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S2/S3 1st Bn, 82d Fld Arty		LZ Vandergrift XD 999 484	0001	2 Mar 71	2400	2 Mar 71	
ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.			ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT					
1	0001		Journal Opened.				KIE
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	KIE
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	KIE
5	0510		Daily Ammo Status submitted to 5/4 Arty.				KIE
6	0700		Staff Call.				KIE
7	0800		FDC personnel began implacing concertina around the FDC bunker.			MFR	KIE
8	1200		FDC personnel began construction of a guard bunker on top of the FDC bunker.			MFR	KIE
9	1205		AO Status submitted, to 5/4 Arty.				KIE
10	1500		Equipment status submitted to XXIV Corps.				KIE
11	1700		Position improvement around the FDC completed.			MFR	KIE
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 to this time. The BN			DECLASSIFIED DOWNGRADING AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS	

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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.		HCH

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Hq, 1st Bn, 82d Fld Arty		LZ Vandergrift 996 482	FROM HOUR		TO HOUR DATE		
			0001	4 Mar 71	2400	4 Mar 71	
ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.			ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT					
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- bourne 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.				
2	0100	Sent operations report to FSE of 101st Airborne. MFR				
3	0800	Gun #2 at A Btry down for maintenance.				
4	0900	Gun #2 at A Btry is up and #3 is down for maintenance.				
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		<u>SUMMARY:</u> The Bn S-3 effected coordination with the 2/319th Arty and established a liaison team there. The liaison team consulted of one officer and two enlisted men.				LBO
10	2400	Journal Closed.				KIE

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LZ Vandergrift  
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1	0001	Journal Opened.		KIE
2	0130	Sent operations report to 101st Airborne FSE.	MFR	KIE
3	0800	Information through S3 from CO 5/4 Arty (1) BN CO Briefed		KIE
		Arty approved move of C 1/82 to vicinity Ham CO Btry C notified		
		Nghi op-con 5/4 arty. Move battery 7 March and directed to		
		guides meet the battery at XD 862398. (2) 1/82 advise when ready		
		is requested to advise CO 6 1/82 of new status to move.		
		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.		
4	1000	1/501 Inf established TOC in Ca Lu and LNO began coordination with operations section of 1/82 Arty.	Suggested coordination 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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1	0001		Journal Opened.			KIE
2		0120	Sent operations report to FSE (101st ABN DIV)		MFR	KIE
3		0530	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carroll.		MFR	KIE
4	0730		Message from COL Ridgeway: Notified all moves S3 notified for today have been temporarily cancelled. Have C Btry stand by. They may move to Khe Sahn later this afternoon.			KIE
5	1015		From 2/319th Arty: 101st will clear grids east of 02 grid line and 5/4 Arty will clear grids west of 02 grid line.		S3 notified	KIE
6	1550		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 C 2/11 09296.1/51705.3 ALT 106		Locations posted in LBO 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 of completion of about 1600 and became op-con to 5/4 arty. move.		S3 notified CO	LBO
8			SUMMARY: C Btry completed move from C-2 to vicinity of Khe Sahn and is op con to 5/4 Arty.			LBO
9	2400		Journal Closed.			HGH

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ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.			ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
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1	0001	Journal Opened.					KLE
2	0130	Sent operations report to FSE (101st ABN DIV)			MFR		KLE
3	0545	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carroll.			MFR		KLE
4	1200	Major DeWitt made inspection of all gun pits of FSB Vandergrift between 1000 and 1200 today. on results			Briefed BN CO		KLE
5	1324	TOT on grid 008676 (a suspect enemy location) is now scheduled for 1400 hours.			FDO notified		LBO
6	1800	Message from Maj DeWitt: Each battery keep 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			FDO instructed to		LBO
7		<u>SUMMARY:</u> TOT on suspect enemy location was 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.					LBO
8	2400	Journal Closed.					HGH

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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 ABN DIV.			MFR	KIE	
4	0505	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carroll.			MFR	KIE	
5	0700	INFO 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 to 101 ABN were 6100 and 6400. A 1/82 fired 160 HE on counter rocket grids and BPLT 1/82 fire 140 HE. CR fires nated to fire Div. A Btry design-			Spot report sent	KIE	
7	1400	Radar sent grid 015559 and 007551 as active rocket locations while FSB Vandergrift was taking incoming.			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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ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.			ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
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		confirmed). FSB Vandergrift received twenty three 122MM rockets. Negative Equipment and negative personnel injuries.					
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5	0835	LNO from 1/501 now reports no rounds impacted close to 600 to 700 meters.				Passed Info to FDC	KLE
6	0850	Prep for 1/501 Inf temporarily cancelled.				MFR	LNO
7	1730	A Btry reported tube #12263 had only 635 EFC remaining.				S/ Notified	LBO
8	2115	A Btry given EOM on TGT # 0414 when 1 WPQ impacted extremely close to friendlies. Firing out of action data was rechecked by both FDCs and was found for faulty site correct. A Btry froze guns and checked all BN CO notified data and lay of pieces. All were correct, how ever tube #13670 was found to have a faulty				Tube 13670 called	LBO

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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 Carroll.			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 shear 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 B PLT 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
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1	0001		Journal Opened.			KIE
2		0130	Sent operations report to 101st ABN DIV FSE.		MFR	KIE
3		0500	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carroll.		MFR	KIE
4	0900		Extract from RTT Messages:		notified BN CO	KIE
		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	KIE
6	1210	Operations section received new 1/82 Arty vehicle.			MFR	LBO

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	IN OUT						
1	0001	Journal Opened.					KLE
2	0100	Sent operations report to 101st ABN Div FSE.				MFR	KLE
3	0500	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carroll.				MFR	KLE
4	1200	Khe Sahn took 180 rockets (122 MM) last night There were negative casualties or damage to C Btry 1/82. Suspect enemy locations were 1/82 out of range for the other/units.				MFR	
5	1420	1/501 requested prep for tomorrow TOT at 0700 FDO preparing with 9 guns putting about 400 rounds onto the firing data, razerback in 1/2 hour.					LBO
6		SUMMARY: Khe Sahn was hit with 180 rockets (122MM) last night. C Btry located in vicinity of Khe Sahn 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.				alerted firing Batteries	
7	2400	Journal Closed.					LBO
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1	0001	Journal Opened.				KIE
2	0100	Sent operations report to 101st ABN DIV FSE.			MFR	KIE
3	0515	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carroll.			MFR	KIE
4	0900	No fire box from 1/501, ASAP to indef:960460, 960490, 990460, 990490: Call 1/501 before shooting in this box.			notified FDC	LBO
5	1600	CO, 1/82 requested engineer support VIA RTT from CO 101st Div Arty because of bad condition of gun pits due to heavy rain.			MFR	
6	1800	B PLT #2 gun has loose sight mount. It will be replaced tonight.			S3 notified	LBO
7	2200	Message from Maj DeWitt: Intell shows that FSB Vandergrift can expect attack on 20 March. 1/82 Arty will start CR program tomorrow night.			CO, HHB, and A Btry informed. Plans increased surveillance on perimeter effect.	LBO
8		SUMMARY: Engineers support has been requested for firing positions in A Btry & B PLT. Pits became so muddy when it rained that trail logs will not stay in place. Intel reports indicate FSB Vandergrift can expect attack on 20 March. The elements on Vandergrift are beefing up perimeter defense measures in view of the intell reports.				
9	2400	Journal Closed.				HGH

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1		0001	Journal Opened.		KIE
2		0130	Sent operations report to 101 SBN DIV FSE.	MFR	KIE
3		0500	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carrel.	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 already 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 assistance from 5/4 Arty on CM/CR program on 19 & 20 March. All CR grids have been submitted for clearance. CR program will be placed in effect 192200 & end 202000 Mar 71. Journal Closed.		KIE
11	2400				LBO

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1		0001	Journal Opened.		HGH
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 to BN CO & S3 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		Expended 200 rounds on suspect enemy location. Negative Survey (Grid 948618)	Negative Survey lance	
10			SUMMARY: A saper 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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1	0001		Journal Opened.		KIE
2		0100	Sent operations report to 101st ABN Div FSE.	MFR	KIE
3		0530	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carrel.	MFR	KIE
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 Btry A fired wire.	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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1	0001		Journal Opened.		KIE
2		0100	Sent operations report to 101st ABN DIV FSE.	MFR	KIE
3		0515	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carrel.	MFR	KIE
4	0800		Defensive fires for 14th Engineer positons were planned and coordinated by S-3.	Submitted final plans to FSE	KIE
5	0900		QL 9 defensive fireplan was developed and coordinated by S3.	Submitted final plans to FSE	KIE
6	1000		Illum plan for FSB Vandergrift was finalized by S-3, BN FDC, and LNO from 1/506 Inf.	MFR	ALA
7	1030		Requested push change for FDA.	MFR	ALA
8	1500		Mission by A Btry on a cave entrance produced two KBA's and 1 large explosion (secondary) accompanied by a great amount of yellow smoke coming from the area of the cave.	notified S3 and Bn CO	ALA
9	2000		A Btry and B PLT began adjusting their self illum targets.	MFR	ALA
10	2100		Self illum adjustments completed with good results.	MFR	ALA
11			Summary: The Bn planned and coordinated defensive fire plans for 14 Eng psn and QL9. A coor- dinated illum plan was established between 1/506 Inf and 1/82 Arty utilizing 155mm howitzers and 105mm mortars. A Btry fired		

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1		0001	Journal Opened.				KLE
2		0130	Sent operations report to 101st ABN DIV FSE.			MFR	KLE
3		0550	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carrel.			MFR	KLE
4	0800		BN FDC was alerted of plan by CO 5/4 Arty to consolidate B 1/82 in position near Lang Vei.			CO, Btry B	KLE
			B(-) Btry at FSB Sheppard would be moved by air. B PLT at FSB Vandegrift would have moved by			informed of plan and instructed to	
			be ready to move.				
			by convoy on 24 March 1971.				
5	0810		At 1200 hours today C 2/319 Arty will become DS to 1/506 Inf.			MFR	KLE
6	1800		At about 1740 FSB Vandegrift began taking 122MM rockets (9 in all). There were negative personnel injuries or equipment damage. A Btry 1/82 fired on suspect rocket launching site.			Spot report sent	KLE
7	1940		Message from S-3 2/319 Arty: Effective 240600 Mar A 2/319 Arty will be DS to 1/506 Inf.			MFR	
8	2000		Total expenditure on CM/CR 359HE, 24WP, 50FC			MFR	
9			Summary: Plans are being formulated to move Btry B to a psm near Lang Vei. Move scheduled tentatively for 24 Mar. Vandegrift received nine 122mm rockets (Neg personnel injuries and neg equip damage). Btry A fired CR fires on suspect rocket launching site. 359 HE				

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1	0001		Journal Opened.				KLE
2	0100		Sent operations report to 101st ABN DIV FSE.			MFR	KLE
3	0500		Sent 0500 report to Camp Carrel.			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 ABN 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 coordi- nate 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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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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LZ Vandegrift  
XD 999 484

PERIOD COVERED

FROM		TO	
HOUR	DATE	HOUR	DATE
0001	29 Mar 71	2400	29 Mar 71

ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
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 Vandegrift. Bn CO	Notified	ALA
7	1400		B(-) Btry closed at FSB Vandegrift. Convoy 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 Vandegrift. All of B Btry is now at Vandegrift 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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3		0500	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carrel.				MFR		KLE
4	1500		B Btry and A BTRY changed supporting roles so that their fires will not cross.				MFR		ALA
5	1600		Direct fire targets for FSB Vandergrift were further coordinated by 1/82 S/3.				MFR		ALA
6	1700		Message from Maj DeWitt: Turn in Sensor targets Notified FDC for FSB Vandergrift for clearance between 0600 and 1800. Do not fire these targets without permission of CO, XO, or S-3.						ALA
7			Summary: Through coordination with higher headquarters the support roles of Btry A and Btry B were exchanged to preclude the two units from crossfiring.						
8	2400		Journal closed.						ALA
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3	0500	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carrel.			MFR		KIE
4	0730	Passed grid 982480 to LNO for 1/506 Inf. This grid is to be fired on with smoke by mortar if Vandergrift takes incoming.			MFR		
5	1100	Again BN FDC request frequency change for A Btry FD net.			Request sent to Bn Commo Officer		KIE
6	1200	MAJ DeWitt departed by vehicle to select a new position for MPQ4 Radar.			MFR		KIE
7	1700	Vandergrift received 12 rockets approximately 1630 hours. There were negative personnel injuries and equipment damages.			Spot report sent to FSE		ALA
8	1830	1/506 sent tentative plan for prep on razorback.			S3 briefed Bn CO and FDO		ALA
9	1900	1/501 sent tentative plans for prep on razorback on grid 97460 for almost 270900 Mar 71.			S3 briefed Bn CO and FDO		ALA
10	2310	Radar will have one hook sortie tomorrow at 1000 hours. The remainder of equipment will be moved by vehicle.			Notified radar personnel		ALA
11	2330	Message from Maj DeWitt: Have 175's shoot northern valley 8467 to 9061			Notified FDC and 2/94 Arty		
12		Summary: S3 selected a new psn for the Q4 radar. Vandergrift received 12 rockets -					

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