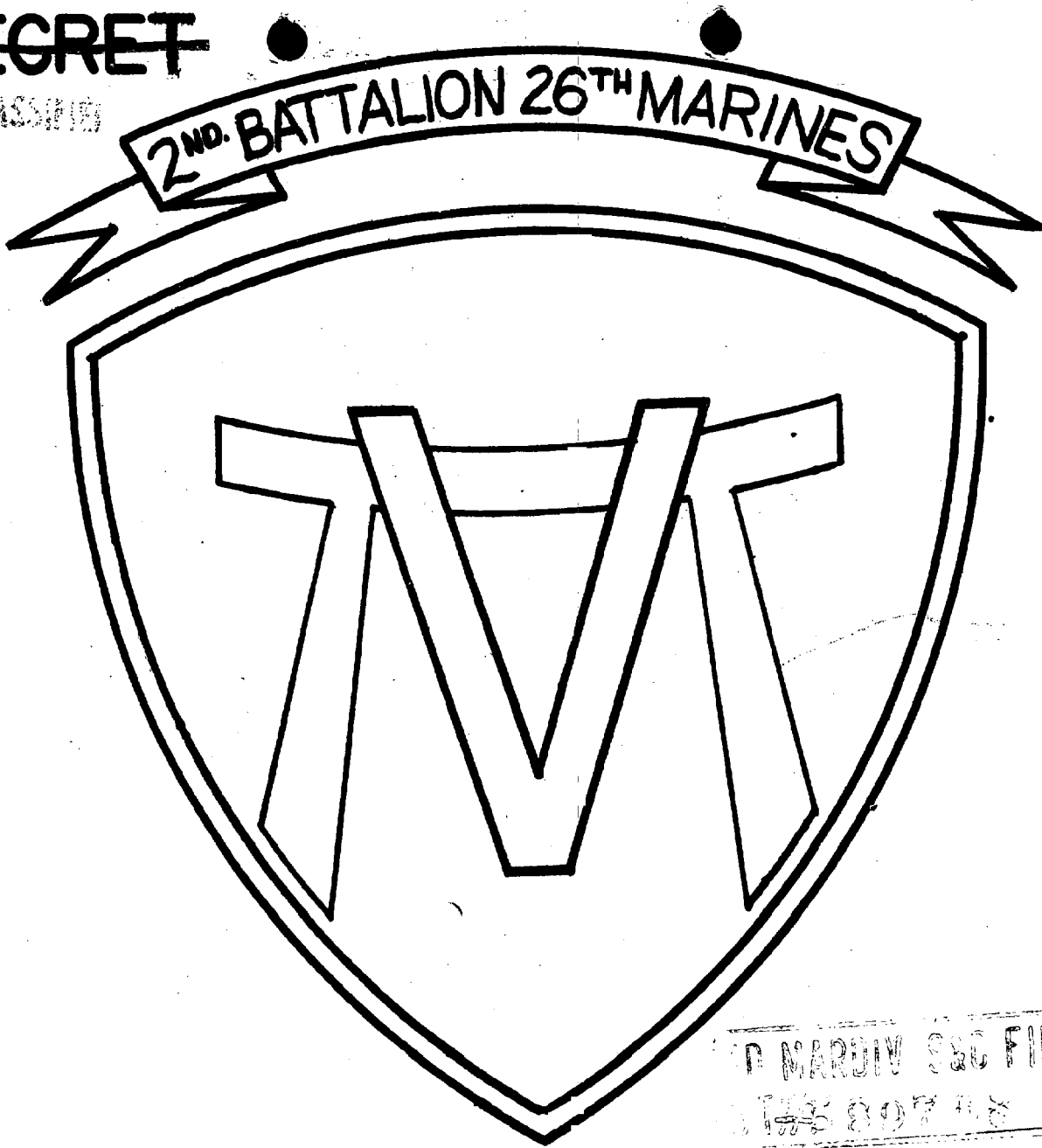


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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>1. Designation.</u>	<u>Commander</u>	
Battalion Landing Team 2/26	LtCol W.F. SPARKS	1-30 Sep
<u>Subordinate Units</u>		
H&S Co	1stLt D.S. HARRINGTON	1-30 Sep
E Co	Capt J.C. CREGAN	1-30 Sep
F Co	Capt S.M. HARTMAN	1-30 Sep
G Co	1stLt R.W. RIORDAN 1stLt P.A. POST	1-28 Sep 28-30 Sep
H Co	1stLt T.F. RUDD	1-30 Sep
<u>Attachments</u>		
Btry B(-), 1stBn, 13thMar	Capt F.R. FRANZEN	1-30 Sep
Mortar Btry, 1stBn, 12thMar	1stLt R.H. SAUNDERS	1-30 Sep
1stPlt(Rein), Co A, 5thAmTracBn	1stLt E.E. COX	1-30 Sep
1stPlt(Rein), Co A, 5thMTBn	SSgt C.B. WHITEFIELD	1-30 Sep
2dPlt(Rein), Co C, 3dIngrBn	2dLt J.J. ASHCROFT II	1-30 Sep
2dPlt(Rein), H&S Co, 3dSPBn	1stLt S.J. O'NEILL	1-30 Sep
1stPlt(Rein), Co A, 5thReconBn	1stLt P.J. McDONALD JR.	1-30 Sep
4thPlt(Rein), Co A, 5thTKBn	2dLt D.M. MURPHY	1-30 Sep
2dPlt(Rein), Co C, 3dMTBn	1stLt B.L. LANDIN	1-30 Sep
LSU, BLF 2/26	LstLt P.A. BURNS	1-30 Sep
Det, HQBn, (Postal, Dis&Photo)	1stLt R.J. LOVELACE	1-30 Sep
Collect&ClearPlt, 5thMedBn	Lt(USN) D.A. BALLING	1-30 Sep
Security Det, HQ Co, 9th MAB	Cpl R.L. MARKHAM	1-30 Sep
NavGunFireInTeam	Lt(JG) J. CARROLL	1-30 Sep
Det, Radio Relay, HQ Co, 26thMar	Sgt J.W. BUFFA	1-30 Sep

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Location

1-4 September MAI LCG (YD 093515)
 4-13 September CAMP CARROLL (YD 063546)
 13-18 September LZ MARGO (XD 903611)
 18-30 September North West of LZ MARGO (XD 899617)

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Maj	C. TYE	1-30 Sep
S-1	1stLt	J.W. SEAL	1-30 Sep
S-2	SSgt	H.E. ROLAND	1-30 Sep
S-3	Maj	J.D. LYNCH	1-30 Sep
S-4	Capt	C.O. BROUGHTON	1-30 Sep
S-5	1stLt	R.I. MORGAN	1-30 Sep

4. Average Monthly Strength.

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
62	1543	9	92

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

At the beginning of September, BLT 2/26 was still participating in Operation SWIFT PURSUIT in the LANCASTER AO under the Operational Control of 3d Marines.

At 0800H on 2 September, Operation SWIFT PURSUIT was terminated. At this time, BLT units were positioned in the following locations. The BLT CP was at Mai Loc (YD 093515). Company E was operating from a patrol base at YD 049473. Company F was conducting a sweep to the east along a stream and was located at YD 149529. Company G was operating from a patrol base at YD 086455. Company H was operating from a patrol base at YD 059525. "W" Battery, 1/12, the Engineer Platoon, and the Tank Platoon were located with the BLT CP at Mai Loc. "B" Battery, 1/13 was located at C-2 in direct support of the 3d Marines. The Ontos Platoon was located at Camp Carroll. The Recon Platoon was attached to Company F.

From 2 to 4 September, BLT 2/26 continued in its mission to protect the Bru Village at Mai Loc, conducting patrols on the high ground to the south and west.

On 3 September, Company F and the Recon Platoon were helilifted to LZ PEDRO (YD 248488) and placed under the Operational Control of Headquarters Battalion, 3d Marine Division to defend the position.

On 4 September, the BLT CP and Company H moved to Camp Carroll where Company H assumed a portion of the defense of the base.

On 5 September, the remainder of the BLT units, in the Mai Loc area, less "W" Battery, 1/12, displaced to Camp Carroll. The 3d Platoon of Company E remained in the vicinity of the Bru Village as a protective force. Company E(-) joined Company H in defensive positions at Camp Carroll and Company G was displaced to Thon Son Lam Combat Base. The BLT's assigned mission was to continue to defend the Bru Village with one reinforced Rifle Platoon; and be prepared to assume the responsibility for the defense of Camp Carroll, Thon Son Lam Combat Base, Khe Gia Bridge and Route 9 in the 3d Marine's AO.

On 6 September, the BLT assumed the responsibility for the above listed positions and was given Operational Control of Company G(-), 2d Battalion, 3d Marines, which had its Company CP and one platoon at Khe Gia Bridge and one platoon at YD 066570 guarding Route 9.

On 7 September, "W" Battery, 1/12 was displaced from Mai Loc to Camp Carroll and given a direct support role for 3d Marines.

On 12 September, Company F and the Recon Platoon were helilifted to Camp Carroll and returned to the Operational Control of BLT 2/26.

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On 13 September, the BLT Alfa Command Group; Companies E, F, G and H; the 81mm Mortar Platoon; the Engineer Platoon; and the Recon Platoon were helilifted to LZ MARGO (XD 901611). The Bravo Command Group and the 106 RR Platoon moved to Thon Son Lam Combat Base. The remaining BLT units remained in place. The BLT's new mission was to find, fix, and destroy all enemy units and installations in the Area of Operations. The BLT was placed under the Operational Control of 9th Marines at 0800H on 16 September to participate in Operation LANCASTER II TROUSDALE NORTH. The BLT's mission and Area of Operations remained virtually the same. The BLT's posture remained the same at the end of the month.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. MISSION. During the month of September the BLT was assigned the following missions:
 - a. 1-4 September
 - (1) Conduct company sized search and destroy operations in assigned AO.
 - (2) Defend the Bru village.
 - (3) Provide one reinforced rifle company on 3 September for heli-lift to and security for LZ PEDRO.
 - b. 4-6 September
 - (1) Provide one company for Camp Carroll Base Defense.
 - (2) Provide security for the Bru village with one reinforced rifle platoon.
 - (3) Be prepared to assume responsibility for the defense of Camp Carroll, Thon Son Lam, Khe Gia Bridge and Route # 9 in the 3d Marines AO.
 - c. 6-13 September
 - (1) Defend Camp Carroll, Thon Son Lam, Khe Gia Bridge and Route # 9 in the 3d Marines AO.
 - (2) Provide minesweep and Seabee security as required.
 - d. 13-16 September.
 - (1) Land and seize LZ MARGO.
 - (2) Conduct search and destroy operations to the East in assigned AO.

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e. 16-30 September

(1) Attack North in assigned AO. Search out enemy locations, kill or capture the enemy, and capture or destroy his equipment and supplies.

2. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

2 Sep At 020800H, Operation SWIFT PURSUIT was terminated.

Ref: Journal No. 13
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

3 Sep At 031040H, Co F helilifted to LZ PEDRO in compliance with Frag Order 39-68 and was placed under Operational Control of Headquarters Battalion, 3d Marine Division.

Ref: Journal No. 26
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

4 Sep At 042105H, BLT 2/26 Command Group arrived in convoy at Camp Carroll and established a CP at that position.

Ref: Journal No. 41
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

6 Sep At 061000H, BLT 2/26 assumed control of the 3d Marines Area of Operations in the Operation LANCASTER II Area of Operations.

Ref: Journal No. 47
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

6 Sep At 061000H, BLT 2/26 assumed Operational Control of Company G (-), 2d Battalion, 3d Marines.

Ref: Journal No. 48
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

9 Sep At 090850H, A M35 truck in resupply convoy to Company E detonated a land mine (estimated homemade, 200 lbs TNT) at YD 078521; damaging the right rear of the truck and resulting in 11 USMC WIA, 10 of which required medevac.

Ref: Journal No. 64
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

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9 Sep At 091425H, 5 USMC and 1 USN from Company G, BLT 2/26 were seriously burned as a result of a flash fire in a bunker at Thon Son Lam. The fire was evidently fed by increments in one or more boxes comprising the floor of the bunker in which the men were living. A spark or cigarette ignited the fire.

Ref: Journal No. 66
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- 10 Sep At 102330H, Company G, BLT 2/26 received 3 rounds of suspected 130mm artillery fire from vicinity of enemy coordinates XD 985669 resulting in 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIA medevaced. Artillery mission was fired on suspected enemy coordinates with unknown results.
- Ref: Journal No. 79
(Tab A to enclosure 1)
- 13 Sep At 131145H, elements of BLT 2/26 with BLT Alfa Command Group were helilifted to LZ MARGO, encountered sporadic small arms fire, suppressed fire and continued mission.
- Ref: Journal No. 98
(Tab A to enclosure 1)
- 13 Sep At 131625H, Company F tripped a booby trap at XD 898614 resulting in 1 USMC WIA.
- Ref: Journal No. 101
(Tab A to enclosure 1)
- 14 Sep At 141440H, Company H on a trail at XD 942621 captured 1 NVA and the following equipment: 1 AK-47 with magazines, 1 pound of TNT with fuzes and assorted 782 gear.
- Ref: Journal No. 109
(Tab A to enclosure 1)
- 14 Sep At 142040H, Company H LP # 1 spotted 25 to 50 NVA moving toward their position at XD 895618. The NVA fired on the LP who returned fire and withdrew. 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIA medevac. Night defensive fires were fired and NVA withdrew.
- Ref: Journal No. 115
(Tab A to enclosure 1)
- 15 Sep At 151110H, a Company B patrol heard movement on their east flank at XD 905625, opened fire with small arms, withdrew, called Arty and 81's, searched area and found 2 NVA KIA (C).
- Ref: Journal No. 125
(Tab A to enclosure 1)
- 15 Sep At 151245H, a Company F FC spotted 17 NVA at XD 882617. Artillery mission was fired resulting in 1 NVA KIA (C).
- Ref: Journal No. 127
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

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15 Sep At 151515H, a Company E patrol made contact with an unknown number of NVA; small arms fire was exchanged resulting in 3 USMC WIA.

Ref: Journal No. 128
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

15 Sep At 151730H, Company G spotted 3 NVA at XD 906607. G3P took them under fire resulting in 2 NVA KIA (C).

Ref: Journal No. 131
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

15 Sep At 151540H, Company G 3P observed 3 NVA at XD 905605. G3P opened fire resulting in 1 NVA KIA (C) and then withdrew in order to exploit supporting arms fires.

Ref: Journal No. 133
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

15 Sep At 150900H, Company E in the vicinity of XD 906624 made three separate contacts resulting in 3 NVA KIA (C), 1 USMC KIA and 6 USMC WIA. Company E also captured 2 AK-47's.

Ref: Journal No. 134
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

15 Sep At 151400H, Company F observed 21 NVA crossing a stream at XD 882617 carrying packs and weapons. Artillery and Air were utilized resulting in 1 NVA KIA (C).

Ref: Journal No. 137
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

15 Sep At 152115H, an unknown number of NVA opened fire on Company E positions at XD 935623. Company E called defensive fires and heard moaning in front of their positions.

Ref: Journal No. 142
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

16 Sep At 160800H, BLT 2/26 CHOPPED to OPCON of 9th Marines.

Ref: Journal No. 145
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

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16 Sep At 161520H, BLT 2/26 CP received a total of 158 82mm mortar rounds at XD 901611. Mortars were firing from XD 906617, XD 897620 through XD 906623, 882617 and 899617. Returned fire initially with machine guns and small arms, then used 81mm and artillery. The attack resulted in 21 USMC KIA, 135 USMC WIA and 6 USMC NBC.

Ref: Journal No. 149
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

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16 Sep At 161900H, BLT 2/26 at KD 901611 received 64 rounds of 82mm from KD 908615, KD 882617 and KD 899617. Returned fire with machine guns, 81mm and artillery. Attack resulted in 1 USMC KIA and 11 USMC WIA.

Ref: Journal No. 152
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

17 Sep At 171450H, BLT 2/26 GP received 57 rounds of 82mm at KD 901601 resulting in 3 USMC WIA. BLT 2/26 fired counter mortar fires with 81mm and artillery with unknown results.

Ref: Journal No. 160
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

17 Sep At 171720H, BLT 2/26 GP received 60 rounds of 82mm and an estimated squad size probe on the eastern portion of the perimeter. Small arms fire was exchanged and mortars were directed on probable routes of enemy withdrawal. BLT 2/26 sustained 1 USMC KIA and 13 USMC WIA as a result of the mortar attack.

Ref: Journal No. 162
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

18 Sep At 181350H, Company G had light contact with NVA at KD 897627. The NVA withdrew and Company G fired 81mm's and artillery on NVA position with unknown results.

Ref: Journal No. 167
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

18 Sep At 181730H, Company G found blood and battle dressings that appeared to be very fresh at KD 896627 and KD 895631. They also found friendly documents which were turned in to the S-2.

Ref: Journal No. 172
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

19 Sep At 190700H, Company G observed a bunker complex at KD 893633. Ran air strike on complex resulting in one secondary explosion.

Ref: Journal No. 175
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

19 Sep At 191115H, BLT 2/26 reported to 9th Marines a suspected compromise of extracts of the COI published by CTG 79.4.

Ref: Journal No. 176
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

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19 Sep At 190830H, Company F found 25 well built bunkers at XD 098632. A blue land line was connecting the bunkers and they contained various items of 782 gear. Bunkers were destroyed with demo.

Ref: Journal No. 179
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

19 Sep At 191730H, Company F spotted 3 NVA at XD 903636, took them under fire and believe to have hit 2.

Ref: Journal No. 181
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

19 Sep At 191900H, Company F received 3 rounds of suspected friendly artillery at XD 904635 resulting in 2 USMC KIA and 4 USMC WIA. Checked fire on artillery and initiated an investigation.

Ref: Journal No. 182
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

20 Sep At 200600H, Company G called prep fires on an NVA position at XD 892639 resulting in 11 secondary explosions.

Ref: Journal No. 186
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

20 Sep At 200900H, Company F fired on 5 to 10 NVA who were moving towards their position at XD 901639 resulting in 2 NVA KIA (G) with 2 AK-47's and assorted 782 gear.

Ref: Journal No. 188
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

20 Sep At 200900H, Company F found 1 carbine, a pack and a pair of field glasses in the area of the previous contact (XD 901639).

Ref: Journal No. 189
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

20 Sep At 201645H, Company G received automatic weapons fire from a bunker complex located at XD 891638, resulting in 2 USMC WIA. Company G pulled back and directed artillery on that position.

Ref: Journal No. 198
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

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20 Sep At 201830H, Company G discovered NVA bunker system at XD 891635. Bunkers were new and well constructed. Much blood reported on trails in area.

Ref: Journal No. 197
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

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21 Sep At 211425H, Company H found 23 well built bunkers at XD 908633. Bunkers contained 500 rounds of .30 cal, 2 82mm fuzes and 1 Chinese sub-machine gun magazine. Tracks indicated that 20 to 30 people had been in the area the night before.

Ref: Journal No. 205
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

21 Sep At 211630H, Company H found a bunker and sleeping complex at XD 915633 with a total of 30 bunkers and 20 sleeping holes. Fresh blood was found in the area. Bunkers were destroyed.

Ref: Journal No. 207
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

21 Sep At 211600H, Company G found an ammo cache in an area that had been recently occupied at XD 891636. Cache contained 155 cases 82mm, 50 cases 60mm, 10 cases demo, 2 cans 7.62, 110 cans .50 cal, 20 cases RPG rounds and 35 cases of AT mines.

Ref: Journal No. 209
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

21 Sep At 211645H, Company G received automatic weapons fire upon reaching the crest of hill 579 at XD 892638 resulting in 2 USMC WIA. An 81mm mission was fired while Company G was evacuating their casualties. Final results were 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIA and 1 NVA KIA (C).

Ref: Journal No. 210
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

21 Sep At 211800H, Company G discovered a bunker and fighting hole complex at XD 891637. 17 bunkers and 30 fighting holes were destroyed.

Ref: Journal No. 211
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

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22 Sep At 221415H, Company G found 14 thatched huts with adjoining bunkers, dispensary, kitchen area, head and CP area at XD 890636. Believe this to be a Battalion size base camp. Little equipment left behind; 3 NVA packs and assorted 782 gear. Documents returned to S-2. Area will be destroyed.

Ref: Journal No. 218
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

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22 Sep At 221700H, Company G found 4 enemy bunkers at XD 892639. They contained a small amount of NVA 782 gear. Bunkers were destroyed.

Ref: Journal No. 220
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

22 Sep At 221730H, 1st Plt. of Company A, 5th Recon Battalion attached to BLT 2/26 observed 2 NVA moving at XD 886625. Directed artillery mission resulting in 2 secondary explosions; 1 medium, 1 extremely large.

Ref: Journal No. 221
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

23 Sep At 231330H, Company G discovered 32 well constructed bunkers with a mess hall at XD 893635. Area was very clean and was believed to be an NVA R&R site. Bunkers destroyed.

Ref: Journal No. 228
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

25 Sep At 251600H, Company E found 2 .50 cal machine gun positions with adjoining bunkers and trenches. Appeared to be recently built. Location XD 890620. Position destroyed.

Ref: Journal No. 239
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

26 Sep At 261515H, Company G found 4 NVA bunkers and 2 82mm mortar pits at XD 873634. Bunkers contained 60 82mm rounds complete with fuzes and increments. Bunkers were destroyed.

Ref: Journal No. 243
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

<u>1-30 September:</u>	Total number of patrols	71
	Total number of ambushes	66
	Total number of LP's	224
	Total number of OP's	62

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3. Personnel Administration

a. Personnel

- (1) Number of replacements received: 5 Off, 226 Enl.
- (2) Number of personnel lost through rotation: 10.
- (3) Number of personnel lost through attrition other than rotation:

- (a) KIA: Off 0 Enl 31
- (b) DOW: Off 1 Enl 1
- (c) DAI: Off 0 Enl 1
- (d) WIA: Off 2 Enl 153
- (e) MDC: Off 0 Enl 106
- (f) Intra MCB transfer: 1 Off, 96 Enl.

- (4) Number of personnel wounded, treated and returned to duty after treatment:

- (a) WIA: Off 0 Enl 73
- (b) MDC: Off 0 Enl 37

- (5) MIA: There were 31 Marines given MIA during the month of September.

b. Administration

- (1) Awards: No awards were issued during the month of September.

- (2) Promotions:

- (a) To First Lieutenant 6
- (b) To Sergeant 1
- (c) To Corporal 28
- (d) To Lance Corporal 2
- (e) To Private First Class 4

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(3) Postal Services: All mail was routed to Dong Ha and picked up daily by mail clerks. The mail was then sorted and sent to the companies in the field by helicopter.

(4) Post Exchange: There were numerous post exchanges throughout the Dong Ha area.

(5) Special Services: This unit has volley balls, footballs, basketballs and other assorted athletic gear available for use. Also, in the Dong Ha area are numerous movies and USO shows for entertainment.

4. Intelligence.

a. Enemy Situation.

(1) The 31st Local Force Group was known to be operating in and around the Hai Loc/Camp Carroll area with a mission of interdicting highways # 9 and # 558.

(2) Elements of the 320th NVA Division were known to be operating in and around the BMT's AO during Operation LAMC. LAMC II-TRUC BANG NORTH. The 48th Regiment was located west of the Razorback and north of the Cam River; the 52d Regiment was located west of the Razorback; the 54th Artillery Regiment was located north of the Ben Hai River; and several unidentified support units were located near the southern edge of the BMT. Their primary mission was to engage allied units in their AO and maintain the support areas therein.

Elements of the BMT discovered large quantities of munitions and supplies, numerous fortified positions, base camps and extensive trail networks in their AO. The Battalion received mortar and artillery fire on a continual basis during the LAMC. LAMC II-TRUC BANG NORTH period, which ranged from harassing to intensive. Small unit ground contact with enemy forces was maintained during most of the LAMC. LAMC II-TRUC BANG NORTH period.

b. Enemy Initiated Incidents.

(1) Contacts. The enemy initiated 6 ground contacts against BMT 2/25 during LAMC. LAMC II-TRUC BANG NORTH. Small arms fire and automatic weapons fire were employed in each instance.

(2) Mines. The enemy successfully employed a vehicle mine on one occasion, damaging one M-35 truck in the Hai Loc area.

(3) Mortar/Arty/Rocket fire. The BMT received a total of 345 rounds during the reporting period. Following is a breakdown by caliber of incoming rounds.

82mm Mortar	279
75mm M. Howitzer	5
85mm Artillery	10
130mm Artillery	33

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Known enemy mortar positions are listed below:

AD 882517	AD 900520	AD 915530
AD 892522	AD 905517	AD 908515
AD 897520	AD 905523	AD 945545

Known enemy artillery positions are listed below:

AD 965514	AD 970590	YD 008545
AD 982545	AD 985559	YD 014573

c. Summary of Enemy Casualties, POW's and Captured Equipment.

(1) KIA (G).

(a) By Ground	9
(b) By Air	0
(c) By Artillery	2
(d) By 81mm Mortars	2
Total	13

(2) Equipment Captured.

I.W.C.	6
.30 Caliber	500 rds.
.50 Caliber	11,475 rds.
82mm Mortar	755 rds.
R.F.G.	60 rds.
A.T. Mines	320
T.M.T.	10 cases

(Also captured were various amounts of 782 gear, medicine and documents.)

d. Significant Trends Noted. No significant trends were noted in the Hai Loc area. During Operation LAMCASSER II-ARCOUSALE NORTH, the enemy chose to withdraw rather than make contact with BLT 2/26. The enemy relied upon supporting arms and small unit delaying actions to gain time to exfiltrate his major units and their equipment from this AO.

e. Enemy Situation at the End of the Reporting Period. Elements of the 320th NVA Division retired from this AO. The 48th Regiment exfiltrated to the northwest while elements of the 52d Regiment exfiltrated to the north. Their destination was felt to be to safe areas North of the Ben Hai River. As a result of this operation, the enemy has lost the use of numerous base areas and resupply points along with the loss of large quantities of ammunition. These losses should seriously affect the ability of the 320th NVA Division to mount extensive operations during the coming monsoon season.

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5. Operations.

a. Command Relations. The BMT was under operational control of 3d Marines from 1-15 September, and 9th Marines from 16-30 September.

b. Major Operations. The BMT participated in Operation LANCASTER II-TRUCU-DINH FORT from 16-30 September.

c. New Techniques. None.

d. Training. On-the-job training was conducted throughout the month.

e. Fire Support.

(1) During the period 1-13 September 1968, Artillery support was provided by the 1st Battalion, 12th Marines at Camp Carroll.

(a) There were 15 MA missions fired in support of the Battalion.

(b) There were no illumination missions fired in support of the Battalion.

(c) There were 40 MBI targets attacked at the Battalion's request.

(d) There was 1 significant mission fired in support of the Battalion.

1. At 111720H, Company E's forward observer called in a fire mission on active machine guns and mortars at grid AD 128528, resulting in excellent target coverage. Enemy fire suppressed.

(2) From 13-16 September, Artillery support was provided by the 2d Battalion, 12th Marines from Fire Support Base Bird and Fire Support Base Sandy.

(a) There were 131 MA missions fired in support of the Battalion.

(b) There were no illumination missions fired in support of the Battalion.

(c) There were 85 MBI targets attacked at the Battalion's request.

(d) There were 2 significant missions fired in support of the Battalion.

1. At 141000H, Company F's forward observer called in a fire mission on 5 NVA in the open at grid AD 882617, resulting in 2 probable NVA KIA's.

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2. At 151730H, Company E's forward observer called in a fire mission on active enemy movement and contact at grid AD 909630 with unknown results.

(3) From 16-30 September, Artillery support was provided by the 1st Battalion, 12th Marines at Camp Carroll.

(a) There were 242 HE missions fired in support of the Battalion.

(b) There were no illumination missions fired in support of the Battalion.

(c) There were 250 BAI targets attacked at the Battalion's request.

(d) There were 4 significant missions fired in support of the Battalion.

1. At 161500H, the Recon Plt forward observer called in a fire mission on active enemy mortar tubes at AD 911619, silencing tubes.

2. At 171000H, mortar suppressive fires were conducted on AD 888616. Mortars were silenced.

3. At 212000H, Company G's forward observer called in a fire mission on a possible enemy observation post at AD 885626, resulting in 11 secondary explosions.

4. At 251600H, Recon Plt's forward observer called in a fire mission for prep fires at AD 892621, resulting in two secondary explosions.

(4) 81mm Mortar Plt.

(a) During the period 1 to 5 September, the BLT 2/26 81mm Mortar Platoon was located at Mai Loc (XD 090512).

1. There were 10 HE missions fired in support of the Battalion.

2. There was 1 illumination mission fired in support of the Battalion.

3. There were 4 WP missions fired in support of the Battalion.

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(b) Two sections provided mobile direct support of Companies G and F operating in the vicinity of YD 139536. 1 M mission was fired in support of these forces.

(c) During the period 5 to 7 September, the 81mm Mortar Platoon consolidated and moved to Camp Carroll (YD 053548). No missions were requested or fired at this time.

(d) From 7 to 13 September, two sections were located at the Rock Pile (YD 983547) in direct support of Company G. The other two sections remained at Camp Carroll in a support and defensive posture.

1. There were 8 M missions fired in support of Company G.
2. There were 2 illumination missions fired in support of Company G.
3. There were 2 WP missions fired in support of Company G.
4. There were no missions requested or fired from Camp Carroll.

(e) From 13 to 18 September, the platoon was located at LZ MARGO (XD 902312) in direct support of the BMT.

1. There were 2 M missions fired in support of the Battalion.
2. There were 6 illumination missions fired in support of the Battalion.
3. There were 12 WP missions fired in support of the Battalion.

(f) During the period 18 to 30 September, the Mortar Platoon shifted with the BMT to LZ 699317. At this time the platoon had a density of 4 tubes. Missions remained the direct support of BMT 2/25.

1. There were 43 M missions fired in support of the Battalion.
2. There were 17 illumination missions fired in support of the Battalion.
3. There were 21 WP missions fired in support of the Battalion.

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(c) Significant Missions.

1. On 15 September, operating at LZ MARGO (AD 902612), the 81mm mortar platoon fired a mission on enemy movement at grid AD 907526 in support of Company A. 48 HE and 12 WP were expended resulting in 2 MVA KIA(c) found by Company A as they moved through the area.

2. On 15 September, from LZ MARGO (AD 902612), 81's fired on enemy movement across a ford at AD 882617, the Can Lo River. 1 WP and 25 HE were expended resulting in 1 MVA KIA(c).

3. At 1500H on 16 September, from LZ MARGO (AD 902612), 60 rounds of 81mm HE counter mortar fire was fired at AD 913627, in response to an enemy barrage. 81's continued the counter mortar fire until the enemy barrage ended.

4. Four additional counter mortar missions were fired from 1800H on the 16th to 2000H on the 17th during which 159 HE and 11 WP were expended, resulting in the probable destruction of 1 82mm mortar position.

(d) 105mm RA Platoon.

1. The 105mm RA platoon remained in a general support role during the month of September with locations as follows:

1-5 Sept - Hai Loc
5-13 Sept - Camp Carroll
13-17 Sept - Thon Son Lam
17-30 Sept - Vandegrift

2. There were no missions requested or fired in support of the Battalion during the month of September.

(5) Air Support.

(a) Close Air Support consisted of 19 flights of fixed wing, 7 C-47 "Spookie" missions, 6 UH1B flights, and 16 AC missions.

(b) Direct Air Support consisted of 5 flights of fixed wing.

(c) Medevac helicopters carried a total of 334 casualties.

(d) Troop lifts of a total of 1086 passengers were made.

(e) Resupply of 181,570 pounds was accomplished.

6. Logistics.

a. Source of Supply and Maintenance. The sources of supply for the Battalion during the period were FIC Da Nang, FLSG-3 Dong Ha, and the LBJ at Vandegrift. Third and higher echelon maintenance was performed by FLSG-3.

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b. Supply.

(1) Status of supplies. The Battalion was adequately supplied in all classes of supplies with the exception of certain class II and IV items. Vehicle repair parts, clothing, individual equipment and weapon cleaning gear. Body armor (upper), gas mask, and M-16 cleaning rods remain in short supply.

(a) Short/Critical Items.

Item	FON	Qty on Regn.	Remarks
Gas Mask, Sm.	4240-542-4550	141	Short Supply
Gas Mask, Med.	4240-542-4450	244	" "
Upper Body armor, Lg.	8470-576-4195	200	" "
Upper Body armor, Med.	8470-576-4194	39	" "
M-16 Cleaning Rods	1005-556-4102	300	Critical
Foot Powder	6505-515-1584	1082	Short Supply

(2) Resupply: Resupply was dependent upon the availability of supply items at FLSG-B Dong Ha and FLC Da Nang. Initial stocks brought ashore consisted of BA-386 batteries, clothing and boots. These were not in sufficient quantities to support the Battalion during the period. The immediate requirements of the Battalion were filled at FLSG-B and FLC Da Nang. All classes of requested supply items were filled and sent forward from Dong Ha before resupply operations were shifted to Vandergrift. The LSU at Vandergrift provided Classes I, III, and V. Class II, IV, certain Class V items and medical supplies were sent from Dong Ha.

c. Transportation.

(1) Surface. Surface transportation by truck was utilized to transport all of the Class II, IV, certain Class V items, and medical supplies from Dong Ha to Vandergrift.

(2) Air. Resupply was then accomplished by helicopter from Vandergrift to the BLF units operating in the field.

d. Services.

(1) Water. The Battalion relied on water resupply by helicopter which was considered adequate. Natural sources were utilized whenever possible.

(2) Laundry. Except for support personnel located at Vandergrift, the Battalion has had no laundry facilities available to them during the period.

(3) Food Services. The tactical elements of the Battalion subsisted on "C" rations and supplementary rations during the period. A mess has not been established since the Battalion came ashore. However, cooks were provided at messes utilized by rear elements at Camp Carroll and Dong Ha.

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c. Maintenance. All second echelon maintenance of Communication/Electronic, Ordnance, Motor Transport, and Engineer equipment was performed by the rear elements at Dong Ha. Evacuation of equipment from the forward elements was accomplished by helicopter and truck. Third and higher echelon maintenance was performed by F15G-B.

7. Civil Affairs. No Civil Affairs activity was conducted during this reporting period.

8. Communications. Communications support was provided for the B11 during the past month for Operations LANCASTER II, and LANCASTER II-TROUSDALE WORKER.

a. Radio.

(1) Constant radio communications was maintained during the past month between B11 Headquarters, Regiment, Companies and Supporting Arms. No major problems were encountered.

(2) The B11 Command Group did not have a covered capability during the month. An AN/PRC-77 and a KY-38 was borrowed from the 9th Marines, but the equipment was defective.

(3) The Tactical Air Control Party continued using VHF and UHF radios in support of the Battalion.

b. Wire. Wire communications was not extensively employed during the past month. This was due to the rapid movement of the Battalion during the month.

c. Radio Relay. During the past month a AN/PRC-27 shot was installed between Dong Ha, the B11 rear, and Camp Carroll during the time the B11 occupied the Camp Carroll position. This was done to facilitate resupply and administration.

d. Message Center. A total of 1243 messages were processed during the month of September.

e. Maintenance and Supply. During the past month AN/PRC-25 accessories were received to alleviate some of the part shortages. At the present time, whip bases for the AN/PRC-25 remain critically short.

9. Medical Support.

a. The BAS treated 1317 patients. 3d Medical Battalion handled all cases beyond the capabilities of the BAS.

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- b. Diseases encountered during the period are as follows:

Disease	Patients
URI	29
GC	9
FUC	13
Diarrhea	62
Dermatology	97
Heat Casualties	4
Gastroenteritis	18
Malaria	5
NBI	24

- c. The Battalion BAS provided medical support for the tactical elements in the field and maintained a rear BAS at Dong Ha.

- d. Medical supplies were drawn from FLSG-B and sent forward according to requirements and requests.

10. Religious Services.

- a. Chaplain assigned: Lt Jerry A. ZANDSTRA, CHC, USNR

- b. Services conducted:

Type	Number	Attendance
Sunday Worship - Protestant	3	140
Sunday Mass - Catholic	3	130
Weekday Worship - Protestant	3	130
Weekday Mass - Catholic	1	20
Holy Communion - Protestant	9	385
Baptismal Service - Protestant	1	14 (2 Baptized)

- c. Personnel receiving counsel:

- (1) Professional counselling cases - 57
- (2) American Red Cross cases - 26
- (3) Cases utilizing MARS radiotelephone - 31

- d. Significant activities:

(1) Received and distributed 5 cartons of ditty bags filled with essential items for the field to the troops. A letter was written to the Division Chaplain of the 5th Marine Division who sponsored the program expressing our gratitude on behalf of BATT 2/26.

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(2) Fifteen boxes of reading materials, toilet articles, foods and comfort items were received from donors and were distributed to the troops. A personal letter of thanks on behalf of the command was sent to each of the donors.

(3) Acquired and distributed writing gear for the troops in our various positions.

(4) Current disposition of the battalion personnel in five locations requires a considerable deal of time in traveling about to cover these areas.

c. Facilities.

(1) The Brett Memorial Chapel was available for services in Camp Carroll. In Dong Ha, the transient barracks are available and suitable for services. In other locations, field equipment only was available for chaplain's work and worship services.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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0590 1	010500	SPURP # 15	FR
149 2	011100	SPURP # 16	FR
500 3	011435	Spurp # JBF spotted 3 people in bleed at 152557 moving SW. Arty was fired with unknown results.	FR
1650 4	011640	JB3 to FM3: Latest requirements from Alexander will place a John Brown unit at 090455.	FR
1735 5	011725	JB3 to FM: Combat Task Organization.	FR
1740 6	011700	SPURP # 17	FR
1915 7	011909	JB to JMF, E, G, Flame A, Tarzan Q, JBF and Info FMs Plan for 02 Sept day acft. FR	FR
1948 8	011925	Spurp # JBE at 065505 spotted 2 people wearing brown, running into a bunker or tunnel in a tree line at 061501. Fired 8mm mission with unknown results. FR	FR
2115 9	012100	JB3 to JBF: Operation will advance to Phase Line Kofel. FR	FR
2255 10	012150	JB to FM: Spunky Hansen received report of NVA at 103454. No other details	
		Info available - Requesting more info.	
2320 11	012300	SPURP # 19	FR
2500 12	020500	SPURP # 19	FR
0800 13	020800	FM to FM: Operation SUPER PERSIAN terminated.	FR

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1130	14	020925	Sprinkle JMWLP found one enemy body bag at 140520. Disposed and sent in place. FSR
1244	15	021100	STRREP # 20
1515	16	021515	JMG to BKG. JMG departed for Dong Ha.
1645	17	021625	Interpt: JMG at 110470 spotted smoke from suspected enemy camp at 021447. Called Arty mission with poor target coverage and unknown results.
1740	18	021700	STRREP # 21
1745	19	021624	JMG to BKG. JMG initiated Night activity requirements for Oa Sant.
2125	20	021150	Interpt: JMG searched a bunker complex at 045513 after an initial report by fire. Bunkers appeared to be recently occupied. Destroyed with demolitions. FSR
2245	21	022045	Interpt: JMG spotted flashes from NVA RR's at 105565 and 022566 which were firing on Camp Carroll. Requested Arty firemission and received clearance two hours later. Arty fired with undetermined results. FSR
2314	22	022300	STRREP # 22
0510	23	030500	STRREP # 23
0645	24	030645	Received Frag Order 39-68.
0935	25	030915	9 interpt: Tuong Son Cadre found what is thought to be a RR round in a carrying case at 082508. Round was turned into Spunky Hansen B-2. FSR

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2604 26	072046	JB to JIB: JIB completed ballistic to PVA PWPO in compliance with Yang Ord 29-68. JIB dropped ORDER to PROHIBITION.	PSR
2114 28	051050	Message # 24 Messages: JIB's found 4 bunkers recently occupied at 065520. Destroyed with demolitions.	PSR
1844 29	051700	Message # 25	PR
1854 30	051700	JB to all units: New Position Pointa now in effect.	PSR
2104 31	052050	JIB to K031: In view of loss of JIB, recommend eastern boundary of AO be returned to the 15 grid line.	PR
2124 32	052100	JIB to all units: Day activity requirements.	PR
2130 33	052115	PA to JIB: East boundary on R-3 15 grid line approved. Effective 052200H.	PSR
2304 34	052300	Message # 26	PR
0534 35	052500	Message # 27	PR
1110 36	041058	PA to JIB: Request JIB and JIB6 come to this post by 041130H.	PS
1114 37	041100	Message # 28.	PR
1300 38	041300	Received verbal order by JIB: JIB radio to move to Open Position.	PSR
1320 39	041240	JIB6 to JIB: Equipment and detachment request.	PS

1720 40 041700 STRIKE # 29

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2400	41 42	042105 JB "A" Command Group arrived with convoy from Helo Loo at Camp Carroll. Browns 1 tank broke down and had to be towed, and a G65 truck ran off a	
		20 foot embankment) wrecking the truck and injuring 1 USMC who was medevaced.	F
	0500 42	050500 SURREP # 30	FR
	1100	051100 SURREP # 31	FR
	1740	051700 SURREP # 32	FR
	2300	052300 SURREP # 33	FR
	0530	050530 SURREP # 34	FR
1000	47	061000 BTL 2/26 assumed control of 3d Marines' AO.	F
1000	48	061000 G/2/3 chopped 0600 to BTL 2/26.	F
	1100	061100 SURREP # 35	FR
	1720	061700 SURREP # 36	FR
	2300	062300 SURREP # 37	FR
	0500	070500 SURREP # 38	FR
	1115	071100 SURREP # 39	FR
1645	54	071645 FM to JB: Frag Order 41-68.	FS
	1700	071700 SURREP # 40	FR

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	2300	56	072300 SINREP # 41	PR
	0505	57	080500 SINREP # 42	PR
	1200	58	081100 SINREP # 43	PR
	1705	59	081700 SINREP # 44	PR
	1730	60	081540 FM to JB: Frag Order 42-68.	FS
	2300	61	082300 SINREP # 45	PR
	0100	62	080055 Spt rpt: JBE heard firing in vicinity of 103523, further investigation revealed that an RF ambush was sprung.	FS
	0500	63	090500 SINREP # 46	PR
	1050	64	090530 S pt rpt: Mine Sweep/Asupply to JBE hit a mine at 073521, damaging the right rear of a 6x6 truck and rounding 11 USMC, 10 of which were medevaced.	FSR
	1120	65	091100 SINREP # 47	PR
	1530	66	091425 Spt rpt: 6 emergency medevacs were the result of a fire at JBE's position at the Rockpile. Fire started by sparks from explosives igniting flam movements left in a box which was used as flooring in a bunker.	FSR
	1700	67	091700 SINREP # 48	PR
	2300	68	092300 SINREP # 49	PR

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0140 69	092400	JB to PH OPSUM # 3	IR (SIP)
0300 70	100500	SINREP # 50	IR
1022 71	100950	JB to all units Day and Night Activity Requirements for 11 Sept.	PT
1130 72	101100	SINREP # 51	FR
1525 73	101515	Sptrpt: JBG at The Rockpile received 5 rounds of 82mm mortar fire from 945545. Counter-mortar returned. (with unknown results)	FSR
1700 74	101700	SINREP # 52	FU
2200 75	102140	Sptrpt: JBG at 982545 received 5 rounds of estimated 75mm pack howitzer from 970590. Counter Arty in progress.	FSR
2240 76	102300	Spt Rpt: JBG at 982545 received an additional 9 rounds of what is believed to be 130mm from 985669. EVERSHARP conducting fire mission.	FSR
2300 77	102300	SINREP # 53	FR
0015 78	102240	Sptrpt: JMG reports 2 Special Forces "A" sites at 098528 and 084544 received SA fire. At same time RE/PB "A" site at 094520 observed and fired on 2 individuals with negative results.	FSR
0035 79	102330	Sptrpt: JMG at 982545 received 3 rounds of suspected 130mm from 985669. Counter-Arty in effect. Result of incoming: 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIA (Medevac'd).	FSR

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0110	80	110100 Sptropt: JBG received 5 rounds 130mm Artillery at 982545. Fired counter battery on 985669 with unknown results.	FSR
0127	81	102300 Alexander to WFM. Info JBG Warning Order.	FS
0500	82	110500 STREP # 54.	FR
0615	83	110550 Sptropt: JBG at 982545 received 2 rounds of 130mm. Fired counter battery at 905669 with unknown results.	FSR
0725	84	110715 Sptropt: JBG received 3 rounds 130mm at 982545. Fired counter battery on 905669 with unknown results. Requested A.O.	FSR
0733	85	110645 Sptropt: JBG observed active arty at 965614. Permission requested and denied because of proximity of Friendly's.	FSR
1100	86	111100 STREP # 55	FR
1155	87	110330 Final Sptropt: JBG at 982545 received a total of 21 rounds in the last 12 hours. Including 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIA at 102330H. Rounds appeared to be a mixture of 85mm and 130mm Artillery. 85mm was fired from 905669 and the 130mm was fired from between 008642 and 014673. Size of rounds was determined by crater analysis.	FR
1705	88	111700 STREP # 56.	FR

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2000 89	111740	<p>JDG P1 Sprints: BNY at 114534 spotted 3 MVA at 116533, BPI was then taken under fire by a 30 Cal MG and a 60mm mortar. BPI returned fire and gained fire superiority. Arty was directed with good target coverage. Ambushes were set in the vicinity of contact.</p>	PSR
2300 90	112300	SINREP # 57	PR
0050 91	120035	<p>JDG to JHM & JBG: The 6 of respective units report to this point at 1500 for briefing. (Warning Order)</p>	PR
0700 92	120500	SINREP # 58	PR
1100 93	121100	SINREP # 59	PR
1730 94	121700	SINREP # 60	PR
2300 95	122300	SINREP # 61	PR
0500 95	130500	SINREP # 62	PR
1100 97	131100	SINREP # 63	PR
1200 98	131145	Elements of JB with JB's Command Group were highlighted to LZ MARGO.	P
1630 99	131615	<p>encountered sporadic small arms fire, suppressed fire and continued mission. JDG to all JB writes: Frag Order 112-68.</p>	PR
1630 100	131650	SINREP # 64.	PR

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1640 101	131625	Sprpt: 1 USMC WIA and medevaced from TRF as a result of a booby trap at 090614.	FSR
2240 102	132230	SIRREP # 65	NR
0430 103	140430	SIRREP # 66	FR
0725 104	131030	Sprpt: 1 USMC from T02 with JBI fractured ankle falling down a slope at 036615. Medevaced at 0720.	FSR
1050 105	140545	Sprpt: JMW at 942614 spotted 3 NVA crossing a stream at 002617. Directed fire mission with unknown results.	FSR
1055 106	141030	SIRREP # 67	NR
1220 107	141220	TIP to JB: Boundary change.	FSR
1300 108	141220	Sprpt: JWH NO at 943620 spotted movement at 094625. Aviation Fire with unknown results.	NR
1450 109	141440	Sprpt: 1 USMC with JBI was preparing positions on a trail at 942621 when he spotted 1 NVA walking up the trail. Marine challenged NVA with rifle and bayonet, capturing NVA and equipment including 1 AR-47 with magazines. 1 pound TNT with fuses and assorted 782 gear.	FSR
1640 110	141240	Sprpt: 1 USMC from JBI had an accidental discharge with his M-16, wounding himself in left elbow. at 030615. Medevaced. Investigation being conducted. FSR	FSR

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1640 111	141430	SprRpt: JBI found heavy trails running North to South, a sleeping area for 10 people, 3 bow and arrow booby traps and 6 bunkers at 097620. Believe NVA occupied area within the last 12 hours. Destroyed bunkers and booby traps. FSR	
1655 112	141630	MINNER # 68	FR
1730 113	141730	FM to JBI, Frag Ord 46-68.	FS
1840 114	141500	SprRpt: Pluck Alfa One (Recon Plt) at 905614 spotted 3 NVA at 907614, engaged with small arms and withdrawn in order to use 81mm as supporting arms. FSR	
2100 115	142040	SprRpt: JBI LPL at 943619 spotted 25 to 50 NVA moving toward their position at 095618. NVA fired on LR and returned fire and withdrew. Night defensive fires were called. NVA appeared to withdraw. 1 USMC KIA & 1 USMC WIA medevaced. FSR	
2145 116	142135	SprRpt: JBI reports 1 USMC WIA as a result of defensive fires at 943620.	FSR
2230 117	142230	SINKER # 69	FR
2245 118	142230	SprRpt: JBI FO at 943620 heard suspected 60mm mortars being fired at 092622. 81mm fire mission was directed with good target coverage. Results unknown. FSR	
2340 119	142235	SprRpt: JBI at 943620 heard movement at 092622 and 090620. Fired 24 81mm rounds. A JBI FO observed enemy movement in the impact area. FSR	
2350 120	142320	SprRpt: A Marine with JBI at 904612 heard movement to his front. Threw M-26 Movement ceased. FSR	

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0451	121	150430 SPTREP # 70	NSR
1050	122	151030 SPTREP # 71	NSR
1055	123	151040 FM to Jt. Pres Order 46A-60.	NSR
1110	124	150910 SPTREP: JBR patrol spotted 1 NVA. Fired small arms with unknown results. When in pursuit found fresh fighting holes at 902624. Continually search and destroying fighting holes.	NSR
1300	125	151110 SPTREP: JBR patrol heard movement on their east flank at 905625. opened fire with small arms, withdrew, used Arty and 81's, searched area finding 2 NVA KIA (C).	NSR
1305	126	151210 SPTREP: JBR element found punji pits and spider holes at 905625. Uncovering area and destroying holes.	NSR
1310	127	151245 SPTREP: JBR FO spotted 17 NVA at 802617. A.O. advanced Arty mission resulting in 1 NVA KIA (C).	NSR
1410	128	151315 SPTREP: JBR Patrol made contact with unknown number of NVA at 907626. Small arms fire was exchanged. Contact still active. Using supporting arms. 3 using WIA.	FSR
1420	129	151245 SPTREP: JBR FO spotted NVA crossing back across the river at 802617. Directed Arty VT and FIREWORKER. AO called away before making withdrawal. Results unknown.	FSR

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1635 130	151630	SINREP # 72	PAR
1835 131	151730	Sprppts: JIR at 906607 was working North NVA bank of the river when lead fire team spotted 1 NVA on South bank. 2 other NVA spotted attempting to move East. G3P took them under fire resulting in 2 NVA KIA (G). G3P withdrew, called in Arty and Gunships both with good target coverage.	PAR
1840 132	151510	Sprppts: JRE used supporting arms on 906624 to cover removal of VLA's. Then withdrew to CP to allow maximum use of Ar and Arty on enemy positions.	PAR
1841 133	151540	Sprppts: JIR SP spotted 3 NVA at 905605 and heard movement of others. G3P opened fire killing 1 NVA. G3P then withdrew to allow supporting arms to exploit the area.	PAR
1900 134	150900	JRE consolidated Spot Report: Made 3 separate contacts in the vicinity of 906624. Results were 3 NVA KIA(G), 1 USMC KIA, 6 USMC VLA, 2 AR-47's and assorted other NVA combat gear captured.	PAR
1910 135	150900	Sprppts: JRE at 941613 observed 6 NVA crossing stream at 882617 with packs and weapons. Arty mission directed with unknown results.	PAR
1945 136	151900	JIS to all JB units: Freg Order 113-68.	PAR
1955 137	151400	Sprppts: JRE at 941613 observed 21 NVA crossing the stream at 882617 with packs and weapons. Ar and Arty directed resulting in 1 NVA KIA (G).	PAR

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2049 158	152010	SpRpt: JBE at 935623 has movement to the west and south of their position at 905622. LP's pulled in, firing defensive fires.	FSR
2230 159	152230	SHARP # 73	FR
2205 140	152025	IM to JB: Chop ORDN to SHARP at 160800Z. Move JBH & JEB below JBT posit prior to 161200Z.	FSR
2340 141	152300	SpRpt: JBE at 935623 received fire support of SPOCKIE 1-1 within 200 m of JBT's positions with good target coverage. Will be unable to search area due to instructions in Op Order.	FSR
2345 142	152115	SpRpt: Defensive fires for JBE at 935623 wounded a number of NVA. They can be heard moaning in front of positions. Group of NVA had just opened fire on positions when an Arty round impacted in the midst of them. Now directing SPOCKIE.	FSR
2350 143	151930	SpRpt: JBT OP in vicinity of 940611 received 3 short rounds of friendly Arty due to rounds hitting tops of trees. No one injured. JB 24 called an immediate check fire on all Arty.	FSR
0430 144	160730	SHARP # 74	FR
0800 145	160800	Chopped ORDN to SHARP	

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1995 146	161090	SINREP # 75	IR
1999 147	161100	JB received 9th Marines Free Order 92-68 and Overlay via comsec.	P
1950 148	161040	SptRpt: JB at 901613 spotted 6 NVA moving from North to South at 082617. JB notified 7-DP, called Blum and Arty fires with good target coverage but with unknown results.	FSR
2020 149	161520	SptRpt: JB at 901611 received a total of 158 82mm mortar rounds from 906617 097620 through 906623, 082617 & 099617. Took enemy mortar tubes under fire with M4s & small arms initially, then used Blum mortars and Arty until Air became available. Believe position to be surrounded on the North, West and South. Summary of casualties will follow when compiled.	P SR
2100 150	162030	SptRpt: JB at 901611 detected heavy movement on the east side of the perimeter. Fired defensive fires, now directing SPOOKIE.	FSR
2315 151	162230	SINREP # 76	P R
0004 152	161900	SptRpt: JB position at 901611 took an additional 64 rounds of 82mm from 906623 through 906625, 082617 & 099617. Took enemy tubes under fire with M4s, Blum & Arty. 1 USMC KIA, 11 USMC WIA.	P SR

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0150 153	162530	Sgt Bpt: JDB 153 spotted 2 NVA at 897618 and heard other movement. JB14 directed SPOOKIN fires to the South, West, North & East with good target coverage. Movement ceased.	PSR
0130 154	170430	SINREP # 77	PR
0855 155	170810	Sgt Bpt: Bluck Alfa 1 at 902615 spotted enemy movement at 906616. Fired 81mm mortar mission with unknown results.	PSR
1100 156	171030	SINREP # 98	PR
1125 157	171110	Sgt Bpt: JB position at 918591 received 13 82mm rounds. Medevac chase took enemy tube under fire at 916630. 81mm mission was also fired with unknown results.	PSR
1100 158	171200	Sgt Bpt: J83 patrol spotted 3 NVA at 897606, took them under fire with small arms, withdrew and directed 81mm fire mission on that area. Area checked with negative results.	PSR
1415 159	171405	JB to BW: Final casualty report for 16 Sept: 21 KIA, 135 MIA and 6 MHC.	PR
1100 160	171450	Sgt Bpt: JB at 901601 received 57 rounds 82mm from vicinity of 9062. Fired 81mm and Arty missions with unknown results. 3 USMC VLA medevaced.	PSR
1652 161	171630	SINREP #79	PR

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1758 162	171720	Spktyrth JB OP received 60 rounds of 82mm at 901611 and a probe on the eastern portion of the perimeter. Directing Mortars, Art & Air. Will need mortar checkpoints.	FSR
2020 163	170915	Follow-up. Spktyrth JB lines were probed by a squad sized force. Enemy were engaged with small arms, enemy returned fire. Directing mortars on probable route of withdrawal. 1 USMC KIA, 13 USMC WIA as a result of mortar attack.	FSR
2154 164	172130	Spktyrth JB at 902611 has enemy movement on south slope at 906606 & 906604. Three grenades and fired Claymore with unknown results.	FSR
0433 165	180430	SHARP # 80.	FR
1050 166	181050	SHARP # 81.	FR
1430 167	181350	Spktyrth JB at 897624 had light contact with NVA at 897627. NVA fled. Fired 81mm mortars and arty on probable position with unknown results.	FSR
1710 168	181630	SHARP # 82	FR
0400 169	182230	SHARP # 83	FR
0435 170	190430	SHARP # 84	FR
0450 171	191745	Spktyrth JB at 895631 found 59 enemy bunkers in a complex at 893633. Will fire arty and utilize A/C on site.	FSR

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0705 172	181730	SplApt: JBF at 096627 and 095631 found blood and battle dressings that appeared to be very fresh, about 2 hours old. Friendly documents were also found and turned in to S-2.	FSR
0710 173	190745	SplApt: JBF at 907632 fired on 2 NVA at 907634. Believed NVA escaped and continued up a path leading North to North West.	FSR
0755 174	191200	Spl. Dpt: (Cumulative report on NVA positions and trails in the vicinity of 909630.)	FSR
1100 175	190700	SplApt: JBF at 097626 spotted a bunker complex at 093633. Air run on complex resulting in one secondary explosion.	FSR
1120 176	191115	JB to JBF: Suspected compromise of extracts of COI published by PLUMHOLD.	FSR
1405 177	191030	SUNAMP # 05.	FR
1510 178	182100	SplApt: JBF IR at 097626 reported 3-4 NVA moving on both sides of the trail. IR opened fire with small arms and withdrew to perimeter. Perimeter labor received 3 50-Cal grenades and returned fire with small arms and frags.	FSR
1434 179	190830	SplApt: JBF found approx 25 well built bunkers along a maze of primary trails at 098632. Also found a blue wire land line connecting bunkers & various items of 702 gear. Bunkers destroyed.	FSR

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1804 180	191630	SIRREP # 65	FR
2030 181	191730	SprRpt: JMF 1P at 903636 was establishing an Oz when 3 NVA were spotted and taken under fire. Believe to have hit two. Will search area at 1st light.	FSR
2140 182	191900	SprRpt: JMF received 3 rounds of suspected friendly Arty at 904635 resulting in 2 USMC KIA & 4 USMC WIA. Check fire on Arty; investigation initiated.	FSR
2145 183	192145	BW to JB: Freq Order 23-68.	FS
2240 184	192230	S SIRREP # 87	FR
0445 185	200430	SIRREP # 08	FR
0708 186	200500	SprRpt: JMF prep'd with Arty an NVA position at 892639 resulting in 11 secondary explosions.	FSR
1025 187	200345	SprRpt: JMF discovered 1 Russian waterproof RFD case at 901631.	FSR
1030 188	200900	SprRpt: JMF at 903637 fired on 5 to 10 NVA who were moving toward their lines at 904639 resulting in 2 NVA KIA (O) with 2 AR-47's and assorted 782 gear.	FSR
2112 189	200900	SprRpt: JMF found 1 carbine with pack and field glasses in the same area as the previous contact (901639).	FSR
1140 190	201030	SIRREP # 89	FR
1545 191	201507	BW to JB: LZ grids: BARRY 894617, GRAMP 903636.	FR

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1711 192	201630	SPTREP # 90	FSR
1715 193	201703	BW to JB: Frag Order 94-60.	FS
2017 194	201600	SptRpt: A.O. reported recent, heavily used trails at 090655 to 094662. A possible supply or CP area. Directing Atr strikes.	FSR
2030 195	191730	SptRpt (Final): JG destroyed the NVA bunkers located at 095631 to 095655. Bunkers were old - trails well used with bamboo steps.	FSR
2105 196	201630	SptRpt: JB found a Company sized NVA bunker complex at 097639. Two mortar pits with various articles of basic camp gear were also found. Area will be thoroughly searched.	FSR
2135 197	201830	SptRpt: JG discovered another NVA Bunker system at 091635 and lead elements located many more bunkers & gear in the vicinity of 091631. Bunkers are new and well constructed. Much food reported on trails. Will search area thoroughly.	FSR
2215 198	201645	SptRpt: JG lead elements received automatic weapons fire at 091630 from a bunker complex at the same coordinates. Pulled back and directed Arty.	
2235 199	202230	2 USMC WIA. SPTREP # 91	FSR FSR

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2515	200	202230	Sprfght: Truck Alfa 1 at 900612 spotted lights at 895615. Fire mission directed with unknown results.	PRR
0430	201	210430	SUNREP # 92	PR
1030	202	211030	SUNREP # 93	FR
1115	203	211100	Sprfght: Truck Alfa 1 at 900612 spotted enemy bunker at 090612. Directed an illum flare mission with excellent target coverage.	PRR
1630	204	211630	SUNREP # 94	PR
1820	205	211825	Sprfght: JBN 2P found 25 well built bunkers with heavy overcast. A 500 rounds believed to be .50 cal. 2 82mm mortar fuzes. 1 Chinese sub-machine gun magazine & various small articles at 905637. Trucks enter last night's rain indicate that 20-30 people slept there overnight.	PRR
1828	206	211700	Sprfght: JRG lead elements under M2 and M79 fire. Pulling back to use support. JRG aims to assist in retrieving two casualties.	PRR
1915	207	211630	Sprfght: JBN 1P found a bunker and sleeping complex at 915637. There were a total of 30 bunkers and 20 sleeping holes. Fresh blood around area.	PRR
2000	208	211835	Will search and blow bunkers at 1st light. JGy to all JB units (Info BN): Day activity requirements for 22 Sept.	PRR

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2110 209	211600	9752-01- 150 found in ammo cache at 091636. Area had been recently occupied. Many traps leading to storage areas. Cache estimated at 155 cases 82mm, 50 cases 60mm, 10 cases 7.62, 110 cans 50 4.2, 20 cases RPG and 55 cases of M1 mines. Follow-up, Final. Sp/Rpt: IM Lead elements received automatic weapons and machine gun fire upon reaching the east of Hill 579 at 092630. Unit pulled back leaving 2 USMC MIA on the hill. An RVN mission was fired allowing unit to go forward and retrieve personnel. Results were 1 USMC KIA, 4 RVN MIA (wounded) and 1 MIA KIA (9).	PSR
2110 210	211645	Sp/Rpt: IM Lead elements received automatic weapons and machine gun fire upon reaching the east of Hill 579 at 092630. Unit pulled back leaving 2 USMC MIA on the hill. An RVN mission was fired allowing unit to go forward and retrieve personnel. Results were 1 USMC KIA, 4 RVN MIA (wounded) and 1 MIA KIA (9).	PSR
2110 211	211600	Sp/Rpt: IM Recovered a well used trail heading north following the town. Area 091635 to 091637. Also a bunker and fighting hole complex including 17 bunkers and 30 fighting holes which will be destroyed.	PSR
2150 212	212230	STREP # 95	PR
0135 213	220450	STREP # 96	PR
0210 214	212200	Sp/Rpt: Pluck Alfa 1 at 900612 observed 3 to 4 lights moving in a northealy direction. Directed a Blm mission with rounds on target, extinguishing lights.	PSR
1030 215	221030	STREP # 97	PR

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1745 216	221740	1B2 to DW2; Recurrent code found in documents found on 2B1 SHOT 1. In as follows: RE 1808 IS.	PSR
1750 217	221600	Sgt Hbt: JM count of rounds previously reported by case is as follows: 11,475 rounds .50 cal., 705 rounds 82mm, 60 rounds 81mm, 320 AF mines and 10 cases TNT.	PSR
1900 218	221415	Sgt Hbt: JBI found a base camp believed to be Battalion size at 890635 with a water point, 14 detached huts with adjoining bunkers, dispensary, latrine area, head and GP area. Very little gear left behind by 5 NVA packs, few IF tools and assorted similar gear. Also some documents being brought to JB OP. Area will be destroyed.	PSR
1935 219	221630	Sgt Hbt # 98	TR
1925 220	221700	Sgt Hbt: JBI in move to objective, found 4 more bunkers at 892659. Small amount of 782 gear. Bunkers destroyed.	PSR
1928 221	221730	Sgt Hbt: PAJ observed 2 NVA moving NW at 886625. Conducted Arty fire mission resulting in 2 secondaries, 1 medium, 1 extremely large. Continuing Arty with Zone and Shift.	PSR
1900 222	221800	Sgt Hbt: JMF found 30 bunkers at 898638. Found no gear; destroyed part of complex. Will continue search and destruction tomorrow.	PSR

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1905 223	221330	SINREP # 99. SpBn: JN found 25 bunkers and fighting holes at 021638. Destroyed bunkers.	FSR
2030 224	222230	SINREP # 99.	FR
0430 225	230430	SINREP # 100	FR
1030 226	231030	SINREP # 101	FR
1445 227	231445	IN to JB: Preg Order 95-68.	FS
1500 228	231130	SplBn: JN elements checked out 0836/2 and discovered 3 trails and 1 bunker in that area, very little gear. Bunker destroyed.	FSR
1530 228	2 31530	SplBn: JN discovered 32 bunkers/hooches well constructed, very clean with a nose hall set up. Area believed to be an NVA R&R site. Location 093535. Very small amount of gear left behind, well policed. Will destroy.	FSR
1635 229	231630	SINREP # 102	FR
2130 230	232230	SINREP # 103	FR
0430 231	240430	SINREP # 104	FR
1030 232	241030	SINREP # 105	FR
1630 233	241630	SINREP # 106	FR
2230 234	242230	SINREP # 107	FR
2328 235	242328	IN to JB: Preg Order 96-68	FS

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0430 236	250430	SURREP # 108	NR
1030 237	242130	SplRpt: FM at 900612 directed Arty on a suspected infiltration route at 881626 resulting in 1 secondary explosion. Will continue to RFL.	FSR
1130 237	251030	SURREP # 109	NR
1645 238	251630	SURREP # 110	NR
1837 239	251600	SplRpt: JBE found 2 .50 cal M2 positions with adjoining bunkers and trenches at 890620. Positions two weeks old. One had a canvas cover the other used overhanging. Will complete search at 1st light.	FSR
2130 240	252130	BW to JB: Frag Order 97-68.	FS
2235 241	252230	SURREP # 111	NR
0430 242	260430	SURREP # 112	NR
1705 243	261515	SplRpt: JBE found 4 MVA bunkers and 2 82mm mortar pits at 873634. Also discovered 60 82mm rounds complete with fuzes and increments. Bunkers blown and area searched thoroughly.	FSR
1715 244	261830	SplRpt: JBE found a 12.7mm M2 position with sleeping bunker at 890620.	FSR
1720 245	261630	Destroyed position. SURREP # 113	NR

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1730	246	261040 BW to JB: Boundary change.	ESR
2001740	247	261500 Sp8gtr JBS P1 found two trails at 883622. One trail headed North the other led West. The trail leading north had fighting holes on both sides.	PSR
1742	248	261140 Sp8gtr: JBS spotted 1 NVA crossing trail at 892619. Fired 2 rounds small arms with negative results.	ESR
2230	249	262230 STWREP # 114	NR
0430	250	270430 STWREP # 115	NR
1030	251	271030 STWREP # 116	NR
1645	252	271630 STWREP # 117	NR
2116	253	272100 BW to JB: Reg Order 98-68.	FS
2250	254	272230 S WREP # 118	NR
0430	255	280430 STWREP # 119	NR
1035	256	281030 STWREP # 120	NR
1445	257	281400 JB 3 & JB6 departed for a vertical air recon of new AO.	F
1730	258	281630 STWREP # 121	NR
2100	259	280900 BW to JB: Reg Order 99-68.	FS
2127	260	282120 BW to JB: Boundary Change.	ESR

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2210	261	281205 BW to JB: Frag Order 49-60.	BS
2300	262	292230 SRRREP # 122	FR
0430	263	290430 SRRREP # 123	FR
1110	264	291030 SRRREP # 124	FR
1700	265	291630 SRRREP # 125	FR
1910	266	291825 SpRpt: JBE found 2 NVA bunkers which were destroyed by artillery at 291600. Excellent artillery effect was noted all along trails in this area.	FSR
2255	267	292222 SpRpt: JB Whiskey heard movement at 990617. Threw a total of 8 M-26's with negative results.	FSR
2308	268	292230 SRRREP # 126	FR
0435	269	300430 SRRREP # 127.	FR
1030	270	301030 SRRREP # 128	FR
1630	271	301630 SRRREP # 129	FR
1745	272	301730 SpRpt: PAI at 890612 observed gunships shooting at 891614. After which a "40" flew over and PAI heard what they believed to be a .50 cal machine gun firing on the chopper. Arty mission directed with unknown results. Will be included in tonight's HAF's.	FR
2230	273	302230 SRRREP # 130	FR

2235 214 302300 BW to JB: Frag Order 100-68