseball team - 1158

Applicances - 0457 ✓

Islands - 1757

Coins - 1254

Cowboys - 0165

Trees - 0755

Holidays - 1164

Inventory:

25a-3	3
Stalite-1 med	1
M-79-3 (med) (scratch 9286)	2
M-60- attached	2
AS-Noltz ¹⁶⁷³⁰⁶⁷ has one, get #.	8
3 machetes [SL]	3
air panels (?)	5
1 strobe lite	1
E-tools - 23	17
Compasses - (?)	6
Green pouches - (?)	21
Batt phone - receive - 06048; trans - 11114	
Re-ordering files - T.O. for guides.	
All leaves - thru P.O., C.O. - desiring.	

B 27 platoon, 010620
 1st - 099829, 24.
 3d - 107627, 24.

27 JUN 69

obj. - 092632

1/29 o/7 o/2 = 1/38
 28 JUN 69

1/28 o/8 o/2 = 1/36

From Lucky Strike;
 L.O.S U.2.5 (S)

B 2 Tiger Snare:

Total = R.O.4 D.I.5

Ready 290 0515
 29 JUN 69

1/29 o/5 o/2 = 1/36
 Antzer 074650

around here until about 7 JULY,
 then back to the 9.

30 JUN 69

Promotions

1 JUL 69 - 2 clicks toward 2, hold it
 for awhile.

2nd Lt / Cpl.:

Smiley

Adams, B.F.

Williams, B.A.

Wyatt

Holloway

Chen

Frag.

7th Cpl.:

Blair

Watkins

1/29 o/5 o/2 = 1/36
 (add Wright, drop 4 veterans)

1 JUL 69

1/29 o/6 o/2 = 1/37

2 JUL 69

" Plant CID's.

3 JUL 69

4 JUL 69

B2: sign

Count LRP's, R.O.B. U.I.B.
eyeball 1200
12-man helo-tilt, 4 tomorrow.
Clean up on 1200

LRP's:

CP	1	2	3	④
16-8	16-8	19-10	20-10	14-7
10-5				20
				19
				16
				10
				<u>79-70</u>

Short 3

G₁ - 1/31 G₂ 0/7 G₃ 0/2 = 1/40

2d Sq. - Sq. was shorted one at
Com. M. H. H.

Guide has none.

Big. gave us 84 supposedly.

Watkins to 3d Sq. - Payne train him

4 3d Sq. L. (Bloopers)

Reynolds keeps 1st Sq.

Plan prepare to take Wimbush's
squad in 3d Plt.

Sloan stay,

Wyatt - 2 Asst, blooper.

Williams - Plt. R.O.

Blair, to 6.
Melander sign for .45 after move.

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5 JUL 69

Comp. personnel changes.

A.O.

G₁ 1/31 G₂ 0/7 G₃ 0/2 = 1/40
6 JUL 69

Up tank trail, 1/2 way up hill, outpost
N side of hill.

Note 5 JUL 072 area more. Fig.

Make people from 2d, 3d to 1st?

Check Ducheneau promotion.

M-79: 089284; 45: 2401934 in rear
w. James.

7 JUL 69

G₁ 1/31 G₂ 0/7 G₃ 0/2 = 1/40

Drop Blair; add Ward

2 Medicines; Enbar, Rice

1/29 0/7 0/2 = 1/38

Not out 8th - don't know when.

Have papers?

Patrols - E-tool, pancho, popump,
smoke.

R+R

Min. of 4 mos. in RVN; must have 1 mo. to do after R+R.

Company: Pvt Sgt. Kingbade:
Bangkok - 5-10 AUG (name + RTD)

11-16 AUG

22-27 "

Sidney - 20-27 AUG

28-2 SEPT.

28-4 "

Hongkong - 18-21 AUG - Puzquette

27-1 SEPT.

Ohio - 12-18 AUG

Wobyo - 13-20 "

Penang - 12-17 AUG

Hawaii 10-16 "

17-23 "

22-28 "

29-4 SEPT.

Amist: Before dark's month,
name, rank, SN, ~~co.~~ joined co.
RTD, date of rank, w/pn. #, job

Medivac:

Esaki 7 JUL 69 WIA

Rice " "

~~James~~ 21 JUN 69 Dental

Adams 25 JUN 69 Operation 10 JUL 69

~~Phillips~~

~~Spradley~~

~~Simpkins~~

O'Masch 15 JUL 69 stitok knee

Robison " boils

Wyatt 15-16 JUL 69? cellulitis

Sloan 20 JUL 69 cellulitis

R+R:

~~Wester~~
~~Fryman~~
Morales
~~LaSange~~
Holloway
Payne

Emerg. Leave:
Morales 16 JUL 69

8 JUL 69

Return, blow gook ordnance w:
S-2, eng.

1/30 1/7 1/2 = 1/39
(add Martinez, Eisworth; drop Holloway)

~~A0 change~~ Book ordnance, 7 JUL 69:

53 82mm mortar rds.

53 fuzes for "

53 increments.

12 long RPG's.

25 short "

6 Chi-Coms.

3 directional mines.

Change of A0: back into the valley.
9 JUL 69

1/30 1/7 1/2 = 1/39

Eng. interdiction trail; platoon (-) stay.
10th - shift West to Lion area.

10 JUL 69

See Sloan, 8 March, newby.

1/32 1/8 1/2 = 1/42

(Add Morales, Jackson, Johnson)

Last gear list.

1/33 1/9 1/2 = 1/44
(Add Bright)

Map Class

Reynolds	6 JUL 69
Dugnette	"
Williams	"
Oglesby	"
Watkins	"
Bijou	"
Tutter	"
Wright	"
Mitchell	15 JUL 69
Martinez	"
James	"
Fraguier	"
Jackson	"
Bouldin	"
Russell	"
McLain	"
Antyer	"
Morales	"
Howard	"
Echevarria	"
Wyatt	"
Ward	"

Navy Achievement Mill. Recs.

Sloan
Payne
~~Wyatt~~

Heliteams - 11 JUL 69:

LT, ✓
 R.O., ✓
 S/Sgt, ✓
 Sd., ✓
 Corps, ✓
 Corps, ✓

5
 1st Sq, 10
 S/Sgt 1
 2B R.O. 1

 12

[12]

6
 2d Sq, 109
 Sd. 1
 2C R.O. 1
 Corps ~~1~~

 12

[12]

7
 MGL + 1 tm. 5
 Corps 1
 Paynet 5

 12

[12]

8
 1
 1
 4
 3

 9

[9]

11 JUL 69
 2C = more; cereal
 Kellogg (00-59)
 019 565

12th - Sq. along 9:
 12 JUL 69

By 1200:

Clean wpns.

Police - occupied + not.

Pig shitter

Count all ammo found here.

Chow -

1/37 0/9 0/2 = 1/48

(Add Fregiano, Spadley, Labrange,
 Mitchell, Miller; Drop Antyea)
 Where Spadley? dpl.

13 JUL 69

Write acts with anti-intention
devices.

Morn. after 2 sqs. out - then
blow 2's until 1300, then
get in work routine - road
watch, police

Gravel, uniform eq's, - rear +
bush.

Daytime sq. C.B. security - stay
until relieved by contact -
road must be under surveillance
24 hrs./day.

1/36 0/9 0/2 = 1/47
(Add Antez; drop Bright, Payne)

Deputy C.B., ~~XXXX~~ Coyne, will
visit - Condition Red.

Thrust P's.:

Insects 9957
Aplianax (Dum)

1 Sq. 1930 -

034 563 - patrol base.

1 FT at a time:

CP 1 - 033 560

CP 2 - 037 565, back to base.

Morn., on way back:

CP 1 - ~~034 560~~ ~~037 565~~ 039 565

CP 2 - 035 566

CP 3 - 027 566

14th - a sq. on road survey
after road sweep, FT moving betw.

002 566

020 565 at all times.

Off on road.

14 JUL 69

1/36 0/9 0/2 = 1/47
15 JUL 69

1/37 0/9 0/2 = 1/48
(Add Fveter)

1.7 fighting positions, claymores,
move trash point.

2. Change sq. rotation,
 48 burst points:

Phonetic alphabet	1272
Oceans	1168
Soft drinks	1464
Civil War Battles	0666
Ships	0164
Chain Stores	9563
John Wayne movies	1161
Burgsters	1658
Units of measure	1353
Tooth paste	9960
Ice Creams	9656
Fish	0155
Bathroom pictures	0459
Condy Bars	0762
Famous Dogs	0856
Newspapers	1347
Natl. Parks	1849

No rite act, 15th.

(2A) 16 JUL 69
 Sq. repair 0430 - recall:
 1: 035582

2: 043566
 3: 040573 dedr ^{streams} draws
 4: 034569 " ; return
 (2B) Afternoon - one squad to take
 part of 1st lines, rite of 15th.

(2C) Another squad - CB security,
 same base, same routine.

$\frac{1}{35} \quad \frac{0}{9} \quad \frac{0}{2} = \frac{1}{46}$
 (P up Robinson, O'nasch), Wyzatt)
 17 JUL 69
 $\frac{1}{34} \quad \frac{0}{8} \quad \frac{0}{2} = \frac{1}{44}$

Haircuts - today
 Boot list "

Pro-con by 20 JUL 69 + monthly.
 Daily pill report - actual ^{or assist} log 0900.
 " rifle clear + clear - ^{or actual} assist by 1600.
 Cut entrance in fence by LZ.
 Lay wire by trash area.
 Diesel from Sig.
 Use water bottles to carry water up hill.

25 MAY 69

Summoned at 0800 to catch an inbound chopper, with rotating Sgt. Highly. One of rare times I've gladly answered the call from the screaming XO.

The chopper after me brings in a pallet of 81 mm mortar ammo + it sits on + 2 a couple hours. A fire of unknown origin starts in an 81 pit next to it; it spreads, people run away. Lt. Abbott rushes to it, calls people back to put it out while the senior corporals tell people to stay away. Too many come back to put it + it blows the top of the hill off. The gooks then turn their mortars on us, adding to casualties. Joe + I were at Quang Yui when word of it came back. We spent several hours at 3d Med. Dir. hospital identifying dead + talking with wounded. Final count is 12 dead, 26 wounded,

one still missing (by 9 JUN 69).

Lt. Abbott showed great courage, but it should have been tempered with the realization that an increment fire is almost impossible to put out. Among the dead were Cpt. Carter, due to rotate in 4 days, Cpt. Pucci, around 20 days left, & on & on. A few days later the company is sweeping along the DMZ eastward. 3d platoon radio man P.F.C. Hopkins steps on a mine, killing himself and Sgt Goodlin, my former 3d platoon sergeant. When to con them for an indefinite stand-down - showers, hot chow, beer & soda, movies, etc.

26 MAY 69

Got a cavity filled, took a shower, got a haircut, & kept downing the cold drinks - much appreciated now & forevermore. Shot it with Sumner Stanley for awhile, had a few

cold Buds in the morning. Sgt. Highly got all checked out in record time & we headed for Dong Ha transit. Waited 6 hrs. for a C-130 to Da Nang. I was the last boarding pass number allowed on for the day - another small manifestation of my luck. Touched down in Da Nang in late afternoon; the Sgt., my former guide, and I walked to 1st M.P.'s., got a jeep to 3d M.P.'s., then a meal right away. They were almost fully rebuilt from the ammo dump blow of late April - chow was still outside, however. Felt a surge of pride moving among old familiar ground & friends in my worn bush boots & long hair. Was immediately besieged with hundreds of questions from a dozen askers.

It was great to see Da Nang come nearer from the air, and then to touch onto a

ity I've always liked, one filled with respect for their perseverance, their tolerance of the boorish, impatient, & ignorant American military man. Their passivity meets and engulfs our aggressiveness like a huge piece of clay — they go back to their traditions in spite of overwhelming Western logic & dissatisfaction, constant, with the Vietnamese brand of patience.

And the Americans —

The things wrong with the Americans in Da Nang are the things wrong with any group accustomed to the active in life rather than the contemplative — who have too little to do and too much time to realize it. It was great to get back among friends and familiar surroundings, but that lasted for only a few hours, & soon came

to feel as if I had wandered into the wrong bathroom; personal and abilities are unbelievably miscast, abused. The types in the rear are several but those most prominent — The young trooper, NCO or junior officer who thinks he's lucky not to be getting shot at, fine, but he's also a mental zero, thinks he's part of a really significant action unit, considers himself to be far superior to any gook, and sees no danger to his future in subjecting himself to an experience devoid of all challenge and stimulation. Culture means nothing to him; the entire world is one giant dispenser of things to be indulged in to excess.

Then there's the small groups who came in during or even before WWII and went thru the island campaigns,

By the time of Korea they had the "salty" attitude and a couple stripes. Buy them a ~~or~~ few beers at the Staff Officers Club and they will admit to more than a little embarrassment at being involved in this "half-assed Vietnam thing. Back at Guadalcanal and Inchon we kicked some ass!" As for the rear-type unit on this tour, it's useful to fill out empty time for the retirement.

Most pathetic are the small but very obvious groups of staff lips and field-grade heavies who have misinterpreted the Corps and their significance to, it for all of their 18 or 19 years service. They are staff sergeants and majors who have been passed over long ago and thus, are now permanently embittered at the way the Corps and the world

have misjudged what they feel to be their considerable growth potential and general value. It's all they can do to hang on for their 20+ retirement. They are the stereotypes the civilians make jokes of — they probably couldn't make it "on the outside." They are the type whose egos are fed by wearing or carrying a pistol, rifle, and being in an organization which has at its command such sophisticated and destructive weapons systems. The activity taking most of their time, behind feeling sorry for themselves, is latching onto some young trooper & telling him how rough it was in the "old Corps," and what a raw deal they've been dealt. Theirs is now a perverted, tunnel view of the world; they are approaching a state of uselessness to the Corps, the

world, and themselves.

Another minority, but equally visible are those still assigned to a rear unit after experiencing the most trying experience the Corps in Vietnam can offer - with the grunts in the bush, where the real Corps is. Trained for the bush, Vietnam becomes instead one disillusioning sight after another. The gung-ho trooper or junior officer watches, first aroused then helpless, as the representatives of the lower elements of American and Western culture teach the Vietnamese how to insult people, and how to build tremendous dumps + traffic jams. After a few close looks at Vietnam, one wonders if the higher purposes of any nation's foreign policy have ever been more grossly perverted. Many of those

holding such attitudes, ambitions succeed in getting out of the rear and serving in a real working unit, making a meaningful contribution. Others get sucked in by the ~~safe~~ atmosphere of excessive safety, an awards system which allows many rear poques to rotate with the same array of ribbons that many grunts receive, and other false signs of significance. The rear is the death-place of far too many ambitions, too much growth potential.

28 MAY - 2 JUNE 69

Singapore - the State/Defense Departments' tour. All arrangements are complete for the serviceman taking a vacation from the war - which makes its status as a war questionable. Anyway, it's a five-day superficial view - short and

so the trooper to take with him
them like the impression the
host country wants to last.
There is the mechanical present-
ation by the R+R staff at one
of the R+R hotels, the jokes &
snickers about prostitution being
illegal, the cash exchange hassle,
but most prominent over it
all is the sudden vacuum
where things called responsibility,
duty, and "it's your job" used
to be.

After he's dashed into a
hotel, assigned a pigeon-
hole, the young trooper
is hustled by an usher to
a room about 5 floors up,
where sit the girls, plastic
smiles pinned on, obvious
boredom manifested by many.
"You must hurry, Man, or the
best girls will be gone!" intones
the cut-conscious busboy.
Mama-san sits in a corner,
several people rushing around

her. She has a wad of money
in one hand, a pen in the
other, writing room numbers
next to her girls' names.
And it's just like the R+R
staff said - she's got a
medical certificate proving
the weekly exams. The
Vietnam serviceman doesn't
have nearly the meat his
father, uncle, or grandfather
had.

Singapore is more a
fascinating than impressive
experience. At first glance
it appears that the city is one
where the most tolerant
people reside, Chinese, Malays,
Indians, and Europeans
mix on the streets but not
too many other places. They
appear to mix almost
without noticing each other,
but there are definite lines
that don't get crossed. The
Chinese, 75% of the population,

control almost all the banking and large commercial interests. The Indians are left the menial jobs; they always comprise laboring crews, street-cleaning details, etc. The Malays, harboring much hatred for the cash-conscious, urban Chinese, keep to themselves in their villages outside the city. They man the rubber plantations and fill service-type jobs. Tho the smallest in numbers, the Europeans still exert immense influence in this corner of Asia — they still ~~provide~~ ~~all~~ ~~military~~ ~~control~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~island~~ ~~nation~~, ~~and~~ ~~thoroughly~~ ~~dominate~~ ~~the~~ ~~military~~ ~~establishment~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~island~~ ~~nation~~. Their presence is visible in the colonial architecture and the many overseas branch banks and import-export houses.

A great Singapore pastime is shopping; the great, tiled

Chinese emporiums as well as the open street shops. Being an open port, one finds many Communist-nation items. Most impressive are the Chinese ivory, jade, wood and linen products — of high quality and price.

Saving the too-short R+R visits are the cab drivers, Chinese or Malay. Very open about what they can direct the passenger to (many pushy, a few plain crooked), they are indispensable for a realistic and thro view of this Asian crossroads. They can take one deeper into Chinatown than a sidewalk tour and, more memorable, they are the link between the admiring Westerner and those extraordinarily beautiful Chinese girls — to me the most beautiful; collectively, ~~of~~ ~~all~~ ~~the~~ ~~world's~~ ~~females~~. Here I met the most

beautiful female Chinese and human I had ever seen, impossible to forget, a magnet to those getting only a short first visit. She was tremendous.

The flite back - one never makes a flite more reluctantly as that from R+R back to the war zone.

A four-day stay in DaNang - some of the rear atmosphere. With all the waits, a 25-minute DaNang - Quang ^{air} flite takes 8½ hours.

A few last cold drinks in the battalion rear & a visit with Mike Amore. 7 in/out Lt. D.J. Burnett III has been killed. He + Lt. Larry Beck are the greatest losses I've felt over here.

Re-joined company via re-supply convoy to Con Thien. Con Thien is now an extension of the rear - showers, all cold beer + sodas we want,

3 hot meals a day, movies, and much slack time. This is a large base, the only a company can man the perimeter. With us is an Army 155 battery, Marine 8 inchers, Army dusters, our tankers, + 81 + 60 mortar sections. The area is beautiful for patrolling - flat.

I returned assuming I would take Weapons Platoon, instead I was assigned to 2d, the best in the company. They require no supervision & are very quick to carry out any work. They run themselves, preparing to keep me stocked in my bunker.

Also on my return I learn my former platoon sergeant, S/Sgt. J. L. Goodlin, and radio man were killed on a sweep when the latter P.F.C. Hopkins, stepped on a mine along the DMZ.

8-16 JUN 69

A few company (-) + platoon (-) patrols, but mostly squad-sized activities. It's all very quiet around here, which with the many supporting arms here, our close proximity to C-2 and Bio Link, and all the demies, causes a fast case of complacency. But there are reminders of the gooks - vehicles occasionally mined on the roads, North Vietnam ~~spies~~ and a NVA regimental compound easily visible across the Ban Hai and rockets at night, lately about 500 meters outside our perimeter. The patrols are interesting as there is much to find all around here. There used to be many large villages in the area, but the war has herded the people into tin-roofed compounds. So all around one sees the ruins of a pastoral, ancient

way of life - Catholic + Buddhist graves, an occasional pathside shrine standing at an irrelevant angle, and the decaying foundations. It's all too quiet now - the familiar swishing of the bamboo trees in the wind is even gone - rapalmed away. And other signs that war has violated the age-old serenity here - caved-in bunkers and trenches coming across the now-dry paddies, fighting holes and tank tracks beginning to fill with the growth of recent seasons, a rotting boot, shreds of clothing, canteens and helmets shot there, rusting c-ration cans, thousands of ammunition casings of all sizes, empty IV bottles, and the immense bomb craters, footprints of the B-52. And how deceptive the quiet - the same hell

as that evidenced here could
creep back at any moment.

17 JUN 69

Slack, then to a blocking force
position, as another company is
starting a sweep eastward. We
stayed out the night - between
periods of rain, the ravenous
hordes of mosquitoes.

18 JUN 69

Back in perimeter thru a steady
rain. Cut ourselves slack rest of
day. Ice cream at evening meal.

We learn a sweeping company
from 3/3 runs into a man of
goats - kills about 28 + has
only one injured among themselves.

Setting to know 2d platoon
pretty well now. They've got
much pride, always look for
new ways to show it, Capt.
Saw very restless in a ~~static~~
position fixed position like
this. He craves something full
of danger, challenge so bad.
It manifests by his noticing

and commenting on smaller +
smaller things every day. The
rumor persists that he's
only got two more weeks out
here before rotating back to
the rear for a staff job.

My lumber came equipped
with a paperback edition of
"Michigan's Return to Paradise" -
a great escape from the
between-operations boredom.

19 JUN 69

Con "hien routine.

20 JUN 69

'G' Coy, 2/9 coming, assume
lines. They have just learned they
will be going home + it's all
they think + talk of. Like birds
at X-mas.

21 JUN 69

Out on a plt. (-), called back
around noon. The "Saddle up!"
bussle + wire out the gate
at 1800 for a two-day sweep
of the area to the East of
the Con "hien road + between

Con Whien + C-2.

22-23 JUN 69

Moving all day, with all gear most of time. We set patrol bases on streams, drop packs & search stream beds, then return, saddle up & move on. We find many trails & fresh footprints. On 23d, a newbie wanders out of the perimeter on his own, & bumps into 4 gooks. He opens up, kills 2 into away, 3d plgt, & C.O. go out to site, kill the other two.

Flat lands seem nice to work on but everybody tries to go faster, farther to get it over with & out of the heat that a few heat casualties do result. Gets very hot on final swing to C-2. We make it with a few stragglers & get 6 boys back to Con Whien. All in all, a nice little warm-up for the newbies & those mesmerized by the Con Whien berries.

24 JUN 69

Into my last month.

Resting up at C.M., getting moved out, gear up to par. Many foot problems developing - no socks & trousers for a month. Too many posters hanging out of pants.

The malingering parade to the C.P., & the cogmen, as on the eve of every op., in every war, after the picnic patriotism wears off.

25 JUN 69

Another random accident ends a life. Personnel from 2/9 are still here, getting ready to go home soon. They're just sitting around, filling lines. One in the attached 81 mortar crew decides to walk out behind his bunker to retrieve a can of beans & pranks. What part him into a minefield, where he set off a bounding Betty. Now he's still going

home, but in a body bag -
headless + legless, Beans + pants.

"Mike", 3/3 arrives on the
lines + we leave with short-
hop objectives for only two days
in advance.

26 JUN 69

Off at 0630 for about 3 clicks.
Good formations first 2 clicks,
duster - screw thereafter. 1st plt.
breaks into 3 parts + comes in
with various company CP elements,
at various times. 3d plt. broken
into 3 parts + same type of
entrance. Weapons + 3d actual
pass objective, come back to it,
and start away from it again
before we catch them - an
hour after all others in. We
stayed in 2 parallel columns +
came in from left flank,
after almost passing objective.
We whistled in the last
groups.

I've always heard from the

lives of the soft "New Coyas" and
now I have one of their
numbers. "Three-out" every hump
as far as he's told all around
him he's certain he can't
make it, asks others to "leave
me here to die," and then plops
down on the trail, crying. My
young Corporals enjoy playing
with and thrashing on him.

27 JUN 69

Short move in morning, set in +
blow 2's for about 6 hrs. Then a
ridiculously large re-supply +
we have to move about 500
meters more. Mosquitoes unreal.

28 JUN 69

As we move out in morning,
we watch Alpha company's mill-
drill. Two days ago they discovered
they were 2 clicks from where
they were supposed to be + it's
humorous to hear + see their
efforts to explain it + get in the
right place. Hills gradually
getting higher, brush still thick.

29 JUN 69

Up #445, off for a fast 3
clicks. Set in all day. Sent
out squad patrol to look
for blue lines, enemy activity.
They find bunkers full of
RPGs, Chi-Coms, rice, personal
gear - very recently abandoned.

On way back my weak,
immature newly lines Capt.
crazy by quitting every 15 or
so feet. They finally leave
him out there & come in
themselves. Finally find a
blue line in late afternoon
after failing to get a re-supply
line in all day. We find
some c-rats left by another
unit or we'd be in a hum.

Couple hours later, of course, we
get in 90 cases of rations - 6 meals
per man. The goodies get stashed
away, the rest gets thrown away.
We still waste as much as any
military in history.

30 JUN 69

A nice short hump starting
at 0530. Set in on low adjacent
hills, one platoon per 8 man
squad, off them every couple
hours. Find recently-used trails,
no blue lines. Goodies for the
day include beer & soda.

We discovered our weak
Newly stole a canteen of water
from his squad and the last
few rations has stolen water
from others' canteens while on
watch. Further, he refused to
go on a patrol because it was
"too hot." The squad members
find out rite away & hold a
thump-call - one of the most
justified ever.

On the plus side, we get a
burst of deserved promotions,
which improves this platoon's
always-high morale.

1 JUL 69

Within a few minutes of our
pause-break, the company

point sees 15-20 goats
moving around a finger up
a draw. For some unknown
reason, no one opens eyes on
them - C.O. really blows at
finding that out. Move a
little farther to mouth of a
valley & await first wing on
hills overlooking our new patrol
base. Then down into valley &
find remains of a recent battle -
bloody & shot - thru helmets,
utes, rifles. Set up & start
off on a company mission to area
of air strike. Just moving out
across valley we catch half a
dozen rounds of goat mortars.
They are using a poncho shade
hootch to aim on. Whenever
someone moves to take it
down, a couple more rounds
drop & chase them off. They keep
coming in at about 3 or 4 per
hour for about 3 more hours.
We just blow 'em in the
holes, call in mortar pop

azimuths, & wait for arty & air
to work the area over. When they
finish, the sweep continues
around our successful ambush
site of 21 MAY with only trails
& footprints to show it.

Plenty of goodies come in while
we're out - c's, bread, cucumbers,
SP's & mail. Quiet site.

2 JUL 69

Down the valley about 500 (North) &
off on escort duty for a team
planting electronic detection
devices along trails. Came in
just one of my sleeping OP's,
had dinner & set perimeter.

3 JUL 69

Back the other way in the valley
about 750. More escort duty
up a different valley, & take a
squid up to end of valley &
find a small knoll with a
bamboo complex on it. Checking
it out, we find 4-82 mortar
rounds, 2 Chi-Coms, and
two partially-decomposed NV's

hanging out one of the bums.

Back to base + the usual re-supply hassle. Then off on a fast hump back to 162 base area, + a quiet nite.

4 JUL 69

One year away from the U.S. of A.

Off on a moderate-length hump to a finger off 124. Making preparations for a heli-lift to a berry area tomorrow. Back up on the high ground for a quiet nite.

Had a good bull session with the captain this afternoon - he's softening a little in his last few days before he gets his staff job - jokes about the war more + the 17 AUG. party we have scheduled for Bravo personnel in San Fran.

5 JUL 69

A downhill hump thru some thick stuff + set up patrol boxes on a beautiful little

stream - cool + clear. Everybody shaves + washes eyes. Found out my radio-man Sham is an admirer of J.F.K. ~~is~~; a common interest makes the bush more tolerable.

Heli-lift to KK bridge postponed to 8th.

Move a couple hundred meters to ambush site on stream - quiet.

6 JUL 69

Up a 124 finger + outpost the foothills of it. Blowing slack all day. Short move, quiet nite.

7 JUL 69

Platoon (-) out about 0830, with a scout dog + handler. Set up an ambush around a stream with old bums bordering it. Sent a fire team up the stream to check out the source + they find a more recently-built set of bums. Looking around, they find 60 82 mm rounds + 2 RPG rounds, with about 6 chi-

Comms. While a couple troopers are counting the stuff, another trips a booby trap wire, injuring himself & one other. One takes neck & thigh punctures, the other, a piece in the right ankle. Patched them up, carried them to some high ground & called in a chopper. Medivac went very smoothly.

I felt the nausea one feels at the sight of bleeding friends, at the thought that if we had done something a little differently, it wouldn't have happened, but both will be back after a few weeks in that air-con-
ditioned hospital, cold-dimly equipped.

MCI + H₂O re-supply, short move, quiet site. 17

8 JUL 69

Heli-lift to bridge again pushed ahead. No date est-
ablished, but probably around 12th, 13th.

Return to gook ordnance site with 5-2 scout & engineer to blow it: 53 82 mm mortar rounds, 53 fuzes & increments for same, 12 long RPG's, 25 short RPG's, 6 Chi-Comms, 3 directional mines. A change of A.O.: back down into valley. Newbys are coming around nice. 16

9 JUL 69

Change of A.O. - back into valley - just killing time until our lift to the bridge. Settle in on the stream, patrol the valley floor to the south. Usual quiet site, a squeal or ambush on a trail. Water & c-rat re-supply's three more newbys. 15

10 JUL 69

Move about a half dish west along stream. Platoon (-) to + up draws to ridge on southern boundary of Cam Lo valley. Fantastic re-supply: fruit juices, coles. 14

11 JUL 69

Up + wait for heli-lift,
short hope to Khe Gio
bridge, berry-land, a hassle
over who gets what positions,
who starts the patrol rotation,
etc. Starts raining + keeps
on thru afternoon. Begin
planning for heavy rite acts -
gooks sneak up to highway at
rite + plant mines. Previous
company here lost 4 on
roadweeps. 13

12 JUL 69

The move-in hassle with
Battalion Headquarters. The
heavies walk around, squint-
eyed, nodding + grunting "uh-huh,
uh-huh." Now we'll get all
the cold beer + soda at least,
but there's the constant
admin hassle. Me + 2 d
are up a steep hill that
all hate to climb but
we end up going the route
a half dozen times a day.

Many squad-size acts
here, day + nite

We're up on a real steep hill
next to Route 9 + there's all
kinds of excuses to send us
up + down it, what with all
the Battalion heavies around -
get your men shaved, get
haircuts, get rick + lame to
the doc, run em down for
office hours, endless work
parties; but then there's chow
+ beer call. 12

13 JUL 69

The admin. hassle continues -
how many mortar rounds you
got - what happened to the
other three - who shitcanned
them - get them down here
for office hours - were not
going to supply Charlie Gooks.
I roam around, paying out
of reach of the heavies, getting
good grunt flicks. It keeps
the mental outlook stable and
the sweat count down.

All kinds of Battalion head-
quarters personnel crowd up on
our hill, putting stuff up,
tearing it down, laying wire
all over, rebuilding bumben,
drinking our water - generally
making this beony-land
less than a treat. They even
bring 2 106's with their
horrendous back-blasts up
here.

But good show. Eleven days
and still no orders or flight
date. 11

14 JUL 69

The bush - small incon-
venience piled on small
inconvenience ad infinitum
until a massive ~~stot~~ but
formless blob results, just
suspended there, incapable
and that disorganized and
hated environ over-hung
by the one supreme and
~~that~~ universal fear: that
at some unknown point

along the tour the bullets
will fly and visit on all
the most painful of realities -
bleeding friends and death.

15 JUL 69

Begin 2-day patrols, two
squads. First plt. gets it.
When my turn comes up,
it'll probably be my last
combat patrol. Sniff? - hell no.

Out with two squads. ~~Paint~~
~~over~~ quiet + unexpected rain. 9

16 JUL 69

Rebuilt my CP bunker.
Same routine - several squads
out but no danger. Only an
occasional civilian around
old Camp Carroll area trying to
stop trucks + sell diluted
Canadian Club or Seagram's to
troopers thirsty for a big-
party. We have to send
squads out to catch them +
smash the bottles. The troops
do it, but with great wonder-
ment at so senseless a "waste".

17 JUL 69

Some dude from 3d platoon
~~got~~ goes nuts, wanders
around at night saying he's
going to kill someone. Gets
on the loose, decides to
charge up & take the hill
my platoon is on. He sets
off a trip mine before he gets
to the wire. 106 crew
was on the verge of blowing
him away with a bee-hive
round when he was caught.
Shipped to the rear & head-
shrinkers next day.

1st platoon back from a
2-day patrol - no action.

Same B.S. routine - pro-
cor machine, "improve your
positions, police up each
day, how many long-rats
you got - you sure? - better
check again, make sure
your people wear their flaks
to chow, are they cleaning their
weapons each day ..."

18 JUL 69

Same routine. 6

19 JUL 69

Same routine. 5

20 JUL 69

Rumors fly all over the place -
1st & 3d platoons will go stand
lines at Con "hien" in 3/3
has a new op going, and
2d platoon will be attached to
D', 1/3 for another op. One
hour stand-by, starting
after dark, of course - "get
your people packed up &
stand-by but maintain
an alert perimeter watch,
turn in an alpha report
before you go - got all
your long rats? Everybody
got hair cuts, signed the
pay roster? Whadya mean
your startite doesn't work?
Keep laying wire around
the new LZ - Well you
might go on a two-day
patrol after all - I don't

know - got your investigation
on the drunk fire team
from 3d Herd done? got
your pro-con matter done?
I saw a couple of your people
walkin' around here with
long hair - that aint gonna
get it - now if you want to
get on my bad side just
keep disregarding the word -
you havent reported pills
popped yet. Whadya mean
another medevac - send that
damn squid to see me -
those guys let the troops cry
on their shoulder too damn
much.

21 JUL 69

Ran two thru for office
hours, then . . .

the most welcome hassle
of all - checking out &
rotation.

"I've been doing so much with
so little for so long that I
could do everything with
nothing now."

"This company is the unwilling
led by the unqualified into
the unknown to do the
unnecessary."

"This Green Machine really
sucks."