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		FROM		TO	
		HOUR 0001	DATE 2 Mar 71	HOUR 2400	DATE 2 Mar 71

ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
1	0001		Journal Opened.		KLE
2	0300		At 0230 1/82 checkfired by 3/187 because rounds were impacting within 200 meters of one of their elements in 9054 grid square. B PLT was firing scheduled fires on grids 907549 and 908545. Both grids had been passed as clear by LNO from 3/187. There were no injuries. Check fire was lifted at 0300 and 3/187 still had not resolved clearance problem. Also observer said four rounds impacted simultaneously. B PLT was firing one gun two rounds.	Firing was checked and all data in FDC was carefully screened and no errors were found.	
3	0310		It was discovered that 1/77 and 1/82 did not have identical CM/CR sheets.	Coordination was effected between 1/77 & 1/82. 5/4 notified of matter	KLE
4	0500		Sent FDC push change to 3/187, 1/77, and 4/3. Told them to inform us when all of their people have the change.	MFR	KLE
5	0510		Daily Ammo Status submitted to 5/4 Arty.		KLE
6	0700		Staff Call.		KLE
7	0800		FDC personnel began implacing concertina around the FDC bunker.	MFR	KLE
8	1200		FDC personnel began construction of a guard bunker on top of the FDC bunker.	MFR	KLE
9	1205		AO Status submitted, to 5/4 Arty.		KLE
10	1500		Equipment status submitted to XXIV Corps.		KLE
11	1700		Position improvement around the FDC completed.	MFR	KLE
12			SUMMARY: A possible arty incident was avoided by check fire; however, all indications are that rounds impacting may not have been 1/82 rounds. The question of ground clearances has not been resolved at this time.		

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1	0001		Journal Opened.		KLE
2		0500	Daily Ammo report submitted to 5/4 Arty.	MFR	KLE
3	0700		Staff Call.		KLE
4	1130		B Plt shot a mission for observer for 1/77 on grid 978590. Shot was at 0916 and EOM at 1116. Expended 13WP & 72HE; 3 bunkers dest.		KLE
5		1205	1200 AO status submitted to 5/4 Arty.		KLE
6	1300		Effective 031300 Mar 71, 1/5 Mech Div and all units attached are under op-con of 101st Airborne Division (AMBL) 1/82 is assigned to the mission of direct support for the maneuver elements of the 1/5 Mech Division.		KLE
7	1415		Gun #1 at B PLT down for maintenance.	MFR	KLE
8	1500		Gun #1 is up and Gun #2 is down for maint.	MFR	KLE
9		1510	Equipment Status submitted to XXIV Corps.	MFR	KLE
10	1530		Gun #2 is up and Gun #3 is down for maint.		KLE
11	1600		Gun #3 is up and fully operational.		
12			SUMMARY: B Plat firing for AO 1/77 Arty is credited with 3 bunkers destroyed. The BN became op-con to the 101st Airborne Division at 1300 hours today. The BN assumed the role of DS upon attachment.		
13	2400		Journal Closed.		HGH

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1	0001		Journal Opened.		KIE
2		0100	Forwarded operations report for 101st Air- bourne through 5/4 Arty.	MFR	KIE
3	0900		Operations section coordinated with 101st Air- borne concerning required reports.	MFR	KIE
4	0900		Div Arty directed that 1/82 Arty(-) be GSR to 2/319th Arty	MFR	LBO
5	1650		Shot 90 rounds of HE on URS at grid 948596. EOM at 1648.	Informed 101st Div Arty FSE	LBO
6	1900		Mission of 1/77 INO fired by A 1/82 and B PLT 1/82: (1) Grid 978585 (2) Shot at 1831 and EOM at 1850 (3) Expended 108 HE and 30 WP (4) 2 possible KBA and 1 mortar destroyed.	Informed Div Arty FSE and requested confirmation on KBA.	LBO
7	1955		S3 and CO from 2/319 Arty authenticated into Admin-log net of 1/82.		
8			SUMMARY: The BN was directed to assume its normal role of GSR (GSR to 2/319th Arty). An unconfirmed 2 KBA and 1 mortar destroyed resulting from mission fired by A Btry and B Plt 1/82.		LBO
9	2400		Journal Closed		KIE

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1	0001		Journal Opened.		KIE
2		0100	Sent operations report to FSE of 101st Airborne.	MFR	KIE
3	0800		Gun #2 at A Btry down for maintenance.		KIE
4	0900		Gun #2 at A Btry is up and #3 is down for maintenance.		KIE
5	1000		Gun #3 is up and gun #4 is down for maintenance.		LBO
6	1100		Gun #4 at A Btry is up.		LBO
7	1200		S-3 (1/82) flew to Camp Carrol to coordinate with S3 (2/319th Arty) at the same time a liaison team from 1/82 was established in the 2/319th arty Bn FDC.	MFR	LBO
8	1400		S3 (1/82) returned from Camp Carrol.	Briefed BN CO	LBO
9			SUMMARY: The Bn S-3 effected coordination with the 2/319th Arty and established a liaison team there. The liaison team consisted of one officer and two enlisted men.		LBO
10	2400		Journal Closed.		KIE

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2		0130	Sent operations report to 101st Airborne FSE.	MFR	KIE
3	0800		Information through S3 from CO 5/4 Arty (1) Arty approved move of C 1/82 to vicinity Ham Nghi op-con 5/4 arty. Move battery 7 March guides meet the battery at XD 862398. (2) 1/82 is requested to advise CO 6 1/82 of new status and coordinate with S3 101st Div Arty for move from C-2. (3) CO C1/82 should prepare advance party ASAP and advise 5/4 Arty of ETA.	BN CO Briefed CO Btry C notified and directed to advise when ready to move.	KIE
4	1000		1/501 Inf established TOC in Ca Lu and LNO began coordination with operations section of 1/82 Arty.	Suggested co-ordination be effected w/CO HHB	KIE
5	1200		Received warning order for prep from LNO 1/501 for tomorrow.	Alerted FDC & briefed CO	LBO
6	1700		LNO 1/501 advised BN FDC that prep for tomorrow had been postponed.	Notified BN CO of Change.	LBO
7			SUMMARY: C Btry alerted to prepare for movement. 1/501st Inf established TOC in CA LU		LBO
8	2400		Journal Closed.		HGH

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3		0530	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carroll.	MFR	KIE
4	0730		Message from COL Ridgeway: Notified all moves for today have been temporarily cancelled. Have C Btry stand by. They may move to Khe Sahn later this afternoon.	S3 notified	KIE
5	1015		From 2/319th Arty: 101st will clear grids east of 02 gride line and 5/4 Arty will clear grids west of 02 gridd line.	S3 notified	KIE
6	1530		Location of 2/319 Arty Units A 2/319 09289.7/51787.1 ALT 116 B 2/319 28906.0/40158.0 ALT 275 C 2/319 06202.3/54977.9 ALT 256 G 2/11 09296.1/51705.3 ALT 106	Locations posted in BN FDC and operation maps.	LBO
7	1600		C Btry moved from C-2 to vicinity Khe Sahn as directed. C Btry arrived at new location about 1600 and became op-con to 5/4 arty.	S3 notified CO of completion of move.	LBO
8			SUMMARY: C Btry completed move from C-2 to vicinity of Khe Sanh and is op con to 5/4 Arty.		LBO
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2		0130	Sent operations report to FSE (101st ABN DIV)	MFR	KIE
3		0545	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carrol.	MFR	KIE
4	1200		Major DeWitt made inspection of all gun pits	Briefed BN CO	KIE
			of FSB Vandergrift between 1000 and 1200 today. on results		
5	1324		TOT on grid 008676 (a suspect enemy location)	FDO notified	LBO
			is now scheduled for 1400 hours.		
6	1800		Message from Maj DeWitt: Each battery keep	FDO instructed to	LBO
			one gun pointed on general azimuth of 5200 to have grids cleared		
			5600 and be ready to fire CM-CR in 30 seconds. ASAP Notified		
			Have grids clear for each location at all times. all firing Btry		
7			SUMMARY: TOT on suspect enemy location was		LBO
			fired successfully at 1400 hours. The BN FDC		
			maintains a list of cleared grids for CM/CR		
			fires and keep one gun from each Btry on		
			azimuth of most recent suspect location.		
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1	0001	Journal Opened.				KIE
2	0015	Surveillance on contact mission for 1/501 Inf on grid 930575 and grid 940578: 1 KBA or seriously wounded enemy. Observer said infantry would try and confirm in the morning. Expended 2WP and 37 HE. Shot by A 1/82.	Prepared msg for BN CO briefing in the morning			KIE
3	0100	Sent operations report to 101 AEN DIV.	MFR			KIE
4	0505	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carroll.	MFR			KIE
5	0700	INO from 1/501 will personally contact 1/82 S3 before noon.	S3 notified			KIE
6	1400	FSB Vandergrift received 23 rockets (122MM). The first incoming came about 1300. Back azimuth were 6100 and 6400. A 1/82 fired 160 HE on counter rocket grids and BPLT 1/82 fire 140 HE.	Spot report sent			KIE
7	1400	Radar sent grid 015559 and 007551 as active rocket locations while FSB Vandergrift was taking incoming.	Div. A Btry designated to fire CR fires Grids sent to BN FDC			LBO
8	1430	Received report that a bird took fire at 004568.	MFR			LBO
9	1445	CO from 2/319 Arty will come to 1/82 Arty location sometime this afternoon to talk with CO 1/82.	BN CO notified			LBO
10	1700	1/501 Inf requested representative of 1/82 Arty at their CO briefing at 1800.	S2 designated to attend briefing			KIE
11		SUMMARY: A Btry credited with 1 KBA (not				KIE

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	IN	OUT			
1	0001		Journal Opened.		KIE
2		0130	Sent operations report to 101st ABN DIV FSE.	MFR	KIE
3		0600	New AO extension for 1/501 is now in effect.	Traced on Op map	KIE
4		0600	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carrol.	MFR	KIE
5	1015		Was informed 2/319 would request pink team when FSB Vandergrift reports taking incoming.	MFR	LNO
6	1340		1/501st Inf reported suspect rocket location at 895563.	Grid posted & firing data worked up	LBO
7	1530		1/82 Arty S2 informed BN FDC of known mortar at 004573.	Grid posted & firing data worked up	LBO
8	1950		Message from MAJ DeWitt: Pick out prominent terrain feature around grid 94086117 for sheaf check by A Battery tomorrow.	Message posted in FDC	LBO
9	2015		Message from MAJ DeWitt: B PLT will always keep MSG sent to one gun up on speed jack to facilitate swinging the plt quicker during rainy weather.		LBO
10	2150		SSG Brown CS at B PLT requested hot box for sites. S4 notified		KIE
11	2200		Prep for 1/501 will be 0900 tomorrow.	FDC notified	KIE
12			SUMMARY: 1/501st Inf extended their AO today. Suspect rocket and mortar locations were reported to the BN FDC who subsequently worked of firing data and obtained clearance to fire. Targets were fired on (no surveillance).		LBO
13	2400		Journal Closed		HGH

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1	0001		Journal Opened.		KLE
2		0130	Sent operations report to 101st ABN DIV FSE.	MFR	KLE
3		0500	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carrol.	MFR	KLE
4	0900		Extract from RTT Messages:	notified BN CO	KLE
			UNIT GRID	& FDC	
			A 5/4 829 443		
			B 5/4 803 370		
			C 5/4 808 367		
			B 1/82 932 411		
			C 1/82 828 444		
			A 2/94 715 376		
			B 2/94 716 371		
			C 2/94 714 375		
			A 8/4 712 373		
			B 8/4 (C-) 823 447		
			B 8/4 (C-) 71154450		
			C 8/4 828 442		
			A 1/39 32 33		
			B 1/39 721 369		
			C 1/39 A-4		
5	1120		LT Black reported 1/82 Arty could get AC bird at 1230 for about 1 hours.	MFR	KLE
6	1210		Operations section received new 1/82 vehicle.	MFR	LBO

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1		0001	Journal Opened.		KIE
2		0100	Sent operations report to 101st ABN Div FSE.	MFR	KIE
3		0500	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carrol.	MFR	KIE
4	1200		Khe Sahn took 180 rockets (122 MM) last night	MFR	
			There were negative casualties or damage to		
			C Btry 1/82. Suspect enemy locations were		
			1/82		
			out of range for the other units.		
5	1420		1/501 requested prep for tomorrow TOT at 0700	FDO preparing	LBO
			with 9 guns putting about 400 rounds onto the	firing data.	
			razorback in 1/2 hour.	alerted firing	
6			SUMMARY: Khe Sanh was hit with 180 rockets	Batteries	
			(122MM) last night. C Btry located in vicinity		
			of Khe Sanh suffered negative casualties and		
			and negative equipment damage. The BN is		
			preparing to fire a TOT prep at 0700 his		
			tomorrow morning using 9 guns and firing		
			approximately 400 rounds.		
7	2400		Journal Closed.		LBO

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1		0001	Journal Opened.		KIE
2		0130	Sent operations report to 101 SEN DIV FSE.	MFR	KIE
3		0500	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carrol.	MFR	KIE
4	0515		CO, 1/82 requested all possible assistance from CO 5/4 on CR program for FSB Vandergrift on 19 and 20 Mar. All possible CR grids had al ready been placed on permanent sheets and submitted for clearance on a continuing basis.	MFR	
5	0900		CO, 1/82 requested bird dog for the next two days from CO 2/319.	MFR	KIE
6	1000		CO, 1/82 requested all possible assistance on CR program from CO, 2/319.	MFR	KIE
7	1015		CR program scheduled to begin at 192200 and end at 202000 Mar.	MFR	KIE
8	2200		Bird dog for tomorrow has been turned down, but LOH will be available after tomorrow.	MFR	KIE
9	2335		B(-) Btry at Sheppard can fire 75 rounds total on CR program.	CO B Btry notified HGH	
10			SUMMARY: The Bn requested all possible as sistance from 5/4 Arty on CM/CR program on 19 & 20 March. All CR grids have been sub- mitted for clearance. CR program will be placed in effec 192200 & end 202000 Mar 71.		KIE
11	2400		Journal Closed.		LBO

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2		0100	Sent operations report to 101st ABN DIV FSE	MFR	HGH
3		0600	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carrel.	MFR	KIE
4	0700		Received information from orderly room (HHB) that sapper attempting to infiltrate perimeter was killed instantly by a claymore mine detonated only a few feet away.	notified S3	KIE
5	0800		CPT Erickson personally conducted inspection of gun pits to determine rain damage. A Btry was in fairly good shape (2 gun pits out of 6 needed repair) B PLT 3 guns were all in bad shape.	Reported findings	KIE
6	0930		CPT Erickson personally coordinated with S3 from 14th Engineers for support in repairing guns pits at B PLT.	MFR	KIE
7	1300		MAJ DeWitt left by road to coordinate with S3 from 2/319 Arty.	MFR	
8	1730		Major DeWitt Returned to LZ Vandergrift.	Briefed BN CO	KIE
9	1800		Expend 200 rounds on suspect enemy location (Grid 948618)	Negative Surveil lance	
10			SUMMARY: A sapper attempting to infiltrate perimeter was killed by claymore. FDO, CPT Erickson inspected gun pits for rain damage. Btry a & B Plt expended a total of 200 rounds on suspect enemy location (Grid 948618)		
11	2400		Journal Closed		KIE

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4	0900		1/77 departed FSB Vandergriff for Lang Vei area.	MFR KIE													
5	1000		1/506 Inf was airlifted to FSB Vandergrift to replace 1/77 in AO Alley.	MFR KIE													
6	1300		Initial liaison was established with LNO from 1/506.														
7	1700		Sufficient coordination has been established with 1/506 to insure safe and effective fire support of the unit.	MFR KIE													
8	1800		Maj DeWitt went to CO's briefing at 1/506 Inf TOC.	MFR KIE													
9	1810		Fired prep for 1/501 Inf on grid 945608 at 1700. 228 HE were expended by A & B 1/82.	MFR KIE													
10	2300		Bunker line reported sappers trying to penetrate wire. Btry A fired self-illum	LBO													
11	2305		A BTRY and B PLT began firing self illum.	ALA													
12	23330		Bunker line reported 1/82 personnel killed two enemy sappers and wounded a third. Bunker line also reported self illumination was excellent.	Spot report sent to FSE ALA													
13			Summary: 1/77 moved from FSB Vandergrift														

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rounds, 24 WP rounds and 50 FC rounds expended  
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1		0001	Journal Opened.		KLE
2		0100	Sent operations report to 101st AEN DIV FSE.	MFR	KLE
3		0500	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carrol.	MFR	KLE
4	0800		B Plt departed FSB Vandergrift for Khe Sahn.	MFR	KLE
5	1100		B Btry has all elements closed at Khe Sahn and became opcon to 5/4 Arty.	MFR	KLE
6	1200		S-3 from 2/319th Arty requested 1/82 ammo section obtain 600 M 564 fuzes for 2/319th Arty because they are having problems getting them.	Notified S4	KLE
7	1400		1/506 Inf informed BN FDC that three squads of NVA were killed approximately 5 Kilometers SW of FSB Vandergrift.	Info to Bn CO and S3	ALA
8	1500		LT Bickett went up in AO bird.		ALA
9	1600		LT Bickett returned.		ALA
10	1610		Requested another frequency change for A Btry.	MFR	ALA
11			Summary: Btry B became op-con to 5/4 Arty upon completion of move to Khe Sahn. Info received that 3 squads of NVA were killed approx 5 kilometers SW of Vandergrift.		
12	2400		Journal closed.		ALA

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1		0001	Journal Opened.		KLE
2		0100	Sent operations report to 101st AEN DIV FSE.	MFR	KLE
3		0600	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carrel.	MFR	KLE
4	0900		MAJ DeWitt left HQ area to inspect 1/82 Arty position of perimeter and also to inspect 1/82 commo installations and equipment.	MFR	KLE
5	1130		Maj DeWitt returned to HQ area.	Briefed Bn CO	KLE
6	1230		LT Black arrived from Camp Carrel to coordinate with S-3.	MFR	KLE
7	1400		LT Black left by road to return to Camp Carrel.		ALA
8	1700		A Btry will have gun #2 out of the pit for about 30 minutes.		ALA
9	1735		Gun #2 at A Btry is back in pit & operational.		ALA
10	1800		Liaison and land line communication have been completed with 2/94 Arty (-) now in position with two batteries on FSB Vandergrift.	MFR	ALA
11			Summary: S3 inspected 1/82 perimeter and communications installations and equipment. Land line communications are complete to 2/94 Arty. Liaison established with 2/94 Arty located in vicinity of Vandergrift.		
12	2400		Journal closed.		ALA

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Neg casualties and neg equipment damage.

Tentative plans for preps on razorback 270900

Mar 71 have been completed. Radar will move tomorrow.

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2400

Journal closed.

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2		0100	Sent operations report to 101st ABN Div FSE	MFR	KLE
3		0500	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carrel.	MFR	KLE
4	0800		Commencing at 0730 hours FSB Vandergrift	Sent spot report	KLE
			received 18 rounds of 122MM rockets. One	to FSE	
			round landed in an ASP bunker causing sixteen		
			8" rounds to explode simultaneously. The		
			explosion was great enough to cause minor		
			equipment damages in the battalion area and		
			knock several people to the ground.		
5	0900		Maj DeWitt left HQ area to select position for	MFR	KLE
			B Btry.		
6	1030		Maj DeWitt returned with tentative coordinates	Briefed Bn CO	KLE
			of B Btry center of 004 486.		
7	1400		Survey coordinates of B Btry center 700329.81	MFR	
			1848410.29 alt 60.		
8	1600		Advance party from B Btry arrived at BN HQ.	MFR	LBO
9	2200		B Btry charts check with BN FDC charts.		
10			Summary: Vandergrift received 18 rounds		
			122mm rockets. Shock wave resulting from one		
			rocket setting off sixteen 8" rounds caused some		
			minor equipment damage and knocked several		
			personnel off of their feet. Psn was		

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1	0001		Journal Opened.		KIE
2		0100	Sent operation report to 101st ABN DIV FSE.	MFR	KIE
3		0500	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carrel.	MFR	KIE
4	1000		New Survey coordinates for B Btry center 99982.14 48572.55 alt 75	Data sent to FDC	ALA
5	1100		Checkfire 978585 and two Kilometer radius around that point (Check fire from 2/319)		ALA
6	1100		B Btry closed Lang Vae enroute to FSB Vandergrift.	Notified Bn CO	ALA
7	1400		B(-) Btry closed at FSB Vandergrift. Convey was ambushed at 1300. Two howitzer sections will arrive later. One howitzer will remain on road and secured by 1/1 cav until it can be evacuated. Essentially one howitzer section was evacuated from ambush site with 7 WIA and 1 KIA.	Info on ambush furnished FSE, 23d Div Ln and Bn S4	ALA
8	1700		Last two howitzer sections from B Btry closed at FSB Vandergrift. All of B Btry is now at Vandergrift except for 1 howitzer and casual- ties. Also individual listed as KIA is now listed at Missing In Action.	Follow up re- port to all sect- ions as item 7	ALA
9	1830		B Btry laid and ready to fire, FDC operational at 1500.	Reported to FSE	ALA
10	2300		After shooting several missions with A Btry		ALA

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6	1500		Advance party from C Btry arrived at FSB Vandergrift.	Informed FSE			KIE
7	1600		S-3 is at B Btry inspecting their positions and will return shortly.				KIE
8	1700		S-3 returned to BN FDC.	Briefed Bn CO			KIE
9			Summary: Advance party from Btry C arrived at Vandergrift today.				
10	2400		Journal closed.				KIE
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