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1	0001		Journal Opened.		ALA
2		0500	Daily Ammo Status Report submitted to 5/4 Arty MFR		ALA
3	0700		Staff Call	MFR	ALA
4	0813		Gun #2 at A Btry down for breech maintenance.		ALA
5	0900		Gun #2 up; Gun #3 down for breech maintenance.		ALA
6	1005		Gun #3 up and fully operational.		ALA
7	1200		Have not been able to obtain air craft for BN	Coordination w/5 /4 Arty cont	ALA
			CO to visit FSB Sheppard or for resupply for		
			B Btry at FSB Sheppard.		
8		1205	1200 AO Status Report submitted to 5/4 Arty.	MFR	ALA
9	1600		Reason for lack of aircraft support; difficul-	Coordination	ALA
			ty in initially contacting unit directly respon-	with 5/4	
			sible for scheduling missions and it was al-	Arty continuing	
			so learned that the BN was on a low priority		
			for air missions.		
10		1500	Equipment Status Report submitted to XXIV		HGH
			Corps.		
11			SUMMARY: The BN is still experiencing difficu-		GS
			lty in obtaining a helicopter for use of the		
			Battalion CO.		
12	2400		Journal Closed.		HGH

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2		0500	Daily Ammo Status Report submitted to 5/4 Arty.	MFR	GS												
3	0700		Staff Call		GS												
4	1005		Received RTT message that QL 9 is open to 5 ton vehicles.	notified S3	GS												
5	1010		Received report that vehicle from A Btry hit a mine at XC 988454. Vehicle damage. No casualties.		ALA												
6		1210	Submitted 1200 AO Status report to 5/4 Arty	MFR	GS												
7		1515	Equipment Status Report submitted to XXIV Corps	MFR	GS												
8	1640		RTT Message: 1. Ammo expenditures reports are arriving late. 2. Air assault by 4/3 Inf postponed until 6 February 1971. 3. VHF commo between Ca Lu and Lang Vei es- tablished. 4. Liaison Officer from 4/77 ARA arrived 5/4 Arty and will remain with that Headquarters.	Btry admonished to submit the reports on time MFR Notified all Staff Sections													
9			SUMMARY: QL 9 opening for traffic of 5 ton came ahead of schedule and is an indication of the success of the operation. The air assault by 4/3 Inf postponed because of inclement weather.														
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1	0001		Journal Opened.		KIE
2		0505	Daily Ammo Status report submitted to 5/4 Arty MFR		KIE
3		1205	1200 AO Report submitted to 5/4 Arty.		KIE
4		1510	Equipment Status Report submitted to XXIV Corps.		KIE
5	1620		Summary of attack on A Btry at Elliott: First volley of twelve 122MM rockets about 061430 sent to 5/4 Arty Second volley of ten rockets occurred at 1515 and 1/82 rear & hours resulting in 1 KIA and 4 WIA. All casualties were dusted off. Extensive damage to 1 five ton truck and minor damage to one PRC 292 antenna.	Report of actions 23d Inf Div	KIE
6	1630		The operation scheduled for AO Leopard was cancelled due to inclement weather. CO 1/82 Arty requested A Btry be moved back to Vandergrift. Permission was granted.	MFR	ALA
7	1910		A Btry moved back to Vandergrift and was laid and ready to fire at 1900 hours.		KIE
8	1920		Received list of NDP's from XXIV Corps.		ALA
9			SUMMARY: A Btry suffered 1 KIA and 4 WIA resulting from 122 MM rocket attack on their position at FSB Elliot. The air assault by 4/3 Inf was cancelled. A Btry was moved back to FSB Vandergrift.		
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1	0001		Journal Opened.		KLE
2		0507	Daily Ammo Status reported to 5/4 Arty.	MFR	KLE
3	0700		Staff Call		KLE
4	0900		1/82 assumed sole responsibility for all air warning and ground clearance in the AO. Btry B will remain at FSB Vandergrift. Clearing operations were moved into tent from FDC Van and all but one EM of attached personnel from 5/4 Arty departed with their equipment for ^{Sanh} Khe Sanh.	MFR	KLE
5		1200	1200 AO Status report submitted to 5/4 Arty.	MFR	GS
6		1510	Equipment Status Report submitted to XXIV Corps.	MFR	GS
7	1900		At approximately 1800 hours FSB Vandergrift received sixteen rounds of 122MM rockets. The 1/82 had negative equipment damage or personnel casualties. Counter rocket grids were fired on throughout the attack.	MFR	GS
8			SUMMARY: The BN assumed complete responsibility of ground and air clearance to include personnel responsibility. The BN HQs and A Btry position received 16X122 MM rockets resulting negative equipment damage and negative personnel casualties.		GS
9	2400		Journal Closed.		GS

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1	0001		Journal Closed.		KLE
2		0515	Daily Ammo Status Report submitted to 5/4 Arty.		KLE
3	0900		1/82 alerted to be prepared to support infantry elements in southern AO Leopard. Elements would be in position on the afternoon of 8 Feb.	S3 notified, FDC preparing Fire plans.	
4		1220	AO Status report submitted to 5/4 Arty.		GS
5		1500	Equipment Status Report submitted to XXIV Corps.		GS
6	1530		A critical shortage of M564 and M565 fuzes is developing. ASP at FSB Vandergrift does not have any; however, the fuzes are on order. Assistance was requested from CO, 5/4 Arty. Also, S-4 initiated a special order through supply channels. It has been determined that a minimum of 480 of each type is required.	MFR	KLE
7			SUMMARY: The Bn is making plans to support a major Inf sweep of AO Leopard on 9 Feb. A critical shortage of time fuzes is presently existent at the ASP. A special order was submitted through supports channels. The BN minimum stockage level was set at 960 fuzes.		GS
8	2400		Journal Closed.		

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1	0001		Journal Opened.		KLE	
2		0500	Daily Ammo Status Report submitted to 5/4 Arty	MFR	KLE	
3	0700		Staff Call		KLE	
4	0900		Rounds complete on prep and suppression fires for 4/3 Infantry.	MFR	KLE	
5		1208	1200 AO Status Report submitted to 5/4 Arty.	MFR	KLE	
6		1505	Equipment Status Report submitted to XXIV Corps.		KLE	
7	1600		Report on incident on QL 9. Location XD986551. Reported incident to 5/4 Arty. US 3/4 ton vehicle with 5 personnel from 1/82 was stopped on road because of US artillery fire. Individuals move away from the vehicle. One individual received burst of small arms fire and spotted 4 enemy approximately 75 meters away. The individual returned fire and observed one enemy wounded. Enemy were on NW side of QL 9 and were wearing black shirts and steel helmets. Negative US casualties and damage.	Personnel involved were commended for their responsive actions.		
8	1900		FSB Vandergrift received 27 rockets starting at 1745 hours. Two dust-offs required by A Btry for minor wounds: 1) hostile wound, PFC Boley, Easy B. 2) received shrapnel in leg.		KLE	

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			2) Non hostile but during action, SP/4 Phillips				
			Cling Jr. 490-52 3038 hurt his back while				
			diving into bunker when he hit a culvert half.				
9	1900		B Btry also needed dust-off (non-hostile)				
			wound: Snow, Jimmy 444 52 8905; trick knee				
			gave way and individual is in great pain.				
			Doctor recommended dust-off,				
10			SUMMARY: 5 Bn personnel were involved in				
			action on QL 9 when they received enemy small				
			arms fire. BN personnel reacted quickly and				
			automatically to the situation thus avoiding				
			and casualties. The BN HQ and A Btry area				
			received 27 rockets resulting in 1 WIA and 1				
			non hostile WIA. Dust Offs were effected for				
			both. B Btry required one dust off for				
			one individual with trick knee.				
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1	0001		Journal Opened.		KIE
2		0510	Daily Ammo Status Report submitted to 5/4 Arty		GS
3	0700		Staff Call		
4	0900		Gun #3 at A Btry down for breech maintenance.		GS
5	1000		Gun #3 is up.		GS
6	1005		Gun #1 at B PLT down for maintenance.		GS
7	1100		Gun #1 at B PLT is up.		GS
8		1200	1200 AO Status report submitted to 5/4 Arty.		GS
9	1300		Gun #2 at B PLT temporarily out of its pit to facilitate placing trail logs.		ALA
10	1455		Gun #2 at B PLT is up.		ALA
11		1500	Equipment Status Report submitted to XXIV Corps.		ALA
12	2000		FSB Vandergrift received 8 rockets at 1900 hours resulting in minor equipment damage and negative personnel losses. During the attack the battalion fired on counter rocket grids and continued to furnish fires for the 4/3 infantry. Back azimuths of six rockets: 1 at 4800, 1@5140, 1@4150, 2@5500, 1@5600.	Spot report submitted to 5/4	KIE
13	2020		Received RTT message from 5/4 Arty: B 5/4 will arrive your location approximately 1000 hours to fire preps in vicinity of rockpile.		
14	2200		Casualty report from A Btry: SGT E-5 David S. Santana 103-38-4694 suffered ear injury from muzzle blast (Non-enemy action)	S3 & MAJ Shellabarger notified	KIE
15	2300		Received RTT message informing CO 1/82 that CO 5/4 Arty has requested additional fire support from 108 Arty group because of increased enemy activities taking place in the vicinity of the rockpile.	S3 & LTC O'Bryan	KIE

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1	0001		Journal Opened.		KIE
2		0520	0500 Daily Ammo Status Report Submitted to 5/4 Arty.		GS
3	0700		Staff Call		
4	0900		C-4 radar at FSR C-1 was attached to 1/82 for opcon, quarters and rations. Radar is to be positioned so as to aid CM-CR measures taken in defense of GI Bu.	S-3 and HDB CO effected coordin- ation with radar personnel.	KIE
5	1200		B 5/4 Arty attached to 1/82 Arty as a result of increased activity in vicinity of the rockpile. CO, 5/4 Arty recommended to sections of ARA be placed GSR to him with the 1/82 Arty coordinating.	NR	GS
6		1215	1200 AO report submitted to 5/4 Arty	NR	GS
7		1300	Equipment status report submitted to XXIV Corps.	NR	GS
8			SUMMARY: A C-4 radar team was attached to the Bn to assist in Counter Mortar-Counter Rocket surveillance. B Btry 5/4 Arty was attached to the Bn today. The Bn FDC/S-3 is likely to become the controlling element for 2 sections of ARA within the next few days.		KIE

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2		0510	Daily Ammo Status Report submitted to 5/4 Arty		KIE
3	0700		Staff Call		KIE
4	0705		Received RTT message stating that CO 1/319th Arty will conduct CMD LN with CO 1/82 Arty Request for fire in support of 1/82 will be directed to XXIV corps. Arty FSCE (FWD) via established communications.	S3 notified	KIE
5	1200		A follow up message was sent to S-4, 1/5 Mech requesting sorties for resupply of FSB Sheppard B(-) Btry has reached critical point in Class V and water. Class V and water have been available for three consecutive days awaiting availability of aircrafts.	MFR	KIE
6		1212	1200 AO Status Report submitted to 5/4 Arty.	MFR	GS
7	1500		Mission for loader 52. Observer reported a conservative estimate of 46 KBA'S to CO 1/5 Mech notified.	MFR	
8		1505	1500 Equipment Status Report submitted to XXIV Corps.	MFR	GS
9			SUMMARY: CO, 1/319th Arty visited with the 1/82 Arty CO to effect coordination between the two arty units. One resultant action was that fires in support of 1/82 be directed to XXIV Corp Arty FSCE. B Btry (-) has reached		

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1.	0001		Journal Opened.		KLE
2.	0300		Received RTT message stating that 1/82 Arty ASR is 16 rds per tube per day.	Contacted CO 5/4 Arty requesting reevaluation of ASR. Request we be allotted higher allocation.	KLE
3.		0500	Daily Ammo Status Report Submitted to 5/4 Arty.		GS
4.	0700		Staff Call		
5.	1030		One 122MM rocket impacted across the road about 100 meters from BN FDC. Neg. equipment damage and Neg. personnel casualties.	Spot report sent to 5/4 Arty	ALA
6.		1205	1200 AO Status report submitted to 5/4 Arty.	MFR	GS
7.	1400		Maj DeWitt arrive to assume duties of S3.		ALA
8.		1500	Equipment Status Report submitted to XXIV Corps.	MFR	GS
9.	1930		FSB Vandergrift received eight 122MM rockets about 1900. Counter Rocket grids were fired while fires were continued in support of elements of 4/3 infantry. B 5/4 also fired as a part of the counter rocket program.	Spot report sent to 5/4 Arty	ALA
10.	1930		MP Q-4 radar became operational at 1800 hours Located at (XD 999484)	Info sent to 5/4 ARTY CO	KLE
11.			SUMMARY: The ASR of 16 Rounds per tube per day is considered by experience to be ex-		KLE

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1	0001		Journal Opened.		KLE
2		0500	Daily Ammo Status Report Submitted to 5/4 Arty	MFR	GS
3	0600		Overheard conversation between LNO 4/3 and CO 4/3 pertaining eminent ground attack. Information was supposedly from 4/3 higher. Request for more information was sent to CO 5/4 Arty via RTT.	Bn CO notified	KLE
4	0700		Staff Call		GS
5	0800		Received confirmation of 46 KBAs on 13 Apr	S3 Notified	KLE
6		1200	1200 AO Status report submitted to 5/4 Arty	MFR	GS
7	1300		Maj DeWitt flew to 4/3 Infantry CP to discuss methods for increasing responsiveness of artillery fires.		KLE
8			SUMMARY: Confirmation of 46 KBA on 13 April 1971 raised morale considerable in the Bn. Maj DeWitt flew to 4/3 Inf. CP to discuss, with the Inf S-3, method of increasing responsiveness of Arty fires. The Bn increased its night vigilance ref. a msg over heard indicating an imminent ground attack.		GS
9	2400		Journal Closed.		GS

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1	0001		Journal Closed.		KIE		
2		0515	Daily Ammo Status report submitted to 5/4 Arty.		KIE		
3	0700		Received RTT message that 3/187 Inf will conduct combat assault into AO Leopard on 17 Feb 4/3 Inf will require Arty support as they continue their attack to the southeast and then switch places with 3/187 Inf. Preps will be required on LZ Uranus. 1/82 Arty will continue to provide DS Support to 4/3, 1/77, and now 3/187. Contact for quick fire channels for 3/187 will be 1/82.	S3 Notified	KIE		
4	0700		Staff Call.		KIE		
5		1200	AO Status Report submitted to 5/4 Arty.	MFR	KIE		
6	1300		LNO from 3/187 made personal contact with S-3 and FDO to discuss fire planning for combat assaults scheduled for 17 Feb.	FDC directed by S3 to draft fire plans reference discussion.	KIE		
7		1503	Equipment Status report submitted to XXIV Corps.		KIE		
8	1600		Received RTT message with information concerning CA scheduled for 17 Feb.	Message shown S3 & CO			
9			SUMMARY: 4/3 Inf continue to at Southwest and then switched places with 3/187 Inf. 1/82 Arty continues to provide support for Inf elements in AO Leopard. LNO from 3/187 Inf made personal contact to discuss pre-planned assaults scheduled tomorrow.				
10	2400						

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			0001	17 Feb 71	2400 17 Feb 71
ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
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1	0001		Journal Opened.		KLE
2		0500	Daily Ammo Status Report Submitted to 5/4 Arty	MFR	GS
3	0700		Cpt Cross Commander of B(-), informed Bn. that his people on FSB Sheppard were on their last C rations and supply of Class V was Critical (attempts by S-4 to schedule sorties had failed for the last five days)	Request for immediate assistance was forwarded to 1/5 Mech via RTT.	KLE
4	0700		Staff Call		GS
5	1000		RTT Message concerning CA into AO Leopard: CO 3/187 will decide and advise at 1700, (2) 4/3 Inf had no significant change of position since last night and close artillery support of night positions will be required again tonight.	S3 and FDC Notified	KLE
6	1500		The Bn FDC completed move from tent to the bunker. The Bn FDC remained completely operational during the move.		LBO
7		1510	Equipment Status Report submitted to XXIV Corps.	MFR	GS
8	1630		Received Rtt message from CO 5/4 Arty: (1) Red Devil is considering an alternate plan for inserting 3/187 (2) Scheduled fires will	Notified Bn CO and S3	GS

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8			be planned on routes of approach enemy has been using for the last 3 days.			
9	2155		Message relayed from B (-) at FSB Sheppard & air corridor is not in effect at this time.			
10	2020		B 5/4 was credited with large secondary explosion in grid 860570 while firing a 5X5 in support of 1/77.		LBO	
11.			SUMMARY: An emergency request was submitted for reter aircraft sortie for FSB Sheppard for immediate resupply of class I and class V. The Bn FDC bunker was completed and the FDC moved in with a minimum loss of time and Communication. B 5/4 Arty was Credited with large secondary explosion resulting from mission fired for 1/77.		LBO	
12	2400		Journal Closed		GS	

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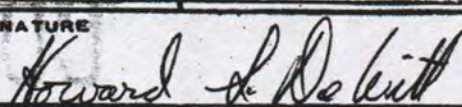
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ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
1	0001		Journal Opened.		KLE
2		0500	Daily Ammo Status Report submitted to 5/4 Arty	MFR	KLE
3	0700		Staff Call.		KLE
4	1200		CA by 3/187 into FSB Uranus was cancelled due to inclement weather.		KLE
5		1210	AO Status report submitted to 5/4 Arty.	MFR	KLE
6	1300		Gun #2 at A Btry down for breech maintenance.		KLE
7	1330		Gun #2 is up and Gun #3 is down for breech Maintenance.		KLE
8	1400		Gun #3 is up.		KLE
9	1405		S-3 left FDC to inspect 1/82 portion of perimeter around FSB Vandergrift.	report submitted to BN CO & XO	KLE
10	1500		Gun #1 at B PLT will be out of the pit for about an hour.		LBO
11		1520	Equip Status report submitted to XXIV Corps.		INO
12	1615		Gun #1 at B PLT is up.		LBO
13		2045	Passed message to 4/3 and 3/187 giving frequencies and call signs for each element to use before, during CM/CR firings.	MFR	LBO
14			SUMMARY: The planned combat assault in FSB Uranus was cancelled because of inclement weather.		
25	2400		Journal Closed.		HCH

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13	2310		CA by 3/187 rescheduled for 191400 Feb. Fire plan remains basically the same; Prep H-20 to H-5 fired by A-5/4 and 1/82. At H-5 1/82 gave ROM but remained laid on area of interest.	FDChriefed on rescheduling	LBO
14	2330		Called LT Baresse and told him to meet with Major DeWitt at 0700.		LBO
15	2340		Far prep at 1400: 1) Monitor 42:80 2) Tile 68 will be along with Reader 64 3) Lno 3/187 and 1/82 will control preps.		
16	2350		Message from CO, 5/4 Arty stating EM from 5/4 assisting with clearance and air warning will leave for Khe Sahn in the morning.	Will Comply	LBO
17	2400		Message received as Follows: At 0730 CO 3/187 will conduct recon and decide on suitability of air mobile operations. C 3/187 will lift into LZ vicinity FSB Scotch. 1/82 will fire suppression fire for 10-15 minutes. CO 3/187 announce H hours after FSB Scotch landing. 15 prep will be fired on FSB Uranus. Arty fires begin at H-20 and lift at H-5. CO 1/82 will be controlling preps. Two sections of ARA have been requested. 1/82 will report all tubes to air commander.		
18			SUMMARY: As of this date Dewey Canyon II will be referred to as Lam Son 79. B Btry 5/4 Arty c conducted an artillery raid from vicinity of FSB Elliot. ARA sections under control of 1/82 were credited with 3 enemy kills on mission requested by 4/5 Inf. Plans were laid for coordinated atk by 3/187 Inf with 1/82 and 2 sections of ARA in support.		
19	2400		Journal Closed.		HCH

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ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
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1	0001		Journal Opened.		KIE
2		0500	Daily Sumo Status Report submitted to 5/4 Arty	S3 notified	KIE
3	0620		1/77 called and informed BN FDC that sumo people could pick up necessary WB at FSA 1 or 2		
4	0700		B 5/4 moved out for artillery raid at Elliot.		KIE
5	0700		Staff Call.		
6	0755		B 5/4 closed at Elliot at 0747 and was laid and ready to fire at 0750.		
7	1200		B 5/4 conducted raid from 200730; was back at 1145. Surveillance on raid: Two large secondary explosions observed by battery at grids 857560 and 862568.	MFR	KIE
8		1215	AO status report submitted to 5/4 Arty.	MFR	INO
9		1900	Sent RTT message to CO, 5/4 starting PLT from 5/4 will conduct artillery raid from FSB Elliot during period 211100 hrs to 211300 hrs.		
10		1905	Equipment Status report submitted to XXIV Corp.	MFR	LBO
11	2000		Operations section received word that 1/82 was now authorized one hot meal per day.	S4 and mess personnel notified	LBO
12			SUMMARY: B 5/4 Arty conducted an artillery raid during the morning hours from vicinity of FSB Elliot. Two large secondary explosions were observed. Another arty raid is scheduled for tomorrow. The news of one hot meal did much to raise morale of the troops.		
13	2400		Journal Closed		

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ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
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1	0001		Journal Opened.		KLE
2	0210		1/77 reported that B 5/4 got 1 KBA and dest 1 machine gun pit during the artillery raid on 20 Feb.	notified S3	KLE
3		0500	Daily Ammo status report submitted to 5/4 Arty. MFR		KLE
4	0700		Staff Call.		KLE
5	1000		B PLT 5/4 pulled out of position and began move to FSB Elliot.		LBO
6	1200		PLT from B 5/4 given EOM and told to return to Vandergrift. Surveillance on road: 7 secondary explosions and 3 bunkers destroyed from observer for 1/77.		
7	1210		AO Status report submitted to 5/4 Arty.		GS
8		1300	Request was sent by RTT to CO 5/4 Arty asking for B 5/4 to remain at Vandergrift because of the present times the 15 tubes at Vandergrift were expending 1500 rounds per day.		
9		1500	Equipment Status report to XXIV Corps.	MFR	GS
10		1630	Request was sent VIA RTT to CO 1/5 Mech re- questing 108th group provide on IOS near the rock pile.		
11		1900	Observer for 1/77 reported two secondary ex- plosion and several bunkers destroyed by A 1/82 at grid 935 569.	notified S3	GS
12			SUMMARY: Arty raid by B5/4 on 20 Feb 71, resulted in 1 KBA and a machine gun destroyed. Another arty raid by B 5/4 today resulted in 7 secondary explosions and 3 bunkers destroyed. B 5/4 remains attached.		GS

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ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
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1	0001		Journal Opened.		KLE
2	0030		Message from MAJ DeWitt: B 5/4 will go to FSB Elliot everyday between hours of 0700 and 1700 and will shoot green bag only		
3		0500	Daily Ammo status report submitted to 5/4 Arty.		KLE
4	0700		Staff Call.		KLE
5	1130		Surveillance from LNO - 1/77 on prep: Prep looked outstanding		LBO
6	1137		Surveillance on contact mission for 4/3: 6 NVA KBA, 6 small arms cap ^{turned} , 1 62mm mortar captures, Units firing A 1/82 B 5/4, B PLT 1/82 and 1 PLT of 8" from 1/39 Arty. Grids fired on 90125582 and 91145570.		
7		1208	AO Status report submitted to 5/4 Arty.	MFR	LBO
8	1500		Surveillance on mission fired on grid 812513 from 221120 hrs to 221445 Hrs. 7-8X10 bunkers destroyed, 2-2X4 bunkers destroyed 1-4X8 hut destroyed. Numerous bunkers damaged. Mission fired by A 1/82 and B 1/82.	MFR	
9		1500	Equipment Status report submitted to XXIV Corp.		LBO
10	1724		B 5/4 closed at Vandergrift.	S3 notified	LNO
11			SUMMARY: B 5/4 will conduct artillery raids between the hours		

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1	0001		Journal Opened.		KIE
2		0510	Daily Ammo report submitted to 5/4 Arty.	MFR	KIE
3	0700		Staff Call.		KIE
4	0700		B 5/4 closed at FSB Elliot at 0724 and was laid and ready to fire at 0730. Five howitzers took part in the raid. One howitzer with malfunctioning hydrolic system was left behind.		
5		1217	1200 AO report submitted to 5/4 Arty.		KIE
6	1400		Surveillance on grid 90495596 (fired on from 231006 to 231315) one 62MM mortar destroyed. Mission fire by A 1/82 for observer for 3/187.		
7		1505	Equipment status report submitted to XXIV Corp.		KIE
8	2300		Surveillance on mission fired on grid 917554 (fired on from 231831 to 322215) 5 KBA shot by A 1/82, B 1/82, B5/4 for observer from 3/187.		
9			SUMMARY: Five howitzers from B5/4 Arty participated in arty raid-no surveillance. An observer fro 3/187 credits A Btry 1/82 Arty with a 62MM mortar destroyed.		
10	2400		Journal Closed.		HCH

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1	0001		Journal Opened.		KLE
2	0200		Received RTT message from CO, 5/4 stating there were indications of enemy arty units moving into the vicinity of the rockpile, and Vandergrift should be prepared to receive possible rocket/mortar fire from that direction.		
3	0230		Called radar to arrange for registrations and was informed radar was down because of transmitter problems.	Notified S3	KLE
4		0510	Daily Ammo Status Report submitted to 5/4 Arty.		KLE
5	0700		B 5/4 departed for FSB Elliot.		KLE
6	0700		Staff Call.		KLE
7	0734		B 5/4 closed at FSB Elliot at 0721 and was laid and ready to fire at 0728.		KLE
8	0900		Received RTT message from CO, 5/4 Arty: 1) 3/187 will conduct combat assault into AO Leopard tomorrow. 2) Prep will commence at 1340 hours and end at 1400 hours. They request 1 section of ARA at 1400 hours.	notified S3	KLE
9	1130		B 5/4 closed at Vandergrift at 1125. Surveillance on raid: One large secondary explosion	MFR	
10		1205	AO report submitted to 5/4 Arty.		
11		1530	Equipment status report submitted to XXIV Corps		

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1	0001		Journal Opened.		KIE
2		0510	Daily Ammo Status report submitted to 5/4 Arty		KIE
3	0700		Staff Call.		KIE
4	0700		B 5/4 departed for FSB Elliot.		KIE
5	0735		B 5/4 closed at FSB Elliot of 0725 and was laid and ready to fire at 0731.		
6	1130		B 5/4 closed at Vandergriff at 1125.	notified S3	KIE
7	1200		AO Status report submitted to 5/4 Arty.		KIE
8		1505	Equipment Status Report submitted to 5/4 Arty.		KIE
9	1600		Spot report: 1) Gird: 91315562 2) Shot 1309 3) EOM 1553 4) A 1/82 shot for 1/77 5) Surveillance - 3 KBA 6) Expenditures 1 WP and 26 HE		
10	1700		Tomorrow priority of fire will go to 3/187. Starting at 0730 elements will move SE from from 9055 to 9254 along stream bed.		
11	2355		Prep for 1/77 on 943498. Suppression fires to to be planned on gully to south. Four minute prep at max rate of fire using all tubes.		
12		2400	Left message for CPT Sweeny (1/77 LNO) to per- shoot in DT's for Vandergriff between 0651 hours and 0730 hours tomorrow.		
13			SUMMARY: A Btry 1/82 shooting for 1/77 is credited with 3 KBA. Prep and suppression fires planned for 3/187 tomorrow. All available tubes to be utilized to fire at max rate for four minutes.		
14	2400		Journal Closed.		

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1	0001		Journal Opened.		KIE
2	0100		B (-) informed BN FDC that a new pantell was needed at FSB Sheppard.	S3 informed	KIE
3		0500	Daily Ammo report submitted to 5/4 Arty.		KIE
4	0700		B 5/4 departed for FSB Elliot.		KIE
5	0700		Staff Call.		KIE
6	0740		B 5/4 closed at FSB Elliot at 0734 and was laid and ready to fire at 0740.		KIE
7	0850		Spot Report: 1) Grid 929600 2) Unit firing - A 1/82 3) Shot 0815 - EOM 0846 4) Expended 1 WP, 18 HE 5) Surveillance - 2 secondaries		
8	1145		B 5/4 closed at FSB Vandergrift.		KIE
9		1207	AO status report submitted to 5/4 Arty.		KIE
10	1400		Notified by S3 that B 5/4 would be released NLT 281100 Feb.		
11		1500	Equipment Status Report submitted to XXIV Corp.		KIE
12	1815		Operations received RTT message with instructions concerning Class A rations. 1/82 would be responsible for storing & preparing meals for units op con to 1/82.		
13			SUMMARY: A Btry 1/82 firing for 3/187 is credited for 2 large secondary explosions. B 5/4 Arty will move back to their battle position tomorrow. The performance & cooperation is most appreciated by the 1/82 Arty. 1/82		

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1	0001		Journal Opened.		KLE
2		0500	Daily Ammo status submitted to 5/4 Arty.		KLE
3	0700		Staff Call.		KLE
4	0800		Gun #2 at A Btry down for breech maintenance.		KLE
5	0910		Gun #2 is up and gun #3 is down for maintenance.		KLE
6	1000		Gun #3 is up and gun #4 is down for breech maintenance.		KLE
7	1045		Gun #4 is up.		KLE
8	1100		B 5/4 released from control of 1/82.		KLE
9	1145		S3 left HZ area to inspect firing battery area at A & B PLT location.		KLE
10		1200	AO status report submitted to 5/4 Arty.		
11	1300		S-3 returned from inspection.		KLE
12		1500	Equipment status submitted to XXIV Corps.		KLE
13	1800		At 1755 FSB Vandergrift received two rockets at 1755 hours. There were negative personnel and equipment losses reported.		KLE
14	2320		Information on ambush on QL 9 from 4/3 LNO. Ambush occurred vicinity of FSB Sheppard. Convoy began taking incoming at 1946. Unit under fire took B-40 rockets and small arms fire. The large amount of illumination (87 rounds) was used to destroy several damaged vehicles.	notified S3	KLE

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LNO did not want to give further information
 over the radio.

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SUMMARY: B btry 5/4 Arty released from
 control of 1/82 at 1100 hours. Major DeWitt
 made rounds of A Btry and B PLT, FSB in
 vicinity of FSB Vandergrift. Vandergrift
 received 2 rounds of 122mm rockets. Recieved
 info on ambush on QL 9 near vicinity of
 Sheppard. Enemy employ indirect fire to
 disperse and slow down vehicles then hit with
 small arms.

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