

12 March 1967 Journal Entries.(partial – only contact entries noted, though that is most of them)

0706 Co A departed its night location (658480)
0830 Co B ambushes closed CP location
0900 Co A in contact at 658486. Receiving SA and returning SA with unknown size enemy force
0915 1A in contact, 3 WIA's. Req gunships
0930 Gunships on station
0935 Bn CO over contact area. Fighter support leaving – low on fuel. Contact sporadic at this time.
0950 Enemy attempting to withdraw West, Co A massing, pushing forward, 1/A receiving mortar fire from W side of river, firing counter mortar fire on possible mortar positions on E side of river, Dustoff in area.
1000 Bn CO marking enemy positions with WP, gunships shooting on target.
1005 3/A in contact
1030 Arty blocking fires on river, friendlies moving forward, gunships withdrawing, snipers holding Co from advancing. Enemy all around, Co A withdrawing 100m so fighters can come in, indications are enemy force is larger than a Company.
1045 3/A platoon Ldr WIA.
1055 Arty fires cut, fighters dropping napalm on target.
1106 Div arty CO arrived at firebase
1115 Div CO enroute to firebase
1125 2/B closed firebase
1130 CO Co A: need more men, 1/A completely surrounded, 6 WIA, 1 KIA, 3/A under heavy ground fire.
1145 Co C committed to CA at loc YA 655477. Ships enroute to CP 15 to pick up Co C.
1200 1st lift of C airborne
1220 Request dustoff 663487 (Co A)
1239 1st element of C touchdown.
1301 Final TD of Co C. Request dustoff for 4 men injured in CA, 1 head, 1 kidney, 2 ankle injuries.
1330 Co B being committed; Co A: 1/A and 2/A closed. 3/A separated and receiving SA fire.
1345 (someone) req a psyops team
1345 Co C location 648478
1350 Bde: Psyops plane on station
1350 Co B first lift departed CP for LZ at 646482. 1435H this was corrected to 648495
1435 B/1/8 will assume security for 2/35 firebase
1435 Co A: Ammo resupply enroute your location.
1450 B/2/8 location 727490
1450 Air Force receiving AW fire from SE corner of Co B LZ
1500 Co B first lift completed
1515 Lt Blankenship sent to replace Lt Karopczyk as 3/A Platoon Leader.
1530 Co B closed LZ location.
1530 Co A: Pinned down by MG and 60mm mortars at least Company size, trying to evac. WIA's
1530 (To) Co C: move to 648482 and attack to East.
1600 Co A: 1/A surrounded and 2/A, 3/A almost surrounded taking SA and mortar fire.
Total casualties for Co A, 11 WIA and 3 KIA
1610 Div CO directing airstrike at 615460

2301 Co C reports snipers in trees shooting and throwing grenades. 1 US KIA from 3/A was booby trapped and as a result Co C took 3 WIA's and now have 4 WIA's total. Fire coming from West from trees and ground
2302 Co B consolidating at this time
2320 Arty sealing E bank of Nam Sathay. Spooky shooting up W side of river
2324 Co B has all casualties out and consolidating now. Co A is negative on contact at this time but receiving 60mm mortar fire periodically. Co C perimeter is now tied in all the way around. Co C still has snipers in trees and still throwing grenades. Co C returning fire, enemy MG firing into Co C perimeter.
2330 Co C closed into night perimeter approx. 250 meters S of Co A tonight due to action. 3/A located with Co C.
2345 B/1/8 sitrep NC
2347 Cider's HoBo's expending ordnance 400m E of Nam Sathay river (junction and stream) in case enemy tries to withdraw or reinforce. YA645481 to N 1400m N and 400m to the East
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0005 Hob will expend ordnance in approx 30 minutes.
0030 Co A no movement in last 45 min.
0050 Co C sending out sweep to try to make contact with 3/A
0055 B/2/8 approx loc 731476
0131 Co C sweep returned to their perimeter.
0202 B/2/8 approx loc 729484
0204 All Companies neg contact. Co C is working on making an LZ
0250 Co B casualty report 22 WIA, 6 MIA, 1 KIA
0256 B/1/8 sitrep NC (at firebase)
0312 Casualty report: Co A 3 KIA 11 WIA; Co C 5 WIA
0359 B/2/8 approx loc 72848?
0440 Co A, B, C neg contact
0445 B/2/8 approx loc 726492
0625 Cider: A1E's, Spooky and F-100's ready to prep LZ Boston
0650 Recon: move and secure LZ at 728515
0655 BN CO returned to firebase
0707 Co C req dustoff at 07 Tango
0710 Co C recovered 3 KIA's from Co B.
0745 LRRP spotted 15 NVA heading Southwest. They will contact in 3-4 hours.
0800 B/2/8 closed objective at 728508
0801 Co C found 4 NVA KIA
0813 Co A observed NVA in area between A and B; 2 hootches NW 150m from Co A LZ
0845 Co B and C moving toward Co A. Neg contact
0849 Co C encountered sniper I tree. 1 NVA KIA
0905 3/A dustoff for their 10 WIA's
0925 dustoff for 5 of Co A's WIA's
0937 Co B reentered area of 12 contact and found 4 MIA's to be KIA's
1050 LRRP spotted 1 NVA coord 723550
1015 3 KIA evacuated to 3T leaving 2 KIA
1025 Co B found 5 KIA searching for 1 MIA
1027 Co C found and destroyed hootches est to be 6 months old