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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 February 1969 to 28 February 1969

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines February 1969

I. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

A. Location: 1-28 February 1969 An Hoa, RVN

B. Commanding Officer, Staff Officers, and Company Commanders

Commanding Officer	LtCol J. W. STEMPLE	1-28 February 1969
Executive Officer	Maj J. L. OWENS	1-28 February 1969
Adjutant	1stLt J. F. SHEEHAN	1-28 February 1969
S-2	1stLt M. R. BAGGS	1-28 February 1969
S-3	Maj W. A. TILLEY	1-28 February 1969
S-3A	1stLt P. PACE	1-28 February 1969
S-4	1stLt J. J. UNGER	1-28 February 1969
S-4A	1stLt W. R. MELTON	1-28 February 1969
S-5	1stLt J. F. SHEEHAN	1-28 February 1969
CommO	1stLt L. G. SHILTON	1-28 February 1969
SupplyO	1stLt D. T. WELSH	1-28 February 1969
MTO	2dLt D. E. MARTIN	1-28 February 1969
ALO	Capt L. B. EVANS	1-28 February 1969
FAC	Capt R. S. DAVIS	1-28 February 1969
CO, H&S Co	1stLt D. L. LISTER	1-28 February 1969
CO, E Co	Capt J. A. WOGGON Jr.	1-28 February 1969
CO, F Co	Capt R. N. KINGREY	1-28 February 1969
CO, G Co	Capt H. J. POOLE	1-25 February 1969
	Capt R. W. POOLAW	26-28 February 1969
CO, H Co	Capt R. S. DREZ	1-28 February 1969

C. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFFICER</u>		<u>ENLISTED</u>
37		1126

	<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICER</u>		<u>ENLISTED</u>
4		57

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II. NARRATIVE SUMMARY.

On 1 February 1969, the Battalion helilifted to An Hoa for rehabilitation and refurbishment. On 5 February, participation in Operation TAYLOR COMMON was resumed with the rappelling of one reinforced rifle platoon into the canopy 20 miles southwest of An Hoa. After clearing an LZ, a rifle company (-) helilifted in that afternoon, with the Battalion arriving the next day. Search and destroy operations were begun with the building of landing zones throughout the AO undertaken to insure ready accessibility to the area at a future date. Contact with the enemy was light throughout. On 17 February the Battalion began a helilift to An Hoa which was completed on 18 February for 3 days of rehabilitation and refurbishment. On 21 February the Battalion was moved to Phu Lac (6) by convoy for operations on Go Noi Island. Movement by foot from Phu Lac (6) to Go Noi resulted in light enemy contact but numerous booby traps along the way. On 24 February the Battalion (-) was pulled out of Go Noi Island to search and clear the area in the Phu Nhuans, Chau Phongs and Le Nams. The Battalion encountered light enemy contact and on 28 February commenced a land clearing operation east of An Hoa in the Phu Nhuans.

III. SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

A. Personnel and Administration.

1. The Battalion joined five officers and 146 enlisted men during the month. Three officers and 153 enlisted men were transferred. Casualties sustained by the Battalion during the month were:

<u>BATTLE</u>				<u>NON-BATTLE</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>WLANE</u>	<u>NBD</u>	<u>NBC</u>	
4	26	0	12	7	19	68

2. Discipline, Law and Order.

a. During the month, three Special Courts-Martial were convened and one suspension of sentence was vacated. There is presently one General Court, two Special Courts, one Summary Court and one Article 32 Pre-trial Investigation pending. The Battalion has six men confined in the III MAF Brig as a result of Courts-Martials. There are two men awaiting administrative undesirable discharges.

b. Legal Assistance/Personnel Affairs. Most of the problems of individuals were handled at the Battalion level. Three cases were referred to the Division Legal Office for such problems as marriage counseling, powers-of-attorney and marital problems.

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3. Postal. Due to operational conditions, there has been an unusual delay in outgoing and incoming mail for the month. Letter mail for the month has been given priority over parcels and is delivered in the field as soon as possible.

4. Awards. There were one Silver Star Medal, two Bronze Star Medals, one Navy and Marine Corps Medal, four Navy Commendation Medals, and three Navy Achievement Medals received and presented with appropriate ceremony during the month. During this same period 110 U. S. Awards for meritorious service and heroism, and six awards of the Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry were processed by the Battalion.

5. Chaplain's Activities. Four Protestant Worship services were held with 338 men in attendance. There were also four Catholic services held. Four Memorial services were held while the Battalion was in the rear 18 through 20 February. The Chaplain counselled 37 Marines. The Chaplain visited 44 Marines at various military hospitals in DaNang and made one Brig visit.

B. Intelligence.

From 1 February to 17 February the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines continued participation in Operation TAYLOR COMMON, a multi-battalion sweep of the southwest sector of the 5th Marines TAOR. This sweep yielded no specific intelligence.

On 21 February the Battalion moved by convoy to Phu Lac (6) vicinity AT9353 in preparation for a sweep of Go Noi Island beginning the morning of 22 February. Contacts in the area were made with small groups and with snipers. A total of 19 booby-trapped grenades, known and unknown types of rounds and firing devices were detonated or destroyed.

1. The following units are listed in the initial intelligence reports as known or suspected to be in the area of operations:

- a. Group 44 Headquarters with support elements vic ZC1640
- b. 3d Battalion, 68-B Artillery vic ZC1845
- c. 1st Battalion, 68-B Artillery vic ZC1640
- d. 21st Regiment, 2d NVA Division vic ZC1548
- e. R20 Battalion, 38th Regiment vic AT9755
- f. 3d Sapper Battalion, 38th Regiment vic BT0458
- g. T89 Sapper Battalion, 38th Regiment vic AT9856
- h. V25 Battalion, 38th Regiment vic AT9856
- i. D7 Battalion, 38th Regiment vic AT9356
- j. 36th NVA Regiment vic BT0050
- k. 1st Battalion, 36th NVA Regiment vic BT0156
- l. 2d Battalion, 36th NVA Regiment vic BT0554
- m. 3d Battalion, 36th NVA Regiment vic AT9953

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2. Statistics of Casualties and Equipment.a. Ordnance.

- 1 - AK 47 magazine
- 1 - Trip flare
- 22 - Rounds small arms ammunition
- 4 - Chicom grenades

b. Field Equipment.

- 4 - NVA packs
- 2 - NVA messkits
- 1 - NVA canteen

c. Miscellaneous Items.

- 2 - sets of NVA utilities
- 1 - Sweatshirt
- Miscellaneous personal gear and documents

C. Training.

1. One hundred seven Marines were processed through indoctrination training prior to their deployment to the field.

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

a. Division Leadership Schools	5
b. Career Planning School (Ckinawa)	1
c. Career Planning School (DaWang)	2
d. Basic Organic Supply Accounting	2
e. Fiscal Clerk	1
f. Basic Infantry Weapons Repair	1
g. Maintenance Training Course KY 28/38	1
h. Ground Surveillance School	5

3. A three hour class on mines and booby traps was conducted by the Division Engineer Contact Team. Fifty-one Marines attended.

D. Close Combat.

The 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines continued participation in Operation TAYLOR COMMON. From 1 through 17 February the Battalion was under the operational control of the 3d Marines and continued operations 20 miles southwest of An Hoa. On 18 February operational control of 2nd Battalion was returned to 5th Marines. On 21 February the Battalion began operations on Go Noi Island. After the shelling and light probe of the An Hoa Combat Base on 22 February the Battalion (-) displaced from Go Noi to hill 42 vicinity AT9148 where extensive combat patrols were conducted.

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1. Supporting Elements. During the period of 1-17 February the Battalion was supported by Battery D, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines; Battery F, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines; Battery A, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines and two Provisional Batteries of 155's from the 12th Marines. During the period of 21-28 February Battery D, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines was in direct support of the Battalion.

2. Significant Fire Support Events. Overall fire support during the month of February was very good. Communications were inadequate to operate a centralized FDC. This was due to the excessive operating distance between batteries. The 3d Marines decentralized the control of the FDC alleviating the communications problems, thereby resulting in a quicker response to all fire missions. During the short period that the 12th Marines were trying to run a centralized FDC, it would take approximately one hour to get the first round on target. The 12th Marines then decentralized their FDC but still checked all initial data of the batteries. Delay time was reduced to twenty minutes.

F. Air Support.

1. Tactical Air Support. A total of 29 tactical air support missions were flown in support of the Battalion consisting of 36 sorties. Of these flights seven were controlled by an A0 and 22 flights were controlled by means of A6A Beacon.

2. Assault Helicopter Operations. The Battalion executed one Helicopter assault consisting of eight sorties.

3. Aerial Observation and Visual Reconnaissance. The Battalion utilized eight Aerial Observation missions consisting of eight sorties.

4. Medical Evacuations. The Battalion requested and received 19 missions consisting of 16 emergency, 10 priority and 29 routine medical evacuations.

G. Logistics.

During the period 5-17 February the Battalion operated in the jungle canopy 20 miles southwest of An Hoa. All resupply was made by helicopter from LSA at An Hoa. During the period 21-28 February resupply was made by truck convoy from An Hoa.

During the period 1-5 February the Battalion Armory conducted a limited technical inspection on all weapons. During the period 18-21 February a limited technical inspection was conducted on all crew-served weapons.

Construction of the Battalion mess hall, began in late December 1968 was completed 12 February 1969. The mess hall opened on 15 February utilizing a PU 239 as a temporary power source.

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1. Supply.

a. During the month of February four 106mm Recoiless Rifles were replaced.

b. The Battalion received three eleven inch typewriters, two manual embossers and one manual imprinter. One high pressure cleaning unit ordered during March 1968 was received on 15 February 1969.

c. Phase II of the operating budget requirements for fiscal year 1969, 1970 and 1971 were completed and submitted on 19 February. Planning estimates for the three years total \$3,983,264.

2. Motor Transport.

a. During the month of February the Motor Transport Section was relocated to 2nd Battalion area. A maintenance shop and an office were constructed and a lubrication rack is presently under construction.

b. During the month, twenty-four Marines completed a two day drivers orientation course and were issued operator's permits.

3. Medical.

a. The Battalion Aid Station consisted of two medical officers, one Chief Petty Officer and fifteen hospital corpsmen. The rifle companies were maintained at seven or eight hospital corpsmen per company. One medical officer and four hospital corpsmen were with the Command Group in the field.

b. There were thirty-two cases of Malaria from the Battalion during February.

c. There were eight cases of venereal disease from the Battalion seen this month; six gonorrhea, two chancroid.

d. The Battalion Aid Station conducted a general immunization and dental examination on all Battalion personnel during the periods 1-5 and 18-20 February 1969.

e. Statistics.

Total number of patients seen..1,219

Average number of patients seen per day..47

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F. Routine Medical Complaints.

Gastroenterities.....	0
Dermatological.....	138
Venereal Disease.....	8
Ear Disorders.....	17
Orthopedic.....	124
Rabies.....	5

H. Communications.

During the month of February a second and limited third echelon technical inspection was conducted on all PRC-25's, PRC-41's and PRC-77's. Field communications continued to be reliable with some friendly interference.

Due to the operating distance of the Battalion from An Hoa an automatic retransmission using two PRC-77's and MK-456 GRC, connecting cable was employed during the period 1 through 18 February 1969.

Relay was used for maintaining Battalion Administration Net from An Hoa to Hill 435 and Hill 570, Quan Thong Duc Province over 28 kilometers of mountainous triple canopy with two intervening ridge lines peaked by Ban Cao (1,031 meters), An Chau Dao (485 meters), Yang Brai (1,143 meters) and Nui Giang (787 meters). One leg of the shot was from An Hoa to either FSB Dagger or FSB Maxwell. The second leg of the relay was from either of the FSB's to the forward Battalion Command Post and the companies, depending upon their respective location.

Employment of the relay doubled the normal operating range of the AN/PRC-25 (normally rated 10 to 15 miles as maximum over level terrain).

1. Major Planning Requirements.

a. Frequency separation (by 3MHZ and avoidance of frequency harmonics).

b. Antenna orientation and siting to capture main strength of wave propagation.

c. Lead time of initially three hours to site, construct and test antennas and equipment. Relay team displaced three times; each time it was able to reduce its time. Siting equipment also involves tactical consideration for security and setting up equipment in defilade, though antennas must be on forward slopes.

2. Equipment Reliability.

a. In concept, an AN/PRC-25 is designed for this type of relay, though in actuality it does not work. Use of

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refined RT unit, the PRC-77 is necessary because of the squelch control and bypass necessary for proper retransmission. Only the two relay radios must be PRC-77, the other radios operating at either end can be any FM VHF unit. The relay, however, does not retransmit cipher transmissions.

b. The poor manufacture and design of the connecting cable MK-456/GRC necessitates a thorough pre-testing of cables. A total of nine cables were tested during the operation and only one worked. Cable failure is due to improper clearance of choke modules and the consequent strain on the module and to the poorly made sheathing throughout the five conductor cable.

c. Once the equipment had been tested and set up, the failure rate was significantly low and allowed this Battalion continuous communication when other units were suffering repeated lack of communications.

d. Total transmitting time. For a two week period total down time, excluding time to displace was approximately six hours. The longest down time was three hours when atmospheric conditions knocked out the use of a high frequency. Use of a low frequency allowed resumption of transmission.

I. Civic Action.

During the month of February, the Vietnamese were very receptive and cooperative in improving their communities. Many families were visited during Tet. The Commanding Officer and representatives visited with the hamlet chiefs of Phu Da 1 and Phu Da 2 at the Cao-Dai temple and at their homes during the Tet festivities. Plots of ground were designated by the hamlet chiefs in Phu Da 1 and Phu Da 2 for a dispensary. Second Battalion Corpsmen conducted a two hour visit daily, alternating between Phu Da 1 and Phu Da 2. The Corpsmen are training Vietnamese to conduct sick call. Eventually these Vietnamese will conduct sick call at the dispensary by themselves. A Vietnamese boy from Phu Da 1 was surgically treated for a cleft palate aboard the hospital ship USS Sanctuary at DaNang.

Construction of the school in Phu Da 1, began in late November 1968 was completed on 12 February 1969. The school is not expected to open until June 1969, the next school semester. Minor repairs were made on the school in Phu Da 2 during February.

The following items were distributed throughout the various villages during February:

- a. Scrap Lumber.....40 Tons
- b. Various Food Stuffs.....200 Pounds
- c. Soap.....55 Pounds

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Home and school repairs have progressed considerably. Leaflets and posters have been distributed to the people and placed on bulletin boards. Sanitation films were shown in the school at Phu Da 1.

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Date 9 Feb 69

Journal

(DTG) From 0001 To 2400

DTG	SER NO	ORG	INCIDENT
0001	1	S-3	Journal opened
0145	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #216 sent to Bn rear
0505	3	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #216 sent to 3d Marines
0705	4	S-3	Night activities for H and E secured
0715	5	S-3	G and F night activities are secured
0730	6	S-3	G 3 OP leaving friendly lines
0750	7	S-3	Follow up Spot Report #2 of 186 sent to Bn rear
0755	8	S-3	Follow up Spt Rpt #2 of #186 sent to 3d Marines
0830	9	S-3	E 1 slugger leaving friendly lines
0835	10	S-3	E 1 slugger at 010230
0850	11	S-3	E 2 at 024235
0937	12	S-3	G 1 now in friendly lines
0940	13	S-3	E 1 at 012235
1051	14	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #217 sent to Bn rear
1055	15	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #217 sent to 3d Marines
1100	16	S-3	H 1 at 032254
1105	17	S-3	E 2 back in friendly lines
1106	18	S-3	E 1 at 010230
1150	19	S-3	E 2 left team lines
1210	20	S-3	E 2 at 024235
1230	21	S-3	H 3 in team lines
1317	22	S-3	H 1 at 029250
1415	23	S-3	F 1 at 042232
1450	24	S-3	F 1 at 039231

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Date 9Feb69

Journal

(DTG) From 0001 To 2400

DTG	SER NO	ORG	INCIDENT
1453	25	S-3	F2 at 046237
1515	26	S-3	H1 back in team lines
1600	27	S-3	F2 heading back to team lines
1600	28	S-3	F1 in team lines
1635	29	S-3	6 hr Sit Rep #218 sent to LLR
1638	30	S-3	6 hr Sit Rep #218 sent to BW
1700	31	S-3	All day activities secured
1810	32	S-3	Day/night activities sent to LLR
1830	33	S-3	Day/night activities sent to BW
1956	34	S-3	Frag order sent to HC
2107	35	S-3	Frag order sent to LLR
2131	36	S-3	Night activities sent to Smitty
2135	37	S-3	Spot Report #187 sent to LLR
2235	38	S-3	Frag order sent to Smitty
2205	39	S-3	Spot Report #187 sent to BW
2230	40	S-3	Follow up SptRpt # 187 sent to LLR
2235	41	S-3	6 hr Sit Rep 219 sent to LLR
2236	42	S-3	Follow up Spot Report #187 sent to BW
2240	43	S-3	6 hr Sit Rep #219 sent to BW
2325	44	S-3	Frag order sent to BW
2400	45	S-3	Journal closed

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Date 10Feb69

Journal

(DTG) From 0001H To 2400H

DTG	SER NO	ORG	INCIDENT
.0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0115	2	S-3	Frag order sent to 3d Bn, 5th Marines
0450	3	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #220 sent to Bn rear
0505	4	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #220 sent to 3d Marines
0620	5	S-3	All CoG night activities are in
0725	6	S-3	CoF and CoH night activities secured
0745	7	S-3	CoF now moving
0800	8	S-3	Hotel 3 now leaving
0830	9	S-3	CoF and CoH chopped OPCON 3/3 at this time
0831	10	S-3	CoG beginning helolift to FSB SABER
0840	11	S-3	Lead elements of CoG at FSB SABER
0850	12	S-3	CoG helolift complete
0855	13	S-3	Lead elements of Bn CP helolifted to FSB SABER
1050	14	S-3	Bn CP helolift complete
1145	15	S-3	6hour Sit Rep #221 sent to Bn rear
1155	16	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #221 sent to 3d Marines rear
1420	17	S-3	CoG at 012344
1655	18	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #222 sent to Bn rear
1700	19	S-3	6 hour SitRep #222 sent to 3d Marines rear
1800	20	S-3	Day/Night activities sent to Bn rear
1810	21	S-3	Day/Night activities sent to 3d Marines
2005	22	S-3	Day/Night activities sent to 3d Bn, 5th Marines
2230	23	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #223 sent to Bn rear
2240	24	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #223 sent to 3d Marines

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001 To 2400

DTG	SER NO	ORG	INCIDENT
0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0445	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #224 sent to Bn rear
0502	3	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #224 sent to 3d Marines
0620	4	S-3	Addition to Sit Rep #224 sent to Bn rear
0624	5	S-3	Addition to Sit Rep #224 sent to 3d Marines
0715	6	S-3	CoG is leaving CoM lines
0815	7	S-3	CoG at the river
0900	8	S-3	CoE on the move
0920	9	S-3	CoG at ford on stream
0921	10	S-3	CoI 1A left friendly lines
0930	11	S-3	CoI 1A at 020346
1000	12	CoG	At ford building bridge
1001	13	CoE	At 019341
1020	14	S-3	CoI 1A at 020340
1040	15	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #225 sent to Bn rear
1050	16	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #225 sent to 3d Marines
1126	17	CoI	1A at 029340
1127	18	CoE	At 016335
1231	19	CoI	1A returned to friendly lines
1355	20	S-3	CoI 3 at 030350
1450	21	CoG	On other side of river
1455	22	CoE	Still at ford
1529	23	CoI	At 020346
1615	24	CoI	3d Platoon back in friendly lines

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001 To 2400

DTG	SER NO	ORG	INCIDENT
0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0500	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #228 sent to Bn rear and 3d Marines
0740	3	CoE	Company is moving out
0820	4	S-3	All night activities secured
0821	5	S-3	CoG is moving
0900	6	S-3	Spot Report #188 sent to Bn rear
0910	7	S-3	CoI2 at 020347
0920	8	S-3	CoI 2 at 015347
0925	9	S-3	Spot Report #188 sent to 3d Marines
0935	10	S-3	CoG at 004338
0937	11	S-3	CoI 2 at 012347
1030	12	S-3	CoG at 010336
1031	13	S-3	CoE at 015332
1032	14	S-3	CoM at 017334
1045	15	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #229 sent to Bn rear
1046	16	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #229 sent to 3d Marines
1110	17	S-3	CoE at obj 014327 starting external LZ
1115	18	S-3	CoG at 000336
1125	19	S-3	CoI 2 entering friendly lines
1127	20	S-3	CoG at obj 998339 starting external LZ
1250	21	S-3	CoM at 015333
1304	22	S-3	CoI 1 leaving friendly lines
1310	23	S-3	CoE's external LZ Completed- Internal LZ begun
1420	24	S-3	CoI 1 at 232344

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Date 13 Feb 69

Journal

(DTG) From 0001 To 2400

DTG	SER NO	ORG	INCIDENT
0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0450	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #232 sent to Bn rear
0456	3	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #232 sent to 3d Marines
0750	4	S-3	CoE ambushes now in
0800	5	CoG	G3 now leaving friendly lines
0833	6	CoE	Patrol now leaving friendly lines
0834	7	S-3	All night activities now secured
0855	8	CoE	E 2 at 017327
0920	9	CoI	I 2 at 020346
0950	10	CoI	I 2 at 015346
1005	11	CoG	G 3 set in at 993345
1007	12	CoG	G 1 now leaving friendly lines
1035	13	CoI	I 2 at 024347
1055	14	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #233 sent to Bn rear
1125	15	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3d Marines
1130	16	CoG	G 1 at 994341
1131	17	CoI	I 2 back in friendly lines
1135	18	CoM	Now at 995348 and building external LZ
1200	19	CoE	E 2 returned to friendly lines
1225	20	S-3	Blum's now at CoG's position
1315	21	CoG	G 1 at 991342
1316	22	CoI	I 3 at 027350
1518	23	CoE	Patrol now on the move
1547	24	CoI	I 3 now entering friendly lines

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Date 14 Feb69

Journal

(DTG) From 0001 To 2400

DTG	SER NO	ORG	INCIDENT
0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0005	2	S-3	Spot Report #191 sent to Bn rear
0015	3	S-3	Spot Report #191 sent to 3d Marines
0140	4	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #236 sent to Bn rear
0145	6	S-3	6 hour SitRep #236 sent to 3d Marines
0720	6	S-3	G 2&3 returning to CP and G 1 will continue patrol
0735	7	S-3	CoG(s) night activities secured
0737	8	S-3	CoI night activities secured
0738	9	CoM	Night activities all secured
0830	10	CoE	E 1 is moving out
0900	11	CoG	G 3 at 987344
0902	12	CoE	E 2 at 016316 establishing LZ
0930	13	CoI	I 3 at 024348
1010	14	CoG	G 3 at 994347
1033	15	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #237 sent to Bn rear
1040	16	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #237 sent to 3d Marines
1046	17	CoE	E 1&2 building LZ
1130	18	CoI	I 3 at 028346
1230	19	CoI	I 3 at 027345
1235	20	CoG	G 3 at 994342
1240	21	CoI	I 3 back in friendly lines
1245	22	CoG	G 1 at 987330
1300	23	CoI	I 1 leaving friendly lines
1304	24	CoG	Patrol (G-3) at 990343 returning to friendly lines

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001 To 2400

DTG	SER NO	ORG	INCIDENT
1315	25	S-3	G-3 patrol back inside friendly lines
1345	26	CoI	I 1 at 030342
1419	27	CoG	G 1 at 994333
1432	28	CoI	I 1 at 026337
1450	29	CoE	E 2 moving toward CoE CP
1535	30	CoI	I 1 at 025340
1655	31	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #238 sent to Bn rear
1705	32	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #238 sent to 3d Marines
1600	33	S-3	CoF chopped OPCON to 2/5
1925	34	CoE	Night activities sent to Bn rear
1950	35	Day	night activities sent to Bn rear
2000	36	S-3	CoM chopped OPCON to 3/5
2005	37	S-3	Day night activities sent to 3d Marines
2035	38	S-3	Spot Report #192 sent to Bn rear
2039	39	S-3	Spot Report #192 sent to 3d Marines
2108	40	S-3	Addit&on to day acts sent to Bn rear
2110	41	S-3	Additions to day acts sent to 3d Marines
2229	42	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #239 sent to Bn rear
2237	43	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #239 sent to 3d Marines
2400	44	S-3	Journal closed

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001 To 2400

DTG	SER NO	ORG	INCIDENT
0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0435	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #240 sent to Bn rear
0445	3	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #240 sent to 3d Marines
0720	4	CoG	G 2 entering friendly lines
0735	5	S-3	Co's E, F and I night activities secured
0752	6	CoG	G 1 set in and retired
0822	7	CoE	E 3 leaving friendly lines
0845	8	CoG	G 2 leaving friendly lines
0900	9	CoI	I 2 leaving friendly lines
0901	10	CoF	F 3 leaving friendly lines
0909	11	CoI	I 2 at 025348
0945	12	CoI	I 2 at 030347
0950	13	CoH	Helolift started
0953	14	CoF	F 3 at 984345
1030	15	CoE	E 3 joined E 1 at 015317
1031	16	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to Bn rear
1040	17	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #241 sent to 3d Marines
1044	18	CoI	I 2 at 034346
1058	19	CoH	Helolift completed at FSB SABRE
1100	20	S-3	CoH returned to OPCON 2/5
1101	21	CoG	G 2 at 993339
1112	22	CoI	I 2 at 030343
1130	23	CoG	G 2 PPB set in at 992338
1148	24	CoG	G 3 leaving friendly lines

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001 To 2400

DTG	SER NO	ORG	INCIDENT
0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0440	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #244 sent to Bn rear
0445	3	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #244 sent to 3d Marines
0658	4	CoI	I 1&2 leaving friendly lines
0730	5	CoF	All night activities secured
0737	6	CoG	G 2 entering friendly lines
0738	7	CoG	G listening post entering friendly lines (G-3 4)
0743	8	CoG	G 3 ambush entering friendly lines
0745	9	CoI	I 2 at 035343
0746	10	CoG	G 2 ambush in friendly lines
0807	11	CoG	G 1 listening post in friendly lines
0808	12	CoH	H 1&3 combat patrol now leaving friendly lines
0826	13	CoE	E 2 combat patrol now leaving friendly lines
0851	14	CoG	G 2B & 3B patrol leaving friendly lines
0900	15	CoG	G 3B combat patrol at 995329
0902	16	CoG	G 2 outpost set in
0903	17	CoH	H 3 combat patrol at 0233 4 2
0913	18	CoI	I 2 at 037344
0931	19	CoG	G 2B at 987337
0940	20	CoF	F 1 at 980344
0953	21	CoG	G 3 at 998333
1005	22	CoE	E 2 at 015324
1030	23	CoI	IIA at 032343
1035	24	CoH	H 1 at 024352

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(DTG) From 0001 To 2400

DTG	SER NO	ORG	INCIDENT
1045	25	CoG	G 2 at 987333
1047	26	CoG	G 3 at 004333
1050	27	CoH	H 3 at 017350
1100	28	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #245 sent to 3d Marines
1101	29	CoI	I 2 at 039344
1120	30	CoI	I 1 at 028338
1122	31	CoG	G 3 at 000330
1130	32	CoE	E 2 at 015318
1150	33	CoG	G 3B back in friendly lines
1200	34	CoF	F 1 back in friendly lines
1202	35	CoH	H 3 at 008350
1203	36	CoE	E 2 at 015318
1205	37	CoH	H 1 at 029348
1220	38	CoI	I 1 at 026342
1221	39	CoF	F 3 at 991352
1225	40	CoG	G2B in friendly lines
1230	41	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #245 sent to Bn rear
1245	42	CoI	I 1 now in friendly lines
1330	43	CoI	I 2 at 045348
1331	44	CoF	F 3 now in friendly lines
1345	45	CoE	E 2 at 010314
1404	46	CoI	I 2 at 051348
1445	47	CoI	I 2 at 048356 and set in for night
1530	48	CoE	E 3 at 015325

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001 To 2400

DTG	SER NO	ORG	INCIDENT
1531	49	CoE	E 2 at 004313
1545	50	CoH	H 3 at 001348
1617	51	CoE	E 3 at 017327
1625	52	CoH	H 3 at ckpt #4 and set in for night
1631	53	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #246 sent to 3d Marines
1650	54	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #246 sent to Bn Rear
1710	55	S-3	All day activities secured
1734	56	S-3	Day/Night activities sent to Bn Rear
1800	57	S-3	Day/Night activities sent to 3d Marines
1800	58	S-3	TET cease fire in effect
1801	59	S-3	Day/Night activities sent to all companies
1905	60	CoG	G 1&3 leaving friendly lines
1925	61	CoG	G 1 listening post set in
1930	62	CoG	Night activities set in
2000	63	CoF	Emergency medevac called
2105	64	CoF	Emergency medevac completed
2125	65	S-3	Spot Report #193 sent to Bn rear
2141	66	S-3	Spot report #193 sent to 3d Marines
2235	67	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #247 sent to Bn rear
2243	68	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #247 sent to 3d Marines
2400	69	S-3	Journal closed

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001 To 2400

DTG	SER NO	ORG	INCIDENT
0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0001	2	S-3	TET begins
0440	3	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #248 sent to Bn rear
0444	4	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #248 sent to 3d Marines
0710	5	CoI	I 2 returning to CP
0935	6	CoE	E 2 back in friendly lines
0910	7	CoH	H 3 at CkPt #7
1000	8	CoH	H 3 entering friendly lines
1005	9	CoI	I 2 entering friendly lines
1050	10	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #249 sent to Bn rear
1051	11	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #249 sent to 3d Marines
1200	12	S-3	2/5 chopped OPCON to 5th Marines
1245	13	S-3	CoI chopped OPCON to 3d Battalion, 5th Marines
1540	14	S-3	CoE helolifted to An Hoa
1600	15	S-3	CoF helolifted to An Hoa
1630	16	S-3	CoG helolifted to An Hoa
1700	17	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #250 sent to Bn rear
1730	18	S-3	Day/Night activities sent to Bn rear
1735	19	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #250 sent to 5th Marines
1810	20	S-3	Day/Night activities sent to 5th Marines
2258	21	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #250 sent to Bn rear
2302	22	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #251 sent to 5th Marines
2400	23	S-3	Journal closed

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H To 2400H

DTG	SER NO	ORG	INCIDENT
0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
1520	2	S-3	Bn left An Hoa by convoy
1620	3	S-3	Bn set in at Liberty Bridge
1715	4	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #1 sent to Bn rear
1725	5	S-3	6 hour Spt Rep #1 sent to 5th Marines
1726	6	S-3	Day/Night activities sent to Bn rear
1738	7	S-3	Day/Night activities sent to 5th Marines
1740	8	S-3	Spot Report #1 DTG 211705H sent to Bn rear
1755	9	S-3	Spot Report #1 DTG 211705H sent to 5th Marines
1756	10	S-3	Corrections to night activities sent to Bn Rear
1800	11	S-3	Corrections to night activities sent to 5th Marines
1756	12	S-3	Spot Report #2 DTG 211725H sent to Bn rear
1805	13	S-3	Spot Report #2 DTG 211725H sent to 5th Marines
1900	14	S-3	Spot Report #3 DTG 211800H sent to Bn rear
1921	15	S-3	Spot Report #3 DTG 211800H sent to 5th Marines
2156	16	S-3	Frag Order #2 sent to all subordinate units
2225	17	S-3	Frag Order #2 sent to 5th Marines
2230	18	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #2 sent to Bn rear
2240	19	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #2 sent to 5th Marines
2400	20	S-3	Journal closed

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Date: 22 Feb 69

Journal

(DTG) From 0001H To 2400H

DTG	SER NO	ORG	INCIDENT
0001	1	S-3	Journal opened
0145	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #3 sent to Bn rear
0815	3	S-3	Sweep team moved out
0852	4	S-3	Sweep team found one 81mm booby trapp
0909	5	S-3	Spot Rep #4 sent to Bn rear
0918	6	S-3	Spot Report #4 sent to 5th Marines
1036	7	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #4 sent to Bn rear
1040	8	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #4 sent to 5th Marines
1049	9	S-3	Spot Report #5 sent to Bn rear
1100	10	S-3	Spot Report #5 sent to 5th Marines
1140	11	S-3	CoE passed Obj 1 on way to Obj 2
1210	12	S-3	CoE passed Obj 2 on way to Obj 3
1320	13	S-3	Spot Report #6 sent to Bn rear
1350	14	S-3	Spot Report #6 DTG 221315H sent to 5th Marines
1400	15	S-3	CoE secured Obj 3
1545	16	S-3	Spot Report #7 DTG 221545 sent to Bn rear
1620	17	S-3	Spot Report #7 DTG 221545 sent to 5th Marines
Late Entry 1600	18	S-3	Day/Night activities sent to Bn rear
1626	19	S-3	Day/Night activities sent to 5th Marines
Late Entry 1600	20	S-3	CoK, 3/5 OPCON to 2/5
1715	21	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #5 sent to Bn rear
1725	22	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #5 sent to 5th Marines
1730	23	S-3	Spot Report #8 DTG 221640H sent to Bn rear
1802	24	S-3	Spot Report #8 DTG 221640 sent to 5th Marines

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DTG	SER NO	ORG	INCIDENT
1815	25	S-3	Corrections Night activities sent to 5th Marines
2000	26	S-3	Frag Order #3 sent to all Companies and CoK 3/5
2030	27	S-3	Frag Order #3 sent to 5th Marines
2004	28	S-3	Night positions sent to CoK
2005	29	S-3	Follow up Spot Report #8 sent to Bn rear
2031	30	S-3	Follow up Spot Report #8 sent to 5th Marines
2055	31	S-3	Spot Report #9 DTG 221830H sent to Bn rear
2110	32	S-3	Spot Report #9 DTG 221830H sent to 5th Marines
2140	33	S-3	Correction to Frag Order #3 sent to Companies and K
2220	34	S-3	Correction to Frag Order #3 sent to 5th Marines
2243	35	S-3	Spot Report #10 DTG 222100H sent to Bn rear
2246	36	S-3	Spot Report #11 DTG 222110H sent to Bn rear
2250	37	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #6 sent to Bn rear
2300	38	S-3	Spot Reports # 10 and #11 and 6 hour Sit Rep
∅	∅	∅	#6 sent to 5th Marines
2300	39	S-3	Frag order #4 sent to all companies, Bn rear
∅	∅	∅	and CoK
2400	40	S-3	Journal closed

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Date 23 Feb 69

Journal

(DTG) From 0001 To 2400

DTG	SER NO	ORG	INCIDENT
0001	1	S-3	Journal opened
0130	2	S-3	Frag Order #4 sent to 5th Marines
0155	2	S-3	An Hoa received incoming
0350	4	S-3	Spot Report #12 sent to Bn rear
0400	5	S-3	Spot Report #12 sent to 5th Marines
0530	6	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #7 sent to Bn rear
0535	7	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #7 sent to 5th Marines
0740	8	S-3	CoG on the move
0810	9	S-3	CoG point reached CoF
0820	10	S-3	CoK set in at 018518
0830	11	S-3	Spot Report #13 sent to Bn rear
0835	12	S-3	Spot Report #13 sent to 5th Marines
0905	13	S-3	Am tracs leaving CoH posit
0935	14	S-3	CoH moving out
1030	15	S-3	CoH at Obj 6 ready to make turn to Obj 8
1042	16	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #8 sent to Bn rear
1100	17	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #8 sent to 5th Marines
1115	18	S-3	Spot Report #14 sent to Bn rear
1121	19	S-3	Spot Report #15 sent to Bn rear
1215	20	S-3	Spot Report #14 sent to 5th Marines
1216	21	S-3	Spot Report #15 sent to 5th Marines
1500	22	S-3	CoG helolift to An Hoa
1520	23	S-3	CoG helolift completed
1540	24	S-3	Spot Report #16 sent to Bn rear

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H To 2400H

DTG	SER NO	ORG	INCIDENT
1542	25	S-3	Spot Report #16 sent to 5th Marines
1640	26	S-3	CoK chopped OPCON to 3/5
1641	27	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #9 sent to Bn rear
1645	28	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #9 sent to 5th Marines
1650	29	S-3	Bn CP moved out of position
1750	30	S-3	Spot Report #17 sent to Bn rear
1805	31	S-3	Spot Report #17 sent to 5th Marines
1830	32	S-3	Follow up spot Report to #17 sent to Bn rear
1838	33	S-3	Bn CP reached new position
1845	34	S-3	CoE 1 now leaving friendly lines
1850	35	S-3	Follow up Spot Report to #17 sent to 5th Marines
1850	36	S-3	Night activities sent to Bn rear and 1/5
1855	37	S-3	Night activities sent to 5th Marines
1920	38	S-3	Addition to day/night activities sent to 5th Marines
2048	39	S-3	Spot Report #18 DTG 232005H sent to Bn rear
2100	40	S-3	Spot Report #18 DTG 232005H sent to 5th Marines
2116	41	S-3	Follow up Spot Report #17 sent to Bn rear
2130	42	S-3	Follow up Spot Report #17 sent to 5th Marines
2210	43	S-3	Follow up #2 Spot Rep #17 sent to Bn rear
2225	44	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #10 sent to Bn rear
2230	45	S-3	Follow Up #2 Spot Rep #17 sent to 5th Marines
2235	46	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #10 sent to 5th Marines
2400	47	S-3	Journal closed

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Date 24Feb69

Journal

(DTG) From 0001H To 2400H

DTG	SER NO	ORG	INCIDENT
0001	1	S-3	Journal opened
0445	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #11 sent to Bn rear
0450	3	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #11 sent to 5th Marines
0843	4	S-3	Spot Report #19 sent to Bn rear
0850	5	S-3	Spot Report #19 sent to 5th Marines
0950	6	S-3	Spot Report #20 sent to 5th Marines
1039	7	S-3	6 hour SitRep #12 sent to Bn rear
1055	8	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #12 sent to 5th Marines
1400	9	S-3	BN CP, CoE and CoF moved out
1401	10	S-3	Spot Report #21 sent to Bn rear
1410	11	S-3	Spot Report #21 sent to 5th Marines
1530	12	S-3	Bn CP, CoE and CoF at Liberty Bridge
1550	13	S-3	CoH OPCON to 2/5
1650	14	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #13 sent to Bn rear
1700	15	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #13 sent to 5th Marines
1955	16	S-3	Posit Report on Bn (-) sent to 5th Marines
2225	17	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #14 sent to 5th Marines
2400	18	S-3	Journal closed

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Date 25Feb69

Journal

(DTG) From 0001 To 2400

DTG	SER NO	ORG	INCIDENT
0001	1	S-3	New Journal opend
0420	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #15 sent to Bn rear
0422	3	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #15 sent to 5th Marines
0800	4	S-3	Day activities sent to Bn rear
0820	5	S-3	Day activities sent to 5th Marines
0850	6	S-3	CoE moving out
1003	7	S-3	CoH at Obj 1
1027	8	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #16 sent to Bn rear
1045	9	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #16 sent to 5th Marines
1055	10	S-3	CoH at Obj 3
1340	11	S-3	CoH at Obj 1
1605	12	S-3	Night activities sent to Bn rear
1620	13	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #17 sent to Bn rear
1655	14	S-3	Night activities and 6 hour Sit Rep sent to Regt
2243	15	S-3	Frag Order #5 sent to all companies and Bn rear
2256	16	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #18 sent to Bn rear
1715	17	S-3	Spot Report #22 sent to 5th Marines
2330	18	S-3	Frag #5 and 6 hour Sit Rep #18 sent to 5th Marines
2400	19	S-3	Journal closed

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Date 26Feb69

Journal

(DTG) From 0001 To 2400

DTG	SER NO	ORG	INCIDENT
0001	1	S-3	Journal opened
0455	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #19 sent to 5th Marines
0720	3	S-3	Tower reported round hit AT885464
0900	4	S-3	CoH day activities sent to 5th Marines
0925	5	S-3	CoH day activities #2 sent to 5th Marines
0930	6	S-3	CoF reached CkPt #2 sent to 5th Marines
1013	7	S-3	H 2 at CkPt #3 sent to 5th Marines
1030	8	S-3	Spot Report #23 sent to 5th Marines
1042	9	S-3	H 2 at Obj #7 sent to 5th Marines
1045	10	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #20 sent to 5th Marines
1200	11	S-3	CoF at Obj #3 sent to 5th Marines
1230	12	S-3	CoH 2 at Obj #4 sent to 5th Marines
1235	13	S-3	CoH 2 at Obj 5 sent to 5th Marines
1320	14	S-3	Spot Report #24 sent to 5th Marines
1400	15	S-3	Spot Report #25 sent to 5th Marines
1430	16	S-3	CoF at Obj #6 sent to 5th Marines
1455	17	S-3	Spot Report #26 sent to 5th Marines
1700	18	S-3	Spot Report #27 sent to 5th Marines
1725	19	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #21 sent to 5th Marines
1930	20	S-3	CoF night activities sent to 5th Marines
2210	21	S-3	Spot Report #28 sent to 5th Marines
2330	22	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep # 22 sent to 5th Marines
2400	23	S-3	Journal closed

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001 To 2400

DTG	SER NO	ORG	INCIDENT
0001	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0140	2	S-3	Six hour Sit Rep #23 sent to 5th Marines
0857	3	S-3	E 3 moving down to road to prep fire for F-3
Ø	Ø	Ø	Rover vic AT905484
0945	4	S-3	F-3 Rover now departing friendly lines
0955	5	S-3	XO now departing CP for Phu Nhuan (2)
0956	6	S-3	F-3 at AT909480
1024	7	S-3	E-3 moving back to E CP
1040	8	S-3	F-3 at Ck Pt 2
1041	9	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #24 sent to 5th Marines
1120	10	S-3	F-3 at CkPt 3 AT905484
1407	11	S-3	Spot Report #29 sent to 5th Marines
1644	12	S-3	Spot Report #30 sent to 5th Marines
1712	13	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #31 sent to 5th Marines
1736	14	S-3	Spot Report #31 sent to 5th Marines
1900	15	S-3	Night activities 27Feb69 sent to 5th Marines
2230	16	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep #26 sent to 5th Marines
2400	17	S-3	Journal closed

