

3 September 1968

Delta 1/35th

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3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn Forward Fire Base

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D Co OPCON 2/8 Inf

Summary: At 2230 hours a report from the Bde S3 informed us that Delta Company 1/35 Inf received incoming mortar fire. The number of rounds is unknown. There were 5 friendly casualties. The location was not given and there was no further information available.

7 September 1968

Recon 1/35th

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Bn Forward Fire Support Base

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Location: Recon Plt 1/35 Special Forces Camp, Plei Mrong

Summary: At 2045 hours Recon Plt 1/35 Inf reported movement at ambush site ZA 101661. The platoon received 5 or 6 rounds of small arms fire. The platoon threw hand grenades and blew claymore mines. Finally contact was broken. Recon platoon destroyed their radio before withdrawing. Enemy casualties are unknown. Friendly casualties were none. The size of the enemy force is also unknown. The radio was recovered by a patrol at 0735 hours 8 September 1968. The radio was found to be totally destroyed. The frequency had been changed prior to destroying the radio.

10 September 1968

Bravo 1/35th

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Bn Forward Fire Base

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Summary: At 1150 hours on 10 September 1968 B Co 2nd Plt 1/35 reported incoming rounds. A confirmed report from Major Weedworth who was at the location (Kontum Air Strip and ASP) reported 7-8 122mm rockets and possibly 1 B-40 rocket hit a portion of the airstrip and ASP area. No significant damage was done. There were no reported friendly casualties reported. Artillery was called in on a suspected launching site from an azimuth taken by Major Weedworth and personnel at the ASP. No further action was reported.

12 September 1968

Alpha 1/35th

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Summary: At 1435 hours 12 September 1968 an element from A Co 1/35 Inf discovered a bunker complex at grid coordinate ZA 182755. There were a total of about 25 bunkers about 1 month old, with 18♦ of overhead cover. The bunkers had been used about 24 hours prior to the A Co element discovery of them. There were latrine facilities at the bunker complex. The bunker complex was large enough to accommodate a company size force or larger. At 1810 hours SRP teams from A Co found a cache at grid ZA 180749. The unit found an unknown amount of rice, 100 rounds of SKS ammunition, rain jackets and trousers and rifle cleaning equipment. There were also some uniforms found. The tunnel complex and cache were found under a rice cache. At 2320 hours Recon Plt 1/35 Inf reported possible incoming 60mm mortar round. The round landed about 30-50 meters outside of the perimeter. Negative casualties reported, no further rounds reported.

14 September 1968

Alpha 1/35th
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Summary: At 1105 hours 1E from B Co 2/8 made a C/A to AZ 170712 to recover the body from A Co 1/35. First and second lifts reported LZ Green. The last lift touched down at 1118 hours and began a sweep of the area where the SRP team made contact 13 September 1968. At 1121 hours 1 platoon reported finding 1 M-16 rifle and still looking for the body. At 1133 hours the platoon reported finding the body. The radio and the other M-16 rifle were not located. At 1138 hours the platoon reported movement 50 meters west of LZ 170712. Gunships came in to sweep the area. At 1200 hours the platoon from 2/8 Inf. was extracted from the area. There was no further action reported.

15 September 1968

Bravo 1/35th
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Summary: At 0005 hours 8293 (3rd Plt B Co 1/35) reported small arms fire coming from the east. At 0007 hours 8292 (2nd Plt B Co 1/35) reported small arms fire at their position. Kontum ASP (Ammunition Supply Point) firing coming from an azimuth of 350 degrees about 200 meters away. There were mortar rounds hitting the west end of the air strip on an azimuth of 300 degrees to 5

degrees about 300 meters out. The flash from the mortar tube could be seen as each round was fired. At 0019 hours the 2nd Plt reported that the firing had stopped and the Gladiator control had taken approximately 40-50 82mm mortar rounds. At 0024 hours 2nd plt reported receiving small arms fire again, location unknown. Gunships on location from Gladiator central and are peppering the area where the small arms fire is believed to be coming from. At 0054 hours 2nd Plt had 1 man wounded and requested a Med-Evac. They were informed to carry the EM on a stretcher and take him to the aid station at Gladiator central's location. 2nd Plt reported the EM had been taken to aid station and he had received 3 wounds, one on the right side of the face, one in the right shoulder and one in his right side. At 0120 hours 2nd Plt reported contact had been broken and gunships were still working the area. No enemy casualties were reported. No damage was reported at this time. At 0125 hours Recon Plt 1/35 at Plei Mrong (Special Forces Camp) reported small arms fire and 60mm mortar fire to the right and left of their position. At 0135 Recon Plt reported receiving 1 60mm mortar round. No friendly casualties. At 0142 Bde reported Spooky en route to their location and to come up to their frequency. At 0155 hours platoon reported Special Forces Camp still receiving mortar rounds. One round every 30 seconds. At 0157 hours radar (Big Eye) reported the following locations of suspected enemy mortar locations grid coordinates: 78629215, 78659175 and 78909272. Arty, gunships and Spooky bird worked this area over. At 0206 hours Recon Plt reported contact broken. Plt reported Special Forces Camp received 30-50 rounds of 60mm mortars. No friendly casualties were reported. At 0525 hours Recon Plt reported incoming 60mm mortar rounds west and south of his position. The Special Forces Camp received approximately 5-8 rounds. At 0545 hours Recon Plt reportedly received 8-10 rounds outside of his perimeter. One round landed inside the perimeter. No friendly casualties reported. Plt reported that rounds stopped coming in at last report. This at 0537 hours. At 1905 hours Recon Plt reported a change on the type of mortar rounds received. They were 82mm instead of 60mm. This was confirmed by a tail fin found outside the perimeter. They appeared to be new rounds. At 0923 hours Captain Tower B Co reported finding the following items at 795897 believed to be the sight of mortaring of the ASP (Ammunition Supply Point) and Gladiator Central position: 1 fuse can, 2 Chinese rations cans, 21 mortar fuse caps, 24 fuse wires, 12 fuse weld caps. All the foregoing items are believed to be associated with 82mm mortars.

18 September 1968

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0020 hours (C) Message from Captain Towers: (B/1/35) At approximately 2330 hours an EM at bunker #20 had an accidental hand grenade go off. EM suffered injuries to head (not serious).

0050 hours (C) Message from Captain Towers: (B/1/35) The man who was on guard picked up a hand grenade which had been booby trapped by the previous element occupying that bunker. The pin fell out, the man threw it and got a piece of shrapnel in the hand. Not bad enough to bother with.

21 September 1968

1/35th

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1755 hours (C) Delayed Entry-1437 hours 21 September 1968-Helicopter down on LZ (3/8 C/A). 3 people are reported injured, 1 missing. Require Dust-Off. Dust-Off complete at 1500 hours. Ship shot down with B-40 rocket round.

1756 hours (C) Delayed Entry-1610 hours 22 September 1968 2nd helicopter shot down on LZ (3/8 C/A). 1 KIA, the rest WIA. CO 3/8 Inf aboard helicopter. They do not think he is seriously hurt. Bde XO to go to Plei Mrong Special Forces Camp ASAP. There he will assume command of 3/8. The helicopter was downed by B-40 rocket fire. 9 lifts in LZ, trying to reinforce. Gunships and FAC are being moved into the area. Injured have already been picked up. CO 3/8 Inf not wounded seriously.

22 September 1968

1/35th

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2310 hours (C) Message from Bde to TOC: This is a Chou Hoi read out collected at 0800 hours 22 September 1968. It is important to the 1/35 people and the people at Plei Mrong. It reports that an NVA regiment has a mission to ambush Highway 14 at coordinates ZA 235670, to north 231795. Also from Hoi Chanh a NCO from the 5th Bn 24th Regiment. He also stated that the 4th Bn had only 60 survivors from the Binh Tay operations. The 5th Bn has also lost 150 people. The 6th Bn west of Highway 14 has the mission of ambushing the re-supply lines.

23 September 1968

1/35th

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Summary: At 2115 hours 2nd Plt B Company 1/35 Inf located at the Kontum ASP (Ammunition Supply Point) received 6-8 rounds of reported small arms fire. It was believed to be AK-47 fire. The fire was coming from the north about 200 meters out. No friendly casualties reported.

28 September 1968

Bravo 1/35th

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1000 hours (C) Patrol base (LZ Gloria) that B Co 1/35 Inf will set up will now be 2 companies in size. B Co will be joined by another company (A Co) by direction of Yumer Bills 53. Patrol base location will be grid 182718.

30 September 1968

Alpha & Br 1/35th
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0910 hours (C) A Co 1/35 Inf SRP 1 spotted 50 NVA wearing soft caps all of them had weapons and were wearing rucksacks. Light Organics (Mortars) were fired. The mortar rounds came right on them. The movement stopped. The mortars have stopped firing at this time. 0917 hours (C) B Co 1/35 SRP #12 spotted 15 VC in vicinity of village. They had steel pots and weapons.