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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

3rd Battalion, 11th Marines

COMMANDERLtCol K. M. MUELLER
1-31 JanuarySUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery, 3/11

Capt G. BEILEY
1-31 January

Battery G, 3/11

Capt J. H. MAGER
1-31 January

Battery H, 3/11

Capt W. A. PARKER
1-31 January

Battery I, 3/11

Capt R. A. CRANE
1-31 January

Mortar Battery, 3/11

Capt C. W. CHELTELII
1-31 January2. LOCATIONHeadquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
1-31 January: Hoi An BT152457Battery G, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
1-10 January: Dai Loc BT016463 (1 guns)
1-10 January: Hiep Duc BT027341 (2 guns)
11-31 January: Hiep Duc BT027341Battery H, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
1-31 January: Hoi An BT151450Battery I, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
1-31 January: Hiep Duc BT946345**UNCLASSIFIED**

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Mortar Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
1-31 January: Hoi An BT140446

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Unassigned
1-17 January
Major R. J. SEED
18-31 January

Liaison Officer

Major J. A. WEINGARTEN
1-31 January

Adjutant/Personnel Officer

2ndLt R. H. BESWICK
1-31 January

S-2

1stLt S. D. SUSMAN
1-25 January
1stLt R. M. SLATTERY
26-31 January

S-3

Major N. J. SPITZER
1-31 January

S-4

Capt W. R. OTTO
1-28 January
Capt J. J. MULHOLLAND
29-31 January

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1stLt J. R. KIRK
1-25 January
1stLt R. M. SLATTERY
26-31 January

Ordnance Officer

Capt D. P. BIGLER
1-31 January

Motor Transport Officer

2ndLt J. C. RUPPEL
1-31 January

Communications Officer

Capt G. BELEY
1-31 January

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Survey Officer

Unassigned
1-31 January

Naval Gunfire Officer

Lt(jg) T. M. MOMSEN (USN)
1-31 January

Battalion Surgeon

Lt R. H. NICHOLSON (USN)
1-31 January

Battalion Chaplain

Lt P. R. PILARSKI (USN)
1-31 January

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
46	550	5	12	0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the past month, this battalion continued to support units of the 7th Marine Regiment in search and destroy and rice denial operations throughout the Regimental TAOR.

On 6 January at approximately 0120, units on Landing Zone ROSS came under a combined mortar/sapper attack by elements of the 409th Sapper Battalion. The attack was repulsed with little material damage but at the cost of 14 US KIA and 40 WIA. The enemy suffered 40 KIA. One POW was taken. During the action, countermortar fire was conducted by Battery I from FSB RYDER and 3rd Platoon, 1st 8" Howitzer Battery from Landing Zone BALDY.

On 28 January an M-35 truck belonging to Battery G detonated a 150 lb (estimated) pressure activated box mine, while in transit from Landing Zone BALDY to Landing Zone ROSS. The truck was towing a 105mm howitzer at the time. The incident occurred in the vicinity of BT105420. The truck was completely destroyed, with 2 KIA and 3 WIA.

On 15 January the 7th Marine Regiment instituted the "Combined Unit Pacification Program" with the insertion of the first two teams.

These teams, each operating in conjunction with an RF/PF platoon in its own area of operations, are comprised of the squads of "A" company 1st Battalion, 7th Marines. By the end of the month 9 teams had been inserted in various areas throughout the Regimental TAOR. The 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines fired numerous missions in support of the CUPP program during the month.

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CONSOLIDATION OF AMMO EXPENDITURE
AND SURVEILLANCE

ROUNDS BY CALIBER

<u>UNIT SUPPORTED</u>	<u>4.2"</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>8"</u>	<u>TOTAL MISSIONS</u>
7th Marines	1,435	25,888	5,748	350	2,484
11th Marines	536	5,749	1,485	910	508
ARVN	98	507	212	0	43
Recon	0	0	0	0	0
Army	52	326	0	0	17
ROK	0	0	0	0	0
Total	<u>2,121</u>	<u>32,470</u>	<u>7,445</u>	<u>1,260</u>	<u>3,052</u>

SURVEILLANCE

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>KIA (C)</u>	<u>KIA (P)</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>Structures Destroyed</u>	<u>Secondary Explosions</u>
3/11	136	0	0	2	0
3/11 & Others	0	0	0	0	0
Others	<u>132</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	268	0	0	6	0

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. NARRATIVEa. Personnel and Administrative

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
(1) Losses				
Administrative	3	56	1	0
Battle KIA	0	2	0	0
Battle WIA (evac)	0	5	0	0
Battle MIA	0	0	0	0
Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
Non-battle	0	5	0	0
(2) Replacements	3	61	0	1
(3) Net Loss	0	8	1	0
(4) Net Gain	0	0	0	1

b. Intelligence. It appears that the enemy attacks in the early portion of the month has initiated the second phase of his Winter-Spring Offensive. His offensive activity will be characterized by attacks by fire, sapper attacks, and possibly even conventional ground attacks by NVA regular and MF units against limited targets. Based on available information the enemy's goal will be the destruction of the pacification program, with the city of Da Heng, for psychological reasons, also a highly desirable target.

c. Organization and Operations. Units of this battalion did not participate in a named operation during the month of January. Firing batteries occupied positions at LZ's RALLY and ROSS and FSB's RYDER and BUSHWACK at various times throughout the month. Battery "K" 4/13 continued its mission of reinforcing 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines and was redesignated as "K" Battery 4/11 on 22 January. 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (-)

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also continued its mission of reinforcing 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines. On 11 January Battery G, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines displaced four howitzers from FSB BUSHWHACK (BT016463) to LZ ROSS (BT027341) as the operation conducted by 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines in the northern portion of the Que Sons terminated.

d. Training. General military subjects training were held throughout the month of January. Technical MOS training, with particular emphasis on artillery safety, were conducted during the month. All newly joined personnel completed the five-day indoctrination training at the battalion level, including familiarization firing of T/O weapons, prior to assignment to a battery.

e. Logistics, Equipment and Supply. During the month of January a total of 2,234,560 pounds of ammunition and supplies were airlifted to batteries located at Fire Support Bases RYDER and BUSEWHACK. Additionally, frequent convoys were sent from LZ BALDY to LZ ROSS to maintain a constant flow of ammunition and supplies to batteries located at that position (LZ ROSS). January marked the completion of many construction projects in the areas of billeting, messing, maintenance, and sanitation facilities. During the month, construction of a centralized water system began; completion of this project is expected within the early portion of the month of February.

f. Civic Action/Civil Affairs. A Vietnamese operated laundry-barber concession stand was opened in the Battalion CP. A weekly MEDCAP in NOC BAI village started during the month of January. No CACOR was assigned to this unit.

g. Psyops. Negative report.

h. Combined Action Company Program. Negative report.

i. Medical. The Battalion Aid Station treated 449 Marine outpatients and referred 21 other Marine patients to higher medical facilities. A MEDCAP program was initiated in the Village of NOC BAI (BT144458), treating 82 Vietnamese patients. 415 immunization shots were administered.

2. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

2 January Battery I was credited with 20 KIA on a mission fired on 25 NVA at AT938366 for the IOD team (RYDER). Ref:

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- S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III).
- 6 January Units on LZ ROSS under attack by 409th Sapper Bn. Ref: S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III), S-2 Journal (Part IV, Appendix II).
- 10 January Battery G (-) was credited with 11 KIA on a mission fired on 50 VC/NVA moving SE at AT98274722 for the IOD team (Hill 425). Ref: S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III).
- 11 January Battery G (-) displaced to LZ ROSS (BT027341), re-joining the battery rear, laid on azimuth 4000 mils. Ref: S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III), S-4 Journal (Part IV, Appendix IV).
- 18 January Major R. J. SEED joined the battalion; assigned duties as Battalion Executive Officer. Ref: S-1 Journal (Part IV, Appendix I).
- 22 January Battery K 4/13 redesignated Battery K 4/11. Ref: S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III).
- 28 January A 6x6 truck (belonging to Battery G) detonated a 150 pound pressure activated box mine, while towing a 105 howitzer from LZ BALDY to LZ ROSS. The truck was totally destroyed and the howitzer was slightly damaged. Casualties were 2 KIA, 3 WIA (evac). Ref: S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III), S-4 Journal (Part IV, Appendix IV).
- 29 January IOD team at FSB RYDER spotted a male, possibly a US prisoner, being guarded by 1 NVA at AT90753720 (Antenna Valley), and joined by 3 other NVA. 7th Marines alerted and preparing helilift. Ref: S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III), S-2 Journal (Part IV, Appendix II).
- 29 January Battery K 4/11 was credited with 10 KIA on a mission fired on 18 VC in open at AT99544805 for the IOD team (Hill 425). Ref: S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III).

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31 January

Battery I was credited with 21 KIA on a mission fired on 40 NVA dressed in grey and black uniforms, carrying packs and rifles at AT938366 for the IOD team (RYDER). Ref: S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III), S-2 Journal (Part IV, Appendix II).

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S-1 Journal
3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
Da Nang Combat Base
010001H January 1970 to 312400H January 1970

010001		Journal Opened
010800	1	Officer Tr To HQ Btry 11th Marines
010800	1	Enl Tr To USNH Yokosuka w/Sk
030800	1	Enl Tr To HQ Btry 11th Marines
031300	1	Enl To Sk NBC
040900	1	Enl Fr Sk NBC
050800	7	Enl Tr To CONUS
051300	1	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
060800	5	Enl Tr To CONUS
060900	1	Enl Fr Sk NBC
071000	1	Enl To Sk NBC
071730	1	Enl Jd Fr USNH Guam
080800	1	Enl To Sk NBC
080800	7	Enl Tr To CONUS
090800	2	Enl Tr To CONUS
091500	1	Enl Fr Sk NBC
091730	2	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
100800	1	Enl To Sk NBC
101300	1	(USN) Enl Jd Fr CONUS
110800	1	Enl Tr To USNH Yokosuka w/Sk
110800	2	Enl Tr To CONUS
110900	1	Enl To Sk NBC
111300	1	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
111900	1	Enl To Sk WIA
121300	1	Enl To Sk WIA
140800	1	Officer Tr To CONUS
140800	3	Enl Tr To CONUS
141730	2	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
141730	1	Enl Jd Fr H&S Bn 1st Marine Division
141730	1	Enl Jd Fr HQ Btry 11th Marines
142115	1	Enl To Sk NBC
150800	1	Enl To Sk NBC
151800	7	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
160800	2	Enl Tr To CONUS
160800	1	Enl Tr To USNH Guam w/Sk
160800	1	Enl Tr To USNH Yokosuka w/Sk

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161700	2	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
170800	1	Enl Tr To USNH Yokosuka w/Sk
171130	5	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
171615	1	Enl Jd Fr HQ Btry 11th Marines
181700	1	Maj SEED Jd Fr HQ Btry 11th Marines, assigned duty as Battalion Executive Officer
191600	2	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
200800	1	Enl Tr To USNH Phila Pa. (CONUS) w/Sk
201030	1	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
212145	1	Enl To Sk NBC
220900	1	Enl Fr Sk NBC
221100	1	Enl To Sk NBC
221300	1	Enl To Sk NBC
230900	1	Enl To Sk NBC
231300	9	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
241800	1	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
241900	1	Enl To Sk WIA
251000	1	Enl Fr Sk NBC
251700	2	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
251700	1	Officer Jd Fr 5th 175 Guns 1st Marine Division
260800	2	Enl Tr To CONUS
261700	1	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
261700	1	Enl Jd Fr Camp Smedley Butler
271200	1	Enl Fr Sk NBC
271500	6	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
271600	1	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
271700	2	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
280800	1	Enl Tr To CONUS
281300	2	Enl To Sk WIA
281330	2	Enl Dropped KIA
281500	3	Enl Jd Fr H&S 3rd AmTrac Bn 1st Marine Division
281627	1	Officer Jd Fr 3rd 175 Guns 1st Marine Division
290800	14	Enl Tr To CONUS
290800	2	Officers Tr To CONUS
290800	1	Enl Tr To 1st Bn 11th Marines
290800	1	(USN) Officer Tr To 1st Bn 11th Marines
290800	1	Officer Tr To 1st Bn 13th Marines
290800	3	Enl Tr To 2nd Bn 11th Marines
291300	3	Enl Jd Fr H&S Co 1st Med Bn 1st Marine Division
291300	5	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
301500	1	Enl Fr Sk NBC

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S-2 Journal
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010001H January 1970 to 312400H January 1970

010001H Journal Opened.

031100H L/3/7 (AT973399) observed 14 enemy moving southwest, engaged with small arms and 60mm mortars. Called fire mission (81mm Mortars) results 4 NVA KIA. Found 1 AK-47 1 Chicom, 1 AK magazine, 1 New 30 Caliber Machine gun and assorted clothing and 782 gear.

031230H D/1/7 company defensive position (AT027373) Called air strike on enemy base camp and ammo dump, Results 1 secondary explosion, company will sweep.

032000H Recon Team "Prime Cut" (AT957542) observed 20 VC/NVA with packs and weapons moving west to east. Called fire mission resulting in 6 VC/NVA KIA.

040750H M/3/7 defensive position (AT970408) received 10 60mm Mortar rounds. Called fire mission mortars observed 1 secondary explosion. Swept area and found 6 60mm mortar round caps. Observed 2 additional rounds impact in vicinity (AT958413), called fire mission mortars with unknown results.

041315H L/3/7 platoon combat (AT967398) while searching base camp received small arms and automatic weapons fire from 1 NVA squad, results 4 USMC WIA (Evac) and 1 USMC WIA (Non-evac). Called fire mission (81mm mortars), swept area and found 6 bunkers. Medevac chopper received small arms fire, results 1 USMC WIA (Evac). Medevac was completed by chase bird.

041700H H/2/7 squad combat observed 15 enemy moving along railroad tracks (BT071477). Engaged with small arms and called fire mission with unknown results.

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060200H

H/2/7 squad defensive position (BT108423) received 50 60mm mortar rounds, resulting in 7 PF KIA, 4 PF WIA (Evac), Called fire mission with unknown results.

060230H

FSB ROSS (BT027343) received 200 to 250 mortar rounds followed by a sapper attack. Resulting in 14 USMC KIA, 40 USMC WIA (Evac), 40 NVA KIA and 1 NVA POW.

082215H

C/1/7 squad ambush (AT983321) observed 40 NVA moving west on river bank. Called fire mission with unknown results.

091250H

M/3/7 platoon combat (AT997421) observed 17 NVA moving north. Engaged with small arms resulting in 1 NVA KIA.

092017H

Recon Team "Prime Cut" (AT995480) observed 30 VC/NVA moving west to east on trail with packs and weapons. Called fire mission with unknown results.

091500H

G/2/7 company sweep (BT054444) observed 20 enemy moving into caves. Called fire mission, swept area and received 1 chicon grenade resulting 1 USMC WIA (Nonevac). Engaged with small arms and found 15 NVA KIA.

101900H

Recon Team "Prime Cut" observed 60 enemy moving east on trail in vicinity (AT982472) with packs and weapons. Called fire mission resulting in 11 enemy KIA.

112230H

F/2/7 platoon defensive position (BT102472) received 4 M-79 rounds from northwest, resulting in 1 USMC KIA and 3 USMC WIA (Evac). Called fire mission with unknown results.

120050H

1/7 CP defensive position (BT026343) received 2 RPG rounds, fired 81mm mortars on suspected enemy position with unknown results.

140730H

Recon Team "Prime Cut" observed 20 enemy going into bunkers in vicinity (BT016494) with packs and weapons. Called fire mission resulting in 6 enemy KIA and 2 bunkers destroyed.

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141115H F/2/7 platoon combat (BF099478) observed 15 enemy moving from platoon. Engaged with small arms, enemy returned small arms, resulting in 2 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIA (Evac). Called gunships on station, swept area and found 10 enemy KIA and captured 2 AK-47 and detained 1 VC suspect.

141900H Recon Team "Prime Cut" observed 21 enemy moving east on trail in Vicinity (AT981464) with packs and weapons. Called fire mission resulting in 6 enemy KIA.

172245H Recon Team "Prime Cut" observed 30 VC/NVA moving northeast to southwest (AT994478). Called fire mission resulting in 6 VC/NVA KIA.

201130H 2/7 CP (BF113468) observed 35 enemy moving west with packs and weapons. Called fire mission mortars and swept area with negative results.

201910H Recon Team "Prime Cut" observed 29 enemy moving east on trail in vicinity (AT985475) with packs and weapons. Called fire mission resulting in 6 enemy KIA.

202120H A/1/7 CUPP defensive position (BF087367) observed 60 VC with packs and weapons moving southwest. Called fire mission with unknown results.

210950H Recon Team "Razor Bill" observed 30 to 40 VC/NVA (AT991441) moving northwest on trail with packs and weapons. Called fire mission with negative observation.

251100H A/1/7 CUPP 2-2 (BF053385) received 3 incoming 82mm mortar rounds. Called fire mission on suspected enemy position with negative results.

251915H Recon Team "Prime Cut" observed 61 VC/NVA moving northeast on trail in Vicinity (AT981464). Called fire mission with negative observation.

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281305H A/1/7 CUPP Team #4 (BT099413) 1 6x6 truck hauling 105mm howitzer with 6 passengers moving southwest on route 535 detonated 1 150lb box mine with pressure type device. Resulting in 2 USMC KIA, 3 USMC WIA (Evac). Truck destroyed with negative damage to gun. Team #4 administered first aid and completed medevac.

281715H 3/7 CP (BT100414) 7th Marine vehicles held up on road due to EF and RF contact. Vehicles received small arms and M-79 rounds resulting in 2 USA WIA (Evac). USA attached to 7th Marines. Vehicles returned to LZ BAIDY.

291700H D/1/7 (AT907371) IOD observed possible US POW, accompanied by 3 enemy with weapons, entering hut complex in vicinity (AT907371). Platoon of USMC helo-lifted into area to attempt to rescue POW. Upon entering LZ and while sweeping area received small arms fire from unknown size enemy force, resulting in 2 USMC WIA (Evac), 5 USMC WIA (Nonevac). Returned fire and called air strike (Cobra) resulting in 4 NVA (1 Female) KIA and 2 NVA killed by air. Platoon left under fire with negative sighting of US POW. Platoon found 1 medical pouch and barber equipment and observed bunker complex.

300230H B/1/7 killer team (AT940311) observed 15 enemy sitting in huts 50 meters away. Engaged with small arms and swept area found 5 NVA KIA. Killer team withdrew north.

301540H A/1/7 CUPP Team #1 and RF platoon (BT094369) received heavy volume small arms and automatic weapons fire from approximately 30 enemy. Engaged with small arms resulting in 2 VC KIA and 4 POW's. POW's forwarded to compound.

301645H D/9th Engineers (BT078386) 1 dump truck moving northeast on route 535 detonated 1 30lb box mine with pressure type device, resulting in negative casualties and medium damage to truck. Mine was in right track of road.

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311400H

C/1st Engineers road sweep (BF078385) 1 6x6 truck (USN) moving northeast on route 535 detonated 1 100lb box mine in left track of road. Results 1 USN KIA, 2 USN WIA (Evac), 1 USMC WIA (Evac), total damage to truck.

311915H

D/1/7 company defensive position (AT949344) IOD observed 40 enemy carrying packs and weapons moving east along trail. Called fire mission resulting in 30 NVA KIA by artillery and 5 NVA KIA by D/1/7

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010001H Journal Opened.

011800H New Year's CEASE FIRE terminated.

011800H TOF mission fired on 27 VC at BT034397, BT033398, and BT034398 by Batteries G (-), K 4/13, and G (rear) for FSCC, reported as an intelligence target (B-2 rating).

011835H Mission fired on 2 NVA at AT921378 by Battery I for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 1 KIA.

011910H Mission fired on 1 NVA at AT921378 by Battery I for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 1 KIA (second mission fired on same target).

012400H Fired 64 missions, expending 1003 rounds.

020550H Mission fired on 8 VC/NVA in uniforms at AT98514758 by Battery G (-) for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 4 KIA.

021405H Mission fired on bunkers at AT988478 by Battery G (-) for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 1 bunker destroyed, 3 KIAs and 1 WIA.

021622H Mission fired on 7 NVA at BT017522 by Battery G (-) for IOD team (Hill 119) resulted in 3 KIA.

021635H Mission fired on 6 VC at BT019389 by Battery K 4/13 for FC D 1/7 resulted in 3 KIA.

021905H Mission fired on 25 NVA at AT938366 by Battery I for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 20 KIA.

022400H Fired 99 missions, expending 1405 rounds.

031910H Mission fired on 20 NVA at AT98274722 by Battery G (-) for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 6 KIA.

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032400H Fired 72 missions, expending 1097 rounds.

042400H Fired 77 missions, expending 1171 rounds.

052030H TOT mission fired on suspected 409 Sapper Battalion at AT988294, AT977297 and AT963296 by 3rd 175 Gun Btry (-), 2nd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry, K 4/13, Battery G (rear) and Battery I.

052400H Fired 73 missions, expending 920 rounds.

060100H SPOTREP received from 2nd Plt. 1st 8" How Btry (LZ ROSS). Being attacked by sappers, with CHICOM grenades, satchel charges, 82 mortars, and RPG's. Perimeter between 2nd Plt, 8", and K 4/13, had been penetrated, with the penetration forces thrown back. One AK47, a number of CHICOMS, two M-16's and other undetermined gear captured. One friendly WIA (evac).

061600H Further report received on attack on LZ ROSS. Friendly casualties were 13 USMC KIA, 31 WIA (evac) and 20 WIA (minor). Enemy casualties were 34 NVA KIA. Attack made by 3 companies of the 409th Sapper Bn. LZ ROSS received in excess of 200 rounds of 82mm mortars.

061650H Enemy casualties at LZ ROSS reported to be 38 KIA.

061705H Mission fired on 4 VC in open at BT01783990 by Battery K 4/13 for FO D 1/7 resulted in 1 KIA.

062400H Fired 136 missions, expending 2034 rounds.

072400H Fired 118 missions, expending 1370 rounds.

081222H Mission fired on 1 NVA at AT993488 by Battery G (-) for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 1 KIA.

082400H Fired 97 missions, expending 1499 rounds.

091442H Mission fired on 4 NVA chopping wood at AT911351 by Battery I for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 4 KIA.

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092400H Fired 102 missions, expending 1649 rounds.

100730H Mission fired on 1 VC with pack at AT98114640 by Battery G (-) for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 1 KIA.

101835H HST reported 30 VC/NVA climbing hill to FSB BUSHWHACK (BTO28478). Grid not cleared by ARVN; enemy taken under fire by gunships.

101905H Mission fired on 15 NVA/VC with packs and rifles moving west at AT938366 by Battery I for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 9 KIA.

101921H Mission fired on 50 VC/NVA moving southeast at AT98274722 by Battery G (-) for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 11 KIA.

102400H Fired 115 missions, expending 1761 rounds.

111200H MOVREP received from Battery G (-). Displacing to LZ ROSS (BTO27341).

111510H Mission fired on 2 NVA in open with packs, rifles and dressed in green uniforms at AT938366 by Battery I for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 1 KIA.

111700H FIRECAP received from Battery G. Battery center BTO2703413, laid on azimuth 4000 mils.

111910H Mission fired on 2 NVA at AT938366 by Battery I for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 1 KIA.

112315H SPOTREP received from Battery G. A 1/7 found 80 fresh graves at BTO28348. One grave was dug up, revealing one Vietnamese body killed by fragmentation. Body believed to have been killed during attack on LZ ROSS.

112400H Fired 105 missions, expending 1463 rounds.

120806H Mission fired on 4 NVA with mortar tube at BTO2224862 by 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 2 KIA.

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121520H Mission fired on 3 NVA running into bunker at BT00265081 by 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 2 KIA, and confirmed by IOD team (Hill 119).

121928H Mission fired on 12 NVA at AT99544805 by 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 6 KIA.

122400H Fired 115 missions, expending 1364 rounds.

130823H Mission fired on 3 NVA in bunker at BT00924899 by 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 1 KIA.

132400H Fired 52 missions, expending 503 rounds.

141139H Mission fired on 20 NVA in bunkers at BT01694915 by 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 2 bunkers destroyed and 6 KIA.

141933H Mission fired on 21 VC at AT99494829 by 2nd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 2 KIA.

142400H Fired 70 missions, expending 771 rounds.

152400H Fired 84 missions, expending 766 rounds.

161735H Mission fired on 3 NVA with packs and rifles at AT921373 by Battery I for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 3 KIA.

161900H Mission fired on 5 NVA with packs and rifles, dressed in green utilities at AT921373 by Battery I for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 3 KIA.

162134H Mission fired on 8 NVA with packs and rifles at AT99544805 by 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 4 KIA.

162400H Fired 91 missions, expending 1254 rounds.

170935H Mission fired on a VC company at BT060390 by Battery H for FO A 1/7 resulted in 3 KIA.

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172320H Mission fired on 30 VC at AT98114640 by 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry, reinforced by Battery K 4/13, for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 5 KIA.

172400H Fired 73 missions, expending 972 rounds.

180113H Mission fired on 12 NVA/VC at AT98114640 by 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry, reinforced by Battery K 4/13 for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 9 KIA.

181820H Mission fired on 30 NVA/VC carrying packs and rifles at AT921373 by Battery I for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 2 KIA.

181820H Reinforcing mission fired on 30 NVA/VC at AT921373 by Battery K 4/13 and 2nd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 3 KIA.

182400H Fired 101 missions, expending 2173 rounds.

190025H Mission fired on 6 VC at AT98024640 by 2nd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 2 KIA.

192400H Fired 93 missions, expending 1194 rounds.

200049H Mission fired on 5 VC at AT98114640 by 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 3 KIA.

201825H Mission fired on 8 NVA with packs and rifles in open at AT921373 by Battery I for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 4 KIA.

201941H Mission fired on 29 NVA at AT99544805 by 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 6 KIA.

202400H Fired 110 missions, expending 1580 rounds.

211645H Mission fired on 1 NVA crossing a stream at AT921373 by Battery I for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 1 KIA.

211749H Mission fired on 5 NVA carrying packs and rifles crossing stream at AT921373 by Battery I for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 4 KIA.

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211911H Mission fired on 23 NVA carrying packs and rifles, moving west, at AT921373 by Battery I for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 5 KIA.

212400H Fired 142 missions, expending 1933 rounds.

220051H Mission fired on 8 VC/NVA at AT98114640 by 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 3 KIA.

221925H Mission fired on 8 NVA with packs and rifles at AT926373 by Battery I for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 8 KIA.

222226H Battery K 4/13 redesignated Battery K 4/11.

222400H Fired 126 missions, expending 1619 rounds.

230340H Mission fired on 10 VC/NVA on trail at AT98114640 by 2nd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 9 KIA.

230615H Mission fired on 8 VC/NVA on trail at AT97934644 by 2nd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 1 KIA.

231735H Mission fired on 4 NVA/VC with packs at AT894360 by Battery I for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 1 KIA.

232400H Fired 92 missions, expending 1145 rounds.

241923H Mission fired on 5 NVA/VC carrying packs and rifles and dressed in green utilities moving east at AT938366 by Battery I for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 5 KIA.

242400H Fired 97 missions, expending 1535 rounds.

250117H Mission fired on 8 VC at AT98114640 by 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 3 KIA.

252400H Fired 86 missions, expending 1031 rounds.

260142H Mission fired on 4 VC on trail at AT98114646 by 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 1 KIA.

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261950H Mission fired on VC in open at AT98484737 by Battery K 4/11 for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 5 KIA.

261953H Mission fired on 22 VC in open at AT98524736 by 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 6 KIA.

262400H Fired 105 missions, expending 1595 rounds.

270134H Mission fired on 2 VC in open at AT98114640 by 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 1 KIA and 1 dud.

270327H Mission fired on 3 VC in open (believed searching for dud on previous mission) at AT98114640 by 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 3 KIA.

271059H Mission fired on 2 NVA in hut at BT000483 by 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 2 KIA and hut destroyed.

271955H Mission fired on 18 VC/NVA at AT98524736 by Battery K 4/11 for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 4 KIA.

272011H Reinforcing mission fired on 18 VC/NVA at AT98524736 by 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 3 KIA.

272400H Fired 142 missions, expending 1205 rounds.

281012H Mission fired on 5 VC in hut at BT000483 by 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 5 KIA.

281345H SPOTREP submitted. A 3/11 truck towing a 105 howitzer from LZ BALDY to LZ ROSS was blown up by a mine at BT105420. Casualties were 2 USMC KIA, 3 USMC WIA (evac); all personnel, except 1 WIA, were 3/11 personnel. Further report to follow.

281830H Followup SPOTREP. The 6x6 truck, belonging to Battery G, detonated a 150 lb pressure activated box mine, creating a crater 12x8 feet. The truck was totally destroyed, and the howitzer being towed was slightly damaged, and a replacement weapon was staged for lift tomorrow.

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281925H Mission fired on 10 NVA dressed in green utilities with packs and rifles at AT921373 by Battery I for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 6 KIA.

282400H Fired 86 missions, expending 1531 rounds.

291230H SPOTREP submitted. IOD team (RYDER) spotted 1 male, appeared to be a US prisoner, being guarded by 1 NVA at AT90753720. Three NVA moved from southwest to join them. One NVA appeared to be interrogating the prisoner. Three went into a hut and the other is presently standing guard outside. IOD has the hut under observation. 7th Marines informed; are preparing to helilift reaction force in attempt to rescue the prisoner, with Battery I standing by to fire smoke screen for cover.

291700H SPOTREP received. A sweep was made by an infantry platoon. Enemy was engaged with small arms fire, and air, with no contact with the suspected prisoner, after which the platoon was extracted.

291959H Reinforcing mission fired on 18 VC in open at AT99544805 by 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 4 KIA.

292000H Mission fired on 18 VC in open at AT99544805 by Battery K 4/11 for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 10 KIA.

292215H SPOTREP forwarded. Four rockets impacted approximately 1500 meters south of LZ BALDY airstrip. Fired counter rocket fire.

292400H Fired 88 missions, expending 1585 rounds.

301030H Mission fired on VC/NVA assembled in hut at AT90753720 by 2nd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 1 KIA.

301410H Mission fired on 25-30 VC in open at BT109365 by Battery G for Army advisor resulted in 2 KIA.

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301455H Mission fired on 9 IFA entering bunker at BT005485 by 3rd Plt, 1st 8th How Btry for IOD team (Hill 425) resulted in 7 IFA and 1 bunker destroyed.

301530H Precision destruction mission fired on 2 VC standing by hut at AT907372 by Battery I for Battery I Exec O resulted in 2 IFA and hut destroyed from a direct hit.

302045H BROTHAF received. Battery I (AT946344) reported post in front of the IOD team location spotted 2 VC/IFA dressed in black approximately 75 meters in front of the wire. Fired 60mm mortar HI and illumination, and engaged enemy with 160 fire. Checked wire after contact broken with negative results.

302400H Fired 126 missions, expending 2023 rounds.

311940H Reinforcing mission fired on 40 IFA at AT938366 by Battery I A/11 for IOD team resulted in 9 IFA.

311945H Mission fired on 40 IFA dressed in gray and black uniforms, carrying packs and rifles, at AT938366 by Battery I for IOD team (RYDER) resulted in 21 IFA.

312400H Fired 115 missions, expending 2145 rounds.

312400H Journal Closed.

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010001H January 1970 to 312400H January 1970

- 1 January Journal Opened
- 1 January Airlifted resupplies to Battery I at FSB RYDER (AT946345) consisting of 1380 rounds of fuzed HE, 144 WP, and 64 MTSQ fuzes.
Airlifted hot food to Battery G's forward position at FSB BUSHWHACK (BT016463).
- 2 January Airlifted resupplies to Battery G's forward position at FSB BUSHWHACK, consisting of 72 rounds of WP and 90 rounds of fuzed HE.
Retrograded one (1) M49 water trailer from FSB BUSHWHACK to LZ BALDY, the water trailer was filled and returned to FSB BUSHWHACK.
- 3 January Airlifted resupplies to Battery I at FSB RYDER, consisting of 30 rounds of Beehive, 60 rounds of fuzed HE, and 210 rounds of Illumination.
Airlifted resupplies to Battery G's forward position at FSB BUSHWHACK, consisting of 60 rounds of Illumination and 240 rounds of fuzed HE.
- 4 January Airlifted resupplies to Battery I at FSB RYDER, consisting of 300 rounds of fuzed HE, 96 MTSQ fuzes, and 180 rounds of WP.
Retrograded one (1) M49 water trailer from FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY, the water trailer was filled and returned to FSB RYDER.
Airlifted resupplies to Battery G's forward position at FSB BUSHWHACK, consisting of 36 rounds of WP, 30 rounds of illumination, 240 rounds of fuzed HE, 1 case of M79 illumination, 1 case of .45 cal. rounds, and 2 cases of M16 small arms ammunition.
Retrograded one (1) M49 water trailer from FSB BUSHWHACK to LZ BALDY, the water trailer was filled and returned to FSB BUSHWHACK.
- 5 January No resupply airlifts due to inclement weather.

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- 6 January No resupply airlifts due to inclement weather.
- 7 January Airlifted resupply to Battery I at FSB RYDER, consisting of 60 rounds of ICM, 60 rounds of Beehive, and 480 rounds of fuzed HE, 60 rounds of Illumination. Airlifted resupplies to Battery G's forward position at FSB BUSHWEACK, consisting of 90 rounds of Illumination 600 rounds of fuzed HE, and 90 rounds of WP. Sent three (3) M35A2C trucks to Battery G's rear position at LZ ROSS with ammunition consisting of 300 rounds of fuzed HE and 300 rounds of Illumination.
- 8 January No resupply airlifts due to inclement weather.
- 9 January Airlifted resupplies to Battery G's rear position at LZ ROSS consisting of 240 rounds of fuzed HE and 90 rounds of WP. Retrograded one (1) M49 water trailer from FSB BUSHWEACK to LZ BALDY, the water trailer was filled and returned to FSB BUSHWEACK. Retrograded one (1) M49 water trailer from FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY, the water trailer was filled and returned to FSB RYDER.
- 10 January Airlifted resupplies to Battery I at FSB RYDER, consisting of 600 rounds of fuzed HE. Airlifted resupplies to Battery G's forward position at FSB BUSHWEACK, consisting of 300 rounds of fuzed HE. Airlifted resupplies to Battery G's rear position at LZ ROSS, consisting of 450 rounds of fuzed HE.
- 11 January Airlifted resupplies to Battery G at LZ ROSS consisting of 300 rounds of fuzed HE and 2 cases of pop-up illumination. Airlifted resupplies to Battery K 4/13 at LZ ROSS, consisting of 700 rounds of 155mm HE and 6 pallets of GB powder. Commenced Battery G's airlifts from FSB BUSHWEACK to LZ ROSS. Lifts started at 0900 as follows:
Lift #1 105mm howitzer, Lift #2 105mm howitzer, Lift #3 17 passengers and gear, Lift #4 HE ammunition (10,000 lbs); Lift #5 HE ammunition (10,000 lbs), Lift #6 105mm howitzer, Lift #7 105mm howitzer, Lift #8 12 passengers and gear, Lift #9 one (1) M49 water trailer, Lift #10 HE ammunition (10,000 lbs).

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- 12 January Airlifted resupplies to Battery G at LZ ROSS consisting of 450 rounds of fuzed HE.
Airlifted resupplies to Battery I at FSB RYDER, consisting of 400 rounds of fuzed HE.
Retrograded one (1) M49 water trailer from FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY, the water trailer was filled and returned to FSB RYDER.
Retrograded one (1) 105mm howitzer wheel and tire from FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY.
- 13 January Airlifted resupplies to Battery G at LZ ROSS, consisting of 480 rounds of unfuzed HE.
Airlifted resupplies to Battery K 4/13, consisting of 400 rounds of 155mm HE, 2 pallets of PD fuzes, and 6 pallets of GB powder.
Airlifted resupplies to Battery I at FSB RYDER consisting of 480 rounds of fuzed HE.
Retrograded one 105mm howitzer wheel and tire from LZ BALDY to FSB RYDER.
- 14 January Airlifted resupplies to Battery I at FSB RYDER, consisting of 240 rounds of HE, 240 VT fuzes, and 240 IFSQ fuzes.
Airlifted resupplies to Battery G at LZ ROSS, consisting of 480 rounds of fuzed HE, 2 pallets of 8 ft engineer stakes, 2 sleeves of concertina wire, 2 pallets of single strand Barb-wire, 4 cases of pop-up illumination, and six 55 gallon drums of diesel fuel.
- 15 January No resupply airlifts.
- 16 January Airlifted resupplies to Battery I at FSB RYDER consisting of 1 pallet of VT fuzes.
Retrograded one (1) M49 water trailer from FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY, the water trailer was filled and returned to FSB RYDER.
Airlifted resupplies to Battery G at LZ ROSS, consisting of 720 rounds of HE w/c fuze and 720 PD fuzes.
- 17 January Airlifted resupplies to Battery I at FSB RYDER, consisting of 120 rounds of Improved Conventional Munitions (ICM).
Retrograded one (1) M49 water trailer from FSB RYDER to

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- BALDY, the water trailer was filled and returned to FSB RYDER. Airlifted resupplies to Battery G at LZ ROSS consisting of 600 rounds of fuzed HE.
- 18 January Airlifted resupplies to Battery I at FSB RYDER consisting of 120 rounds of ICM.
Retrograded one (1) M49 water trailer from FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY, the water trailer was filled and returned to FSB RYDER.
Airlifted resupplies to Battery G at LZ ROSS consisting of 360 rounds of fuzed HE.
- 19 January Airlifted resupplies to Battery G at LZ ROSS consisting of 330 rounds of HE w/o fuze, 360 PD fuzes, and 40 rounds of CS.
Retrograded one (1) M49 water trailer from FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY, the water trailer was filled and returned to FSB RYDER.
- 20 January Airlifted resupplies to Battery I at FSB RYDER, consisting of 480 rounds of fuzed HE, 2 pallets of "C" rations, and 2 boxes of heat tablets.
Airlifted resupplies to Battery G at LZ ROSS, consisting of 360 rounds of fuzed HE.
Airlifted resupplies to Battery K 4/13 consisting of 200 rounds of 155mm HE and 200 canisters of GB powder.
- 21 January Airlifted resupplies to Battery I at FSB RYDER consisting of 480 rounds of fuzed HE and 10 boxes of PD fuzes.
Airlifted resupplies to Battery K at LZ ROSS consisting of 200 rounds of 155mm HE, 4 pallets of GB powder, and 12 boxes of PD fuzes.
- 22 January Retrograded one (1) M49 water trailer from FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY, the water trailer was filled and returned to FSB RYDER.
- 23 January Airlifted resupplies to Battery I at FSB RYDER, consisting of 360 rounds of HE and 10 boxes of VT fuzes.
Airlifted resupplies to Battery G at LZ ROSS consisting of 360 rounds of HE w/fuze.
Airlifted resupplies to Battery K 4/11 at LZ ROSS consisting

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of 400 rounds of 155mm HE, 25 boxes of PD fuzes, and 8
pallots of GB powder.

- 24 January Retrograded one (1) 1149 water trailer from FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY, the water trailer was filled and returned to FSB RYDER.
- 25 January Airlifted resupplies to Battery G at LZ ROSS consisting of 480 rounds of fused HE.
Airlifted resupplies to Battery K 4/11 at LZ ROSS consisting of 240 rounds of 155mm HE.
- 26 January Airlifted resupplies to Battery I at FSB RYDER consisting of 240 rounds of HE and 10 boxes of VT fuzes.
Airlifted resupplies to Battery G at LZ ROSS consisting of 240 rounds of HE w/o fuzes and 13 boxes of PD fuzes.
- 27 January Airlifted resupplies to Battery I at FSB RYDER consisting of 960 rounds of fused HE.
Airlifted resupplies to Battery G at LZ ROSS consisting of 240 rounds of HE w/o fuze and 3 boxes of PD fuzes.
Airlifted resupplies to Battery K 4/11 at LZ ROSS consisting of 160 rounds of 155mm HE.
- 28 January Airlifted resupplies to Battery I at FSB RYDER consisting of 360 rounds of fused HE.
Retrograded one (1) 1149 water trailer from FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY, the water trailer was filled and returned to FSB RYDER.
Airlifted resupplies to Battery G at LZ ROSS consisting of 240 rounds of fused HE.
Airlifted resupplies to Battery K 4/11 at LZ ROSS consisting of 200 rounds of 155mm HE.
- 29 January Airlifted resupplies to Battery I at FSB RYDER consisting of 240 rounds of HE w/ fuze.
Airlifted resupplies to Battery G at LZ ROSS consisting of 240 rounds of fused HE.
Airlifted resupplies to Battery K 4/11 consisting of 192 rounds of 155mm HE.
- 30 January Airlifted resupplies to Battery I at FSB RYDER consisting

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of 360 rounds of fuzed HE.
Airlifted resupplies to Battery G at LZ ROSS consisting of
480 rounds of HE, and 480 PD fuzes.
Airlifted resupplies to Battery K 4/11 at LZ ROSS consisting
of 192 rounds of 155mm HE w/o fuze and 2 boxes of PD fuzes.

31 January Airlifted resupplies to Battery I at FSB RYDER consisting
of 260 rounds of fuzed HE, 2 pallets of "C" rations and
220 gallons of diesel fuel.
Airlifted resupplies to Battery G at LZ ROSS consisting
of 600 rounds of fuzed HE.
Airlifted resupplies to Battery K 4/11 at LZ ROSS, consisting
of 288 rounds of 155mm HE.

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