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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

2nd Battalion, 5th Marines	LtCol J. T. BOWEN 1-31 October 1969
M&S Company	1stLt J. F. SHEPHERD 1-14 October 1969 1stLt H. W. BROOKSHIRE Jr 15-31 October 1969
Company E	1stLt R. F. COMPTI 1-31 October 1969
Company F	Capt. K. R. FURR 1-31 October 1969
Company G	1stLt T. R. WOODENS 1-31 October 1969
Company H	Capt. R. W. POOLAN 1-14 October 1969 1stLt V. H. TAYLOR 15-31 October 1969

2. LOCATION

1-31 October 1969, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines occupied Hill 65 in the central Dai Loc District in the Quang Nam Province, RVN. Company H was under operational control of the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines for the period of 17-19 October. During the period 30-31 October, three companies and the Battalion Command Post were in the Northern Arizona on a Regimental Search and Clear Operation.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj R. W. LOEBBE 1-3 October 1969 Maj J. F. LANIGAN 4-31 October 1969
Adjutant	1stLt J. M. SPIEHL 1-31 October 1969
Assistant Adjutant	1stLt K. B. SHIPLEY Jr. 1-31 October 1969

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S-1 Officer	1stLt J. H. STEHEL 1-31 October 1969
S-2 Officer	1stLt D. H. STORNA 1-31 October 1969
S-3 Officer	Maj R. J. DRIVER Jr 1-31 October 1969
S-3A Officer	1stLt H. W. BROOKSHIRE Jr. 1-14 October 1969 1stLt S. G. SEASERBROOK III 15-31 October 1969
S-4 Officer	1stLt R. M. HENRY 1-22 October 1969 Capt. R. C. ROSENBAU 23-31 October 1969
Communications Officer	1stLt P. V. HACKETT 1-10 October 1969 1stLt W. K. THOMPSON 20-31 October 1969
Supply Officer	1stLt D. W. OLIPHANT 1-22 October 1969
Motor Transport Officer	1stLt D. E. MARTIN 1-2 October 1969 2ndLt L. J. COOKLEY 3-31 October 1969
Air Liaison Officer	1stLt N. G. HUTCHINSON III 1-31 October 1969
Artillery Liaison Officer	2ndLt A. E. PELHAN 1-31 October 1969
Medical Officer	Lt D. S. WHITNEY (USN) 1-31 October 1969
Chaplain	Lt V. J. KULBERG 1-31 October 1969

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
OFFICERS	ENLISTED	OFFICERS	ENLISTED
34	1169	2	57

5. CHAPLAIN

a. Sunday Services. There were 14 Sunday Masses with an attendance of 423 and with 397 attending Communion. The 3rd Battalion Protestant Chaplain visited the Battalion only twice during the month due to the rains. Lay Leaders conducted the other services. Total attendance was 97 for the month.

b. Daily Services. There were 29 daily Masses held with an attendance of 204 and 195 attending Communion. There were 33 Non-Denominational Services held with an attendance of 594.

c. Hospital Calls. Only 1 hospital visit was made due to the rains and the Chaplain saw 8 Marines while he was there.

d. Brig Visits. There was 1 Brig visit with 2 men seen by the Chaplain.

e. Red Cross Cases. There were 4 Red Cross cases.

f. Counselling. 41 interviews were held.

g. Memorial Services. There was one memorial service held with Echo Company in attendance.

h. S-5 Assistance. The Catholic Chaplain visited the village priest and gave him some religious supplies.

i. General. During the month the Chaplain obtained 400 gift packs and letter writing material and distributed them to the troops in the field.

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 1 October 1969 the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines Forward Command Post remained at Hill 65 with Company G providing security. Companies E, F, and H continued small unit operations in the assigned area of operations. The Battalion rear remained at An Hoa. Emphasis was placed on completion of the

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new Combat Operations Center and improvement of the Hill 65 Defense. By 11 October the COC was in operation and the additional space allowed the Battalion to function more smoothly, especially with regard to supporting arms. Two planned 1 day company size sweeps by Companies F and H were cancelled on 2 October due to heavy rains. During the period 2-4 October, Company G participated in the "Stack Arms" program at Damang. They were followed by Hotel Company on 5-8, Foxtrof 8-11 and Echo 12-14 October. M&S Company provided men with each rifle company to fill the 200 man quota. Security for Hill 65 was provided by each rifle company on a rotational basis. During October two company size defensive positions were improved by the construction of bunkers and the laying of protective wire at Hill 52 and the high ground located at Grid Coordinates AT839567. On 22 October, Companies Hotel and Golf conducted a sweep from coordinates 792584 and 815594 to 815577 and 827584 with Echo providing two platoons for a blocking force. During this action 4 armed VC/NVA were taken under fire by Hotel Company at coordinates 813514 killing 1 male and 1 female wearing black pajamas. Several documents were recovered from the bodies and evacuated. A tunnel complex was discovered at coordinates 813589 and appeared to be a storage area with a messhall and sleeping quarters for approximately 10 men. It was unoccupied but a search revealed 2 M-1 Carbines, ammunition, grenades and miscellaneous clothing, documents and 150 pounds of rice. On 280500H a platoon sized patrol from Hotel Company fired on a VC/NVA at coordinates 834586. A search of the area revealed 3 caves containing 1 38 caliber pistol, several rounds of ammunition, 1 M-26 grenade, 3 NVA packs, 2 hammocks, 3 NVA helmets, 25 pounds of rice, eating gear and miscellaneous documents. On 280700H a platoon sized patrol from Echo discovered 60 pounds of rice, 2 packs, 1 NVA helmet and miscellaneous documents and personal gear at coordinates 792582. On 30 October, in connection with the rice denial program, the 5th Marines commenced an unnamed Search and Destroy operation in the Northern portion of the Arizona area of the assigned Regimental area of operations to eliminate VC/NVA known to be on rice gathering missions in the area. With the 1st Battalion and 3rd Battalion providing a blocking force to the southwest and the southeast and India Company securing the LZ, the 2nd Battalion (-) began helilifting Golf Company followed by Echo, the Command Post and Hotel to LZ Lily located in the vicinity of coordinates 885530. Upon the initial landing of Golf Company, groups of 10-15 VC/NVA were spotted fleeing northwest and were taken under fire by gunships resulting in 20 confirmed VC/NVA killed by air. By 301030H, the lift was complete and the Battalion Command Post was established at coordinates 882543. The rifle companies sweeping north and northwest flushed small groups of enemy toward the blocking force resulting in 17 more confirmed VC/NVA KIA's. During the afternoon, the Battalion continued aggressive search and destroy operations resulting in the evacuation of 900 pounds of rice to An Hoa and 10 more VC/NVA killed by air who were fleeing from the sweeping force. Eleven VC suspects were evacuated to Dai Loc District Headquarters at the request of the National Police. On 301700H, Echo Company was extracted and returned to Hill 65 to conduct small unit operations in that portion of the Battalion's area of operations. During the night activity was limited to sporadic rifle fire by the enemy. Golf and Hotel Companies continued aggressive search and destroy operations on the 31st. During the day the companies accounted for 8 VC/NVA confirmed

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KIA's and 4 military packs. While the Battalion Command Post was displacing, 4 VC/NVA were taken under fire at coordinates 875556 resulting in 2 NVA POW's. The POW's were evacuated to An Hoa. Twenty-four suspects were evacuated to Dai Loc District Headquarters at the request of the National Police. Numerous foodstuffs, including 2000 pounds of rice was evacuated to An Hoa and turned over to Duc Duc District Headquarters. Miscellaneous documents, equipment and enemy clothing, taken from POW's were evacuated to III at An Hoa, including 6 enemy weapons with magazines and 9 Chinese Communist Grenades. Two 250 pound bombs were discovered and destroyed in place along with a 105mm and 155mm artillery rounds. At the conclusion of this period, the unmaned operation continues with the Battalion Command Post and Golf Company in their night defensive position located at coordinates 871556. Hotel Company Command Post was located at coordinates 882543. It is significant that the Battalion has suffered no Marine losses as a result of this action.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

A. TOPICS

1. Personnel and Administration

a. Strength. The Battalion strength at the beginning of October was 32 Officers and 1189 enlisted. At the end of the month, the strength was 35 Officers and 1147 enlisted. The Battalion joined 9 Officers and 99 enlisted men. Six Officers and 140 enlisted men were dropped from the rolls. Casualties sustained by the Battalion during the month of October were as follows:

BATTLES				FOU-BATTLES		TOTAL
NIA	NVA	DCM	HTAIB	DD	DDC	
1	2	0	4	1	78	86

b. Discipline, Law and Order. During the month, the battalion legal office processed nine Battalion Commander's Office Hours. Courts-Martial for the month totalled nine, including eight Special Courts-Martial and one General Court-Martial. One Article 32 pre-trial investigation was held.

c. Postal. Mail for the month of September was normal.

d. Awards. There were 4 awards received and presented with appropriate ceremonies during the month. Among these were 3 Navy Achievement Medals, and 1 Bronze Star. Five awards were readdressed and forwarded to

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former members of this command. During this period 34 U. S. awards for heroism and meritorious service were processed by the Battalion. These included 27 Navy Achievement Medals, 3 Bronze Star Medals, 1 Legion of Merit, and 3 Navy Commendation Medals.

2. Intelligence

a. Enemy. The enemy over the reported period were, for the most part, VC Guerrillas. The first two weeks of the month contact with the enemy was sparse due to the rains flooding the lowlands, rice paddies and rivers causing travel to be almost impossible. With cessation of the rains, enemy activity again picked up. Many sightings of enemy ranging from one individual to groups of ten to twenty were almost a daily occurrence. It is felt that the heavy rains caused the enemy's rice gathering details added tasks to replenish the rations used during the rainy period in addition to gathering the requirements for the present consumption and for future use during the upcoming monsoons. Much enemy movement occurred in the Northern Arizona, crossing the Song Vu Gia in both directions. The 3-35rd Battalion has reportedly moved back into their usual area of operations in the Northern Arizona.

b. Weather. The first two weeks of the reporting period presented many problems both for troops and vehicular movement. With a total of almost 37 1/2 inches of rainfall, rivers were swollen to three times normal size. Rice paddies and small streams were also flooded, causing the troops to operate only on high ground. About the middle of the month, the rain ceased and the sky cleared causing the temperature to climb and reach a daytime average of 95 degrees. Since the halt of the rain, streams, rice paddies, and roads have returned to normal or near normal conditions and operations have resumed without any difficulty. On the 27th of October .80 inches of rain was received, having no effect on operations. Total rain received for the month was 39 inches.

c. Terrain. The terrain for the period ran from the lowlands (rice paddies) in the Northern Arizona and the north of the Song Vu Gia up to the crest of Charlie Ridge. During the rainy period, operations and movement through rice paddies was impossible due to the depth and swiftness of the water. No other difficulties were encountered due to the features of the terrain.

3. Organization and Operations

a. Organization. The following units were attached or detached from the Battalion during the month of October:

Company II, 2nd Battalion, 5th Infantry OMCOR to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines from 171600H to 191600H October 1969 on Operation Pipestone Canyon.

b. With the exceptions of a reconnaissance-in-force into the Northern Arizona by E Company and a one day operation on Charlie Ridge

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involving G Company, H Company and 2 Platoons of E Company, and an unmanned search and clear operation into the Arizona involving E, G, and H companies, and participated in by all the battalions of the Regiment, operations were confined to company sized and smaller unit activities north of the Vu Gio River.

c. Supporting Arms

(1) Tactical Air Support. Air Support for the Battalion totalled 53 Tactical Air Strikes and 43 Beacon Drops. The Battalion utilized 3 Aerial Observers resulting in 240 tons of ordnance delivered on enemy targets resulting in 3 enemy killed, no enemy wounded, 138 structures destroyed, 24 structures damaged, 4,805 meters of trench line bombed with 4 secondary fires and 1 secondary explosion. One "Spooky" gunship was utilized.

(2) Helicopter Support. The Battalion utilized 3 troop lifts, totalling 893 combat Marines. A total of 39 Marines and 10 Civilians were evacuated during the month. Average time for emergency and priority evacuations was 32 minutes and routine evacuations averaged 44 minutes.

(3) Fire Support. During the month approximately 2200 rounds of Artillery were fired resulting in 10 confirmed kills. The Slam section fired approximately 5200 rounds in support of the Battalion. The majority of the Battalion's M2's were fired in the Northern Arizona and on Charlie Ridge.

One significant occurrence during the month was the acquisition of a Night Observation/Laser Range Finding Device which appears to be effective in first round fire for effects since it has recorded numerous confirmed kills and many probables.

4. Schools and Training. During the month of October, 78 Marines were processed through indoctrination training prior to their deployment to the field. Also, 6 platoons from the 3rd Marine Division were processed through a special one day indoctrination. General Military Subjects Training was conducted each Saturday afternoon at the Battalion rear in An Loc and for the elements of this Battalion on Hill 65. Also, rifle companies took advantage of slow periods to further the training and indoctrination of their members. Training consisted of the following topics and hours spent.

c. Officer and Staff School

Mines and Booby Traps	1
Essential Enemy Intelligence	1
Ground Safety	$\frac{1}{2}$
Supply Discipline	$\frac{1}{2}$
Handling of POW's	$\frac{1}{2}$

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5750b. Training conducted by A-1 at Hill 65

Pen Firing T/O weapons	1
Weapons Safety/Care & Cleaning	1
M-60 in the Defense	1
First Aid	1
Rules of Engagement	1
Drug Abuse	1
Land Navigation/Orientation	1
FO Procedures/pump fires	1
Patrolling	1

c. Training conducted by rifle companies on Hill 65

Weapons Safety	7
FO Procedures	12
First Aid	3
Claymore Mine	1
Scouting, Patrolling & Ambushes	12
Leadership	1
Radio Procedures	6
Map & Compass	6
Mines & Booby Traps	1
Night Movements	1
M-60 & M-79	2
Platoon Tactics	2
Camouflage	1
Helicopter Support	3

Division and higher level schools attended by members of the Battalion were as follows:

Division Leadership School	11
Company Planning Orientation	1
Basic Infantry Weapons	1
Vietnamese Language	1
Home Front Orientation	1
EST Course	3
Civic Action Orientation	1
Kit Carson Scout Orientation	1
Land Mine Warfare School	56

5. Logistics

Helicopter resupply to Hill 65 was necessary during the first two weeks of October due to the heavy rains. Storage of 5 days rations and ammunition has been made to preclude earlier difficulties. Hill 65 is still having difficulties with the installation of an operational water supply. The well is now pumping unpurified water and it is still necessary to truck water to the Hill. All fresh stores for the Battalion near less.

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Will have to be drawn from Regiment on a daily basis because of a downed reefer motor. Upgrading of a new tower on the Hill is being done. The Battalion has been tasked with coordinating and requesting materials for the construction of the defensive perimeter necessary to encompass the area to be occupied by elements of 11th Marines. The final plans and requests are being submitted now.

6. Supply. All Monsoon equipment has been received and issued to the companies for distribution to the troops. All defective office equipment was taken to FFC for repair by a contact team that visited An Hoa in October.

7. Motor Transport. During the first two weeks of October Motor Transport was kept extremely busy with 2nd Echelon Maintenance due to the heavy rains. Replacement of brake shoes and fording checks were made on many of the vehicles.

8. Medical. The BAS has been situated on Hill 65 for one month. Two Hospital Companies remain in the rear to render medical care to the remaining personnel of the Battalion. The present strength of the BAS is one Medical Officer, one Battalion Chief and 20 Hospital Companymen. A program of general immunization was conducted on battalion personnel. MedCaps were active with an average of 1-2 conducted weekly. Approximately 200 patients have been seen weekly.

- a. Malaria: 7 cases
- b. Venereal Diseases: 15 cases; 1 HSU, 11 GC, 3 Chancroid
- c. Rabies: No animal bites were reported.
- d. Heat Casualties: 3 reported
- e. Routine Medical Complaints: Dermatitis - 206, Gastroenteritis - 53, Orthopedic - 79, Ear Disorders - 42
- f. Statistics: Total number of patients seen - 528, Average seen per day - 17

9. Communications

c. Radio Transmission. For this period, radio transmissions have continued to be reliable. There were a few reports of friendly interference none of which hampered the operations of the battalion or company radio nets to any extent. Flip-flopping of allocated frequencies in most instances eliminated some of the problems of friendly interference. No notable dead spots were encountered in the Battalion EAOR.

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b. Radio Equipment. On Hill 65, the relocation and renovation of the communications system was undertaken. With the construction of a new COC, radio equipment had to be re-installed. The radio relay equipment was relocated in the old COC for central and to centralize communications equipment.

c. Problems. Problems were encountered with the 100KW generator located at the Battalion Rear. For a period of two weeks the cantonment was without power. On 16 October, a replacement generator was trucked in from NVA Danang. The majority of the communications equipment continues to be operational ready. Difficulty in acquiring repair parts for radio sets AE/REC-77 continue to create problems in maintaining cipher capabilities. With the recent change in overseas tour dates, the battalion is faced with the problem of replacement personnel.

10. Civic Action

a. Medical Assistance. A MedCap was held at Truong An Hamlet and 124 persons were treated. A MedCap was also held at Song Binh Hamlet and 47 persons were treated. The Battalion Aid Station gave treatment to an average of 15 persons per week and evacuated 14 persons to Danang for further treatment.

b. General Malt Scholarships. Scholarship funds in the amount of 9,000\$VN were distributed to 18 elementary level students.

c. Psychological Operations. Aerial leaflet drops were used in areas containing VC/NVA units. These were primarily Chi Lu Noi leaflets.

d. Industrial Relation Activities. Seven civilians were hired to work at Hill 65 and will be paid appropriated fund wages. Four persons were also hired and will be paid from unappropriated funds. Of the eleven persons hired, nine work in the mess hall and two are housemaids.

11. Statistics for the Month

NVA:	3 KIA	3 POW's
VC:	25 KIA	9 POW's
Unclassified Detainees:		55

a. Weapons and Equipment

Carbines	2	NVA Helmets	8
Pistols	3	Books	7
SRS	2	Assorted Clothing & Uniforms	
AE-47	1	Documents	3
RLC	1	Documents	10 lbs.

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(b) Ordinance

ChiCom Grenades	9
82mm Mortar rd.	1
Small Arms Ammo	357 rds.

(c) Food Caches

Rice	2300 lbs (plus)
Coan	850 lbs
Tobacco	31 lbs
Oats	50 lbs

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. ✓ Tab "A" Staff Journal for period 1 through 31 October 1969.

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1. Tab "A" Staff Journal for period 1 through 30 September 1969.

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Date: 15 October 1969SEARCH AND CLEAR
Journal(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	CRG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal Opened
0845H	2	S-3	While setting in OP at AT835577 a sqd. from F Co. spotted two VC/NVA of unknown force at AT844581 and AT840880. Unit called in 81 mm Mortar fire. Unit checked out area finding enemy escape route. Unit set in day stinger and OP.
0915	3	S-3	While set in day pos. a plt. from H Co. at AT884586 spotted 1 tracer rd. fired from AT876586 appeared to be fired at chopper in area. A plt. size unit was sent out to check area.
1645H	4	S-3	While on a day time ambush at AT838583 a sqd. from F Co. spotted 8 VC/NVA of unknown unit with packs and weapons moving South to East. 60 mm and 81 mm Mortar and Arty. was called. Area was checked resulting in the capture of 2 NVA helmets.
2130H	5	S-3	While F Co. was set in a night pos. at AT867583 a Vietnamese male set off a trip flare. Man was captured and has been sent to S-2.
2400H	6	S-3	Journal Closed

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Date: 16 October 1969

Journal

(DTG) From 0001H To 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal Opened
0610H	2	S-3	While a plt. from H Co. was setting a night pos. at AT887589 1 man had an accidental discharge resulting in 1 USMC MedEvac.
0930H	3	S-3	The Bn. day watch at Hill 65 at AT878575 spotted 100 VC/NVA moving in open rice paddy. Arty. and 81 mm Mortar fire was called in resulting in 3 VC/NVA
1015H	4	S-3	While on day OP a sqd. from F Co. at AT823582 spotted 1 VC/NVA of unknown unit at AT825584. Unit sent a fire team to search area and received small arms fire, auto fire, RPG rd. Unit called in 81 mm and Arty. mission. Upon searching area unit found empty packages of AK cartridges, and a small pile of rice.
2000H	5	S-3	While setting in night pos. at AT867577 a plt. from F Co. a flare was set off. Illum. was fired and area was checked out and area will be checked out again at first light.
2045H	6	S-3	While setting in night pos. at AT887594 a plt. from H Co. spotted 6VC/NVA walking in front of their pos. Unit opened fire with M60 and small arms fire. Area was checked with neg. results.
2400H	7	S-3	Journal Closed

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Date: 18 October 1969

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(DTG) From 0001H To 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal Opened
0920H	2	S-3	A squad of F Co. at AT821585 in ambush fired small arms, claymore and M-79 at 2 NVA with weapons and green utilities with negative results.
1045H	3	S-3	A squad of F Co. returning from a blocking posit. received sniper fire from an estimated 5 VC at AT 8265777 and returned fire with negative results.
1050H	4	S-3	A squad of F Co. on patrol at AT 830585 fired on 5 VC/NVA at the same location. The resultant fire fight resulted in 1 USMC WIA Non Evac, 3 NVA/VC KIA's, 1 Ak-47 Rifle, 1 Chicom Grenade, 5 NVA packs, and miscellaneous documents.
1600H	5	S-3	106's on day watch at AT 877574 spotted 2 VC/NVA with rifles at AT 869563 and fired 1 HE & 2 Beehive rds with unknown results.
2152H	6	S-3	A squad ambush from F Co. at AT 834568 heard approx 15 VC/NVA moving West to North toward the F Co. Posit. at AT 839567. F Co. soon heard movement West to North and observed movement at AT 837569. Small Arms and Mortars were used with unknown results.
2215H	7	S-3	A squad ambush of F Co. at AT 834568 saw 2-3 NVA/VC and fired at them with unknown results.
2400H	8	S-3	Journal Closed.

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Date: 19 October 1969

(DTG) From 0001H To 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal Opened
0830H	2	S-3	A regional force unit turned a Chieu Hoi in to G Co's posit at AT 212552. Chieu Hoi was taken to Dai Loc IIT.
0915H	3	S-3	Viet. Children turned 1 105mm dud in to F Co posit. at AT 839567 and were given 400 P reward. Ordnance was destroyed.
1200H	4	S-3	A plt of G Co. found 1 M-26 grenade with trip wire in tree line at AT 823563. Ord. was blown in place.
1230H	5	S-3	F Co. snipers fired 10 rds at 1 VC/NVA at AT 844547 from their posit. at AT 838567 knocking man down. Kill could not be confirmed.
1300H	6	S-3	Viet. children turned in 1 155 rd. to H Co. at AT 839567. Ord. was blown and children rewarded.
1800H	7	S-3	Day Watch fired 50 cal. and 4 106 HE rds from their posit. at AT 877574 at 4 VC/NVA with packs at AT 863547 with unknown results.
1820H	8	S-3	E Co. found SFD with trip wire at AT 860574 and blew ord. in place.
2400H	9	S-3	Journal Closed.

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Date: 22 October 1969

(DTG) From 0001H To 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal Opened
0815H	2	S-3	Engrs. on rd. sweep with F Co. at AT853569 found 1 M-79 dud rd. and blew it in place.
1230H	3	S-3	A plt. of H Co. on sweep at AT813584 fired on 4 VC/NVA resulting in 1 male and 1 female VC/ NVA KIA and miscellaneous documents.
1500H	4	S-3	A plt. of H Co. on sweep at AT813589 spotted 2 VC/NVA running down mt. and, subsequently dis- covered a tunnel complex believed to be a storage area and messhall with sleeping quarters for 10 men containing 2 M-1 carbines, 3 30 cal magazines, 150 lbs. rice, 2 chicom grenades, and misc. cloth- ing and documents. VC/NVA escaped.
1615H	5	S-3	H Co. on sweep rcvd. 25 to 30 rds AK-47 fire fr. an unknown unit. Arty. was called with unknown results.
1950H	6	S-3	106's using a NOD at AT878575 spotted and fired on 2 VC/NVA crossing river with unknown results.
2005H	7	S-3	H Co. fired on 3 VC/NVA fr. there posit. at AT 568839 with unknown results.
2020H	8	S-3	106's with NOD fired on 2 VC/NVA fr. posit at AT877576 to AT884555 with unknown results.
2040H	8	S-3	106's with NOD fired on 3 VC/NVA crossing river at AT884555 with unknown results.

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Date: 24 October 1969

(DTG) From 000LH To 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
000LH	1	S-3	Journal Opened.
0900H	2	S-3	H Co on patrol at AT834555 found and blew in place 1 dud 105 rd & 1 dud 155 rd.
1330H	3	S-3	E Co on sweep at AT888554 apprehended 4 male VC suspects and sent them to the rear.
1345H	4	S-3	F Co. in day posit. at AT830563 were given 1 dud 106 HE rd by a PF.
1830H	5	S-3	E Co. making river crossing at AT885554 rcvd 20-30 rds. fire from AT878555 and answered with Small Arms, 106's, 81mm Mortar and Air with unknown results.
2145H	6	S-3	E Co. making river crossing at AT885554 rcvd. 30-40 rds fire from AT878555 and answered with Small Arms, 106's and Air Support with unknown results.
2200H	7	S-3	H Co squad set in ambush at AT837553 rcvd incoming Chicom grenades from est. 14 VC/NVA at AT 838553 and returned fire and claymores. Search revealed several blood trails. Results 1 USMC WIA Non Evac.
2400H	8	S-3	Journal Closed.

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Date: 27 October 1969

(DTG) From 0001H To 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal Opened.
0800H	2	S-3	A plt of H Co on patrol at AT823585 found caves and tunnels containing 4 RPG rds, 2 60mm Mortar rds, 2 AK-47 magazine pouches, 2 rice knives, 2 baskets, 20 bamboo poles approx. 28" long.
1030H	3	S-3	A sqd of E Co. on patrol at AT818554 found & destroyed 1 dud 105mm rd.
1100H	4	S-3	E Co. in day posit. at AT217553 called a fire mission on VC crossing river N to S at AT169541 but mission was check-fired.
1345H	5	S-3	A plt of H Co. on patrol at AT835566 had 1 M-79 rd turned in to them by VN child. Rd. was blown.
1630H	6	S-3	A sqd of H Co. on rd at AT825554 revd 3 rds. sniper fire fr. AT825556 & called in Bronco & 2 Cobras who checked area with neg. results.
1635H	7	S-3	E Battery fired a mission for Rio Grande at AT869474 who spotted 4 VC at AT890529 resulting in 1 VC KIA.
1715H	8	S-3	D Battery fired a mission for Rio Grande at AT869474 who spotted 10 VC at AT875537 moving S to SE direction carrying equip. resulting in 3 VC KIA
1730H	9	S-3	Mission fired by D Battery for Rio Grande at AT 883578 on 5 VC at AT878545 moving in S to SE

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(DTG) From 0001H To 2400H

DTG	SMR NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal Opened
0850H	2	S-3	G Co. at AT992800 found 1 250 lb bomb & blew it.
0900H	3	S-3	H Co. at AT279175 found 23 women & child., 1800 lbs rice, 850 lbs corn, 10 lbs beans, 30 lbs tobacco & 50 lbs oats.
1224H	4	S-3	H Co. at AT360067 found 1 250 lb bomb & blew it.
1245H	5	S-3	H Co. at AT892555 found 1 155mm rd & blew it.
1330H	6	S-3	G Co. at AT862560 saw 2 & killed 1 VC & recovered 1 M16 rifle & 4 magazines.
1500H	7	S-3	While searching village at AT898558 H Co. found 1 VC woman hiding behind a false wall with 1 M-1 Carbine, 1 SKS, 4 magazines, 1 camouflage sheet, & 3 pr. green shorts. Also misc. documents.
1700H	8	S-3	Bn CP at AT882557 found 1 105mm rd & blew it.
1730H	9	S-3	Bn CP at AT879554 found 1 60mm Mortar rd & blew it.
1745H	10	S-3	Bn CP at AT876556 fired on 4 VC/NVA at AT876557 moving NNW along river resulting in 2 POW's.
1745H	11	S-3	G Co. at AT877552 ambushed 15 NVA resulting in 4 NVA KIA, 1 NVA WIA, 1 AK-47, 1 AK-50, 1 ChiCom grenade, 3 AK magazines, 200 rds ammo., 1 pack with clothing, poncho, & documents.
1830H	12	S-3	G Co. at AT87_557 fired on 2 VC/NVA & killed 1 with a grenade when he hid in a bunker.
1830H	12	S-3	H Co. at AT898547 fired on 6 VC/NVA running in

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