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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

3d Battalion, 9th Marines

Lieutenant Colonel G. C. COOK
1-22 February 1968Lieutenant Colonel E. J. LA MONTAGNE
23-29 February 1968SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company

Captain J. S. GRUBILL
1-29 February 1968

Company I

Captain J. L. TRUDEAU
1-16 February 19681stLt J. W. THEISEN
17-29 February 1968

Company K

Captain A. K. WARD
1-16 February 19681stLt B. E. HRYAN, JR.
17-29 February 1968

Company L

Captain J. S. ADAMS
1-5 February 1968Captain T. A. SCHEIB
6-29 February 1968

Company M

Captain R. A. O'NEIL
1-29 February 1968ATTACHED UNITS

Company L, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines

Captain J. M. MAC LAUGHLIN
1-25 February 1968

Company H, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines

Captain J. WILLIAMS
25-29 February 1968

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2. LOCATION

- 1-29 February 1968 - Battalion Command Post and two (2) Rifle Companies, THON SON LAM, Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam.
- Command Group "BR'VO" and three (3) Rifle Companies, CA LU Combat Operating Base, Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major J. P. OLIVER 1-29 February 1968
S-1	1stLt W. DUGAS 1-29 February 1968
S-2	1stLt B. E. BRYAN, JR. 1-16 February 1968
	2dLt T. A. MIX 17-29 February 1968
S-3	Major B. W. GARDNER 1-29 February 1968
S-4	1stLt J. J. BURKHART 1-5 February 1968
	Captain J. S. DAVIS 6-29 February 1968
S-5	1stLt D. E. STEPP 1-29 February 1968

4. AVERAGE STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1-29 February 1968, 3d Battalion, 9th Marines continued in the defense, construction, and occupation of THON SON LAM (XD 982545) and the CA LU Combat Operating Base (YD 012455). This included conducting security operations on Route #9 in assigned AO; denying enemy access through CA LU and BA LONG Valley; and conducting operations to destroy enemy forces and interdict enemy LOC's. Command Group "BRAVO" continued coordinating all functions and activities in the CA LU area.

On 5 February THON SON LAM received approximately 30 incoming enemy 122mm rockets causing extensive damage.

On 13 and 14 February 1473 refugees, fleeing the KHE SANH area, arrived at CA LU Combat Operating Base. By 16 February they had moved on toward CA M LO with the assistance of representatives from the government of the Republic of Vietnam.

At 1645 on 14 February Company K made contact with an enemy force of unknown strength west of CA LU Combat Operating Base. Company I (-) was sent to their assistance and both units returned to CA LU on 15 February.

At 1300 on 25 February OPCON of Company H, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines was passed to this battalion and OPCON of Company L, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines was passed to the 4th Marines.

On 28 February a reactionary force from the First platoon of Company L was inserted at the crash site of a CH-46 helicopter west of THON SON LAM to rescue survivors and remove bodies. Helicopters assisting were subjected to ground fire, however, the task was accomplished without further casualties.

Aggressive small unit patrols, ambushes and LP's continued to be conducted along with platoon patrols and 17 company size patrols.

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. FME organization committed to combat.
 - a. Combat mission assigned.

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(1) Conduct operations to maintain security of MSR Route #49 in AO.

(2) Provide security and labor for the construction of the CA LU Combat Operating Base.

(3) Provide security for the THON SON L'M Operating Base.

(4) Deny enemy access through CA LU/THON SON L'M area.

(5) Conduct operations to interdict enemy LOC's and destroy enemy forces in assigned AO.

(6) Provide "B'LD T'GLE" for Rough Riders on 15 minute notice.

b. Significant operations conducted. None.

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy.

KIA Confirmed ----- 13

d. Casualties sustained.

(1) KIA ----- 7

(2) MIA ----- 4

(3) DOW ----- 1

(4) DOW (NBC) ----- 1

(5) WIA ----- 105

(6) WU (NBC) ----- 3

e. New techniques employed. None.

f. Command relations. Command relations with all supporting units continued to be excellent. Coordination and assistance received on all levels of command functions has been excellent. During the period 1-29 February this unit remained under the OPCON of the 4th Marine Regiment.

g. Equipment.- During this period there were no serious problems with equipment and normal Marine Corps issue was sufficient in all respects.

h. Logistics. Support received during the period was sufficient to support operations.

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i. Civic Action

(1) On 13 and 14 February 1473 Montagnard refugees from KHE SANH passed through CA LU Combat Operating Base. They were given medical attention and a chance to rest before being directed on to the C/M LO area.

(2) 4,200 pounds of rice was given to local Montagnards in return for labor.

(3) A new chapel is being constructed by the Montagnards who will be paid with food and supplies.

(4) MedCap program is conducted weekly and meetings with hamlet chiefs are held three times a week. Relationship with the local people continued to be very good.

j. Administration. There were no administrative difficulties encountered during this period.

k. Personnel. Replacement personnel have been available in sufficient quantities to replace losses due to combat and rotation to CONUS.

l. Intelligence

(1) Weather

(a) The average high temperature for the month was 65 degrees fahrenheit, and average low was 52 degrees.

(b) Winds during the month of February were mostly from the north-northwest at an average of 9 knots per hour.

(c) Precipitation was greatest during the last half of the month. The accumulated amount of rainfall during the month was 7.15 inches.

(d) The relative humidity averaged 90%.

(e) Clouds increased after the first of the month. Clouds were broken to scattered at 300 feet. The sun shown through 2 out of 5 days. Ground fog occurred between 2400 - 0300 and usually cleared between 0800 - 1100.

(2) Terrain

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(a) USMC observation post, ROCKFILE (XD 979558) is the most dominant terrain feature in the area and provides the best observation of the AO. The other dominant terrain features within the AO include the RAZORBACK (XD 964573) and Hill 504 (XD 966467).

(b) The terrain within the AO is heavy brush and undergrowth, some of which is secondary jungles. In the low valley area, elephant grass is predominant and ranges from two to six feet in height.

(c) The mountains and hills within the AO range from gradual sloping hills to sheer cliffs. Some mountains are too steep for troops to move up fully combat loaded.

(d) The dominant streams and rivers of the AO include the Song Can Lo, Song Trinh Hin, and the Rivere De Quang Tri. There are numerous small seasonal streams in the AO which run fast and clear.

(e) The north-south road (XD 999564) to (XD 980436) is an all weather road and accurately marked on the map. (THON DON KINH, Sheets 6342I and II).

(f) All villages except those around CA LU (YD 012455) are destroyed but can be recognized as such. The villages around CA LU are presently occupied.

(g) Observation and Fields of Fire - The thick brush and vines which cover the mountains severely hamper observation and fields of fire. The lowlands are partially covered with thick brush which limits observation, however, for the most part the lowlands are marshland or old rice paddies covered with grass that permits excellent observation and fields of fire.

(h) Cover and Concealment, except in the areas of low grass, is excellent to outstanding.

(i) The major obstacles for foot troops is the brush, parts of which are almost impenetrable. The streams and rivers during and after rains also become obstacles. Wheel and track vehicles are restricted to road travel because of wet marshy lowlands and steep hills.

(j) Landing Zones for helicopters are limited to low grassy area, rice paddies, gently sloping hills, or hill tops covered with grass.

(3) Enemy Situation - from reports received, it is believed that elements of the 812th Regiment are located at XD 910620, elements of the 803rd Regiment at XD 980640, elements of the 18th Regiment at XD 890560, and the 29th Regiment at XD 970460. It is also reported that three unidentified units are located south of CA LU.

(4) Enemy activity in the area of the "ROCKPILE" and CA LU was slightly less compared to January. On 5 February Camp ROCKPILE took approximately 30 rounds of 122mm rockets fired from XD 932534. On 14 February Company K made contact with an unknown size enemy force at XB 985446, killing 13 of the enemy. A recon unit at XD 955538 made contact with an estimated 5 to 7 NV/VC. There were a total of 8 sightings and 3 contacts during the month. Fighting holes, bunkers and new trails were found.

m. Communications. The Communications Platoon continued to provide support for the Battalion, and no difficulties were encountered. During this period the Battalion received its scheduled DYE MARKER equipment. This consisted of four (4) AN/PRC-25 radios, twenty five rolls of WD-1/TT wire, two (2) AN/MSS-3 search lights mounted on M-151's, six (6) AN/PFS-6 radar sets, twelve BB-606/U batteries, two (2) T-14 annunciators, and two (2) intrusion detector devices.

n. Fire Support

(1) Firing in direct support of the Battalion was the 1st Battalion, 12th Marines.

(2) During the month of February there were 312 missions with a total of 2601 rounds being fired. There were 52 unobserved missions, 258 observed and 2 illumination missions. There was an additional 2508 rounds fired for H&I's bringing the total to 5109 rounds fired.

o. Air Support. A detailed breakdown by type of aircraft is listed below:

TYPE	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>
Medevac - Routine	14	14
Priority	6	6
Emergency	5	5
Resupply - Routine	7	4
Priority	4	4
Emergency	2	2
Helo Recon	2	2
Helo Gunship	2	2
Troop Lift	2	2
Admin Lift	4	4
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<u>TYPE</u>	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>
Fixed Wing - C/S	2	1
D/S	0	0
TPQ	254	UNK
Flaeship (1C-47)	2	2

p. Chaplain

(1) Divine Services - Protestant.

(a) Number of Services: 31.

(b) Total Attendance: 699.

(c) Number receiving Holy Communion: 89.

(d) Lay Led Services: 2.

(2) Divine Services - Catholic.

(a) Number of Services: 2.

(b) Total Attendance: 87.

(c) Lay Led Services: 7.

(3) Significant Events.

(a) Memorial service for U. S. Army: 47 attended.

(b) Arrangements completed for construction of chapel at CA LU.

q. Medical

(1) The medical status of the Battalion is presently satisfactory.

(2) There were 993 visits to sick call this month, 954 Marines, 30 Army and 9 Navy.

(3) 530 Vietnames civilians were treated this month.

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TIME ENTERED	DATE/TIME GROUP	JOURNAL	ACTION
010840 H	010830 H	Mike Co. observed 2 enemy in the open at XD 995525. 81's and arty were called, the results and other information are unknown.	
020950 H	020945 H	Lima Co. found 2 enemy fox holes at XD 996465. Estimated to be 4 days old.	
021630 H	021608 H	O.P. North observed 1 NVA squad at XD 964548. 81's, 40mm, 106's, and arty were called. Good coverage with unknown results.	
021800 H	021720 H	O.P. Sue observed to our south at XD 976507 2 enemy in the open. 81's called with good coverage. The results are unknown.	
030110 H	030059 H	O.P. Sue observed 3 enemy from their L.P. They heard raking sounds. Threw 2 grenades and had small arms fire with negative results. XD 989535	
030135 H	030130 H	Mike Co.'s L.P. heard noise. They fired 60mm with negative results. A recon of the area showed 1 claymore and a number of flares missing. The wire was also cut. XD 986543	
031345 H	031340 H	Lima Co. Found 20 fighting holes (2 1/2' x 2 1/2' x 3 - 5 to 6 months old) and destroyed them.	
031400 H	031342 H	H&S Co. observed 2 enemy (XD991522) 81's called with unknown results.	
032200 H	032145 H	Lima Co. had 1 enemy grenade thrown at position (XD 981543). Fired small arms with negative results.	
051200 H	051130 H	Lima Co. found 7 to 8 three man bunkers and a mortar position. (XD 987447) Destroyed bunkers - plan heavy H&I.	
051250 H	051246 H	Camp Rockpile received 25 to 30 rounds of 122 rockets and small arty (XD 935535) 81's and arty returned.	

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TIME IN TERROR	DATE/TIME GROUP	JOURNAL	ACTION
051650 H	051630 H	A.O. observed active rocket sites at XD 925495.	
051640 H	051635 H	4th Marines B - 2 observed unidentified unit within 1500 meters (XD 940440)	
062300 H	062205 H	Camp Rickpile received 2 rounds of 60mm outside of perimeter (South of XD 990542). Fired an 81 mission.	
071200 H	071155 H	Lima Co. found 60mm and M-26 and they were blown in place. (985554)	
071210 H	071155 H	Lima Co. observed smoke in trees at YD 025486. Arty mission called with good coverage.	
071310 H	071300 H	Recon reported contact (XD 964537) Small arms, mortars, and grenades. They retreated to posit. after 81 mission.	
082200 H	082105 H	Trip flare set off in Lima Co.'s area. Small arms fire and grenades. Search of area showed negative results. (XD 981544)	
091050 H	091014 H	Kilo Co. received 5 rounds of 60mm from XD 989456. 81 and arty mission. Rounds taken at XD 997446	
110820 H	110810 H	Mike Co. found fresh boot tracks, believed to be 4 enemy. (XD 986534)	
111200 H	111150 H	O.P. Eve observed 3 enemy appeared to be digging in (XD 937534) Arty mission called with good coverage.	
111400 H	111345 H	The "Bravo" observed enemy machine gun (XD 955440) Called arty mission with unknown results.	
121700 H	121635 H	Kilo Co. received 7 rounds of small arms, 17 rounds of 60mm. They returned fire with Laaw's, 60's, 81's, and 4.2 mortars. Rastlts - 1 secondary explosion at 985447	

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TIME ENTERED	DATE/TIME GROUP	JOURNAL	ACTION
141700 H	141645 H	(XD 992454) Kilo Co. received small arms fire, 1 known .50 cal. machine gun, and 60 mm fire. Returned 81 and arty mission in XD 987456.	
141925 H	141920 H	Recon Observed 2 enemy in black P.J.'s and bush hats. (XD 973548)	
151010 H	151000 H	Kilo Co. received small arms and machine gun and mortar fire. They returned small arms, 81's and air. (XD 988456)	
152020 H	152000H	Kilo and India Co. received 2 rounds of unknown arty. (XD 994445)	
152120 H	152115 H	Mike Co. observed 1 enemy and fired small arms. (XD 982532)	
151120 H	151105 H	(XD 988446) Kilo reports that Helicopters received heavy volume of small arms and machine gun fire. Came from 985443. Recon found possible 105 mm booby trap (XD 971474)	
162320 H	162225 H	O.P. Wyn received 4 rounds incoming (965536)	
181350 H	181335 H	Recon found 30 bunkers (3'x3') 6 months old, C&B Rations, and a 1 week old Newport Pack. (XD946557)	
181340 H	181335 H	Recon found trench running due north 4x4x100 meters. Looks old and unused. (XD 948552)	
191800 H	191745 H	Recon made contact with approximately 5 - 7 enemy using small arms and auto. weapons. (XD 955538)	
211220 H	211210 H	3rd Plt. Kilo heard noise that appeared to be construction. 81 mission fired with good coverage. (XD 998455) Results unknown.	

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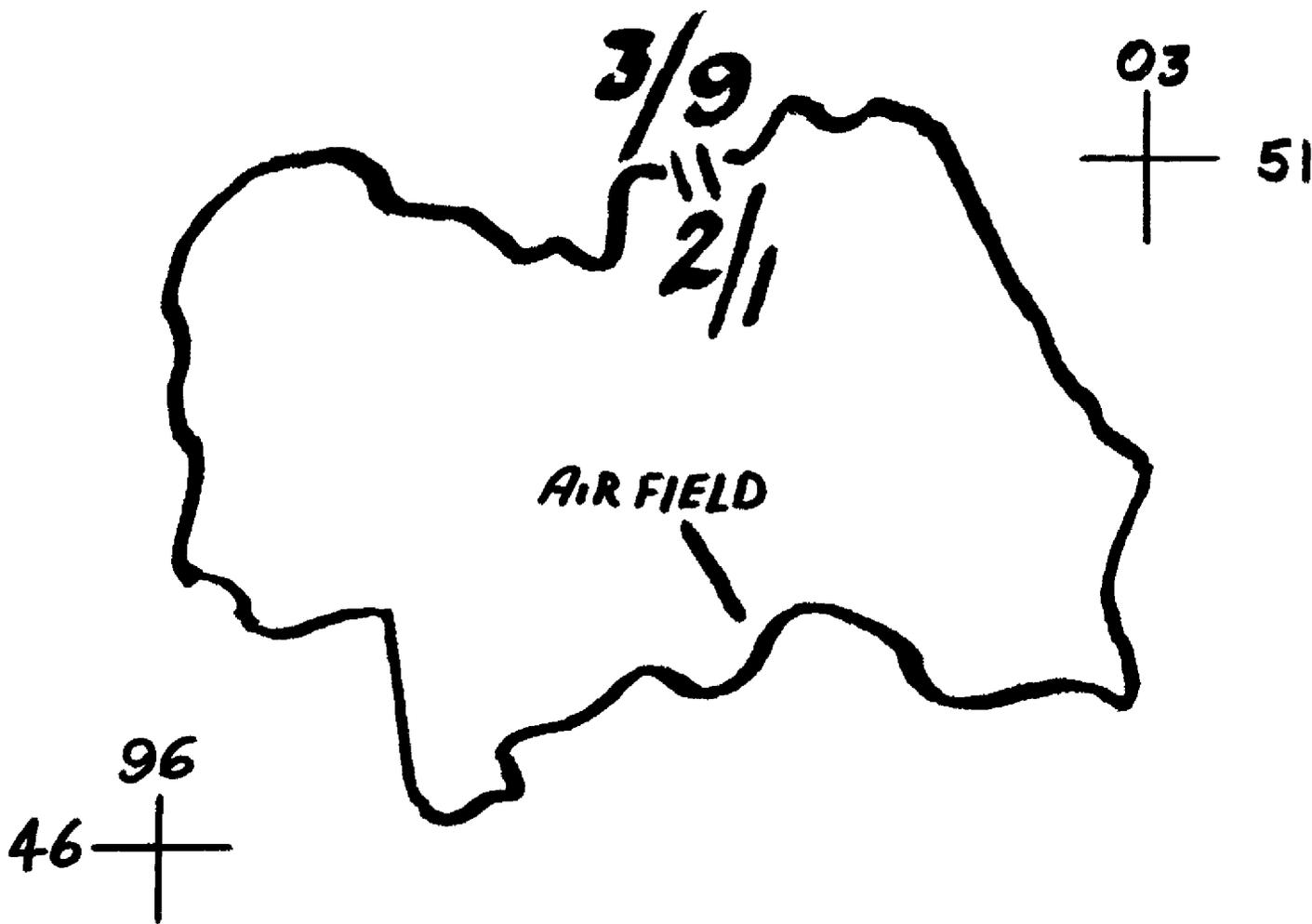
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TIME ENTERED	DATE/TIME GROUP	JOURNAL	ACTION
211510 H	211500 H	Snipers observed 3 enemy in the open. 22 rounds of 81mm HE. Good coverage with unknown results. (XD 967505)	
211850 H	211800 H	O.P. Wyn observed 7 NVA in the open. Arty, 81's and 106's with good coverage. Results are unknown. (XD 967505)	
211800 H	211730 H	O.P. Wyn spotted smoke (XD 957511) 106's fired with 1 secondary explosion. 105's mission with 4 secondary explosions.	
281350 H	281300 H	(YD 935528) CH - 46 shot down by .50 cal.	
291220 H	291200 H	Dixie Diner Hotel (2) found 1 NVA boot and scull (with shrapnel holes) init Estimated 3-6 months old. (YD 001483)	

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OVERLAY

Boundaries of AO assumed by 2d Battalion, 1st Marines on 22 March 1968.

Ref. (a) Map. Vietnam 1 50,000. Series L7014, Sheets 6342I, and 6342II.

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PLACE THON SON LAM, RVN	
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TIME		SERIAL NO	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS MESSAGES ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps F-1 roops S-Staff F-File
IN	OUT				
1003		1	140945H	Approximately 200 civilians arrived at CA LU COB this morning. MEDCAP is being held, and the refugees moved down to the village. One of the refugees claims to be a popular force soldier who escaped from the NVA. He will be sent to Camp J. J. CARROLL on the first available transportation.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1645		2	141645H	Company K at XD 992451' receiving small arms and .50 caliber fire followed by 60mm mortars. 81mm and artillery missions returned fire. AO in the area. Probable enemy positions XD 987456 and XD 975462.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1847		3	141500H	Company L found two (2) M33 fragmentation grenades at YD 001564, apparently had fallen off returning convey.	S-F, 4th Mar. S-4
1900		4	141900H	Company K still receiving mortar fire. Estimate new position at XD 993450. The Company commander and the Executive Officer both are wounded seriously.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1935		5	141935H	Company K, 3d Plt with CP group unable to move because of heavy casualties. Enemy strength and positions still unknown. Artillery being fired at XD 975458. 1st, 2d, and 3d Platoons are separated. The Battalion Executive Officer moved to YD 005455 with a platoon security from Company I to coordinate communications with Company K. The 1st Platoon then moved down to Route #9.	S-F, 4th Mar.
2106		6	142106H	Casualties brought to CA LU COB by motor vehicle from 1st Platoon Company K position on Route #9.	S-F, 4th Mar.
2134		7	142134H	The S-3a moved to Company K, 3d Platoon at XD 987448 assumed command as The Company Commander of Company K. Received incoming mortars while being inserted. Wounded medevaced by chopper. Company K 1st, 2d and remnants of the 4th Platoon are	

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152400H Feb 1968

TIME		SERIAL NO	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS MESSAGES ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps I-Troops S-Staff F-File
IN	OUT				
0420		1 ¹	150420H	The Executive Officer, his Company I security, 1st Plt, 2d Platoon and 4th Platoon Company K entered the CA LU COB.	S-F, 4th Mar.
0655H		2	150655H	Company K's Company Commander and remaining elements of 3d Plt commenced search of area for stragglers. Recovered body of The Company Executive Officer.	S-F, 4th Mar.
0856		3	150856H	Medevac choppers received small arms fire from unknown location. Mission completed.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1105		4	151105H	Company K began moving to CA LU position by way of former site of contact.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1203		5	151203H	Company K made enemy contact at XD 988446. Received heavy volume small arms and automatic weapons fire from estimated reinforced platoon.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1223		6	151223H	AO is on station.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1235		7	151235H	CA LU reports that the village chief of LANG KHAT and 13 hamlet chiefs met last night and decided they will not go down BA LONG Valley. They desire permission to go up Route #9 and will accept all responsibility of receiving enemy fire or harassment. If permission is not granted they will return to KHE SAHN.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1255		8	151255H	Company K secured position on hill at XD 988446. Request emergency medevac and ammo resupply.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1320		9	151320H	Medevacs to be hoisted out. Choppers received ground fire and the mission was abandoned.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1450		10	151450H	Fixed wing strikes at XD 985443.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1558		11 ¹	151558H	Company I is on the way to link up with the remaining elements of Company K, link up completed.	S-F, 4th Mar.

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TIME		SERIAL NO	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS MESSAGES ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps I-Troops S-Staff F-File
IN	OUT				
1055		1	191055H	First elements of 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines Hotel Company touched down at the CA LU COB.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1130		2	191055H	Choppers to CA LU carrying elements of Company H, 2/4, received ground fire at XD 020480.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1913		3	191737H	Recon team reports contact at 1738H. 1st Platoon Company L sent to OP WYN as reactionary to aid them. Estimate enemy at 5-7 NVA at XD 955538. 1808H Recon back inside OP WYN perimeter. Firing 81mm and artillery. 2' USMC WIA (minor).	S-F, 4th Mar.
1930		4	191827H	OP TEXAS heard active machine gun position at XD 983493. Direction of MG was firing was unknown. Muzzle flashes were not observed but sounds were heard. Target taken under fire with 11 rounds 106HE. 2d round produced secondary explosion 3 to 4 times as larger than normal 106 round. 3d round produce explosion with large flash, lighting up treeline for about 100 meters. And appeared to be a chain reaction of several explosions. Artillery mission fired with good coverage. No secondaries.	S-F, 4th Mar.
2217		5	192130H	Company M patrol while moving toward check point H (ambush site) heard movement (XD 981539) to west side of road. Point man opened up with small arms, voice was heard (apparently giving command), patrol saturated area with small arms and M79 fire, threw grenades and pulled back to south bridge. Firing 81mm mission, patrol will move out later to different area.	S-F, 4th Mar.

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TIME		SERIAL NO	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS MESSAGES ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M- Maps I- Troops S- Staff F- File
IN	OUT				
0725		1	280638H	Company I reports their second bridge (YD 005470) had a jet drop approximately 5 bombs about 75 meters outside their perimeter. The jet, traveling north to south, was flying above the clouds and made only one pass over the position. There were no casualties.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1020		2	280900H	An air reconnaissance indicates that a bridge at XD 990496, and 2 culverts, one north of the bridge at XD 990497, and one south of the bridge at XD 990494, have been blown for at least 2 days. The culvert to the north can be bypassed to the west with no problem, and the culvert to the south can be bypassed to the east with no problem. The bridge will require about 1 hours work with a bull dozer to fill a stream to the east before it can be bypassed.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1055		3	280930H	A Recon unit, working south of CA LU COB, observed 8 NVA waiting in ambush. They exchanged small arms fire with unknown results, pulled back on high ground and adjusted mortar fire. Surveillance of the target is being continued at this time.	S-F, 4th Mar.
1745		4	281229H	A CH46 flying west was hit by ground fire approximately 6000 meters west of THON SON LAM. The chopper exploded on impact at XD 915523. 20 Marines from 1st Platoon, Company L were inserted as a reactionary force. The recovered 22 bodies and 1 survivor, which were moved to an LZ approx 100 meters from the crash site. The extraction was completed by 1650, during which the choppers received automatic weapons fire. Upon the completion of the extraction, artillery missions were fired and TPQ missions requested.	S-F, 4th Mar.

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