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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines August 19681. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

A. Location: 1-31 August 1968 An Hoa, RVN

B. Commanding Officer, Staff Officers, and Company Commanders:

Commanding Officer	LtCol J. W. STEMPLE	1-31 August 1968
Executive Officer	Maj O. K. STEELE	1-31 August 1968
Adjutant	Capt. R. E. STONER	1-6 August 1968
	1stLt E. NAGAI	7-31 August 1968
S-2	1stLt G. B. M. WALKER JR.	13-31 August 1968
S-3	Maj E. G. DYER	1-31 August 1968
S-3A	Capt. G. D. HENDRICKSON	1-31 August 1968
	1stLt T. D. MARTIN	1-15 August 1968
S-3B	1stLt C. B. M. WALKER JR.	1-12 August 1968
	2ndLt P. PACE	27-31 August 1968
S-4	1stLt R. L. HORNER	1-31 August 1968
S-5	Capt. R. E. STONER	1-6 August 1968
	1stLt H. NAGAI	7-31 August 1968
CommO	1stLt R. C. MURPHY	1-31 August 1968
SupplyO	1stLt D. T. WELSH	1-31 August 1968
MFO	1stLt G. A. ZURENDA	1-31 August 1968
ALO	Capt. R. L. THACKER	1-31 August 1968
FAC	1stLt J. O. SANDERS	1-31 August 1968
CO, H&S	1stLt A. A. DORNBACK	1-31 August 1968
CO, CoE	2ndLt P. R. MCCONNELL	1-11 August 1968
	Capt. J. A. WOGGON JR.	12-31 August 1968
CO, CoF	Capt. D. B. BROWN	1-31 August 1968
CO, CoG	Capt. H. J. POOLE	1-31 August 1968
CO, CoH	Capt. P. A. VANDERBERG	1-31 August 1968

C. Average Monthly Strength

USMC		USN	
OFFICERS	ENLISTED	OFFICERS	ENLISTED
30	1017	3	55

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II. NARRATIVE SUMMARY.

The Second Battalion continued its participation in Operation HAMELURE THRUST II with the primary mission of locating and destroying enemy forces, base areas, and caches of materiel and supplies. Secondary missions included providing for the security of Liberty Bridge and protecting the MSR. During the first half of the month, this mission was accomplished by maintaining one company in a holding position at Phu Lac (6); one company at An Hoa, and the remainder of the battalion conducting Search and Clear Operations throughout its assigned AO. The Battalion Command Group and the two companies which operated independently, engaged the NVA/VC in close combat on frequent occasions with the most significant contacts being at the Phu Thuan and Cu Ben village complexes south of the Song Thu Bon River. In conjunction with the primary mission of denying the enemy use of his base areas, considerable time and effort was devoted to destroying defensive positions of uncovered, fortified villages. Although the enemy continued to saturate approach routes to his base areas with mines, booby-trapped explosives and surprise firing devices, the effectiveness of this tactic was greatly reduced whenever the situation allowed a slow, yet a more systematic, deliberate sweep of an objective. This was evident from 14 to 16 August when Companies G and H swept through Phu Thuan (5) and (3) and succeeded in uncovering and destroying over 60 booby-trapped devices while only four were inadvertently detonated by personnel or tracked vehicles.

From 17 August the Second Battalion, in conjunction with the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines and the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, participated in a regimental-size cordon and search operation in the vicinity of Chau Phong village. Heavy resistance was encountered in the vicinity of La Thap (1). For this operation the company in garrison at An Hoa was released, and for the balance of the month the battalion continued to maneuver with three of its companies in the field. In addition to inflicting 40 confirmed KIA's upon the NVA/VC forces, the Battalion captured 50 individual and crew served weapons, large quantities of equipment and supplies and over 80 tons of bagged rice concealed for ready use in shallow underground caches. The Battalion continued to maneuver northwest to Go Hoi Island and on 29 August commenced Operation SUSSEX DAY.

III. SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.A. Personnel and Administration.

1. During August the Battalion joined 14 officers and 404 enlisted. During the same period, 8 officers and 235 enlisted were transferred. Casualties suffered during the month were:

KIA	WIA	BATTLE		NON-BATTLE		TOTAL
		DOW	WIANE	NBD	NBC	
14	102	2	28	4	26	176

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2. Discipline, Law and Order. NJP was awarded seven times in the Battalion: two by the Battalion Commander and five by subordinate Company Commanders. One Special Court and one Summary Court-Martial were convened. Three Marines are currently serving sentences at the III MAF Brig Facility, DaNang.

3. Morale. The increased tempo of offensive operations has given a noticeable boost to troop esprit. This has been further enhanced by the large number of newly joined officer and enlisted replacements. The R&R program continues to be one of the major contributing factors relating to the uniformly high level of morale throughout the Command.

4. Postal. As a result of the battalion's displacement from Phu Bai to An Hoa, troops in the field did not receive mail for approximately eight days during the latter part of July and the early part of August. By 5 August mail delivery had returned to normal. Money orders and other postal facilities are available at the An Hoa combat base.

5. Awards. Fourteen members of this battalion were awarded the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry by the Vietnamese Government. Six awards for heroism and meritorious service were also processed during this period.

6. Chaplain's Activities. Inasmuch as the Battalion was in the field for a total of 29 days, only a few religious services could be held. Twelve Catholic services were conducted at the An Hoa combat base with 280 in attendance. A Protestant service was held at An Hoa where fourteen men attended. The Chaplain spent 17 days with the Battalion in the field. Furthermore, he visited a total of 65 sick and wounded who were patients in the various hospitals located in DaNang as well as three men in the III MAF Brig Facility. Forty-five men sought counselling from the Chaplain and three were referred to the Red Cross. Three Memorial Services were held at the combat base and at Phu Lac (6).

The Chaplain presented 4,760 Piastres to the Hospital and Orphanage located just outside the combat base. The money was donated by the fellow workmen of the parents of one of our Marines.

Special St. Christopher medals continued to be distributed to all members of the command.

B. Intelligence.

1. Sources. The vast majority of intelligence information collected and disseminated during the month of August was received from S-2, 5th Marines. Duc Duc District Headquarters, CAP Units and the local populace of Duc Duc District contributed information of some intelligence value in addition to the normal intelligence sources available to an infantry battalion.

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2. General Situation. Repeated reports from usually reliable sources as well as local sources indicated the presence of NVA units of battalion size throughout 2nd Battalion's AO and particularly in the areas of Phu Thuan (8) (vic AT 888505), Phu Thuan (3) (vic AT 900505), and Chau Phong (1) (vic AT 943502).

Consistent with their mission and normal activities, local Main Force Viet Cong made repeated attempts to interdict the MSR between Liberty Bridge and the An Hoa Combat Base by emplacing mines against vehicular traffic; surprise firing devices against road sweep security teams; and occasionally, by long distance sniping at motor convoys. As the month wore on, the effectiveness of these tactics decreased significantly. This was largely due to the number of offensive operations conducted in the vicinity of the MSR, an increase and strengthening of OP's/night ambushes, and the frequent spreading of oil on the road whenever the surface became thin. Unquestionably, enemy mines and other forms of surprise firing devices were the single biggest producers of friendly casualties. Most of these casualties must be credited to the local VC forces, rather than the NVA who by and large do not appear to make use of booby traps except around hasty local defensive positions. In addition to the explosive devices inadvertently triggered, the battalion found and exploded in place 118 mines and booby traps ranging in size from small home-made charges to large caliber artillery shells. This figure testifies to the magnitude of one of the major problems this battalion now faces.

On 6 August Company F made contact with a reinforced company of NVA in the vicinity of AT 937518. A sweep of the contact area netted 23 NVA KIA. Included in the captured enemy material was one 75mm recoilless rifle. On 18 August Company G engaged an estimated enemy platoon resulting in 37 NVA KIA. A thorough search of the area by Companies E, G, and H uncovered approximately 34 tons of rice as well as other food items. On 20 August Company H, while searching coordinates AT 953505, discovered 36 rifles, one 82mm mortar, one 7.62 machinegun, 60 Chinese Communist grenades and 19,800 rounds of AK-47. On 21 August, in approximately the same vicinity AT 952505, Company H discovered 46 rounds 81mm mortar, 17,250 rounds AK-47, 6,600 rounds of 7.62 long ball ammunition as well as other items of ordnance and equipment. On 22 August Company G, while searching an adjacent area (AT 957508), discovered what was later confirmed an enemy hospital complex containing numerous medical supplies as well as a large quantity of rice.

3. Statistics of Casualties and Equipment.

NVA/VC KIA Conf	134
Detainees	12
AK-47 rifles	4
SKS rifles	40
M-16 rifles	2
AR-15 rifle	1
82mm Mortar w/bipod	1

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M-1 rifles	2
75mm recoilless rifle	1
Russian Rifle of unknown caliber	1
RPD machine gun	1
Czechoslovakian 7.62 machine gun	1
Russian 7.62 machine gun	1
M-60 machine gun	1
BAR	2
B-40 rocket launchers	2
K-44 rifle	1
MAT 49 rifle	1
War heads of unknown type	12
ChiCom	86
M-26 grenades	6
B-40 rocket rounds	21
B-40 rocket rounds w/booster	43
AK-47 rounds	37,880
7.62 linked ammo rounds	300
7.62 rounds	8,990
4.2 mortar rounds	64
7.62 tracer rounds	300
60mm mortar rounds	21
81mm mortar rounds	46
75mm rounds	15
RPG rounds	24
82mm mortar rounds	120

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2.75 rockets	14
.50 caliber rounds	50
12.7mm rounds	114
LAWS	2
Lbs plastic explosive	167
82mm Mortar sights	2
75mm Recoiless Rifle sight	1
Fuses for 60mm rounds	6
Cluster bomb balls	6
Fuses for 82mm mortar	5
Pressure friction devices	8,900
AK-47 magazines	2
Communication wire, ft.	300
Square ft plastic 5'x5'	100
Blasting Caps	15,017
Batteries, BA-30	57
Land Line telephone	1
Tape recorders	2
Olympic typewriter	1
Transister radio	1
Flashlight	1
Compass	1
Cans motor oil	40
Kerosene, gal	30
Porcelain plates	600

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Porcelain Bowls	600
NVA Uniforms	24
NVA flags	6
Vials of penicillin	364
Vials of Streptomycin	150
Vials of morphine	1
Surgical Set	1
Bottles Darvon	3
Bottles of ether	3
Bottles of Cholera serum	21
Sulfa Drugs, capsules	20
Bottles phenobarbatol	27
Instrument sterilizer	1
Other assorted medical supplies	
Tons of rice	80
Lbs of peanuts	2,000
Lbs mixed rice, corn, and peanuts	700
Lbs corn	1,200
Lbs potatoes	100
Lbs tobacco	230
Cans milk	50
Cans fish	50
Lbs salt	25

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C. Training.

1. Three hundred twenty-five Marines were processed through indoctrination training prior to their deployment to the field.

2. Division and higher level formal school training was as follows:

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| a. Division Leadership Schools | 9 |
| b. Basic Organic Supply Accounting | 1 |
| c. Division Embarkation School | 1 |

3. More and more emphasis was placed on mine warfare and the detection of booby traps and surprise firing devices.

D. Close Combat.

At 010630H August 68, Company H at AT 901512, received several frag grenades from the vicinity of AT 901516. The tree lines were reconned by fire and swept with negative results. Results: 2 USMC WIA Evac.

At 010720H, a Marine detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade at AT 891508. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac.

At 010915H, a Company F platoon searching in the vicinity of AT 888502-AT 890508, found various documents and weapons which were sent to Battalion S-2. Results: Capture of 1 K-44, 1 RPB, and various documents.

At 010930H, a Marine from Company H detonated a booby trapped 60mm round with trip wire at AT 901518. Results: 2 USMC WIA Evac.

At 011030H, Company E found a weapon, a body, and various fortifications at AT 890508. The weapon was sent to Battalion S-2 and the fortifications were destroyed. Results: 1 VC KIA, capture of 1 M-1 rifle, and enemy fortifications destroyed.

At 011150H, a Marine from Company H detonated a booby trapped 82mm round with trip wire at AT 902518. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac.

At 011730H, Company E moving to a village at AT 889500 made contact with 5 NVA in black clothing. The company fired S/A and A/W and swept the village. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac, 1 USMC WIA NonEvac, 3 NVA KIA (Conf), and recapture of 1 M-16 rifle, 1 M-26 and 2 ChiCom grenades.

At 020917H, a platoon from Company G at AT 915528, observed an enemy CP at AT 915527. The platoon fired S/A and A/W and searched the area. Results: 1 NVA KIA (Conf).

At 021115H, a Marine from Company F detonated a booby trapped M-26 at AT 880503. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac.

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At 021230H, a "6x6" USMC truck carrying members of Company H detonated an explosive device at AT 910504. Results: 2 USMC WIA Evac.

At 031015H, a Marine from Company E detonated a booby trapped 155 round suspended from a tree in a tree line at AT 890490. Results: 3 USMC KIA, 5 USMC WIA Evac, and 1 USMC WIA NonEvac.

At 031040H, Marines from Company F detonated 2 booby trapped M-26 grenades with trip wires at AT 891492. Results: 2 USMC WIA Evac.

At 031738H, a Marine from the Battalion Command Group detonated a booby trapped 15lb box mine with pressure detonation device at AT 898488. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 2 USMC WIA Evac, and 1 USMC WIA NonEvac.

At 041445H, a Marine from Company F detonated a booby trapped 105mm round with trip wire at AT 910505. Results: 2 USMC WIA Evac.

At 041450H, a Marine from Company F detonated another booby trapped 105mm round with pressure detonated device at AT 901505. Results: 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIA Evac.

At 051041H, a Marine from Company E detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with pressure detonation device at AT 919519. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac.

At 051050H, a Marine from Company E detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with pressure detonation device at AT 928516. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac.

At 051551H, a Marine from Company F detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire at AT 930513. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac.

At 060915H, The Battalion (-) at AT 937518, initiated contact with an estimated company (+) of the enemy. The enemy fired S/A, A/W, rifle grenades, 9 60mm HE rounds, and 6 rounds 75RR. The Battalion returned S/A, A/W, and fixed wing air strikes plus a total of 3 WP, 16 VT, and 54 HE 105mm rounds on enemy positions in the vicinity of AT 948528 and AT 902508. The Battalion (-) swept the area after the enemy broke contact. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 17 USMC WIA Evac, 1 USN WIA Evac, 4 USMC WIA NonEvac, 23 NVA KIA (Conf), and capture of 1 AK-47 and 1 75RR.

At 061045H, the Battalion Command Group at AT 936514, received 1 60mm HE round from an unknown enemy position. Results: 1 USMC WIA NonEvac and 1 USN WIA Evac.

At 061515H, a Marine from Company E detonated an M-26 grenade with unknown type detonation device at AT 912512. Results: 2 USMC WIA Evac.

At 071110H, a Marine from Company H detonated an M-26 grenade with unknown type detonation device in water at AT 910489. Results: 2 USMC WIA Evac.

At 111715H, an H&S Company fireteam OP at AT 907494 received 3 60mm rounds and 50 rounds S/A fire from 6 to 8 enemy in the vicinity of AT 912494. The OP returned S/A fire and the enemy fled. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac, and 1 USMC WIA NonEvac.

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At 120855H, a Marine from Company F detonated an unknown type of booby trapped grenade with trip wire at AT 925518. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac.

At 120900H, a Marine from Company G detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire at AT 904416. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac.

At 121600H, during a helolift into a landing zone at AT 897523, Company H received sniper fire from the vicinity of AT 904521. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac, and 1 USMC WIA NonEvac.

At 140945H, while on a road sweep, a security platoon provided by Company F detonated a booby trapped 60mm round and booby trapped M-26 grenade, both with trip wires, at AT 914509. Results: 3 USMC WIA Evacs.

At 141115H, Company H observed 2 VC in a treeline at AT 906505. The company fired S/A and 90mm fire from tanks supporting them, and swept thru the treeline. Results: 2 VC KIA (Conf).

At 151045H, a Company F squad, while setting in an OP at AT 925518, detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac.

At 152005H, a Marine from Company G detonated a booby trapped 82mm round with unknown type detonator at AT 896505. Results: 3 USMC WIA Evac.

At 161600H, Company G, at AT 897513, received S/A fire from a village at AT 890510. The company called a 105mm mission of 30 HE rounds, but the S/A fire continued. Three fixed wing air strikes were called, and the company assaulted thru the village. Results: 5 VC KIA (Conf).

At 172050H, a Marine from Company F detonated a booby trapped explosive device with trip wire while setting in an ambush at AT 918513. Results: 4 USMC WIA Evacs.

At 181500H, Company G, at AT 945517, received S/A and A/W fire from the vicinity of AT 946517. The company returned 150 rounds S/A fire, 23 rounds M-79 and 10 rounds M-60 fire. As the company continued to advance, it received a heavier volume of S/A, A/W fire and handgrenades from an estimated platoon of NVA. Company G fired 250 rounds S/A, 300 rounds A/W, 50 rounds M-79 and 35 handgrenades. A 105mm mission of 60 HE rounds and 6 fixed wing air strikes were called, then Company G swept the enemy position. Results: 7 USMC KIA, 13 USMC WIA Evac., 7 USMC WIA NonEvac, and 27 NVA KIA (Conf).

At 181650H, Company H at AT 944515, acting as a base of fire for Company G, received S/A and A/W fire from AT 943517. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac.

At 190634H, a Marine from Company G was maneuvering thru a village at AT 945517 when he was shot in the chest by a sniper at AT 946517. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac.

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Between 191148H and 191901H, Companies G and H found various rice caches and enemy weapons in the area of AT 940510 to AT 950520. Results: capture of 33 tons of rice, 5 SKS's, 2 BAR's, 1 M-1, 1 MAT-49, and 1 heavy machine-gun.

At 201800H, Company H searching in the vicinity of AT 953505 found an enemy weapons and ordnance cache. Results: Capture of 34 SKS's, 1 AK-47, 1 82mm mortar with sight and bipod, 1 M-16, 1 7.62 Russian machinegun, with spare barrels, 1 75mm RR sight, 120 rounds 82mm, 2 rounds RPG, 1500 blasting caps, 30 B-40 rocket rounds with booster charges, 19,800 rounds of AK-47, 11 rounds of 75mm RR, 60 ChiCom grenades and 4 tons of rice.

At 211040H, a Marine from H&S Company on a road sweep at AT 910495 detonated an enemy concussion type explosive device filled with black gun powder. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac.

At 211520H, a Marine from Company G detonated a booby trapped B-40 rocket round with trip wire, hung between 2 trees, at AT 954512. Results 3 USMC WIA Evacs.

At 211600H, Company H at AT 952503 found 6 freshly dug graves containing 6 bodies in NVA uniforms. Results: 6 NVA KIA (Conf).

At 211850H, Company H at AT 952503 found a large cache of enemy ordnance and rice. Results: Capture of 16 tons of rice and large amounts of ordnance.

At 211905H, Bn CP searching in vicinity of AT 953505 found 4 bodies in NVA uniforms in undergrowth. All bodies showed that death was caused by shrapnel as result of prep fire by Marine air and artillery. Results: 4 NVA KIA (Conf).

At 221400H, a platoon from Company H acting as security for amtracks was at AT 918496 when they received S/A fire and 1 grenade from 6 to 10 enemy. The platoon returned 30 rounds S/A fire and swept the area. Results: 3 USMC WIA Evac.

At 221455H, Company G, searching at AT 953508 found a large enemy supply cache. Results: 2 NVA KIA (Conf), and capture of 900 lbs rice, ordnance, assorted military equipment and 1 AR-15.

At 221800H, Company G searching at AT 957508, found an enemy aid station and mess hall equipped with various items. Results: Capture of 25 tons of rice, assorted military equipment and medicines.

At 222230H, Company E, in defensive position at AT 945519 received 50 to 75 rounds S/A fire and 4 60mm rounds from vicinity of AT 944513. The company returned 100 to 150 rounds S/A fire and called an 81mm mission of 10 HE rounds. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac.

At 230845H, a Marine from Company H detonated a booby trapped frag grenade with trip wire at AT 949499. Results: 2 USMC WIA Evac.

At 230956H, Company G searching at AT 957508, found 1 weapon and a quantity of rice. Results: Capture of 1 SKS and 2 tons of rice.

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At 231000H, a Marine from Company H detonated 2 booby trapped unknown type explosive devices at AT 949499. Results: 7 USMC WIA Evac and 2 USMC WIA NonEvac.

At 231150H, a Marine from Company H detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire at AT 949499. Results: 2 USMC WIA Evac.

At 231845H, Company E searching at AT 946520 found 1 body in NVA uniform partially covered with dirt. Results: 1 NVA KIA (Conf).

At 241630H, Company G arrived at the site of a downed C-46 helicopter at AT 950517. The Company searched the wreckage and found bodies and weapons. All important items were removed before destroying the entire aircraft. All bodies and equipment were evacuated to An Hoa by 251425H. Results: 3 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIA (Evac) and salvage of the following equipment: two M-14s, two 50 cal MG, two .38 cal pistols, one .45 cal pistol, three "93" radios, 5 flight helmets, 300 rounds of 50 cal ammunition and various maps and documents.

At 250850H, a sniper team with Company H at AT 943513, observed three enemy crossing a rice paddy at AT 947507. The sniper team fired S/A at the enemy. Results: 1 VC KIA (Conf).

At 251133H, a Marine from Company F detonated a booby trapped explosive device made from a soda can filled with explosives at AT 915503. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac and 1 USMC WIA NonEvac.

At 251830H, an OP manned by snipers attached to Company H at AT 943513, observed three enemy moving across a rice paddy at AT 948512. The snipers fired S/A at the enemy. Results: 1 VC KIA (Conf).

At 261705H, a Marine from Company F detonated a booby trapped M-26 with trip wire at AT 912505. Results: 1 USMC WIA Evac.

At 271217H, a Marine from Company F, setting in an OP at AT 913504, detonated an unknown type explosive device. Results: 1 USMC KIA and 5 USMC WIA Evac.

At 290930H, Company G, on a Search and Clear mission at BT 013547 found an enemy supply cache and one enemy body. Results: 1 NVA KIA (Conf) and capture of 1,000 lbs of rice and 1,000 lbs of corn.

At 300005H, a Company H blocking force at BT 018556 observed approximately 30 enemy fording the river at BT 021556. The blocking force fired 500 rds S/A, 700 rds A/W and called on 81mm and 60mm HE mission of a total of 33 rounds. A search of the area revealed enemy bodies in the water and along the river bank. Results: 29 NVA KIA (Conf).

At 311040H, a Marine from Company F on road sweep security detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade at AT 919513. Results: 2 USMC WIA Evac.

At 311430H, a Marine from Company F detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire at AT 927514. Results: 2 USMC WIA Evac.

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At 311614H, a platoon from Company H at BT 048550 observed 5 enemy moving in the tall grass at BT 018550. The platoon fired 40 rounds S/A and swept the area finding no bodies but 2 weapons. Results: Capture of 1 M-1 and 1 unknown type Russian rifle.

At 312000H, a platoon from Company H, set in a blocking position at BT 033557, observed approximately 30 NVA gathered near 2 boats at BT 033560. The boats were boarded and began to cross the river. The platoon fired 1000 rounds S/A, 1200 A/W, 40 rds M-79 and 24 rounds HE and 6 rounds illumination of 81mm. Utilizing the 81mm illumination, both boats were sunk and movement in the water and on shore ceased. A search revealed several enemy bodies both in the water and on the shore. Results: 17 NVA KIA (Conf).

E. Fire Support.

1. Three batteries provided direct support for the battalion; Battery D, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines from 1 August to 4 August 1968; Battery F, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines from 5 August to 12 August; Battery D, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines from 12 August to 31 August 1968.

2. General support was furnished by Battery W, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines.

3. Battery E fired 11 missions: 207 HE, 41 HE Quick, 12 VT, 24 WP and 1 Illum.

4. Battery F fired 13 missions: 436 HE, 62 HE Quick, and 19 WP.

5. Battery D fired 37 missions: 485 HE, 88 HE Quick, 18 VT, 80 WP and 64 Illum.

6. Battery W fired 13 missions: 18 HE, 408 HE Quick, 16 VT, 21 WP, and 2 Illum.

F. Air Support.

1. Tactical Air Support. A total of 54 tactical air support missions were flown in support of the Battalion consisting of 142 sorties.

a. Close Air Support. The Battalion requested and controlled 15 missions consisting of 34 sorties. Of these, 6 missions (12 sorties) were provided by armed helicopters and 6 missions (12 sorties) by fixed wing. Of these, 5 missions (10 sorties) were controlled by TAGA/PAC (airborne), and 4 missions (8 sorties) controlled by ALO/PAC (ground).

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b. Aerial Observation and Visual Reconnaissance.

The Battalion utilized 17 aerial observation missions consisting of 17 sorties and 6 visual reconnaissance missions provided by Regimental Command and Control aircraft.

c. Assault Tactical Helicopter Operations.

The Battalion requested and executed 2 helicopter assaults which consisted of 66 sorties. 137 troops were lifted into both assault areas.

d. Medical Evacuations.

The Battalion requested and received 37 missions (83 sorties) which were provided by Regimental Command and Control aircraft. There were 36 emergencies, 65 priorities, and 46 routine medical evacuations.

e. Accidental Napalm Drop.

During a fixed wing strike, 6 August, the wingman of the flight became disoriented and released his cannisters in close proximity to the 3rd platoon of Company F. Twenty-six Marines required evacuation for 2nd and 3rd degree burns. The quick actions of a CH-53 helicopter which evacuated all the casualties within minutes was a saving factor in minimizing the number of casualties from this tragedy.

G. Logistics.

1. The 2nd Battalion completed its move to the An Hoa Combat Base on 10 August 1968.

2. Twenty-one South East Asia huts were allocated to the Battalion and are being utilized for office space, storage of baggage and critical T/E equipment, and for living quarters.

3. Bunkers and trenches in the Battalion area are in the process of being rebuilt and improved. A battalion ammunition bunker is being built to provide the Battalion with an ammunition supply point for transient companies and for quick reaction forces.

4. Messing facilities for the Battalion at An Hoa are provided by a Regimental mess hall which utilizes nine messmen and eleven cooks from this Battalion. A field mess at Phu Lac (6) operated by three of the Battalion's cooks, provides hot meals for the company located there.

5. Helicopter Support Teams, attached to each company and the Battalion Command Group, provided all re-supply in the field from the LSU at An Hoa. LVT's attached to the Battalion in the field were utilized to carry two days supply of rations, water and ammunition.

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Resupply for the Phu Lac (6) fire base was accomplished by utilizing trucks from the convoys on their return trip to DaNang, by Regimental TAD trucks and by helicopters.

a. Supply.

(1) Much of the month saw Battalion Supply completing its relocation from Phu Bai to An Hoa. Currently this Section has all supplies and equipment under cover consisting of six GP tents, two Maintenance tents and two sea-huts.

(2) On 22 August 1st FSR, DaNang established a limited third and fourth echelon ordnance maintenance capability at An Hoa.

(3) Since arriving at An Hoa, Battalion Supply has made initial issue of gear to more than three hundred new personnel. Quantity of on hand supplies remains adequate.

b. Motor Transport.

(1) The motor transport platoon relocated from Phu Bai to An Hoa by convoy. The move took three days and no major problems were encountered. A new motor pool was quickly established and normal operations were resumed.

(2) Two M-37's were received on 28 August. The acceptance check was held and the vehicles were operational on 29 August.

(3) Schools were held on the various vehicles organic to the Battalion. Twenty-six personnel attended.

c. Medical.

(1) The Battalion Aid Station consisted of two Medical Officers, two Chief Hospital Corpsmen and twenty Hospital Corpsmen. The companies were maintained at seven or eight Corpsmen per company with temporary lows of four or five Corpsmen. Medical strength has ranged from a low of forty-four effective Hospital Corpsmen to a high of fifty-eight. One Medical Officer and three Hospital Corpsmen have been with the Command Group in the field.

(2) Malaria. There were no cases of Malaria during August.

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(3) Venercal Diseases. There were six cases of venercal disease this month. Contacts were mostly returnees from R&R and transients from CONUS with one case each from DaNang and Hue.

(4) Rabies. One patient was started on anti-rabies vaccine as the result of a rat bite.

(5) Civic Action. There have been no Med-Caps this month. An average of one Vietnamese Civilian per day has been Med-evaced to hospitals in DaNang through the BAS.

(6) Dental Care. A Dental Officer and dental unit from 1st Dental Company has arrived in the An Hoa area. They have begun treatment of Dental problems.

(7) Statistics.

a. Total number of patients seen 1,102
b. Average number of patients per day 50

(8) Routine Medical Complaints.

Gastrointestinal complaints.....	64
Dermatological complaints.....	129
Venercal Disease.....	6
Ear Disorders.....	20
Orthopedica.....	76
WIA.....	25
Malaria.....	10
Rabies.....	4

H. Communications.

1. Radio communications in the new AO were established with some minor interference problems. The experimental PRC-77/KY-38 has been employed in the field with great success using the two-man pac configuration. This voice ciphoring device has greatly enhanced the command's ability to communicate with complete security from enemy monitoring. The wire section installed phones throughout the Battalion area and the Delta sector of the perimeter. A 20 K. W. generator has been installed at An Hoa to supplement the existing base power and as an auxilliary power source. In addition a second 20 K. W. generator has been installed at the Phu Lac (6) area. Reliable 3rd echelon maintenance of communications equipment is provided by 1st FSR, DaNang.

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UNCLASSIFIEDI. Civic Action.

1. General. During this reporting period, civic action programs were centered primarily on improving the health standards of the civil populace in Phu Da (1) and Phu Da (2). Scrap lumber and ammunition boxes were provided for building homes. Materials were provided for the construction of bulletin boards for use at the village market and school.

2. Employment of some of the populace, was made possible by establishing a laundry service for the Command.

3. The PSYCPS section made maximum use of hand leaflets and posters. Each company was provided with hand leaflets for distribution in their AO.

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Date: 1Aug68

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DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0448	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
0648	3	H&S	Road sweep started
0815	4	G	Road sweep started
0932	5	H&S	Road sweep at CkPt 3
0934	6	G	Road sweep at CkPt 2
1005	7	H&S	Road sweep complete
1007	8	H&S	All OP set in
1010	9	G	Road sweep at CkPt 4
1026	10	G	Road sweep complete
1112	11	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep complete
1203	12	G	All G OP set in
1705	13	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1732	14	H&S	OP's 1 and 2 relieved
1805	15	H&S	All H&S ops back in friendly lines
1907	16	G	All day activities secured
2016	17	G	All night activities set in
2246	18	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
2400	19	S-3	Journal closed

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Date: 7Aug68

JOURNAL

(DTG) FROM 0001H TO 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0602	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
0749	3	H&S	Road sweep began
0801	4	H&S	Road sweep at CkPt 1
0833	5	F	F road sweep began
0858	6	F	Road sweep at CkPt 1
0925	7	H&S	Road sweep at CkPt 3
1022	8	H&S	Road sweep at CkPt 4
1047	9	H&S	All OPs set in
1053	10	H&S	Road sweep complete
1101	11	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1122	12	F	Road sweep complete
1627	13	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1748	14	H&S	OPs secured
1814	15	F	Day activities secured
2107	16	F	Night activities set in
2300	17	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
2400	18	S-3	Journal closed

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Date: 10Aug68

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DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0500	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
0747	3	H&S	Road sweep began
0832	4	F	Road sweep started
0851	5	H&S	Road sweep at CkPt 2
0946	6	H&S	Road sweep at CkPt 3
1012	7	F	Road sweep at CkPt 3
1019	8	H&S	Road sweep complete
1118	9	F	Road sweep complete
1132	10	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1239	11	F	F2B leaving friendly lines
1322	12	F	F2B entering friendly lines
1401	13	F	F2B entering friendly lines
1639	14	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1723	15	H&S	OPs on truck headed for An Hoa
1742	16	H&S	OPs in An Hoa
1809	17	F	Day activities secured
2201	18	F	Night Activities set in
2321	19	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
2400	20	S-3	Journal closed

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JOURNAL

(DTG) FROM 0001H TO 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0500	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
0819	3	F	Engineer patrol CkPt 1
0841	4	G	Mine sweep security CkPt 2
0903	5	G	Marine tripped booby trap, wounded
Ø	Ø	Ø	calf of L. Leg
0931	6	G	Mine sweep CkPt 3
1016	7	F	Road sweep CkPt 2
1035	8	G	Road sweep CkPt 4
1040	9	F	Road sweep CkPt 3
1041	10	F	FLA sqd cmb ptl at CkPt 2
1100	11	F	FLA CkPt 3
1105	12	G	Road sweep returning and at CkPt 3
1107	14	F	Unit reports observing 6 VC
1145	15	FLA	CkPt 5
1200	16	F	FCo road sweep complete
1245	17	H	All H units at LZ
1605	18	H	Units arriving at our posit
1750	19	E	Trooplift complete
1700	20	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
2135	21	E	Set in
2210	22	G2	Set in

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Date: 13Aug68

JOURNAL

(DTG) FROM 0001H TO 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0500	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
0820	3	F	F-2 departing CP
0905	4	F	F-2 road security at CkPt 2
0912	5	G	G-1 Road sweep security at CkPt 6
∅	∅	∅	(AT899469)
0913	6	F	F-1B sqd cmb ptl at CkPt 1 (AT920540)
0920	7	F	F-2 at CkPt 3 (AT916510)
1050	8	H	H-2 & H-3 departing An Hoa for PPB
∅	∅	∅	positions
1100	9	F	F road sweep complete
1103	10	F	F1B at CkPt 3 (AT928535)
1131	11	H	H-2 & H-3 Set in PPB H-2 at (AT910499)
∅	∅	∅	H-3 at (AT911490)
1405	12	S-3	QM (-) sattling up for jump off
1425	13	S-3	QM is now leaving this posit
1558	14	S-3	QM at posit (AT910500)
1640	15	S-3	convoy at CkPt 5
1647	16	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1955	17	S-3	2 tanks set in, 1 at slot D and 1 at
∅	∅	∅	slot B
2400	18	S-3	Journal closed

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Date: 14 Aug 68

JOURNAL

(DTG) FROM 0001H TO 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	CRG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0500H	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
0710	3	G	2 platoons on trucks and heading
∅	∅	∅	for CkPt 2 (AT899469)
0715	4	F	OP 30 set in (AT938533)
0717	5	G	2 platoons at drop point, truck
∅	∅	∅	returning to pick up last platoon
0737	6	G	All units have departed An Hoa
0742	7	H	H units moving to Bn CP posit
0805	8	G	1 platoon near at Bn CP
0810	9	F	F-1 and 2 departing CP
0826	10	F	FLA at CkPt 3 (At933530)
0835	11	E	E-1 road sweep at (AT901472)
0854	12	F	F-2 road sweep at CkPt 1
0900	13	E	E-1 Road sweep at (AT907477)
0900	14	F	F-2 road sweep at CkPt 2
0917	15	F	F-2 road sweep at CkPt 3
0945	16	E	E-1 R/S at (AT909481)
1005	17	E	E-1 R/S at CkPt 3
1110	18	E	Road sweep completed and all OPs set
∅	∅	∅	in
1110	19	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent

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Date: 15 Aug 68

JOURNAL

(DTG) FROM 0001H TO 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	CRG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0322	2	S-3	Lines' bunker 19 received 1 incoming
∅	∅	∅	60mm mortar no one was injured
0415	3	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
0704	4	S-3	Road sweep south to North starting
0810	5	F	F1B leaving CP
0814	6	E	E-2 at CkPt 1 road sweep South to North
0825	7	F	F-2 at CkPt 1 road sweep North to South
0848	8	E	E-2 at CkPt 2 road sweep
0852	9	F	F-2 at CkPt 2 road sweep
0859	10	F	F-2 at CkPt 3 road sweep
1000	11	F	F-2 at CkPt 4 road sweep
1010	12	F	F-2 road sweep complete
1012	13	E	E-2 at CkPt 3 road sweep
1038	14	E	E-2 at CkPt 5 road sweep completed
1100	15	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1417	16	F	F1B at CkPt 1
1445	17	F	F1B at CkPt 2
1519	18	F	F1B at CkPt 3
1552	19	F	F1B Backing stalemate
1705	20	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1852	21	F	F2A now in Stalemate

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Date: 16Aug68

JOURNAL

(DTG) FROM 0001H TO 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0450	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
0823	3	F	F2B now entering Stalemate
0824	4	F	F3C now entering Stalemate
0900	5	F	road sweep started
1035	6	F	Road sweep at (AT916509)
1036	7	E	Road sweep at (AT908481)
1101	8	E	Road sweep at (AT908498)
1107	9	F	Road sweep at CkPt 4
1120	10	F	Roud sweep cpmpleted
1124	11	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1200	12	E	Road Sweet completed
1600	13	S-3	BnCP at (AT903507), CoG at (AT897513),
∅	∅	∅	CoH at (AT903513)
1710	14	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1940	15	F	F3C leaving CP
2330	16	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
2400	17	S-3	Journal closed

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(DTG) FROM 0001H TO 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001	1	S-3	New Journal Opened
0545	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
0600	3	S-3	Bn(-) along (AT918497) to (AT938510)
0615	4	S-3	Short Round of VT detonated near this
Ø	Ø	Ø	posit
0735	5	F	Ferry at Liberty Bridge not working
0810	6	S-3	E-1 at CkPt 1
0819	7	S-3	F-3 mine sweep leaving stalemate
0838	8	S-3	E-1 at CkPt 2
0839	9	S-3	F-3 at CkPt 1
0858	10	S-3	F-3 at CkPt 2
0915	11	S-3	F-3 at CkPt 3
0947	12	S-3	E-1 at CkPt 3
1005	13	S-3	F-3 at CkPt 4
1015	14	S-3	E-1 at CkPt 4
1102	15	S-3	F-3 road sweep completed
1105	16	S-3	E-1 road sweep completed
1127	17	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1143	18	S-3	E3B at CkPt 2 rough rider security
1145	19	S-3	E3B at CkPt 3 rough rider security
1215	20	S-3	E3B at CkPt 4 rough rider security
1220	21	S-3	E3B leaving CkPt 4 for An Hoa

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Journal

(AFIC) FROM 0001H TO 2400H

TIME	SER. NO.	OPC	INCIDENTS
0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0505	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
0530	3	S-3	Received weather report for 18Aug68
0555	4	S-3	All (Tank) secured from net
0556	5	S-3	All (Tank) secured from net
0810	6	F	Start road sweep
0826	7	F	Road sweep at CkPt 1
0928	8	H&S	Road sweep at CkPt 2
0930	9	F	Road sweep at CkPt 3
1000	10	H&S	Road sweep at CkPt 3
1000	11	F	Road sweep at CkPt 4
1008	12	F	Road sweep completed
1014	13	H&S	OP 3 set in
1035	14	H&S	Road sweep at CkPt 4
1050	15	H&S	Road sweep completed
1102	16	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1120	17	S-4	Resupply leaving for BnCP
1139	18	H&S	Road sweep returned to An Hoa
1700	19	E	E-2 at CkPt 2
1707	20	E	E-2 set in
1710	21	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
2020	22	E	E2C moved in South
2400	23	S-3	Journal closed

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Date: 19 Aug 68

JOURNAL

(DTG) FROM 0001H TO 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	CRG	INCIDENTS
0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0505	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
0530	3	S-3	Received weather report for 18 Aug 68
0613	4	S-3	CoG MIA changed to KIA
0730	5	T	Road sweep starting South to North
0830	6	T	Road sweep at CkPt 1
0855	7	F	F-3 road sweep leaving stalemate
0920	8	F	F-3 road sweep at CkPt 2
1000	9	T	Road sweep at CkPt 3
1005	10	F	F-3 Road sweep at CkPt 3
1038	11	T	Road sweep at CkPt 4
1045	12	T	Road sweep complete
1047	13	F	F-3 road sweep complete
1120	14	E	E-2 now inside Stalemate
1232	15	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1700	16	T	H&S OP starting in
1704	17	E	E-2 moving to night posit
1745	18	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1857	19	E	E-2 set in
1123	20	S-3	Bn (-) captured 33.6 tons of rice
2400	21	S-3	Journal Closed

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Date: 20Aug68

JOURNAL

(DTG) FROM 0001H TO 2100H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0030	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
0530	3	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
0835	4	H&S	Tango at CkPt 1
0842	5	H&S	Tango 1 set in
0857	6	H&S	Tango at CkPt 2
0900	7	F	F-2 in Stalemate
0900	8	F	F-3 at CkPt 1
0908	9	H&S	Tango 2 set in
0925	10	H&S	Tango at CkPt 3
0935	11	H&S	Tango 3 set in
0937	12	F	F-3 at CkPt 2
1000	13	H&S	Road sweep completed
1011	14	F	Road sweep at CkPt 4
1017	15	F	F-3 road sweep complete
1110	16	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1337	17	S-3	D/N act for 21Aug68 sent to GS
1407	18	S-3	D/N act for 21Aug68 sent to QM
1700	19	T2	Relieved by E-2 unit
1718	20	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent

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(DTG) FROM 0001H TO 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0810	1	E	E-2 At CkPt 2
0835	2	F	F1B back in Stalemate
0840	3	F	F-3 at CkPt 1
0845	4	H&S	T1 set in
0915	5	F	F-3 at CkPt 2
0927	6	F	F-3 at CkPt 3
0928	7	H&S	Tangoat CkPt 3
0938	8	H&S	Tango at Ckpt 4
0954	9	F	F-3 at CkPt 4
1010	10	H&S	Road sweep complete
1040	11	F	Road sweep complete
1210	12	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1656	13	E	E-2 at CkPt 2
1659	14	E	E-2 at CkPt 3
1707	15	E	E-2 set in
1710	16	H&S	Tango 4 secure
1758	17	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1807	18	E	All E-2 activities set in
1816	19	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
2047	20	F	GS put CoF on 100% alert
2058	21	S-3	GS put Bn (-) on 100% alert
2333	22	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent

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(DTG) FROM 0001H TO 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0049	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
0646	3	E	E-2 and E2B moving to PPB for platoon
Ø	Ø	Ø	movement South to meet road sweep
0715	4	E	E-2 on trucks heading this way
0820	5	T	Road sweep North started
0909	6	T	T-2 set in
0917	7	F	F leaving on road sweep
0924	8	T	Road sweep at CkPt 2
0943	9	F	F-1 road sweep at CkPt 1
0954	10	T	Road sweep at CkPt 4
1002	11	T	Road sweep complete by H&S T units
1005	12	T	T-4 set in
1115	13	F	F-1 road sweep complete
1138	14	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1643	15	E	E-2 loading trucks for night act
1704	16	E	E-2 at CkPt 2
1715	17	T3	All T OP in friendly lines
1735	18	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
2014	19	RA	Set in at Slots C and D
2257	20	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
2329	21	E	E-2 reports 1 60mm rd incoming
2400	22	S-3	Journal Closed

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DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0815	2	H&S	T at CkPt 1
0525	3	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
0845	4	H&S	T at CkPt 2
0900	5	F	F-1 leaving Stalemate
0913	6	H&S	T at CkPt 3
0920	7	F	F-1 at CkPt 1
0930	8	H&S	T-3 set in
0935	9	H&S	T at CkPt 4
0942	10	H&S	T-4 set in and road sweep complete
1015	11	F	F-1 at CkPt 2
1020	12	F	F-1 at CkPt 3
1029	13	F	F-1 at CkPt 4
1045	14	F	F-1 road sweep complete H&S OPs set in
1100	15	E	E-2 in friendly lines
1233	16	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1600	17	QM	Amtracs leaving QM for this posit
1742	18	S-3	Amtracs at this posit
1754	19	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent

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Date: 24Aug68

JOURNAL

(DTG) FROM 0001H TO 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0143	2	S-3	D lines Bunkers 1, 2, and 3 received
Ø	Ø	Ø	S/A fire from their front and left
Ø	Ø	Ø	Ville was burning
0210	3	GS	All clear sounded by 5th Marines
0331	4	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
0645	5	S-3	QM reactionary secured
0807	6	T	Road sweep starts
0815	7	T	Road sweep at CkPt 1
0850	8	T	Road sweep at CkPt 2
0855	9	F	F-1 road sweep starts
0900	10	T	T-2 set in
0917	11	S-3	amtracs left this posit for QM posit
0919	12	T	Road sweep at CkPt 3
0946	13	T	Road sweep at CkPt 4
0950	14	F	F-1 Mine sweep at CkPt 2
1003	15	T	Road sweep complete
1004	16	T	T-4 set in
1010	17	F	F-1 Road sweep at CkPt 3
1017	18	F	F-1 Road sweep at CkPt 4
1025	19	F	F-1 Road sweep complete
1037	20	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent

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DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0500	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
0830	3	H&S	Road sweep started
0845	4	H&S	Now at CkPt 1
0855	5	F	F-2 road sweep started
0905	6	F	F-2 now at CkPt 1
0950	7	H&S	Road sweep at CkPt 3
0958	8	F	OP-1 now set in
1055	9	F	F-2 now at CkPt 3
1110	10	S-3	BnCp R 5.3 U 6.4 from winter
1145	11	F	F-2 now at CkPt 4
1150	12	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
1236	13	F	trucks loaded with 81's
1258	14	S-3	trucks now entering this posit
1810	15	S-3	6 hour sit Rep sent
1830	16	T	T-2 rec s/a fire
2020	17	T	T-2 in ambush site
2130	18	S-3	Reaction forces musters
2255	19	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
2400	20	S-3	Journal closed

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(DTG) FROM 0001H TO 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0523	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
0630	3	S-3	60mm incoming by 4.2" battery
0707	4	T-3	Set in
0708	5	T-4	Set in
0745	6	H&S	Road sweep started
0817	7	H&S	Now at CkPt 1
0855	8	H&S	Now at CkPt 2
0915	9	F	F-2 Road sweep leaving CP
1000	10	F	F-2 now at CkPt 2
1003	11	H&S	Road sweep now at CkPt 3
1040	12	H&S	Road sweep complete
1100	13	F	FlB now at Snst 4
1130	14	F	F-2 now leaving CkPt 3
1150	15	F	FlB now at CkPt 4
1244	16	F	Road sweep complete
1425	17	F	F2C now at CkPt 1
1830	18	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
2252	19	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent
2400	20	S-3	Journal closed

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