

**1 February 1969**

1/35th

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3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Charmaine YA999219

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 (-) 017203

A Co 3rd Platoon Rock Quarry 0831

B 1/35 LZ Charmaine YA999219

C 1/35 LZ Linda

D 1/35 (-) 968186

Recon 003231

4.2" LZ Charmaine YA999219

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 1 February 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Charmaine YA999219, Battalion Headquarters (Forward); B Company, 4.2" mortar platoon, counter-mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; At LZ Linda ZA172217; C Company; A Company (-) ZA017203; D Company (-) YA968186; Recon platoon ZA003231; OPCON units: A Company 3d platoon OPCON to the 1/92 artillery; D Company 2nd platoon OPCON to the 1/69 Armor; At LZ Oasis Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1015 hours C Company reported that they were receiving small arms fire from a village at a grid ZA175209 and ZA169212, contact was broken at 1200 hours, there were no US casualties reported and no enemy assessment was made. At 1020 hours c company reported that they had spotted 8-10 individuals with packs, the individuals were standing in a village but there was no action taken as a result. At 1032 hours C Company reported that they were in contact with an estimated enemy squad at grid ZA173206, contact was broken at 1050 hours. Light organics and gunships were employed but there were no casualties sustained. At 1445 hours C Company reported that they had detained one individual as a suspected VC at grid 156209, the individual was sent to Brigade Headquarters. At 2145 hours we received a message from the Bde S-3 which was sent to Bn S-3: B Company will be air lifted to the Oasis 2 February 1969, move overland to Plei-Mrong where they will be OPCON to the 2nd Brigade.

0003 hours (C) D Co reports that their ambush has movement to the north, sounded like someone crawling and they set off one Claymore and they threw 2 hand grenades and the movement stopped. They are going to sweep the area tomorrow.

0840 hours (C) Bde S-3 suggests that the Bn CO and the Bn S-3 make a reconnaissance of the area Punchbowl north to 509 and south and the river on the east for LZs, Firebases and employment of the 1/35 in a defensive blocking position, plan to occupy 2 firebases.

1015 hours (C) C Co is receiving small arms fire from the villages at grid 175206, 169212.

1020 hours (C) C Co spotted people with packs, 8-10 EM, standing in the village, also spotted the water buffalo near the village and the people in the trees.

1032 hours (C) C Co is in contact and they employed M-60 fire in the tree line and they are now receiving fire from grid 173206 request guns, estimate the enemy size force to be a squad.

1047 (C) Shamrock 97 is on station.

1049 (C) From the Bde S-3 air to the Bn S-3: Tell C Co not to proceed any further than their current location, proceed west towards Puma, mission to is to move west towards Puma.

1050 hours (C) Contact broken at this time.

1106 hours (C) From Bde: Have the Bn CO use the LOH to go to the Oasis for the change of command ceremony at 1300 hours.

1112 hours (C) Gunships have been pulled by Bde S-3 air, C Co is to move towards the west to LZ Puma.

1114 (C) From the Bn CO to C Co CO: Move the Co back to the west by a different route, work the draws.

1133 hours (C) C Co received fire from the same area while pulling out they received fire from the same area, estimated to be a platoon size element with automatic weapons and M-79, request gunships.

1145 hours (C) C Co is employing 81mm and LAW at this time on grid 170286.

1152 hours (C) Gambler 21 is on station at this time.

1150 hours (C) Contact was broken at this time.

1210 hours (C) Guns Gambler 21 did not expend all of their ordnance, only 80%.

1235 hours (C) D Co found seven old hooches and seven green gourds one old magazine, looks like a Soviet 7.62, recent GI activity in the area (977169).

1236 hours (C) D Co requested a MedEvac for a man with a swollen hand from a bee sting (line no. 140) requested this MedEvac from Bde.

1245 hours (C) Bn CO is airborne for a change of command at the Oasis.

1305 hours (C) C Co is in contact at the village at grid 156209.

1308 hours (C) C Co reports that the contact is broken.

1309 hours (C) C Co reports that the contact was light automatic weapons firing coming from the southeast side of the village approximately 3-4 individuals in a ditch, there were also women and children in the village.

1315 hours (C) C Co reports that they are still receiving sporadic fire at this time.

1317 hours (C) C Co reports that the villagers have been hurt in the exchange of fire.

1320 hours (C) S-3 informed C Co to try and maneuver and get into the village to get at the enemy, and also to help the wounded and try to get them out of the village and out of the field of fire.

1445 hours (C) To C Co from the S-3: How many civilians were hurt in the village and how were they hurt, and by whom were they hurt, C Co says that negative personnel were hurt, also C Co has 1 suspected VC and they wish to know what they are to do with him.

1620 hours (C) To Bde from the S-3: Due to rough going B Co will not be able to make it any further then the vicinity of grid 028210.

2040 hours (C) To D Co from the S-3: Be advised that the firecracker was fired along the Ia Puch river valley in the northeast part of the area, you will work tomorrow and this does not preclude operating but you must be aware of this, work the Ia Puch river valley in detail.

2145 hours (C) From the Bde CO to the Bn CO: B Co 1/35 will be airlifted to the Oasis, 2 February 1969 they will move overland to Plei-Mrong and they will be OPCON to the 2nd Bde, what time can B Co be at the PZ?

2201 (C) From Major Losey to the Bde S-3: Comments; None of the positions that were visually reconned will be able to take an artillery battery without extensive preparations taking 4 days to a week, tall trees will mask fires, all areas must be cleared to put artillery into position, in the entire area to the east of LZ Punchbowl any units requiring MedEvac or resupply would have to conduct extensive LZ preparation once they left the areas of the bases.

2300 hours (C) From Bde S-3 to Major Losey: Be prepared to assist a guide in location 5 KHA left at Chu-Pa mountain.

2350 hours (C) From Major Losey to C & D companies: Be prepared to go OPCON to the 7/17 Cav between 2-6 Feb report immediately to the nearest LZ, report equipment and the number of personnel that will be required to accompany you **2 February 1969**

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3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base  
LZ Charmaine YA999219

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 (-) LZ Charmaine  
A Co 3rd Platoon Rock Quarry 0831  
B 1/35 (-) 016214  
C 1/35 148217  
D 1/35 987159  
D Co 2nd platoon LZ Janet 896243  
Recon LZ Charmaine YA999219  
4.2" LZ Charmaine YA999219

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 2 February 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Charmaine YA999219, Battalion Headquarters (Forward); A Company (-), E Company, counter-mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; B Company ZA016214; C Company ZA148217; D Company ZA997159; OPCON units: A Company 3d platoon OPCON to the 1/69 Armor; D Company 2nd platoon OPCON to the 1/69 Armor; At LZ Oasis Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1730 hours 2 February 1969 C Company reported secondary explosions while firing D.T. at their night location. At 1740 hours a secondary explosion was observed at ZA087217, a sweep of the area was ordered by the Battalion Commander on 3 February 1969.

0845 hours (C) B Co is at an LZ at this time at grid 021213, it is a one ship LZ.

0955 hours C Co reports VC/NVA at grid 138218 they are out in the open, they are going to set up an ambush, they are going to call in artillery, 4 VC/NVA.

1008 hours (C) B Co reports that their lift is complete at this time.

1009 hours (C) From the Bde to the Bn S-3: You are advised that 8 members of an Air Force (B-52 crew) will visit LZ Charmaine 4 February 1969 they will arrive at approximately 0830 hours they will depart at 0930 hours, the ranking member will be a LTC; you are requested to be prepared to give a tactical briefing and escort around LZ Charmaine, please advise the 2/9 radar to be prepared to give a briefing, QSL requested.

1056 hours (U) DELAY ENTRY 0955 hours 2 February 1969- Passed to A Co CO from Major Losey: From Major Losey and levied on A Co; For an airmobile demonstration 36 troops. 4 NCOs, 12 persons, 81mm mortar and 2 officers.

1123 (C) From the Bde CO to the Bn CO: Be prepared to OPCON one company to the 1/14 not later than 3 February 1969 for use in the Chu-Pa operation.

1150 hours (C) In reference to the one company going OPCON to the 1/14, the company will go

OPCON on the morning of 3 February 1969.

1209 hours (C) Major Losey received the following information from the Bde 82A; the company in reference to item 37 must be at full strength, C Co will be airlifted from the field on the morning of 3 February 1969.

1212 hours (C) From the Bde S-3 to the Bn S-3: Send a guide to the 1/14 to assist them in the location of the 5 KIAs of the 1/35 on Chu-Pa, send the guide to the Oasis and have him go to the resupply pad and catch a bird to LZ Tommy.

1215 hours (C) Major Losey informed that we will send 2 guides.

1219 hours (C) To C Co from the S-3: You will go OPCON to the 1/14 Inf on the morning of 3 Feb 69, you will be airlifted from the AO that you are in select and report the PZ prior to 021700 Feb get in a list of resupply and requirements for the operation ASAP, so we can effect the necessary resupply, be ready to go by 0700 hours 3 Feb 69 give us the number of personnel that will be involved that are at your location and that are at LZ Charmaine.

1237 hours (C) From the Bde S-3 to the Bn S-3: Be prepared to have one platoon on a 15 minute alert and one company on a one hour alert as a reaction force for the LRRPs that are in contact at grid ZA034370.

1240 hours (C) S-3 alerted D Co to be on the alert as a reactionary force for the LRRP team that is in contact at this time.

1345 hours (C) D Co has 82 people and 2 PIO personnel.

1420 hours (C) C Co informs us that they have 110 packs in the field.

1625 hours (C) To D Co from the S-3: Continue to the southwest and then move back towards the northwest staying approximately 1000-1500 meters from the border, continue a detailed search and destroy mission into AO 4 set up the patrol base at night and place a bushmaster out each night at least 800 meters from the CP.

1730 hours (C) C Co reports secondary explosion on a D.T.

1740 hours (C) In reference to C co secondary explosion it was at grid 087217 ball of fire 50 feet with white smoke after repeatedly observing another explosion 20-25 feet of white smoke.

1830 hours (C) C Co reports hearing another secondary explosion at grid 087217 20-25 feet of white smoke.

2120 hours (C) C Co reports a UFP at his location traveling north to south altitude 300 feet and we informed radar.

2330 (C) To CO 1/35 from CO 3d Bde: Be prepared to go OPCON 2nd Bde on order from this Headquarters, continue the present mission until receipt of further orders, be prepared to move 1/35 Inf minus one company with direct support artillery battery to Plei Djerang and then combat assault into the assigned AO.

### **3 February 1969**

1/35th

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Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base  
LZ Charmaine YA999219

#### Unit Locations:

A 1/35 (-) LZ Charmaine  
A Co 3rd Platoon Rock Quarry 0831  
B 1/35 OPCON 2/8 Inf, 2nd Bde  
C 1/35 (-) 096217  
D 1/35 984154  
D Co 2nd platoon LZ Janet 896243  
Recon LZ Charmaine YA999219  
4.2" LZ Charmaine YA999219

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 3 February 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Charmaine YA999219, Battalion Headquarters (Forward); A Company (-), E Company, counter-mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; C Company ZA096217; D Company ZA984154; OPCON units: B Company OPCON to the 2/8 Inf, 2nd Bde; A Company 3d platoon OPCON to the 1/69 Armor; D Company 2nd platoon OPCON to the 1/69 Armor; At LZ Oasis Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). No significant activities occurred in the area of operation during the reporting period.

0010 hours (C) Ref from Bde: If we will go OPCON to 2nd Bde minus our B Co and if so will we take our A, C, D Companies.

0015 hours (C) Bde informs us that we will be going OPCON to 2nd Bde upon order from 3d Bde. A definite time is unknown.

0800 hours (C) To all units of the 1/35: Continue present missions until receipt of further orders, 1/35 will be prepared to go OPCON on order to 2nd Bde, 1/35 will be prepared minus B Co to Plei-Djerang and then combat assault into the assigned AO. A & D companies will get their platoons back.

1157 hours (C) C Co reports at grid 089219 east side of LZ Puma on the west slope of the hill found 40 VC bunkers 2-3 feet of overhead cover with logs and dirt all entrances face south, 2-3 man bunkers, L-shaped, one month old or less.

1235 hours (C) C Co 2nd platoon left on LZ 096217 was hit by sniper fire from the east.

1236 hours (C) C Co is employing 81mm mortar at this time.

1239 hours (C) C Co 2nd platoon received small arms fire from approximately 600 meters away from the east and the fire came from the tall grass near the tree line and it lasted only a short time (1-2 minutes), employed 81mm mortar fire and they are now employing 155mm fire from the Rock Quarry.

1255 hours (C) C Co reports that the enemy fled to the east.

1321 hours (C) From the S-1 at Base Camp: lines 2, 6 and 62 of D Co are to return for a court-martial.

1505 hours (C) To C Co from the S-3 in reference to the contact this morning; Bn CO wants you to keep searching the area and to put out strong bushmasters, C Co CO is saying that the firing is coming from the village and he would like to check them out, S-3 says that he will have to check with Bde on this, grids of the village are 087204 and 122215.

1510 hours (C) At grid 969152 D Co reports finding a rice hooch with about 100 sandbags of rice in it, also found tunnels and they think that the enemy has just moved out, they will keep us informed.

1520 hours (C) D Co reports that the rice weighs 1500-2000 pounds.

1955 hours (C) To C & D companies from the S-3: New policy at about 1530 hours set up a night location, develop positions to include overhead cover.

#### **4 February 1969**

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(1/35) Forward Fire Base  
LZ Charmaine YA999219

#### Unit Locations:

A 1/35 (-) LZ Charmaine YA999219

A Co 3rd Platoon Rock Quarry 0831

B 1/35 OPCON 2/8 Inf, 2nd Bde

C 1/35 (-) 096217

D 1/35 984154

D Co 2nd platoon LZ Janet 896243

Recon LZ Charmaine YA999219

4.2" LZ Charmaine YA999219

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 4 February 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Charmaine YA999219,

Battalion Headquarters (Forward); A Company (-), E Company, counter-mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; C Company ZA096217; D Company (-) ZA984152; OPCON units: B Company OPCON to the 2/8 Inf, 2nd Bde; A Company 3d platoon OPCON to the 1/69 Armor; D Company 2nd platoon OPCON to the 1/69 Armor; At LZ Oasis Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). No significant activities occurred in the area of operation during the reporting period.

0005 hours (C) From the Bde CO to the 1/35 CO: All units will place the maximum emphasis on improving fire bases to include clearing fields of fire, adding wire, trip flares and improving the overhead cover. LP's and OP's will be used to improve the local security.

0100 hours (C) To the CO 1/35 from the Bde CO: On 4 February 1969 not later than 1200 hours 1 company minus one platoon into AO bounded by AR8015, ZA8015, ZA1822 and ZA1815 conduct search and clear operations and move the 4.2" mortar platoon secured by one rifle platoon in position to support the search and clear operations. An LOH will be available at approximately 0700 hours for a visual reconnaissance A.L. requirements to the S-3 not later than 040700 hours February 1969, the operation will last 3-5 days and intelligence reports indicates that at the location in the vicinity of grid ZA2217, ZA2317 during the past several days enemy forces have moved in reaction to your operation.

0300 hours (From 2/8) B/1-35: 45 SRP spotted 3 individuals in a dugout canoe in blue line, 360 degrees, 600 meters, in midstream. One individual wearing pants. Canoe went to far bank from 45's location and dropped off one person. Canoe returned to midstream, visual contact lost at this point.

0600 hours (C) Bn CO informed Bde that C CO would be making a CA today at 1200 hours.

0655 hours (C) Major Losey informed Bde that we want 3 lift ships for the CA. We want a heavy set of gunships to cover the CA, we want an air strike on the LZ in the absence of artillery, we need 4 hook sorties to move the 4.2" mortar platoon, we want an early load of the 4.2" personnel to clear LZ Charmaine to prepare the loads.

0725 hours (C) To C Co from the S-3: Be prepared to CA into a new AO bounded by AR8022, AR8015, ZA1822 and ZA1815 to conduct search and clear operations PZ time 1130 hours. Intelligence indicated that there are enemy forces in the vicinity of grid ZA2217 and ZA2317 for the past several days. 4.2" mortar platoon will go in support and employ one rifle platoon to secure the 4.2" mortar platoon, Bn CO will conduct a visual reconnaissance to select an LZ at 0730 hours.

0807 hours (C) C Co received 6 rounds of sniper fire from the south side of the village (090203) they are maneuvering the elements, there are negative casualties at this time.

1030 hours (C) Cider 35 is on station and he will have F-100's with napalm 20mm cannons and 500 LB bombs.

1130 hours (C) The airstrike is complete.



1135 hours (C) LZ vicinity of grid ZA233185, LZ this time LZ Cold.

1158 hours (C) C Co people on the PZ received 2 rounds of M-79 fire from the village to the north, they have security out at this time, the rounds did not land near PZ.

1630 hours (C) To the Bn CO from the Bde: The 4 bodies of your element have been recovered and they are at the Oasis, you should send somebody immediately to Grave Registration to make the necessary identification of the bodies, Bn CO gives his QSL.

2115 hours (From 2/8) B/1-35 SRP 45 spotted 31 enemy with a starlight scope. They were moving east to west at 360 degrees, 500meters. The enemy had rucksacks and some weapons were observed. Arty was held up until the enemy was in the water (Krong Po'ko river) SRP observed 3 enemy still in the water when the 1st rounds came in. After the Arty was being employed the 45 & 46 SRP's heard moaning, enemy shouting at each other and running through the weeds; SRP 45 observed 3 bodies and rucksacks floating down the river, also possibly 2 other bodies. 10 to 15 enemy were on the far bank when Arty came in, then nothing was observed. 46 SRP also saw 3 possible KIA's on the bank and 6 enemy were observed in the water until Arty came in.

2210 hours (From 2/8) SRP 46 has movement on far side of his position, will observe with starlight scope; if activity increases Arty will be employed; Arty now working up data for mission is needed by 46 SRP.

2230 hours (From 2/8) B/1-35 notified to plant SRP's 47, 48, 49 and 50 with possibility of enemy approaching river from their rear.

2340 hours (From 2/8) 45 SRP has seen 5 people on far bank, FO is getting grids lined up & cleared & standing by.

Summary from 2/8: B/1-35 remained attached. At 2115 hours B/1-35 SRP reported seeing 31 enemy crossing river (Krong Po'ko). Firecracker was employed, 3 bodies were seen floating down stream and possibly 2 more. Plans for 5 Feb 69 to secure an Air Cav troop and insert ARP in vicinity of contact with a plt from B/1-35 to reinforce if necessary.

## **5 February 1969**

1/35th

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(1/35) Forward Fire Base  
LZ Charmaine YA999219

### Unit Locations:

A 1/-35 (-) LZ Charmaine YA999219  
A Co 3rd Platoon Rock Quarry ZA080310

B 1/-35 OPCON 2/8 Inf, 2nd Bde  
C 1/-35 (-) 228172  
D 1/-35 (-) YA969152  
D Co 2nd platoon LZ Janet 896243  
Recon LZ Charmaine YA999219  
4.2" LZ Charmaine YA999219

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 5 February 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Charmaine YA999219, Battalion Headquarters (Forward); A Company (-), E Company, counter-mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; C Company ZA096217; D Company (-) ZA984152; OPCON units: B Company OPCON to the 2/8 Inf, 2nd Bde; A Company 3d platoon OPCON to the 1/69 Armor; D Company 2nd platoon OPCON to the 1/69 Armor; At LZ Oasis Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). No significant activities occurred in the area of operation during the reporting period.

0005 hours (From 2/8) From Bde: 2-8 will have an Air Cav troop 5 Feb 69. Should report approximately 0800 hrs to check out area of firing 4 Feb 69, where 31 enemy were coming across the river in B/1-35's area.

0610 hours (C) C Co informs us that they have surrounded a village Plei Deu Tung but it was difficult because the village was occupied and they have trail watchers out but we cannot tell who the people are as of yet and there has been no one seen carrying a weapon grid is 216169.

0645 hours (From 2/8) B/1-35: 50 SRP reports 3 to 4 enemy at 064781 at mouth of river, 0640 hrs. Redlegs will be employed.

0655 hours (From 2/8) B/1-35: 2nd plt SP for blue line, to standby to cross.

0700 hours (From 2/8) B/1-35 50 SRP reports seeing 1 man with mortar tube duck back into woodline.

0910 hours (C) D Co estimates that it will take 5 slicks to evacuate the 2 tons of rice.

0921 hours (C) From the Bde CO to the Bn CO: Recent visits of the firebases indicates to me that more preparation to withstand attack particular emphasis on fields of fire, defensive wire and overhead cover. I have observed incidents where soldiers were not gainfully employed in the improvement of the firebase. You will take immediate action to prepare the firebase to withstand immediate attack, I do not intend that you stop offensive actions but wish to emphasize the urgency of this, report to me not later than 062000 February of the action taken and the progress made to implement these defensive measures, the report should indicate progress made on the firebase as well as any assistance that is needed to enhance the improvement.

1015 hours (From 2/8) B/1-35 found 10-20 foxholes, 70 degrees, 1 to 2 clicks from FB, location 075742.

1410 hours (From 2/8) B/1-35 found AK47 rounds & magazines, Chi Com grenades, sandals & a weapon of unknown type.

1535 hours (C) From the Bde TOC: 1/14 found bones which were identified as being part of a human body belonging to our element, near the bones they found a personal letter and an NCO card with a Service Number on them being US56716301, they also found dog tags belonging to the EM who was thought to have already been extracted Service Number RA68021159.

1545 hours (From 2/8) B/1-35: reports hearing 2 bursts of AK47 fire, 100 degrees, 800 to 1000 meters.

1726 hours (C) DELAYED ENTRY-1715 hours 5 Feb 69- Requested a Dust-Off for the EM in D Co line no. 69 January roster, EM stuck a punji stake in his right leg, seems to have gone in about 3 inches.

1855 hours (From 2/8) B/1-35: 50 SRP reports 5 dinks, 064781, black & green clothes getting water, they have returned to the bush, Arty is being worked up.

1930 hours (From 2/8) B/1-35: reports seeing 5 people at mouth of blueline seems they are waiting to cross. Redlegs called for, terrain suitable for firecracker rounds.

Summery from 2/8: B/1-35 remained attached to 2-8. 2/B/1-35 crossed the river and searched area of contact, found 1 AK47 round, ChiCom grenades, sandals & a pistol belt.

## **6 February 1969**

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### Unit Locations:

A 1/35 (-) LZ Charmaine YA999219  
A Co 3rd Platoon Rock Quarry ZA080310  
B 1/35 OPCON 2/8 Inf, 2nd Bde  
C 1/35 (-) 228172  
D 1/35 (-) 965155  
D Co 2nd platoon LZ Janet 896243  
Recon LZ Charmaine YA999219  
4.2" 228172

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 6 February 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Charmaine YA999219,

Battalion Headquarters (Forward); A Company (-), E Company (-), counter-mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; C Company 965155; 4.2" mortar platoon ZA228172; OPCON units: B Company OPCON to the 2/8 Inf, 2nd Bde; A Company 3d platoon OPCON to the 1/69 Armor; D Company 2nd platoon OPCON to the 1/69 Armor; At LZ Oasis Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1545 hours C Company reported finding 500-1,000 pounds of rice (unpolished) in an old hooch vicinity of grid ZA187163, the rice was evacuated to Bde. At 1655 hours 4.2" mortar platoon reported that they were receiving small arms fire 150 meters to the southeast of their location, light organics were employed and a sweep of the area was conducted and as a result there were negative findings (no U.S. casualties). The CP's of C, D and E Companies were alerted for a move from their present location to LZ Oasis and move by convoy to LZ Jane ZA058437 on 7 February 1969.

0510 hours (C) C Co has married up with their 3d platoon and they are starting to surround the village at grid 219169 village name Plei Deu Tung.

0830 hours (C) From the Bde S-3 to the Bn S-3: C 7/17 will make a visual reconnaissance of the area of the suspected mortar in 1/35 AO will make a visual reconnaissance of grid YA973311, 987181 then leave for another mission to the north.

0942 hours (C) 7/17 Cav Sitrep at grid 973311 found an impression in the dirt which was 3 feet in diameter looks like an 82mm mortar which was used in the last 12 hours. At grid 987181 platoon mor on top of a dirt mound which is 3 feet in diameter and 5 meters from the trail and it has not been used within the last 48 hours but it looks like they are ready to use it, 40 meter to the north these is another platform 3 feet in diameter and it looks like it is being prepared to be used 7/17 Cav is at grid 976181.

1010 hours (C) 7/17 Cav is at grid 9751818 they found 35 foxholes, which were used, in the last 4-6 days G.I. activity.

1037 hours (C) To D Co from the S-3: Turn to the northeast and move to the vicinity of grid YA987181 to sweep the area for the enemy mortar positions, check the entire area in the vicinity of LZ Laura, the enemy positions have been reported by radar and confirmed by the 7/17 Cav.

1231 hours (C) 1/12 is in contact at grid 904665.

1545 hours (C) At 200165 C Co reports they found 500-1,000 pounds of unpolished rice in old hooch.

1630 hours (C) To the S-3 from the Division G-3: A press release from Saigon sates that an NVA or a VC element released a US prisoner in Kontum province, the man was captured in March 1968 request that your element keep their eyes open for this man.

1645 hours (C) 4.2" reports that they are receiving small arms fire at this time it is sniper fire, it is coming from their southeast approximately 150 meters out, light organics and small arms fire being employed at this time.

1650 hours (From 2/8) B/1-35: 43 SRP reports at 1530 hrs finding freshly cut wood on the north side of a blueline at 058751, 8-10 large logs and smaller freshly cut timbers was sited, they also think a lot of traffic has been there lately as a trail is beginning to appear. They believe the wood is being cut to make a bridge.

1845 hours (From 2/8) B/1-35 1st plt patrol- debriefing info. At 054727, 20 meters out to the NE of the broken stream another stream runs NE which can't be seen from the air. It's about 18" wide, 6" deep and clear. There is a small sleeping area with 3 definite sleeping areas and room for a sqd in immediate area. They found clothing, washing facilities, good water and had not been used for an estimated 30 days. A T-frame cover type which raises and lowers and provides overhead cover from air observation. Also found a trail along the blueline running east and a high-speed trail running NE & SW at 045715. Clothing khaki shirt, 2 black pajamas and other nondescript items.

1855 hours (C) To D Co from the S-3: Be prepared 070700 for extraction from LZ Laura to LZ Oasis for an overland move to the new AO.

1900 hours (C) To C Co from the S-3: Bag the rice and improve the LZ at your location, have the entire unit prepared for extraction to LZ Oasis for an overland move from the Oasis to the new AO by 0730 hours.

2130 hours (C) To the S-3 from the Bde S-3: The Bde CO noted that D Co did not sweep the area of the suspected mortar positions and C Co did not sweep the area of their contact. The Division and Bde CO's expect a sweep of the areas of contact and the suspected mortar locations from where they received the direct and the indirect fire (See items 46 and 48). Send a name for the new LZ on Highway 509 for approval and please specify the coordinates, need a QSL from the Bn S-3, the Bn S-3 gives his QSL and he says the new LZ will be located at grid ZA061446, name (1) LZ Jane (2) LZ Rebecca.

## **7 February 1969**

1/35th

*Submitted by:* Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn  
(1/35) Forward Fire Base  
LZ Charmaine YA999219

### Unit Locations:

A 1/35 (-) LZ Charmaine YA999219  
A Co 3rd Platoon Rock Quarry ZA080310  
B 1/35 OPCON 2/8 Inf, 2nd Bde  
C 1/35 (-) 197163  
C Co 1st & 4th platoons 228172  
D 1/35 (-) 990185  
D Co 2nd platoon LZ Janet 896243  
Recon LZ Charmaine YA999219

## 4.2" 228172

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 7 February 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Charmaine YA999219, Battalion Headquarters (Forward); A Company (-), E Company (-), counter-mortar section from the 2/9 artillery, 3d platoon D Company 4th Engineer Battalion; C Company ZA197163; 4.2" D Company (-) YA990185; 4.2" platoon ZA228172; OPCON units: B Company OPCON to the 2/8 Inf, 2nd Bde; A Company 3d platoon OPCON to the 1/69 Armor; D Company 2nd platoon OPCON to the 1/69 Armor; At LZ Oasis Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

The battalion started to move from LZ Charmaine at 0825 hours with D Company completing the move to the Oasis with all elements at 1120 hours. The convoy departed LZ Oasis at 1450 hours and they arrived at LZ Jane ZA058437 at 1718 hours. The units at LZ Jane are TOC, C, D and E Companies.

0410 (C) C Co 4th platoon at grid 228172 reports 4 AK-47 rounds fired in the perimeter from the north, LP returned the fire, they threw on frag and then they ran back to the perimeter, as EM line no. 89 was running back to the perimeter he received shrapnel in the back of his head either from M-79 round of frag from the outside of the perimeter, a man was seen running to the northeast outside of the perimeter and an M-79 was fired at him by C Co 4th platoon and M-16 fire but they have had negative results at this time, action stopped at 0420 hours and they are employing 81mm mortar rounds at this time, C Co requested a Dust-Off for the WHA at 0700 hours.

0425 hours (C) C Co 4th platoon reported that they were receiving 2 more M-79 rounds in the side of the perimeter on the west side of the perimeter, but that they have negative casualties and negative knowledge as to the direction that the rounds came from, A Co 4th platoon is employing 81mm prep around the perimeter at this time and they will move them in to 100 meters.

0426 hours (C) Requested from Bde a Dust-Off for the EM Everett, Blizzard who received a shrapnel wound in the back center of his head, the Medics say the he is in good condition but he has to be Dusted-Off at 0700 hours.

1124 hours (C) From the Bde S-3: 1/35 is to have A Co on standby for a reaction force for C troop 7/17 Cav.

1710 hours (C) A Co 2 ton truck on the convoy hit a mine the driver was injured and he is being evacuated to the Oasis.

2205 hours (C) To Bn CO from Bde 50: Question on the letter that was found on the body do we have the person's name, reference the letter found by the Q element.

2210 hours (From 2/8) B/1-35: 48 SRP reports seeing shadows on far side of blueline, movement sounds like someone working, 4700 mils, Arty is being worked up now.

2230 hours (From 2/8) B/1-35: 42 SRP sees movement at 55 degrees, 50 meters, a shadow, maybe a head, B/1-35 will fire organics and ill.

## **8 February 1969**

1/35th

*Submitted by: Dave Fogg*

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn  
(1/35) Forward Fire Base  
LZ Jane ZA057436

### Unit Locations:

A 1/35 (-) LZ Charmaine YA999219  
A Co 3rd Platoon Rock Quarry ZA080310  
B 1/35 OPCON 2/8 Inf, 2nd Bde  
C 1/35 (-) LZ Jane ZA057436  
D 1/35 (-) LZ Jane ZA057436  
D Co 2nd platoon LZ Janet 896243  
D Co 1st platoon 060432  
Recon LZ Jane ZA057436  
4.2" LZ Jane ZA057436

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 8 February 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Jane ZA057436, Battalion Headquarters (Forward); C Company, D Company (-), E Company, 3d platoon D Company 4th Engineer Battalion; At LZ Charmaine YA999219; A Company (-), counter-mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; OPCON units: B Company OPCON to the 2/8 Inf, 2nd Bde; A Company 3d platoon OPCON to the 1/69 Armor; D Company 2nd platoon OPCON to the 1/69 Armor; At LZ Oasis Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1600 hours C Battery 2/9 artillery closed LZ Jane. At 1314 hours D Company and Recon platoon departed LZ Jane to conduct an operation north of LZ Jane.

0655 hours (C) Message from the Bde S-3 to the Bn S-3: Concentrate your operation 8-10 February 1969 on the area to the north of Highway 509 orient the operations based on the current indicators marked on the overlay received 7 Feb 69 you will receive periodic changes when you receive the 3d Co, employ one to the south of the round and 2 (-) north of the road.

0958 hours (C) From the S-2 to the S-3: 1/14 at grid 936686 found an envelope next to the body but not on the body return address PFC Mike Custer US 52818087 Co A 1/35 on back a poem signed by Ho Chi Minh, the poem commended the men for their fine spirit in 1968, says they will get independence in 1969, S-2 says that it is a typical Pre-Tet information pamphlet.

2310 hours (C) From the Bde CO to the 1/35 CO: You will submit the names of 5 EM to be nominated for the ARVN award for their participation in operation Sledgehammer, the data must arrive at this location not later than 091500 Feb. Report will state the name in order of priority, Rank, Army Serial Number and Social Security Account Number, Unit, Date and the action being cited, 2 or 3 sentences describing the action. QSL desired ASAP, Bn CO acknowledges receipt.

**9 February 1969**

Bravo 1/35th

*Submitted by: Dave Fogg*

1530 hours 9 February 1969 B 1/35 medcap team SP for FSB at 067720 800 meters north of 5B received small arms fire and think they were missed by a B-40. Action taken: fire 5 rounds 81mm, recon by fire; resupply convoy linked up with medcap team. B 1/35: Incident, while adjusting 81mm into area of contact, 2 U.S. WIA, shrapnel in chest and arms, neither serious, one man was of B 1/35, the other belonged to 4th Engineers.

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**9 February 1969**

1/35th

*Submitted by: Dave Fogg*

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3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn

(1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Jane ZA057436

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 (-) LZ Charmaine YA999219

A Co 3rd Platoon Rock Quarry ZA080310

B 1/35 OPCON 2/8 Inf, 2nd Bde

C 1/35 (-) LZ Jane ZA057436

D 1/35 (-) ZA038461

D Co 2nd platoon LZ Janet 896243

Recon LZ Jane ZA057436

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**10 February 1969**

1/35th

*Submitted by: Dave Fogg*

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn

(1/35) Forward Fire Base



LZ Jane ZA057436

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Jane ZA057436  
A Co 3rd Platoon Rock Quarry ZA080310  
B 1/35 OPCON 2/8 Inf, 2nd Bde  
C 1/35 LZ Jane ZA057436  
C Co 2nd platoon and LRP 063535  
D 1/35 (-) 064486  
D Co 2nd platoon LZ Janet YA896243  
Recon 063497  
4.2" LZ Jane ZA057436

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 10 February 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Jane ZA057436, Battalion Headquarters (Forward); A Company (-), C Company, 4.2" mortar platoon, C Battery 2/9 artillery, 3d platoon (-) D Company 4th Engineer Battalion; counter-mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; D Company ZA064486; Recon platoon ZA063497; OPCON units: B Company OPCON to the 2/8 Inf, 2nd Bde; A Company 3d platoon OPCON to the 1/69 Armor; D Company 2nd platoon OPCON to the 1/69 Armor; At LZ Oasis Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

A Company CA'd from LZ Jane to ZA064529 to search that area for the missing LRRP, CA started at 0814 hours, lift complete at 1000 hours LZ Cold. C Company 2nd platoon was relieved by A Company and CA'd from ZA064529 to the Rock Quarry as a security force for the 6/17 Arty. A Companies 3d platoon returned to the control of the parent unit from the Rock Quarry. At 1519 hours ARP from the 1/10 Cav was inserted at grid ZA064534. This to secure a scout bird that was shot down LZ Cold. D Company and the Recon platoon moved to LZ Kathy for a possible extraction and insertion at grid ZA064534 to act as a reactionary force. At 1530 hours D Company and Recon were inserted at grid ZA064534 from LZ Kathy, CA complete at 1603 hours. The Bn CP was alerted by BDE to be prepared to CA one company, TOC and the Artillery battery from LZ Jane to LZ Lillie ZA115561, maintain one company and 4.2" mortar platoon at LZ Jane. B Company returned to the control of the 1/35 Inf.

0947 hours (C) Bde informed us D 1/10 Cav AO grids; YA9847, ZA0947, YA9858, ZA0958 mission to assist in finding the missing LRRP element.

1122 hours (C) Shamrock 97 reports that a scout craft was shot down, the crew is safe and they have been picked up, requested Cider come to this location approximately grid 064534.

1126 hours (C) Shamrock 97 reports that he has spotted a bunker complex and there are many VC/NVA in the open, gunships are en route.

1132 hours (C) Shamrock 97 reports that the VC/NVA are staying in the area.

1150 hours (C) D Co is moving with their entire element to LZ Kathy for a possible extraction (45

minutes out).

1151 hours (C) C Co has been put on a 15 minute alert.

1159 hours (C) Shovel 97 (LRRPs) had fire from the northwest spotted 1 VC/NVA. Fire stopped.

1205 hours (C) Gunships are expending at this time.

1223 hours (C) The gunships have expended and the fighters are on station at this time.

1227 hours (C) Airstrike is in progress.

1241 hours (C) Headhunter 40 took fire and they are crossing the river at approximately grid 064533, AK-47 negative damage.

1357 hours (C) Bde informed the Bn CO that they are going to insert an AR-PLT at 064534 they will follow up with D Co AR-PLT with sweep east through the bunkers followed by D Co.

1442 hours (C) Artillery has a check as one of our people have been hit with a firecracker round.

1451 hours (C) Headhunter (through Bde) reports that there are 2 WIA in A Co, he is calling for a Dust-Off at this time.

1507 hours (C) A Co reports that they have 3 men wounded 1 in the arm, 1 in the leg and 1 in the shoulder.

1519 hours (C) 1/10 Cav Air Rifle platoon is being inserted at this time.

1523 hours (C) 1/10 Cav Air Rifle Platoon closed the LZ and they report that the LZ is Cold, birds are en route to pick up D Co.

1612 hours (C) D Co and Recon inserted 106 packs.

1618 hours (C) C Co SRP 1 spotted 2 VC/NVA setting up a mortar preparing to fire it at grid 071246.

1841 hours (C) WIA's from A Co are as follows: line numbers from the February roster 63, 109, 150.

1930 hours (C) S-3 (154534) information on the bunkers, more that 20 with natural overhead cover, bunkers were occupied today, they were 2 man sleeping bunkers, but they were not very deep.

1933 hours (C) C Co SRP 1 (071426) information on the VC/NVA were carrying AK-47 Rifles and they were wearing green uniforms.

2050 hours (C) From the Bn CO to the Bde S-3: In the morning A Co will move to the southwest along the river searching, D Co will move along the north bank searching they will also search out the

bunker complex due to the recent signs of enemy activity in the area, S-3 expects contact tonight.

2211 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-2155 hours 10 Feb 69- Bn CO told the elements on the perimeter on LZ Jane to be on a 505 alert for a possible ground attack, also alerted J-3273.

2330 hours (C) Message from the Bde S-3 to the Bn S-3: 1/35 will CA one company to LZ Lillie ZA115562 on 110830 hours Feb 69, Artillery preparation will proceed the CA, Bde FSC is working on the details, your LNO will be informed through artillery channels. 3 Howitzers C 2/9 artillery will follow the CA (along with FTC party) register 3 Howitzers, receive additional ammunition, additional loads of class 4 and 5 for the Fire Support Base, if sufficient airlift is available the battery will be completed 11 Feb 69, be prepared to maintain LZ Jane with 4.2" and one company for one or two additional days, AO extensions ZA0055, ZA1462, ZA1455, ZA0062 effective on order, Plei Mrong CSF operation at grid ZA0764, ZA1264, ZA1260, ZA0706 effective now through 13 Feb 69.

**11 February 1969**

1/35th

*Submitted by:* Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn  
(1/35) Forward Fire Base  
LZ Jane ZA057436

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 062535

B 1/35 LZ Jane ZA057436

C 1/35 LZ Jane ZA057436

C Co 2nd platoon Rock Quarry

D 1/35 (-) 059539

D Co 2nd platoon LZ Janet YA896243

Recon 062543

4.2" LZ Jane ZA057436

1/10 Cav J-3273 073480

3d Bde LRRP's (Tones 65) 003535

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 11 February 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Jane ZA057436, Battalion Headquarters (Forward); B Company, C Company (-), 4.2" mortar platoon, C Battery 2/9 artillery, 3d platoon (-) D Company 4th Engineer Battalion; D Company ZA062543; Recon platoon ZA062543; at ZA055535, OPCON units: D Company 2nd platoon OPCON to the 1/69 Armor; C Company 2nd platoon OPCON to the 1/69 Armor; At LZ Oasis Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 0853 hours B Company CA'd from LZ Jane to LZ Lillie to establish a new fire base, the lift was complete at 1028 hours and the LZ was cold. At 1145 hours Recon platoon reported killing one (1) NVA he was wearing shorts and a T-shirt and he was carrying an U.S. .45 caliber pistol. Also one U.S. hand grenade serial number of the .45 caliber pistol 740074 there was one magazine in the pistol, the remainder of the equipment was sent to Bde. Word tattooed on the right arm (USAR). At 1305 hours A Company reported finding 3 1-man foxholes, C-rations for 3-4 persons, 1 battery for a PRC-25, 1 long antenna, trip flare wire, empty beer and soda cans, 1 weapon sling, 1 US ballpoint pen and one U.S. box of pretzels. At 1326 hours A Company reported finding 50 bunkers underground, 4 feet deep and ten square feet, 2 feet of overhead cover, 1 NVA helmet, 1 underground kitchen (Company size) with three burners and plates in the middle smoke draft in the top of the complex 3 built in water containers, a few small cooling containers, medicine bottles with pills and bandages with blood at ZA051537. At 1405 hours C Battery 2/9 Artillery started the lift from LZ Jane to LZ Lillie. At 1700 hours TOC was operational at LZ Lillie. At 1910 hours D Company reported receiving incoming mortar rounds, believed to be 60mm, rounds started falling approximately 500meters out and they were walked in to about 300 meters, all the rounds fell outside the perimeter, there were approximately 20 rounds fired. D Company believed that the rounds came from

grid ZA061534 artillery was employed and it was on target, the area is to be swept 12 February 1969. At 1945 hours D Company reported that they observed 4 secondary explosions from the artillery fire on the suspected enemy mortar positions.

0450 hours (C) informed all elements at LZ Jane that at 0530 hours 100% standto would be observed.

0840 hours (C) To S-3 from Juliet 97, D 1/10 Cav will work grids 0754 then 0654 they will be searching for the missing LRRPs.

0901 hours (C) Gunships made a hot pass on LZ Lillie.

0903 hours (C) LZ first lift B Co LZ Cold.

1145 hours (C) Recon killed 1 NVA KIA. He was carrying a .45 caliber pistol and he was wearing a T-shirt also carrying 1 C/S grenade 055535, serial number of the weapon 740074, 1 magazine in the weapon, negative web gear.

1250 hours (C) Recon said the NVA was killed by an M-16 in the head.

1305 hours (C) A Co at grid ZA065534 found 3 1 man foxholes, C-rations for 3-4 people, 1 battery from PRC-25, 1 long antenna, trip flare wire and pin, beer and soda cans and one weapon slug, 1 US type ballpoint pen, 1 box of pretzels.

1326 hours (C) A Co 4th platoon found the following: 50 bunkers underground 4 feet deep and 10 feet square, 24" of overhead cover, 1 NVA helmet, underground kitchen company size with three burners and a plate in the middle smoke draft to top of the complex, 3 built in water containers and a few small utensils, medicine bottles with pills, bandages with blood all of this found at grid 051537.

1432 hours (C) Recon reports that they were 5 meters away from the NVA that they killed.

1444 hours (C) S-3 reports that they have a picture of the dead NVA man was 5' 1" tall, weight 130 pounds.

1510 hours (C) USAR was tattooed on the right arm of the dead NVA.

1517 hours (C) Change ion the earlier estimate of the amount of bunkers, there are about 200 bunkers spread over an area of approximately 500 meters.

1700 hours (C) D Co 3d platoon has movement, they are throwing frags and they are moving to the back of D Co location, 3d platoon estimate of the enemy force is a squad size element.

1910 hours (C) D Co reports that they are receiving incoming mortar rounds at this time.

1914 hours (C) D Co reports that they received 30 rounds of 60mm mortar and they landed

approximately 200 meters outside of the perimeter.

1916 hours (C) D Co reports that the rounds were landing 500 meters outside of the perimeter and that they were walked into about 300 meters of the perimeter.

1945 hours (C) Informed Bde that D Co had four secondary explosions from the artillery that was fired on the suspected enemy positions (mortar).

## **12 February 1969**

1/35th

*Submitted by:* Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn  
(1/35) Forward Fire Base  
LZ Lillie ZA115561

### Unit Locations:

A 1/35 055538

B 1/35 (-) LZ Lillie

C 1/35 (-) LZ Jane

C Co 2nd platoon Rock Quarry

D 1/35 (-) ZA059539

Recon 062543

1/10 Cav C Co 057539

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 12 February 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Lillie ZA115561, Battalion Headquarters (Forward); B Company, C Battery 2/9 Artillery; C Company (-) LZ Jane; E Company (-) LZ Jane; D Company ZA059539; Recon ZA059539; OPCON units; 2nd platoon C Company OPCON to the 1/69 Armor; At LZ Oasis Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 0210 hours D Company reports that they had trip flares set off, they looked through their starlight scope and they detected movement at this time they employed and frag grenades and the movement stopped. At 0945 hours D Company reports that they had negative findings at the location where they heard the secondary explosions. At 1447 hours Recon and the Engineers completed blowing the bunkers and also at 1805 hours Recon found 15-20 fresh foxholes at grid 058533 and a mock-up of an Armored Personnel Carrier made of bamboo and a roll of barbwire.

At 1810 hours Recon spotted something 300-400 meters in front of them making lots of noise at 1815 hours again and the movement stopped at 1910 hours.

0210 hours (C) D Co reports that they had a trip flare go off, they looked through their starlight scopes and they detected movement they employed M-79 and frag grenades and the movement stopped they will keep us informed.

0556 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-0350 hours 12 Feb 69- From Bde to the Bn CO: Use your own judgement on the composition and the size of the forces to be employed in the current operations, if the airlift is available you will close LZ Jane, be prepared to maintain LZ Jane until 13 Feb 69, you will receive the Engineer team with C/S and the explosives for direction 12 Feb 69. The Engineers have been instructed to use mine detectors on LZ Lillie, D 1/10 Cav will work in our AO until about 1100 hours.

1805 hours (C) Recon reports that they found 15-20 fresh foxholes south 150 meters from their night location, also found bamboo mock-ups of an Armored Personnel Carrier and 1 roll of barbwire.

1810 hours (C) Recon reports 300-400 meters at an azimuth of 277 degrees from their night location they hear individuals chopping and making lots of noise.

1815 hours (C) Recon informs us that they have detected movement at this time and they are going to pull toward their south to the bunker complex.

1832 hours (C) Recon reports movement is about 300 meters from them at this time.

1840 hours (C) Recon reports when smoke found came in they heard 2 rounds of small arms fire, Recon says that they are going to put HE on this grid.

2125 hours (C) To the Bde S-3 air from the Bn S-3 air: Air requirements for tomorrow: 12 hooks for the artillery, 5 hooks for the radar and 10 hooks for the 1/35.

2150 hours (C) To D Co from the S-3: At BMNT 13 Feb 69 you will begin search and destroy operations to your north and south at 1100 hours, you will be fed a hot meal at your present location at 1200 hours you will move on 3 axis from your present location to the coordinates 076557 by 1700 hours search the gullies and the draws from enemy activity on order you will proceed to the village coordinate 084561 and cordon the village prior to BMNT 14 Feb 69.

2205 hours (C) To the Recon platoon from the S-3: At BMNT 15 Feb 69 you will move to the south-southwest to the vicinity of grid coordinate 056526 and search the area, following that you will move to the abandoned village grid 062519 and search the area and further instructions will follow, 1/10 Cav will have the above square 0553 north of the river effective 0700 13 Feb 69 1/10 Cav will have the entire grid 0553 after 1200 hours.

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**12 February 1969**

2/B/ 1/35th

*Submitted by:* Dave Fogg

The following is from the journal Ralph Leebert kept during his tour. Ralph was the squad sergeant for 3rd squad, 2nd platoon, B Co., 1st Bn, 35th Inf., 4th Inf. Div. 1968-69.

Wednesday, February 12, 1969:

I went to the LZ and after about a 30 minute wait, along with Sergeant Bounds, Dave Shaffer, Don Krakus and a couple other men we were able to get a bird to LZ Lilly, where the company has been. Upon arrival, naturally everyone is happy to see men return to the field and tell them the latest news from the rear. I explained a few things to Sergeant Murphy who is going to Hong Kong on the eighteenth of this month. I hope it helps him!

I helped work a little on the bunker and trench. Apparently the hill had been occupied by a line unit previous. The bunkers were torn down but repairable. Later in the afternoon I took a couple of men down the south side of the hill and made a small water point from the creek coming out of a hill. The water will be good for washing at least.

### **13 February 1969**

1/35th

*Submitted by:* Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div  
Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base  
LZ Lillie ZA115561

#### Unit Locations:

A 1/35 (-) 051549  
B 1/35 (-) LZ Lillie  
C 1/35 (-) LZ Jane  
C Co 2nd platoon Rock Quarry  
D 1/35 (-) 066554  
Recon 058533  
4.2" LZ Jane

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 13 February 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Lillie ZA115561, Battalion Headquarters (Forward); B Company, C Battery 2/9 Artillery; C Company (-) LZ Jane; E Company (-) LZ Jane; D Company ZA066554; A Company ZA051549; Recon ZA058533; OPCON units; 2nd platoon C Company OPCON to the 1/69 Armor; At LZ Oasis Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1104 hours Recon made contact with 5-6 enemy, the enemy was wearing tiger fatigues and they were carrying automatic weapons. At 1109 hours Recon broke contact. At 1130 hours Recon moved back to pursue the enemy and finding 1 expended M-79 and two unexpended M-79 rounds NVA type. At 1025 hours A Company called in artillery on a suspected enemy mortar position, negative results. D Company will cordon and search a village at first light; they were moving at the time that the log was closed.



1000 hours (C) Recon current location grid 056526, they are stopping and they are sending out small patrols, in the first quadrant to be Reconned they found some old grails that were made during the monsoon season.

1104 hours (C) Recon is caught in an ambush at grid 058523.

1109 hours (C) Recon broke contact and they have set up a perimeter and there are about 5-6 of the enemy, 2 minor WIA, scratches.

1113 hours (C) Capt. Scott is airborne and he is going over Recon location.

1114 hours (C) The enemy was wearing tiger fatigues and they were carrying automatic weapons.

1120 hours (C) The enemy fled to the southwest.

1121 hours (C) WIAs are a result of a frag and concussion grenades.

1128 hours (C) B Company has been alerted.

1129 hours (C) 2 gunships are on station.

1130 hours (C) Cider 32 (FAC) is on station.

1131 hours (C) Recon is moving to the southwest in pursuit of the enemy at this time.

1140 hours (C) Found 1 expended and 2 unexpended M-79 rounds NVA type.

1210 hours (C) Recon reports that they found many expended AK-47 rounds.

1216 hours (C) Gunships are starting to work out in the area to the southwest of Recon location, in the direction which the enemy fled.

1225 hours (C) Gunships have expended and they are going off station and they have negative findings.

1745 hours (C) To the 1/35 from the Bde S-4: Effective now have one platoon on a 15 minute alert as a reactionary force for any LRRP contact, need to know what platoons they are and where they are located, S-3 informed B Co that they are to have one platoon on a 15 minute alert, B Co says that it will be their 3d platoon 1800 hours (C) From the Bde S-3 to the 1/35 S-3: D 7/17 Cav will cordon and search the village in the vicinity of grid AR059371 at first light 14 Feb 69, 1/35 will provide one rifle company (-) on a 15 minute notice to the 7/17 Cav as a ready reactionary force, report the company call sign and PZ location, S-3 informed Bde that it will be B Co at LZ Lillie.

1905 hours (C) To the S-1 from 97: Award ceremony to be conducted tomorrow at LZ Lillie tomorrow for B Co need all awards and citations and the colors by 1200 hours need QSL from 86.

1920 hours (C) To D Co from the S-3: Be in position as near 0400 hours reason intelligence says the local VC depart the villages at this time.

1930 hours (C) To Recon from the S-3: Move back into the area where the bunkers were discovered by way of a different route and be prepared to secure the LZ and receive C-4 and C/s to blow the bunkers that were discovered today.

2215 hours (C) S-3 discussed the aircraft usage for resupply with the S-4: and the authorized allotment of starlight scopes for each element, S-4 informed the S-3 that the ADC-B will be at LZ Lillie 16 Feb 69 sometime before 1400 hours, a definite time is unknown an FO (Maultzby, Ben) from C, 2/9 Artillery who worked with A Co on Chu-Pa, his unit wants to put him in for a Bronze Star with "V" device, eyewitness report is needed from A Co CO, S-3 will contact A Co CO and tell the S-4 what to do, S-3 also wants Lt. Dault to get as much information as he can about the possibility if indigenous LRRP being shot by our unit.

2320 hours (C) S-3 gave the grid ZA0553 to Bde as being the location where the possible indigenous LRRP was killed.

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**13 February 1969**

2/B/ 1/35th

*Submitted by: Dave Fogg*

The following is from the journal Ralph Leebert kept during his tour. Ralph was the squad sergeant for 3rd squad, 2nd platoon, B Co., 1st Bn., 35th Inf., 4th Inf. Div. 1968-69.

Thursday, February 13 1969:

I had to send four men on a SRRP today and at the same time I was in charge of a patrol that was sent northeast to check out a major trail leading into a village for size, population, activity and a visualized layout of everything; stop, detain and check all male personnel; walking down the trail for I.D.

The patrol came off very well and we had no trouble going and coming. We reconned the village by circling it but we were unable to give an accurate report on the inside, so we walked through the village. The people were very friendly and appeared sympathetic to us. Yet, that means nothing if VC or NVA are present threatening them.

We returned to the firebase (LZ Lilly) about 6:00 p.m. Somewhere around eight o'clock I went to S-2 and was debriefed about the village and people. I proceeded to tell them all the things we did to recon the village and people.

## 14 February 1969

1/35th

*Submitted by:* Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Lillie ZA115561

### Unit Locations:

A 1/35 (-) ZA049547

B 1/35 (-) LZ Lillie ZA119561

C 1/35 (-) LZ Jane ZA058437

C Co 2nd platoon Rock Quarry

D 1/35 (-) present location ZA078557 (still moving)

Recon ZA055514

4.2" LZ Jane

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 14 February 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Lillie ZA115561, Battalion Headquarters (Forward); B Company, C Battery 2/9 Artillery; C Company (-) LZ Jane; D Company ZA078557 (still moving); E Company at LZ Jane; Recon ZA055514; A Company ZA049547; OPCON units; 2nd platoon C Company OPCON to the 1/69 Armor; At LZ Oasis Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 0330 hours A Company reported hearing 6 tubes pop at grid 065555 and impacting in the vicinity of the village to their southeast grid 062519, Recon reported 3 impacts in the same location. At 0610 hours D Company reports that they are on the southwest side of the village and they are going to encircle it. At 0640 hours there was an exchange of shots as three individuals tried to flee the village and in one instance one of the person fleeing was killed, individual was wearing a loin cloth and shirt, carrying 25 pounds of rice and no weapon. At 0745 hours D Company tightened its cordon and they sent in search teams to search the villages. Search ended at 1400 hours at this time there were 30 Med-Caps performed, 8 person were individually questioned and the information gained was passed to Bde by the S-2. C Company is moving to LZ Lillie. At 1128 hours Aloha 1 was hit at grid 065515 went down to LZ Jane. At 1250 hours B Company made a CA PZ time 1250 hours LZ complete at 1311 hours location grid 078633. At 1402 hours B Company reports they are taking incoming mortars and they are impacting at grid 080533. At 1455 hours 4.2" mortar platoon closed LZ Lillie. At 1549 hours B Company reports that their 2nd platoon is in contact at grid 075530 estimated 3-5 enemy, B Company had 2 WHA. At 1613 hours the contact was broken and they requested a Dust-Off for the 2 WHA. At 1635 hours B Company reports that they received 2 more mortar rounds, his 1st platoon is in contact. At 1725 hours B Company reports that they found a rucksack, 2 B-40 Rocket rounds, 3 rifle grenades and 2 bags of rice still receiving incoming rounds. At 1810 hours B Company reports that the situation is negative. At 1840 hours D Company closed LZ Lillie. B Company has 19 EM who are still at LZ Lillie at 1850 hours.

0330 hours (C) A Co reports that they heard 6 tubes pop at grid 065555 and they are impacting in the

vicinity of the south of the village, east of their location at grid 062519 Plei Bek.

0331 hours (C) Contacted Recon and asked them if the impacts were heard, Recon says that they heard three impacts in the vicinity of Plei Bek 062519.

0520 hours (C) D Co reports that they cannot find the village that they are supposed to cordon and search request the Artillery shoot III so they can work resection and move accordingly.

0553 hours (C) Artillery shot one round from D Co to get bearing from.

0640 hours (C) D Co has encircled Plei Dung at grid ZA084561, Psyops team is working and there has been an exchange of shots.

0650 hours (C) Three individuals tried to flee from the village, small arms rounds were exchanged with one individual, D Co believe one VC was wounded, further details to follow.

0704 hours (C) One individual a VC was killed, he was running to the north he had 25 pounds of rice on him.

0808 hours (C) D Co reports that the Chief for the CIDG in Plei Mrong, the other chief died of illness and there is nobody in charge of the village.

0825 hours (C) D Co reports that the enemy that was killed was wearing loin cloth and a T-shirt, no weapon carrying 25 pounds of rice.

1055 hours (C) Aloha 1 is receiving fire request guns.

1059 hours (C) Gunships are on station and they are working out at this time.

1128 hours (C) Aloha 1 was hit 100 meters to the east of 065515 going to LZ Jane, Bn CO is airborne.

1140 hours (C) S-3 and B Co CO left to look over 070515 for the LZ Location.

1241 hours (C) LZ time for B Co 1241 hours LZ Cold.

1401 hours (C) B Co informs us that he had 87 packs on the CA.

1507 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-1405 hours 14 Feb 69 B Co reports that the rounds were coming from approximately grid 080533, B Co location grid 078533 reported as 60mm mortar rounds.

1549 hours (C) B Co reports that his 2nd platoon is in contact at this time.

1600 hours (C) From the S-3 to Bde: B Co 2nd platoon is in contact with an estimated 3-5 enemy, enemy is to the north of the friendlies and request ARPs to be put on a 15 minute standby.

1605 hours (C) Recon reports that the rounds of fire are coming close to their position but there is no movement at this time.

1607 hours (C) B Co situation is quiet at this time for the 2nd platoon they have 2 WHA 7223 is on the line with the M-60 and they are giving support, 1st platoon is in contact verbally with the 2nd platoon they are moving to the 2nd plt position and the 3d platoon is blocking the trail to the northwest.

1618 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-1613 hours 14 Feb 69- Contact has been broken at this time.

1620 hours (U) Requested a Dust-Off for the 2 WHA.

1630 hours (C) Recon reports that they hear more AK-47 fire and it is coming towards them, it is coming from the north-northeast direction.

1635 hours (C) B Co reports that they have received three mortar rounds and their 1st platoon is in contact, the gunships are working out at this time.

1657 hours (C) Recon reports that they have just received one round of small arms fire at grid 06522.

1705 hours (C) From the S-3 to Bde: Request another pair of gunships, the ones that we have, have just about expended and they are supporting the Dust-Off at this time, need an ETA.

1715 hours (C) B Co informs us that the Dust-Off tried to go in the first time and they received small arms fire about 600-700 meters from the LZ.

1725 hours (C) B Co reports that they found 2 rucksacks and 2 B-40 rounds, 3 rifle grenades and 2 bags of rice.

1735 hours (C) B Co reports that they are still receiving incoming rounds at this time.

1811 hours (C) From the Bn CO to the S-3: He wants Recon people to go in first and have the remainder of B Co follow.

1851 hours (C) B Co now has 19 EM at LZ Lillie, 13 EM have gone to B Co location.

2000 hours (C) To TOC from B Co; Readout on today's activities- Found a bunker complex and arty was employed, bunkers were at grid 079532, 3 friendly WHA, 1 Bn CO Med-Evaced, the other two were not serious line nos 38, 55 and 41. Found 3 B-40 Rocket rounds, 3 rifle grenades and 3 rucksacks, estimated size of the enemy force platoon size maybe a company, they had machine guns, automatic weapons, 60mm mortars. B Co saw 7 of the enemy and they killed at least 2 of them, saw 5 bunkers with overhead cover, 1st platoon B Co where CAd to have captured one Montagnard will hold on to him and send him in tomorrow.

2040 hours (C) Passed to Support at the Oasis for MSG Forrester; Promotions list for A Co: To E-6

Brown, Reginald Jr. RA14843099 line 16, to E-5 SP/4 Madsen, Stephen US56649687 line no 61, SP/4 McGraw, John J. US51981868, line no. 164, SP/4 Huber, Allen R. US54976951 line no. 54, to SP/4 PFC Brummet, Andy E. US53910791, line no. 90 need a QSL.

2305 hours (C) From the 1/10 Cav to the S-3: We would like to come back into the same AO that we worked in today and attempt to find the MIA, S-3 1/35 says that it is all right and asked the 1/10 Cav if they could have one radio on our frequency, so we could get in touch with them if we need support, S-3 1/10Cav said that he would monitor our frequency.

2315 hours (C) S-3 discussed the following with Bde: Use of gunships in support of resupply birds to our elements, possible regaining of our platoon from Rock Quarry to be used in the cordon and search operations, primary target for the airstrike tomorrow will be grid ZA069546 (enemy targets, bunkers, 500 pound bombs and napalm) secondary target grid ZA075534 (enemy target) Bde wants the air strikes preplanned approximately 1-2 days in advance for less complicated planning.

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**14 February 1969**

Bravo 1/35th

*Submitted by:* Dave Fogg

Comments: Published in the 9 March 1969 "Ivy Leaf"

Oasis- A lightning fast combat assault by the Famous 4th Infantry Division's Company B, 1st Battalion 35th Infantry, netted one NVA killed and discovery of a 100 bunker NVA complex, loaded with munitions and more than 2,700 pounds of rice.

Minutes after a 3rd Brigade Light Observation Helicopter (LOH) had been hit by enemy ground to air fire, company B was airborne and then on the ground in the exact location where the enemy fire had originated, west of Firebase Lillie.

"It was a wild Valentine's Day for all of us," exclaimed Private First Class Lannie Spaninger of Hilltown, Pa.

Crossed Rice Paddy

"We were pinned down, on and off, for almost four hours. The 1st and 3rd Platoons tried to help us, but were also taken under heavy enemy fire."

During the initial attack, one of the 2nd Platoon members was pinned down by enemy fire. Private First Class Spaninger, accompanied by two others, low crawled to the top of a small hill. While the others crawled to safety, PFC Spaninger remained atop the hill, laying down a blazing volume of covering fire.

"We could not see the enemy automatic weapons position ahead of us until we were almost on top of it," recalled PFC Spaninger.

"We were almost there when they ambushed us," recalled Sergeant Wright. Specialist 4 Archie Sanders of Seadrift Texas was the first man to see the enemy and yelled out to the others to get down. As he did, the NVA opened up on the Ivy squad.

"Immediately we hit the ground and threw our rucksacks up against some small trees for cover," said Sergeant Wright.

"Then we heard mortar tubes start popping in front of us about 50 meters away, with heavy machine gun fire coming at us from about 25 meters to our front."

The squad was pinned down and separated from the rest of their unit, which was about 10 to 15 meters to their right rear flank.

Knowing that they would have to gain fire superiority in order to move to a better position, Sergeant Wright fired 30 rounds from his grenade launcher at the tops of trees, spraying shrapnel and limbs down on the enemy 60mm mortar position. That stopped the tubes from firing.

#### 1st Platoon Stops

Two machine gunners and the remainder of the 1st Platoon were then deployed to stop the remaining NVA small arms and automatic weapons fire.

Private First Class John Firtchen of Racine, Wis., in the similarly pinned down 3rd Platoon, killed an NVA who ran past his position.

"The guy was wearing dark fatigues and a pack," said PFC Fritchen. "We put a lot of firepower on the enemy and they finally backed out."

The following morning, Bravo Company further reconned enemy positions and uncovered approximately 100 bunkers and a company-size mess hall area with a total of some 2,700 pounds of rice.

According to Captain Jonathan R. Tower of Essex, Conn., company commander, captured enemy equipment included nine B40 rockets with boosters and detonators, 40 pounds of TNT, 30 small cans packed with explosives and three 60mm-mortar rounds.

Miscellaneous letters and documents were also found in the 18 NVA rucksacks captured in the two-day action.

Impact awards were presented by Assistant Division Commander Brigadier General Albin F. Irzyk, in ceremonies at Firebase Lille.

The Bronze Star with "V" device was awarded to PFC Fritchen, while the Army Commendation Medal with "V" device was awarded to Sergeant Wright, Specialist Sanders and PFC Spanninger. Warrant Officer Francis J. Martin, of Fairfield, Conn., the pilot of the 3rd Brigade reconnaissance helicopter, was awarded the Air Medal with "V" device for his action.

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**14 February 1969**

2/B/ 1/35th

*Submitted by:* Dave Fogg

The following is from the journal Ralph Leebert kept during his tour. Ralph was the squad sergeant for 3rd squad, 2nd platoon, B Co., 1st Bn., 35th Inf., 4th Inf. Div. 1968-69.

Friday, February 14, 1969:

The beginning of the day we were on stand-by to the 7/17 Air Cavalry (Company minus). The third platoon was stand-by for any unit in the brigade. Somewhere around 11:15 a.m., we were given notice as a company to pack up heavy to be CAd about 4 and one half clicks southwest where a bird, higher was riding in, received rounds.

Twenty minutes later we were going and landing in a field used by Montagnards. The area was prepped with a different type support other than Napalm, yet everything was burning. The first platoon and third platoon were sent out on a platoon size sweep, while two zero (my platoon) secured the landing zone. Approximately thirty minutes after the platoon had left; we received eight mortar rounds to our southwest. Strange as it was to have the dinks try and hit us with mortar rounds, yet, lucky for us that the rounds hit about a hundred meters too far.

Upon this initial contact, Lieutenant Jackson had Redleg fire come in for support. Naturally among all the confusion everybody was digging them a hole. Some used D-handle shovels, others entrenching tools (W.W.II type shovels), and still others used their steel pot. Because I was situated away from the easier implements, I was one of the less fortunate that had to use my steel pot (my battle helmet). I never dreamed this would happen but today was living proof! That is when placed in certain situations, a person will use whatever is available at the time to dig with.

When the artillery support came in, we were pretty well fixed for protection. Afterwards, we saddled up and headed towards a village one and one half clicks southwest. We traveled about three hundred meters and we were in a large wooded area when Lieutenant Mariella told me to take my squad, three men again plus myself (four men were on a SRRP). I explained to the Lieutenant that I was short on men, so Sergeant Redmond gave me his RTO, and three men to go with us. Our mission was to check the area hit with artillery, and we were to estimate the damage, if any. Meanwhile the other two platoons were moving to join us at a rendezvous point already designated.

Because the assignment was given to my squad, I had Lee Ayers walk point, Sam Sica second and then myself. From there I had Redmond's squad follow. I told Lee to follow as close to the field we



had crossed but use the trees for cover until we reached our location. After moving approximately 75 meters, we came to the edge of the tree line where the large field had a small arm branch off in front of us. It wasn't very wide, maybe 15 to 20 meters, but we had to cross it to continue our mission. I sent Lee and Sam across first, then Clark (RTO) and I followed. The others followed in succession.

While I was crossing something told me to look to my right front. When I did, I noticed a small hole at the edge of the tree line. Upon reaching the other side I proceeded to the hole. I call Clark over and asked for his opinion. Right away he said it couldn't be an artillery round because the brush around had not been burnt from the impact. I decided then that it had to be a mortar pit that the dinks used against us. I told Clark to call 7-2 and inform him of this. No sooner have we done that than the dinks opened up on us.

Lee and Sam were the furthest up the bank and in the trees already, while the others had started towards my position. First instinct was to hit the ground. Sam rolled down the incline to where we were at the edge of the trees, but Lee was still up on top. I returned fire and someone, I believe Harold Hodge, told me that Lanny Spaninger was still up there. We took a quick head count and discovered Lanny was with us. I held my fire until then, then I told the men to let the dinks know we were here and going to give them some of their own medicine. Then we all returned fire and let them know who was in control. Sam informed me of Lee. I figured he had been hit but we did not know how badly. I yelled up to him and he answered. We kept returning fire as the dinks figured they had us. With everything happening so fast, I told Clark to get on the horn and inform 7-2 what had happened. I told him also to get a medical evacuation helicopter. The platoon, when the shooting first started headed for our location. Then the dinks tried to flank us on the left. I had Clark tell the Lieutenant and so the platoon maneuvered in that direction. Still more was to happen. The platoon ran into some dinks. They had (the platoon) M-60 machine gun fire back, which was a wonderful sound to hear. However, we were pinned down and needed help, yet, we maintained our cool and gave a good account of ourselves.

Lee was still up on the hill and wanted us to get him back with us. Probably the thing that I will always remember about today was Lee's voice asking for me to go and get him. I told him to be calm and we would be up very soon and bring him back. When the platoon was in a little skirmish, I figured that a golden opportunity and capitalized on the diversion action. So Harold Hodge, Lanny Spaninger and I went up. We would crawl a few feet and fire to our right and left, Lee being to our direct front.

I reached Lee and although he had been hit a couple of times, he was in excellent shape. Of course, I was unable to tell where he was hit and he wasn't able to give me accurate places either. I asked him if he had time to get a few rounds off and he said, yes. I figured he was fine until the dinks threw a grenade that put some shrapnel wounds into him. He could have received a minor concussion (my own assumption).

The first part was done. We had reached him. I asked him how he wanted us to pull him. He said by his legs, naturally! I tried and it was impossible to move him at first. Hodge cut his pistol belt and protective mask off. I took off the small branches that had fallen on him, then Hodge and I pulled him about ten feet. During this time, Spaninger was firing our weapons for protective fire. The terrain made moving Lee very difficult. Hodge and I turned Lee over on his back, then picked him up and ran

like crazy to reach the bank we were fighting from.

We all felt a lot better once Lee was down from the small incline. Immediately we wanted the medic and a medivac ship. Lee was hit in both legs from AK-47 rounds (Russian made rifle) and shrapnel he took one round in the upper portion of this left arm. He had a cut on top of his head from the shrapnel, plus a cut on the back of his neck. We all knew he was lucky for many reasons. The first was that as close as the dinks were, he did not receive any rounds in the chest or stomach. Second, no major veins or arteries were punctured. Third, even though he had been hit in numerous places, he did not lose much blood.

From all the days fighting the worst part was the medivac ship. It took close to three hours and still we were unable to have Lee extracted. This was done about six in the evening, while the fighting was still going on, by a resupply bird. We made a stretcher with a poncho and two long poles. Then four men (Sergeant Berrong, SP4 Duke, the medic and PFC Hawkins) carried him back across the small field and to the waiting chopper. Back, however, where we were still pinned down, we finally had four men and a machine gun come join us for support. This was done after the platoon finished fighting the dinks to our left. It couldn't have come at a better time and was quite encouraging. Especially since we had little ammo left.

The first platoon was trying to maneuver on the dinks to the right but they kept hitting resistance. They were unable to make much headway for the first half-hour or so. Also along with this, the men with me were told not to fire anymore. The first platoon was possibly in our line of fire. I don't know how that was possible because they would have to be directly in front of us where the dinks are. But still the dinks were no more than 15 to 30 meters from us at the most. And if anything keeping our heads down, whether it was NVA or GI bullets, we complied with the order.

Later the third platoon came upon the scene. They crossed where we were and moved between the first and us to hit the enemy. At last we were told to pull back to the other side and join with the rest of our platoon. We did gladly! In total the entire afternoon was taken by our fighting. And this was supposed to be... Valentines Day? There was no love shown on either side if you ask me.

At night we set up about 75-100 meters from where the fighting took place. We had to dig in, in the dark, but we did not mind. We were still unaware of the number of NVA nor if any were still around. And the thought that stayed with us...they still had the mortar tube.

I was debriefed by the old man and he said we apparently hit a reinforced platoon or a company minus. I am sure thankful that something had me look to my right crossing the open area, if that was the case of the size of the unit we ran into, or more than just Lee would have been hurt or even killed. Once again it is nice to see the day come to a close, and hopefully see the dawning of another morning.

**15 February 1969**

1/35th

*Submitted by: Dave Fogg*

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div  
Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base  
LZ Lillie ZA115561

Unit Locations:

1/35 CP LZ Lillie ZA119561  
A Company ZA049531  
B 1/35 ZA078527  
C 1/35 (-) LZ Jane ZA058437  
C Co 2nd platoon Rock Quarry  
D 1/35 LZ Lillie  
Recon ZA062522  
4.2" LZ Lillie

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 15 February 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Lillie ZA115561, Battalion Headquarters (Forward); D Company, E Company (-), C Battery 2/9 Artillery, counter mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; C Company (-) LZ Jane; A Company ZA049531; B Company ZA078527; Recon ZA062522; OPCON units; 2nd platoon C Company OPCON to the 1/69 Armor; At LZ Oasis Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1310 hours B Company found 30-100 bunkers, overhead cover varied from twigs to 1 foot of cover, some estimated to be 1-2 weeks old and others were thought to be older, bunkers size 1-5 man. Also found a great deal of equipment in the area; 4 rucksacks with clothing and ammunition, 2 B-40 Rockets, 3 sandbags of rice and 4 long bags of rice (location 077527). At 1355 hours B Company found one NVA body and they believed that it is the same one that they shot last night, he was wearing a green uniform (location 079532). At 1445 hours LZ Jane was closed out. At 1835 hours A Company went OPCON to the 1/10 Cav. At 2200 hours A Company still had half of their packs at the old location.

0724 hours (C) Message from the Bn CO to A Co CO: Move from your present location to secure the LZ at grid ZA051518 establish a patrol base at that location, send out at least 3 platoon size patrols at least 1,000 meters from the CP, north, south and northeast.

0734 hours (C) Message from the Bn CO to Recon CO; From the present position move to grid ZA066519, establish a blocking position to the southeast of Plei Bek, be prepared to move to grid ZA067514 on the hilltop.

1022 hours (C) S-3 is sending a detainee to the rear as he was caught by B Co.

1040 hours (C) One WIA from B Co is on his way to the Oasis.

1200 hours (C) S-3 is reporting the B Co is finding all of the equipment on one NVA, also one of B Co men says that he knows the he unloaded one magazine into the individual, no body has been found but they have informed Bde that they have one NVA KIA.

1310 hours (C) B Co at grid 077527 found estimated 30-100 bunkers with overhead cover varying from twigs to one foot of cover, some are estimated to be 1-2 weeks old, others estimate that some of them were used in the last 24-48 hours, other had not been used for a longer period of time, estimate it to be a company size complex, some of the bunkers hold 3 men while others can accommodate 3 men, also 1 man and some 5 men, there was no definite pattern and they also found the following NVA equipment, 4 NVA rucksacks containing assorted clothing, AK-47 rounds and 2 B-40 Rockets, 1 large burlap bag which contained a helmet, basket, piece of plastic and about 5 sandbags of rice, 3 sandbags of rice (loose) plus 4 long sock like bags of rice, also found 2 metal objects believed to be detonators for B-40 Rockets.

1355 hours (C) B Co found one NVA body and they say that it is the individual that they shot last evening reference 1200 hours item 29 he was wearing a green uniform at grid 079532.

1420 hours (C) B Co recent findings grid 079532. 1 bag of personal equipment, 1 pistol belt, 5 rucksacks, 2 round B-40 Rockets, 1 pair crutches, 1 G.I baseball cap, 1 pair Ho Chi Minh sandals, light O.D. uniform, 2 shirts, undershirt, blue-green, 1 belt with silver buckle.

1615 hours (C) SRP 2 of D Co reports that at grid 114565 they found approximately 80 punji stakes and the stakes were covered an area 30-40 feet long and 10-20 feet wide, the stakes were approximately 4-5 months old, they point in all directions, activity on the east-west on the line.

1655 hours (C) SRP 5 of D Co reports that at grid 122555 they found 100-200 punji stakes, covering an area of 15-20 meters, negative activity, they are 3 months old.

1750 hours (C) From Bde to the S-3: Have A Co on a 30 minute alert as a ready reactionary force for LRP 3C which is in contact at this time, A Co OPCON to the 1/10 Cav upon arrival of flight leader at A Co location.

1755 hours (C) From Bde to the S-3: LRRP is in contact at grid 009521 LZ north of LRP location, ARP platoon will go in first, they will have plenty of artillery for support.

1800 hours (C) A Co will have 102 men for the CA.

1835 hours (C) A Co is going OPCON to the 1/10 Cav at this time.

1950 hours (C) A Co is now on our push and they have 36 packs left at the old location, they have plenty of food, water and ammunition.

2120 hours (C) Line no.s 15, 137 and 151 of A Co were injured on the insertion today.

## **16 February 1969**

1/35th

*Submitted by:* Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base  
LZ Lillie ZA115561

Unit Locations:

1/35 CP LZ Lillie ZA119561  
A Company 1/35 ZA008522, OPCON 1/10 Cav  
A Co 1st plt 054517  
B 1/35 (-) 078527  
C 1/35 071439  
C Co 2nd platoon Rock Quarry ZA083309  
D 1/35 LZ Lillie  
Recon 067514  
4.2" LZ Lillie

16 Feb. 1969

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 16 February 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Lillie ZA115561, Battalion Headquarters (Forward); D Company, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, counter mortar section from the 2/9 artillery, 4.2" mortar platoon; B Company ZA078527; C Company ZA071439; Recon platoon ZA067514; OPCON units; A Company OPCON to the 1/10 Cav; C Company 2nd platoon Rock Quarry ZA083309; At LZ Oasis Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 0837 hours 16 Feb 1969 A Company begins a cordon and search operation of the village of Plei Blank Yam (1), as they were closing the village 9 young men were trying to flee and they were detained. At 1045 hours Recon reportedly spotted one VC/NVA north at grid 078512, 16 bunkers 2 man type, 2-3 feet of overhead cover, platforms with chairs and tables around the bunkers, they found 8 82mm mortar rounds, 2 fused, 50 round of AK-47 ammunition, 2 Chinese Communist grenades, 1 rucksack, 1 size 5 sandals, ARVN canteen, empty food cans with fresh food left in them, rectangular pits for ammunition boxes, the mortar position bunkers were used last night. At 1610 hours (077517) Recon found one new protective mask with a new canister inside, 1 entrenching tool, 1 canteen, 1 GI letter, 1 Girly magazine, 1 handsaw.

0150 hours (C) A Co reports movement to their south-southeast 150 meters, employed 2 hand grenades and 2 M-79 rounds, movement ceased.

0154 hours (C) A Co employed artillery but the movement continued, they are requesting Spooky through the 1/10 Cav, 1/10 Cav is trying to get Spooky.

0652 hours (C) From the Bde CO to all units CO's: Personnel Commanders will insure that none of their personnel leave the military camps, compounds, firebases or any other military installations in which they are performing duty for other than official business during TET period, 1200 hours 16 Feb 69- 0800 hours 20 Feb 69. 3d Bde personnel violating this restriction or apprehended in civilian centers during the TET period will be sighted, removed from the area by military police and returned to their unit for the appropriate disciplinary action, this restriction is effective 24 hours a day during the

aforementioned period.

0920 hours (C) B Co reports plans for the platoons: 1st platoon is going on a patrol to the NW in the vicinity of grid 067537 circling around and coming back through 074537 possibly searching the village of Plei Ya Gran (2). 2nd platoon is going west to 064527 continue around south checking the trails approximately grid 070522, 3d platoon will stay in the immediate area of the CP, also will set up a night ambush at grid 077537, weapons platoon will stay in the CP area.

1045 hours (C) Recon spotted 1 VC/NVA, 1 EM fired on him, apparently missed him, sent out a small party to find the trail, negative findings and the VC/NVA fled to the north, VC/NVA 25-50 meters away.

1120 hours (C) Recon at grid 078512 readout on the findings; 16 bunkers 2 man type, 2-3 feet of overhead cover, platforms with charts and tables, around bunkers, bunkers are in a symmetrical pattern, found, 8-82mm mortar rounds, 3 fuses, 50 rounds of AK-47 ammunition, 2 Chinese Communist hand grenades, 1 rucksack, 1 size 5 sandals, 1 ARVN canteen, empty food cans with fresh food left, outhouses fresh rectangular pits with ammunitions boxes, empty mortar position, bunkers were used last night and they have been used for quite some time.

1121 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-0821 hours 16 Feb 69- A Co 1st platoon has been extracted to go to the 1/10 Cav.

1420 hours (C) B Co reports his 1st platoon found a bunker complex at grid 069539 about 100 meters from the river, bunker complex consists of 20 bunkers, good overhead cover, 12-18 inches thick, consisting of logs and dirt and able to hold 2-3 personnel occupied less than 1 month, bunkers were located in a bamboo thicket the enemy can move in without being seen some of the bunkers are out in the open.

1435 hours (C) To TOC B Co: Found more bunkers and they are more sophisticated than the other ones, fight positions and sleeping position bunkers they were built for all-around defense.

1610 hours (C) Current location of Recon: 077517 at this location they found 1 protective mask with a new canister inside, 1 entrenching tool, 1 canteen, 1 GI letter, 1 girly magazine and 1 hand saw.

1655 hours (C) Recon reports that they have just crossed the river at grid 076518 and they came upon another bunker complex, they found a well used trail running to the north, they also found a mess hall hooch with three fire places that are still warm with 2 canteens with the water still cool in them, they think that the enemy is not more than 30 minutes in front of them.

## **17 February 1969**

1/35th

*Submitted by:* Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base  
LZ Lillie ZA11956

Unit Locations:

A Company 1/35 OPCON 1/10 Cav 009521

B 1/35 078527

B Co 3d plt 075534

C 1/35 084465

C Co 2nd platoon Rock Quarry ZA083309

D 1/35 LZ Lillie 119561

Recon 076517

4.2" LZ Lillie 119561

17 Feb. 1969

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 17 February 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Lillie ZA119561, Battalion Headquarters (Forward); D Company, 4.2" mortar platoon, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, counter mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; B Company ZA078527; C Company 084465; Recon platoon 076517; OPCON units; A Company OPCON to the 1/10 Cav; C Company 2nd platoon Rock Quarry ZA083309; At LZ Oasis Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). No significant activities occurred in the area of operation during the reporting period.

0800 hours (C) From the Bde S-3 to the Bn S-3: 1/35 continues to be the Bde reaction force, one company on a one hour alert, continue the defensive ambush and SRPs, resume offensive operations 171500 Feb 69.

1910 hours (C) D Co reports that his OP 72Z has a tiger in sight and they request to Kill it, S-3 says do not fire toward the perimeter but if you have a good line of sight and fire then go ahead and shoot it.

1930 hours (C) D Co reports that the OP shot at the tiger but he did not kill it and the tiger went away.

2015 hours (C) Recon reports they heard a mortar tube at approximately grid 060504, we informed the radar and they had negative sightings.

2210 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-2155 hours 17 Feb 69- At 2155 hours we received the following message: To the 1/35 from Bde: Passed on by the 1/10 Cav; Line no. 34 of A Co 1/35 was slightly wounded by a friendly M-79, the individual was treated and returned to duty, Dust-Off was not required.

**18 February 1969**

1/35th

*Submitted by:* Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Lillie ZA11951

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 OPCON 1/10 Cav ZA009521

B 1/35 (-) ZA078527

C 1/35 ZA086482

D 1/35 LZ Lillie ZA119561

Recon 079519

4.2" LZ Lillie ZA119561

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 18 February 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Lillie ZA119561, Battalion Headquarters (Forward); D Company, 4.2" mortar platoon, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, counter mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; B Company ZA078527; C Company ZA086482; Recon platoon ZA079519; OPCON units; A Company OPCON to the 1/10 Cav; C Company 2nd platoon Rock Quarry ZA083309; At LZ Oasis Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1029 hours Blackjack 503 reports taking fire northeast of B Co about 1000-1500 meters, one round went through the left side and the blade, negative casualties. At 1109 hours at grid 084519 Recon reports finding the following NVA equipment: 15 old bunkers, found one NVA canteen with a hole in it, 15 AK-47 rounds, 1 strap from an NVA pack, bloody bandages that are a week old or older. At 1642 hours at grid 085482 C Co reports that they spotted 3 VC/NVA without weapons they fled to the west in the direction of the village that C Co was at that morning, the individuals were wearing green uniforms.

0738 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-0730 hours 18 Feb 69- From the Bde S-3 to the Bn S-3: 1st Bde assumes portion of the 2nd and 3d Bde AO west of Highway 14 north from northwest along the trail to ZA159880 north to ZA158888, west along Dak Bla River to ZA110899 west to ZA100899 southwest along a line one kilometer west of Dak Blah/Ya Krong Bolah River to ZA040738, west along a line 1 kilometer north of Ya Krong Bolah River to YA911746, south along Ya Klong River to YA865600, east to ZA089600 (Pleiku Defense Boundary), northeast along the Pleiku Defense Boundary to ZA169645 north along the current 2nd Bde, 3 A/C boundary to ZA210808 (startpoint) effective 190600.

1010 hours (C) Bn CO thinks that he took fire 1000 meters to the west of C Co location.

1020 hours (C) C Co sent a patrol to the location where the fire was taken.

1029 hours (C) Blackjack 503 took fire northeast of B Co about 1000-1500, one round went through the left side and the blade, negative injuries, 700 feet, 90 knots.

1109 hours (C) Recon 084519 500 meters east of their night location, old bunkers, 15 bunkers, outhouse had negative use, 2-3 feet overhead cover, 3-4 man bunkers, bunkers look to have been built before the monsoon season, they have been used within the last week, found one NVA canteen with a hole in it, 15 AK-47 rounds, 1 strap from NVA pack, bloody bandages a week old or older, the bunkers had dirt and logs for overhead cover, trail in the area running north to south, used within the



last week.

1355 hours (C) Bde reports that the ADC-B will visit LZ Lillie at 1415 hours today (General Urzik).

1515 hours (C) Aloha 02 request unknown amount of small arms about 6 clicks due south of LZ Lillie was flying at a height of approximately 1000 feet and speed of 90 knots.

1642 hours (C) At grid 085482 C Co reports that they spotted 3 VC/NVA without weapons, VC/NVA fled to the west in the direction of the village that C Co was at this morning, the individuals were wearing green uniforms.

2310 hours (C) B Co 3d platoon activated an ambush at grid ZA092543 employed hand grenades, Claymore mines and used artillery, detail will be sent as soon as all of the information has been tabulated.

2315 hours (C) To the 1/35 CO from the Bde CO: Recent intelligence information has indicated that the enemy forces in this area have the capability of conducting attacks by fire and ground assaults against U.S. installations. 182110 hours Feb; LZ Lanetta received an attack by fire with negative casualties or damage; this attack is a probable indication of enemy intentions in the area. Commanders will take such measures, as they deem necessary to increase the state of readiness of their units.

2330 hours (C) B Co CO reports that his 3d platoon has the movement 35 meters to the southwest and when the ambush was set off they heard people scream but they received no return fire, B Co 3d platoon thinks that these individuals may be trying to get reorganized, they also said to have a Spooky on standby.

2350 hours (C) Bde informed us that Spooky will be on station in approximately 05 minutes.

2355 hours (C) B Co 3d platoon reports that the movement has ceased.

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**18 February 1969**


1/35th

*Submitted by:* Dave Fogg

Cacti Green Kills Six In Late Night Contact

Article from March 23, 1969 Ivy Leaf

By SP4 CRAIG MACGOWEN, Oasis

"I lived ten lifetimes in about five minutes" was the way Private First Class Joe C. Crowley of Upton, Mass., described the late-night contact with a company-sized NVA Rocket Transportation group by the Famous 4th s Company B, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry.

The action near Firebase Lillie netted the "Fighting Gypsies" one detainee, six enemy dead, four

122mm rocket warheads and other miscellaneous enemy equipment including rucksacks and an AK47.

"We were going to move to the west from our night location when a helicopter flew over and received some ground fire," explained 3rd Platoon Leader, First Lieutenant John C. Kelly of Bayside, N.Y.

"That evening, instead of closing with the company, we were to set up three individual platoon-sized look-outs. I set up furthest away from a village to the east on a trail running into the village."

That set the stage for the triangular-shaped contact by Bravo Company, with the 3rd Platoon facing the trail.

Private First Class Joe Crowley, the man who initiated the action, was concealed in a bamboo thicket.

"I was on guard. I looked down at my watch. 11 p.m. I looked back up and there they were, NVA passing by my position about six feet away, moving in column down the trail."

"At first I thought it was only a squad, but after a few minutes I had counted 40...then 62."

"I lived ten lifetimes in about five minutes."

When he was certain all the enemy had passed, PFC Crowley sprung the trap by throwing hand grenades at the tail of the enemy column.

Further up the line Sergeant Stanley Synstenlien of Ashby, Mass., was alerted by the noise of the passing enemy. They were heavily loaded, carrying rucksacks, small arms, mostly AK47s slung over their shoulders.

"You could hear the water sloshing in their canteens," recalled the Ivy sergeant.

"They were carrying 122mm rocket warheads and every third man was carrying a rocket booster or an 82mm mortar tube."

Sergeant Synstenlien started throwing grenades at the same time as PFC Crowley.

At the end of the Ivy unit was Private First Class Charles L. Neal of Montgomery, La., who detonated two claymore mines at the passing column.

As he squeezed the detonators at precisely the right moment, the NVA scattered into the dense bamboo near the trailside and the night was to be a long one for Bravo Company.

"There was a lot of movement around us most of the night," said Lieutenant Kelly. "They were trying to recover their people and the equipment they had dropped."

"When they started coming back about a half hour after the initial contact, we engaged them with M79

grenade launchers."

Again, at about 3 a.m. approximately ten NVA came back out of the bushes and were engaged by small arms fire.

"I think it really shook them up when the 2nd Squad opened up," stated Lieutenant Kelly. "They thought they had something small, came up to see what it was, and found they were up against something pretty big."

At daybreak the next morning the Ivymen were in for another surprise: Four enemy 122mm rocket warheads were discovered near the site.

A total of six enemy were killed in the action, in addition to one detainee who later revealed significant information about the NVA Rocket Transportation Company.

"It didn't matter to me if they were an infantry company or a rocket company. They were out to get us," recalled PFC Crowley. "But we just played it cool all night and did a good job."

## **19 February 1969**

1/35th

*Submitted by:* Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base  
LZ Lillie ZA119561

### Unit Locations:

A 1/35 ZA034525

B 1/35 (-) ZA085538

C 1/35 (-) ZA086482

C Co 2nd plt Rock Quarry

D 1/35 LZ Lillie ZA119561

Recon ZA084516

4.2" LZ Lillie ZA119561

19 Feb. 1969

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 19 February 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Lillie ZA119561, Battalion Headquarters (Forward); D Company, 4.2" mortar platoon, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, counter mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; B Company ZA085538; C Company ZA086482; Recon platoon ZA084516; C Company 2nd platoon Rock Quarry ZA083309; At LZ Oasis Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

B Co reports that their 3d platoon ambush received small arms fire, the 3d platoon employed M-16 fire and hand grenades. At 0255 hours B Co reports seeing 80-85 NVA loaded with mortar rounds,

claymore mines and M-79 rounds were employed. At 0802 hours B Co reports finding the following NVA equipment: 1 medical bag, 1 AK-47 magazine, 3 cylinders that are 4 feet long, 6 inches in diameter and they weight 40 pounds, 4 warheads that are 30 inches long and weigh 25 pounds, 2 fuses.

1123 hours (C) Spooky 23 is now dropping flares at the Command of B Co CO.

0100 hours (C) B Co CO request that Spooky move out of the area so that they can employ more artillery than have Spooky 23 come back over the area.

0250 hours (C) B Co reports that their 3d platoon ambush says they had what they thought to be a probe and they also received small arms fire from the north and east, B Co 3d platoon returned the fire employing M-16 and grenades, there were negative casualties on our side and negative results but the movement stopped as did the small arms fire, they have a negative sitrep at this time.

0255 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-2310 hours 19 Feb 69- At 2310 hours when B Co 3d platoon activated their ambush they reported seeing 80-85 VC/NVA heavily loaded down with mortar rounds and spotted 2 VC/NVA carrying radios and they were moving west to east, ambush was activated on the tail end so as to be able to employ artillery, Claymore mines were set off and M-79 fire was employed, 2 VC/NVA were seen to fall and screaming was heard, artillery was employed and they received no return fire, B Co 3d platoon had negative casualties and they had a negative sitrep at this time. Artillery will be employed sporadically throughout the night; area will be swept at first light in the morning.

0620 hours (C) Message from the Bde S-3 to the Bn S-3: You reported 6 SRPs positions 18 Feb, the guidance from Division is to have a minimum of 5 SRPs per company each night, it appears from your report that an inadequate security is provided to your company element.

0645 hours (C) B Co reports that they are moving to sweep the area of the prep and where the ambush was set off.

0718 hours (C) B Co found 1 AK-47, 1 rucksack, plenty of blood and they requested a dog/tracker team from Bde.

0802 hours (C) B Co found 2 rucksacks, 1 medical bag, 1 AK-47 with magazine, 3 cylinders 4 feet long, 6 inches in diameter weighing 40 pounds, 4 warheads, 30 inches long weighing 25 pounds, 2 fuses.

0829 hours (C) B Co reports one WIA with shrapnel wound in the left leg, minor, sent to LZ Lillie, line no. 93.

0835 hours (C) B Co reports a village suspect middle age first name Syen in village will send to LZ Lillie on the first bird available.

0906 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-0845 hours 19 Feb 69- Radio on the battalion push fell out of the

Aloha 1 between B Co and LZ Lillie requested a push change.

0917 hours (C) B Co reports that they found one WIA enemy, request MI to question this enemy WIA as he is about dead.

1130 hours (C) B Co has credit for 6 KIA, 1 WIA and one detainee.

1350 hours (C) To the S-3 from the S-1: Impact awards for B Co tomorrow 1115 hours at LZ Lillie.

1350 hours (C) Recon reports that they spotted approximately a squad size element moving to the southwest and Recon did fire in the enemy forces.

1355 hours (C) Gunships are expending at this time.

1420 hours (C) Recon is moving at this time in the direction of where the enemy troops fled.

1430 hours (C) Recon is flushing the enemy from out in front of them but they cannot see the enemy forces at this time.

1507 hours (C) B Co reports that the detainee which they apprehended led them to a small cache, the cache had 2 bags of AK-47 ammunition of approximately 50 rounds, 1 Chinese Communist hand grenade at grid 070538.

1515 hours (C) current location of Recon grid 085520 at this location they found some expended AK-47 rounds.

1535 hours (C) D Co will be inserted at grid 063519, he will have 77 packs going in.

## **20 February 1969**

1/35th

*Submitted by:* Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Lillie ZA119561

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 ZA063528

B 1/35 (-) ZA090542

C 1/35 (-) ZA077510

Recon ZA089519

4.2" ZA089519

20 Feb. 1969

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 20 February 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Lillie ZA119561,

Battalion Headquarters (Forward); A Company, 4.2" mortar platoon, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, counter mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; B Company ZA090542; C Company ZA077510; Recon platoon ZA089519; D Company ZA067514; At LZ Oasis Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1335 hours A Company reports that they made contact with an unknown size enemy force, small arms fire was exchanged and they spotted the enemy with SKS and wearing khakis. A Company reports one NVA KIA with a weapon (SKS) and pack.

0905 hours (C) From Bde to TOC: During the recent operations gas masks were captured from the enemy, this indicates that the VC/NVA have the potential and the might to make use of chemical agents during TET and subsequent operations Therefore it is advisable to notify all troops to carry their masks at all times on all types of operations and have them readily available on firebases and the Base Camps.

1012 hours (C) At grid 064532 A Co found 1 cache, 1 box of machinegun ammunitions, NVA 7.65 mm, 1 75mm Recoilless Rifle round.

1335 hours (C) A Co made contact with an unknown size force, small arms fire was exchanged, spotted one enemy with an SKS pack and wearing khakis.

1340 hours (C) A Co reports that they have one NVA KHA with an SKS and pack.

1459 hours (C) In reference to A Co contact they spotted 2 individuals the one that was killed was wearing a green uniform, the Medic says that he had been wounded before the one that got away was wearing a khaki uniform and carrying a Chinese Carbine.

**21 February 1969**

1/35th

*Submitted by:* Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn  
(1/35) Forward Fire Base  
LZ Lillie ZA119561

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 (-) ZA076526

B 1/35 (-) ZA084551

C 1/35 (-) ZA102509

D 1/35 (-) ZA086535

Recon ZA128527

4.2" Mortar LZ Lillie ZA119561

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 21 February 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Lillie ZA119561, Battalion Headquarters (Forward); A Company, 4.2" mortar platoon, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, counter mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; B Company ZA084551; C Company ZA102509; Recon platoon ZA128527; D Company ZA086535; At LZ Oasis Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

C Co reports that his 72 element has 2 VC/NVA with them, they also have 5 women with them.

1103 hours (C) To C Co from the S-3: Move to the southeast from the present location remaining one (1) kilometer from the AO boundary take up two blocking position on the major trails in the vicinity of grid coordinates 129479 and 108485.

1105 hours (C) To D Co from the S-3: Move to the southeast from the present location and establish three blocking positions on the major trails in the vicinity of the following grid coordinates 112514 and 110534.

1110 hours (C) To Recon from the S-3: Occupy blocking positions 140540 on the northwest and southwest side of the trail.

1115 hours (C) A Co spotted the enemy maneuvering at approximately grid 073531.

1232 hours (C) C Co found tracks south of the night location on the trail, tracks are brushed over and they have been used recently.

1235 hours (C) A Co found a blood trail in the vicinity of where the NVA KIA was located yesterday.

1445 hours (C) D Co reports that they are receiving small arms fire approximately 2 kilometers from

them at an azimuth of 170 degrees.

1610 hours (C) C Co 73 element found 2 fields of punji sticks, large field located at grid 114493, there is a small field of punji stakes 40 x 40 meters, punji stakes point to the east.

1625 hours (C) To the 1/35 from Bde: Pleiku Green Cyclone is beginning ASAP 211610 type of operation: search and clear, unit participating 11th Ranger Battalion, duration indefinite, AO 1255, 1855, 1249 and 1849.

1646 hours (C) C Co reports that his 72 element has 2 VC/NVA they also have 5 women with them, detained then at grid 118483.

## **22 February 1969**

1/35th

*Submitted by:* Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn  
(1/35) Forward Fire Base  
LZ Lillie ZA119561

### Unit Locations:

A 1/35 (-) ZA069528

B 1/35 (-) ZA082551

C 1/35 (-) ZA108492

D 1/35 (-) 109517

Recon LZ Lillie ZA119561

4.2" Mortar LZ Lillie ZA119561

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 22 February 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Lillie ZA119561, Battalion Headquarters (Forward); A Company, 4.2" mortar platoon, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, counter mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; B Company ZA082551; C Company ZA102509; C Company ZA108492, D Company 109517; 2nd platoon C Company Rock Quarry; Recon platoon LZ Lillie ZA119561; At LZ Oasis Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1530 hours the ARVN liaison says that one of his elements is in contact with a squad size enemy force there is small arms fire only, all of this at grid ZA125522, has WIA's only, will give us the full report later. At 1632 hours the ARVN's report making contact at grid ZA127518 these are believed to be the same individuals as before.

1135 hours (C) From Bde to the 1/35; 1/69 CSF had contact with an NVA platoon at grid 074199, D 1/10 Cav have been instructed to put their ARP's into that location.

1136 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-1000 hours 22 Feb 69- Lt. Kerr reports that the friendlies entered the village at grid 158534 they reported that three individuals tried to run out of the village and one of



them was shot in the eye and he was Dusted-Off at 1145 hours.

1525 hours (C) D Co reports hearing small arms fire from approximately grid 121518.

1530 hours (C) ARVN liaison says that one of his elements is in contact with a squad size enemy force, there is small arms fire only. The enemy contact is at grid ZA125522, has WIA's and they will report when the full information is made available.

1540 hours (C) Enemy reported moving Northwest along the trail at this time.

1612 hours (C) 78 reports that East of the contact area 300 meters there is a VC company staging area 24-48 hours old, occupants believed to have moved out to the Northwest along the trail and stream, friendly element to the Southeast of this location moving due North 30-type friendly element moving to the Northwest.

1614 hours (C) Friendly casualties 7 KIA, 5 WIA.

1626 hours (C) D Co reports that there is fire coming from grid ZA119519.

1640 hours (C) ARVN liaison reports that the enemy size element was platoon the major group, part went to the Northwest and part went to the Southeast.

2020 hours (C) From Lt. Kerr to TOC: Readout on the contact between the 11th ARVN Ranger Battalion and the NVA; Believed that two 60mm mortars were firing at them, more than a company size element (and the exact size of the element is unknown) found 3 NVA rucksacks with letters in them, night locations, 2 CO size elements and the CO are at grid 171505, 2 CO size at 130517, OP 1-166505, 2-173507, 3-171502, 4-130517, bushmaster 2-176504 there were a total of 10 KIA and 5 WIA.

2112 hours (C) Bde informs the Bn S-3 that a 4 man historical team will be at our location to interview Lt. Kelly and the members of his ambush platoon 23 Feb 69.

2210 hours (C) Message from the Bde S-3 to the Bn S-3: To confirm the verbal order that C Co is OPCON to CO Co A 1/92 to provide security for the battery which is located at Rock Quarry, CO 1/35 retains the authority to rotate the platoon OPCON to the 1/92 arty.

2210 hours (C) Message passed to Styler O from Capt. Scott: Inform Capt. Carney and Capt. Tower at Base Camp to be at LZ Lillie not later than 1030 hours 23 Feb 69, Major Losey has the information on the reason for the meeting.

## **23 February 1969**

1/35th

*Submitted by: Dave Fogg*

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn

(1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Lillie ZA119561

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 079538

B 1/35 093548

C 1/35 108492

C Co 2nd platoon Rock Quarry

D Co 1st platoon 109517

D Co 2nd platoon 1st squad 110535

D Co 2nd platoon 2nd squad 108533

D Co 3d platoon 110511

Recon LZ Lillie ZA119561

11th Ranger Battalion 2 Co size elements and CP 171505

2 Co size elements 130517

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 23 February 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Lillie ZA119561, Battalion Headquarters (Forward); A Company, 4.2 mortar platoon, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, counter mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; B Company 093548; C Company 108492; D Company 109517, D Company 109517; 2nd platoon C Company Rock Quarry; Recon platoon LZ Lillie ZA119561; 11th ARVN Rangers 2 company size elements and the battalion CP grid 171505.

At 0715 hours the Brigade Commander informed us that Pleiku Air Force Base received an unknown amount of 122mm rockets, the firing has ceased at this time and the enemy is believed to be located at grid ZA153507 artillery is being employed. At 0930 hours Lt. Kerr reports that the ARVN are in contact at grid 128514 with a platoon size element or larger they popped purple smoke and the VC popped red smoke. Shamrock reports that his LOH received ground to air fire 400 meters at an azimuth of 250 degrees from A Co location at grid 079538. At 1107 hours Lt. Kerr reports finding 10 NVA bodies at grid 127515 it is believed to be a battalion size bunker complex also there are graves at this location and 82mm mortar shells. Lt. Kerr says that the enemy bodies were found in an open field at grid 129514. A Co reports that they found the following items in the village at grid 177538, 2 pair of NVA pants, 3 shirts, 3 ammunition boxes, 3 bottles of salt, 3 AK-47 rounds, 1 barber kit complete and they say that 5 days ago 15 VC passed through the village and they were carrying carbines, 10 days ago 4 VC came through the village and they were traveling East to West. At 1606 hours D Co 73A element is in contact with 4 NVA, 1 KIA enemy was moving to the Southeast.

0240 hours (C) Bde informed us that Division had informed them that Ban Me Thuot, Quin Nhon, Pleiku and the II Corps headquarters received unknown number of mortar rounds within the last hour.

0251 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-0230 hours 23 Feb 69- AT 0230 hours B Co informed us that they had reached Plei Ya Gran (1), 103546.

0320 hours (C) B Co informed us that they have the village mentioned in entry 10 completely encircled.

0715 hours (C) From the Bde CO to the 1/35; Pleiku AFB (Air Force Base) received an unknown amount of 122mm Rocket rounds at 0635 hours firing has ceased and the enemy is believed to be located at grid ZA153507, artillery is being employed.

0745 hours (C) Lt. Kerr reports that at 0630 hours he heard 15 122mm rockets being fired overhead 1000 meters to the East of grid 157506 ARVNs found 4 holes where the rockets were believed to be buried, the holes were 4 feet long and 1 feet wide found 15 122mm rocket pods at grid 157506.

0800 hours (C) From Lt. Kerr to the S-3: We received 8-10 60mm mortar rounds outside of their perimeter at grid 171505 this was at 0615-0630 hours.

0805 hours (C) From the Bde S-3 to the Bn S-3: UFO was last sighted at grid ZA12914650 believed to have sat down at that location have the artillery fire on that grid to the Bde S-3 from the Bn S-3; Grid on the AO border with PK 7/69-2.

0830 hours (C) C Co reports that their 3d platoon spotted one aircraft at 2100 hours last night 2 clicks due East from his location, aircraft had 1 red blinking light altitude 3000 feet and it sounded like a Cessna aircraft (Fixed-wing type).

0930 hours (C) From Lt. Kerr to the S-3: ARVN are in contact at grid 128514 with a platoon size element or larger, they popped purple smoke and the VC popped red smoke.

0859 hours (C) Bde S-3 air reports that Kansas City is under attack.

1000 hours (C) Aloha 4 says that the spotted the dead VC/NVA at grid 129512.

1010 hours (C) Shamrock reports that his LOHs received Air/Ground fire 400 meters and 250 degrees from A Co location grid 079538, Shamrock birds will sit down at LZ Lillie.

1107 hours (C) From Lt. Kerr to the S-3: 10 NVA bodies were found at grid 127515 believed to be a battalion size bunker complex, also graves at this location and 82mm mortar shells, Lt. Kerr saw the enemy bodies in an open field at grid 129514.

1145 hours (C) To the Bn S-3 from the Bde S-3: Bde CO approves the overall plan for the employment of units, however be advised that the slicks will not be available this afternoon for the airlift of B Co; Division does not have the slicks available for our units. Advise us as to how this affects your plans, we are standing by for the answer, Bn S-3 gives his QSL.

1158 hours (C) From Shamrock to the S-3: Scouts report that they are receiving fire from the same area as before, they are employing gunships at this time.

1226 hours (C) From Shamrock to the S-3: Scouts have received fire from the same area again and the gunships are working out at this time.

1245 hours (C) From Lt. Kerr to the S-3: The enemy body count is now 20 KIA, all found at grid

127515.

1246 hours (C) From Lt. Kerr to the S-3: Friendly body count now stands at 9 instead of 10, which was reported earlier.

1330 hours (C) From Lt. Kerr to the S-3: Battalion or larger infantry element is believed to be moving to the West along the stream and we found one Russian SKS Carbine, VC stopped the bus on the way to Pleiku and told the people that they were going to take Pleiku tonight.

1605 hours (C) To the S-3 from Lt. Kerr: Reference the enemy KIAs that were killed either by gunships or ARVNs.

1606 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-1425 hours 23 Feb 69- D Co 73A element is reported in contact with 4 NVA, 75 meters to the Southeast of the 73A location 1 KIA, enemy was moving to the Southeast.

1615 hours (C) In reference to the above message D Co reports 1 VC KIA wearing green fatigues and carrying a Montagnard loin cloth, killed by M-16 fire, also carrying a dead rat wrapped in a newspaper tied by C-ration wire, also carried a big knife.

1633 hours (C) From Lt. Kerr to the S-3: ARNV element had contact at grid 132505 approximately 3-4 enemy and the enemy fled to the Northwest along the trail, contact lasted from 1620-1630 hours.

1807 hours (C) To the S-3 from B Co: 71 element was moving into their night location, the pointman spotted a VC/NVA, VC/NVA fired and missed and the pointman fired, he is sure that he did not miss, the enemy soldier was carrying an automatic weapon, the 71 element was moving back for support at this time.

## **24 February 1969**

1/35th

*Submitted by:* Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn  
(1/35) Forward Fire Base  
LZ Lillie ZA119561

### Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Lillie ZA119561

B 1/35 085541

C 1/35 108492

C Co 2nd platoon Rock Quarry

D 1/35 106520

Recon 136565

4.2 LZ Lillie ZA119561

11th Ranger Battalion CP and 2 Companies 150504, 2 Companies 136506

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 24 February 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Lillie ZA119561, Battalion Headquarters (Forward); A Company, 4.2 mortar platoon, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, counter mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; B Company 085541; C Company 108492; D Company 109517, D Company 106520; 2nd platoon C Company Rock Quarry; Recon platoon 136565; 11th ARVN Rangers CP and 2 companies 150504.

At 1610 hours Lt. Kerr reports that the ARVNs made contact with an unknown size enemy force this at grid 134507, the enemy fled to the East. At 1942 hours Lt. Kerr reports contact at 1625 hours, 5 VC were engaged with small arms fire and they fled to the Northeast, CIA one Russian carbine and the contact was broken at 1645 hours, negative casualties were reported and the enemy was believed to be 5 Montagnard VC. At 2311 hours TOC was informed that Pleiku was being hit with 122mm rockets, artillery was fired and a secondary explosion was confirmed at grid 175555.

0002 hours (C) Message from the Bde S-3 to the Bn S-3: Latest intelligence reports this evening indicates that there will be a substantial increase in enemy action the night of 23 Feb 69 and on the morning of 24 Feb 69.

0003 hours (C) Message from the Bde S-3 to the Bn S-3: What is the status on the historical team that came to our location to interview Lt. Kelly and his ambush.

0005 hours (C) Bn S-3 QSL the message in reference to entry 2, and also informed Bde that in reference to entry 3 that the Bde CO told the historical team officer to return to the Oasis and that was all of the information that we have at this time.

0850 hours (C) To the 1/35 from Bde: LZ at grid YA964497 will be LZ Hilga, LZ at ZA062375 will be LZ Kay.

0916 hours (C) From Recon to the S-3: Current location 148563 along the stream at this location found a cave, very old and it had woven rice baskets in it, inside also very old, Recon destroyed the rice baskets.

1308 hours (C) From Lt. Kerr to the S-3: Bushmaster was in contact for about 3-4 minutes at grid ZA136510 we have 2 platoons moving after the enemy at this time, spotted 2 individuals moving West to East, fled West and we could not tell whether they were VC or NVA, and they do not know whether they had weapons or not.

1400 hours (C) To Bde from MSG Chronister: I acknowledge Frago 1 to OPLAN 6-69 (Green Tornado).

1345 hours (C) From Rustler 24 to the S-3: Enroute to LZ Lillie to coordinate the CA of B Co, he will be the flight leader and the S-3 is airborne at 1350 hours to check out the LZ and the PZ.

1437 hours (C) First LZ of B Co complete LZ cold at grid, complete at 1751 hours.

1524 hours (C) D Co 711 element had departed their location and they are enroute to their night location they received 2 bursts of small arms fire from the Southwest at grid 113523. 1 friendly WIA line no. 28 at this time, the remainder of the element is sweeping the area.

1546 hours (C) From D Co to TOC: WIA is now KIA, need a bird to pick up the KIA and we also need a set of gunships at this time.

1548 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-1520 hours 24 Feb 69- From C Co to the S-3: Spotted 3 men in green uniforms across the Blue Line at grid 114495, negative information yet, they will keep us informed.

1610 hours (C) From Lt. Kerr to the S-3: At grid 134507 ARVNs made contact with an unknown size enemy force, the enemy fled to the East, ARVNs closed to the previously mentioned grid coordinate.

1620 hours (C) In reference to the above message Lt. Kerr reports that the ARVNs are still in contact, they are pursuing to the East, they have captured 5 of the enemy and one weapon.

1630 hours (C) B Co is being CAd to grid 143575.

1631 hours (C) From Lt. Kerr to the S-3: The weapon that was captured was an AK-47 and they are continuing to pursue the enemy to the Northeast.

1653 hours (C) In reference to the five prisoners that the ARVNs captured they were Montagnards and they are suspected VC.

1657 hours (C) From B Co to TOC: Blackjack 588 took two rounds of AK-47 fire from approximately grid 078537 bunker complex.

1752 hours (C) DELAYED ENTRY-1430 hours 24 Feb 69- The man from D Co who was an FUIO was extracted at 1430 hours and the KIA was extracted at 1645 hours.

1941 hours (C) To the S-3 from C Co: Spotted a UFO directly overhead and it was on a big bright light, moving from the Northwest to the southwest traveling at a very high altitude and going at a very high speed.

1942 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-1931 hours 24 Feb 69- From Lt. Kerr to the S-3: 1st contact at 1315 hours with 2 VC employed small arms, VC fled to the West, search of the area was made with negative findings, detained one Montagnard suspect with negative casualties, 2nd contact at 1625 hours with 5 VC engaged with small arms fire and the VC fled to the Northeast, CIA 1 Russian carbine contact was broken at 1645 hours, negative casualties and 5 are believed to be Montagnard VC.

1944 hours (C) From A Co to TOC: Reports that one of their OPs observed an individual at grid 115560 moving from tree to tree and he was believed to be Reconning the perimeter, the action taken was a 50% alert, OPs were reinforced and they prepared to fire ILL and H.E.

2300 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-1820 hours 24 Feb 69- Bde CO passed the following message to the Bn CO: All units will remain in a high state of alert tonight and tomorrow, be prepared for an attack by fire and a ground attack, Commanders are directed to insure maximum protective measures are enforced to include the wearing of flack jackets and steel pots.

2310 hours (C) Radar picked up four Rockets that were being fired from grid 175555.

2311 hours (C) Bde informed us that Pleiku is being hit with 122mm Rockets at this time.

## **25 February 1969**

1/35th

*Submitted by:* Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn  
(1/35) Forward Fire Base  
LZ Lillie ZA119561

### Unit Locations:

1/35 CP LZ Lillie

A 1/35 LZ Lillie ZA119561

B 1/35 165578

C 1/35 (-) 108492

C Co 2nd platoon Rock Quarry

D 1/35 105526

Recon LZ Lillie

4.2 LZ Lillie ZA119561

11th Ranger Battalion CP and 2 Companies 150504, 2 Companies 157507

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 25 February 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Lillie ZA119561, Battalion Headquarters (Forward); A Company, 4.2 mortar platoon, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, counter mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; B Company 165578; C Company 108492; D Company 105526; 2nd platoon C Company Rock Quarry; Recon platoon LZ Lillie; 11th ARVN Rangers CP and 2 companies 150504.

At 0845 hours 2nd platoon B Company reports that they ran 5 VC/NVA into a rice paddy, VC/NVA hid in the woodline, they were carrying weapons but the gunships did not see them, they eventually went out of our AO heading South at grid 173556. At 1000 hours B Company reports that they spotted 2 Montagnards and they were moving to the East, one of them was carrying a M-26 hand grenade, they were told to stop but they ran, and one of them was wounded in the aftermath that occurred. At 1001 hours Lt. Kerr and the ARVNs report that they found the rocket positions at grid 155521. At 1039 hours B Company reports that people working for the VC left the village approximately one month ago with small arms, mortar tubes and B-40 Rockets, they killed the village chief and took rice. They also

saw 4 VC with AK-47 rifles and a Rocket launcher. At 1700 hours D Company reported that they had spotted 3 VC/NVA wearing green khakis and carrying small arms and they ran into the woodline to the Northeast, D Co made a sweep of the area at grid 124545.

0125 hours (C) B Co informed us that Recon has married up with them and the village is completely encircled at this time.

0552 hours (C) B Co informs us that they are beginning the cordon in the village of Plei Yan #2 at grid 165578.

0631 hours (C) Recon and Lt. Kerr hear rockets being launched from the vicinity of grid 175555.

0640 hours (C) 1/35 S-3 requested that the ARVN Rangers send one platoon to the vicinity of grid 175555.

0645 hours (C) From the S-3 to B Co: You are to have one of your platoons move toward Recon location (Recon is now moving to the area where the suspected enemy Rockets were being launched).

0654 hours (C) 11th ARVN Rangers refused to send anyone into the area where the Rockets were thought to be being launched from.

0720 hours (C) Current location of Recon grid 161553, wants to know if the artillery is being fired because they saw 6 flashes 150 degrees 600 meters away.

0730 hours (C) B Co 2nd platoon is moving toward Recon location at this time and they will be going OPCON to Recon at this time.

0845 hours (C) From Recon to the S-3: 2nd platoon B Co ran 5 VC/NVA into a rice paddy, VC/NVA were hiding under a tree, VC/NVA did have weapons, the gunships could not see the VC/NVA but they did expend, VC/NVA went out of our AO and they headed South, they were first spotted at grid 173556, Recon says that the 2nd platoon of B Co spotted the VC/NVA.

0932 hours (C) To TOC from C Co: 73B element spotted one VC/NVA at grid 124489, enemy fled to the Northeast.

0950 hours (C) From C Co to TOC: 71Z element moved 300 meters to the Northeast of the CP and they found punji stakes, they were not there yesterday when the 71Z element moved through that area yesterday, they were put in last night in a field 100 x 40 meters long, the stakes were 18 inches long and they do not look like they were poisoned and there is no definite pattern.

1000 hours (C) From B Co to TOC: 73 element spotted 2 Montagnards moving to the West, one of them had an M-26 frag grenade and they were told to stop, they ran, the element fired on them and they think that they may have wounded one of them in the shoulder.



1120 hours (C) From Lt. Kerr to the S-3: Found 3 122mm Rocket canisters at grid coordinate 154522.

1138 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-1035 hours 25 Feb 69- From B Co to the S-3: 73 element spotted 3 Montagnards and one of them was carrying an M-26 frag grenade they were wearing shirts, loin cloth and sandals, they were moving to the West when they were ordered to halt, they began to run and one of them was wounded in the shoulder who fled to the West and one escaped to the Northwest, the individual that was wounded was carrying the frag and he escaped to the West, location of the KIA is grid ZA170585.

1301 hours (C) B co reports that one of the National Police did not want to go out with B Co, he is now walking to Pleiku at this time.

1700 hours (C) To the S-3 from D Co: Spotted 3 VC/NVA with khaki pants and green tops carrying small arms, they ran into the woodline at the Northeast, D Co is sweeping the area at this time spotted at 124545.

1745 hours (C) From D Co to TOC: Found bunkers and a stove with rice cooking in it probably 5-6 individuals and the S-3 reports that there are trenches in the same general area where D Co is, the trenches run North and South along the blue line.

## **26 February 1969**

1/35th

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3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn  
(1/35) Forward Fire Base  
LZ Lillie ZA119561

### Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Lillie ZA119561

B 1/35 150513

C 1/35 (-) 108492

C Co 2nd platoon Rock Quarry

D 1/35 134534

Recon 154545

4.2 LZ Lillie ZA119561

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 26 February 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Lillie ZA119561, Battalion Headquarters (Forward); A Company, 4.2 mortar platoon, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, counter mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; B Company 150513; C Company 108492; D Company 134534; 2nd platoon C Company Rock Quarry; Recon platoon 154545;

At 1012 hours the 1/35 S-3 received a message from the Bde S-3: This message was in reference to the poor police of airfields used by the 1/35 and other elements of the 3d Brigade. It concluded that

U.S. Air Force vehicles (airplanes, helicopters etc.) would not land at air facilities that were not properly and thoroughly policed thus denying the unit resupply and access to speedy means of transportation. The cordon and search of the village of Plei Yan (3) produced the following reports at 1355 hours; the people stated that 2 VC used to live in the village about 1 years ago, they now live in the jungle with the VC, VC came to the village 5 days ago and they were carrying small arms. At 2105 hours Recon reported that someone was using call sign 10A on their frequency, party said that they had an SOI.

0750 hours (C) From Bde to the 1/35: Slicks are enroute to your location for the change of platoons at the Rock Quarry.

1012 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-0950 hours 26 Feb 69- To the 1/35 from the Bde S-3: Sub-police of the Airfields; Several recent incidents have occurred in which airfields used by the 4th Infantry Division elements have been left in a state of poor police. There are several airfields in the Division AO which are reportedly used as PZ and LZ for the unit moves including Dak To, Dag Seang, Dak Peg, Polei Kleng, Plei Mrong, Plei Djerang, Ban Me Thout, East to Duc Co, it is imperative that when a unit uses an airfield for a PZ/LZ for a unit move the unit police all equipment form PZ/LZ prior to departure, if this is not done United States Air Force elements have indicated that in the future they may refuse to land at airfields not policed and as a result the host unit (usually USSF) could be denied resupport until the 4th Infantry Division unit repolices the airfield. Units using airfields, as PZ/LZ will refrain from the excessive use of wheeled vehicles on the runway/taxiway, vehicles in these areas cause disruption of normal airfield operations. F.Q.M.

1046 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-1020 hours 26 Feb 69- To TOC from B Co: Report on the second village (106563) Plei Yan (1)) searched yesterday population 57 men, 63 women, boy 50, 72 girls, total 242 this is the amount in the village, there were more people staying there, but they were not there at the time of the cordon and search operation, 50 Med-Caps, 7 people were interrogated, village chief is mission as of one month ago and an undetermined amount of NVA came through the village with 2 light machine guns, AK-47 rifles and packs and they were wearing dark uniforms, they confiscated one can of rice per family, they came and left at night, VC helpers left the village one year ago Kut Thung CIR, Hueng, Ces MIA.

1401 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-1100 hours 26 Feb 69- The final PZ time for A Co 1st plt 1010 hours, final LZ 1022 hours, final PZ time for C Co 2nd plt 1030 hours, final LZ 1042 hours.

2035 hours (C) B Co SRP 4 at grid ZA137590 hears automatic weapons fire (sounds like AK-47) azimuth of 40 degrees direction 150 meters they cannot determine whether or not the fire is directed at them.

2105 hours (C) Recon reported that someone that was using the call sign 10A called them on their frequency and they asked Recon location, Recon asked if the station that was calling them had an SOI, 10A said yes so Recon told them to contact 0, 10A replied 'Contact 0' and nothing else was heard from 10A, Recon said that the person that was calling spoke near perfect English and his voice had a certain strangeness to it.

**27 February 1969**

1/35th

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3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn  
(1/35) Forward Fire Base  
LZ Lillie ZA119561

Unit Locations:

1/35 CP LZ Lillie ZA119561  
A 1/35 LZ Lillie ZA119561  
A Co 1st platoon Rock Quarry  
B 1/35 (-) ZA139587  
C 1/35 (-) ZA085499  
D 1/35 (-) ZA095557  
Recon ZA131565  
4.2 LZ Lillie ZA119561

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 27 February 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Lillie ZA119561, Battalion Headquarters (Forward); A Company, 4.2 mortar platoon, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, counter mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; B Company ZA139587; C Company ZA085499; D Company ZA095557; Recon platoon ZA131565; OPCON units; A Company OPCON to the 2/1 Cav.

At 1058 hours C Company at grid 076506 found a bunker complex that has been used within the last two days. C Co reports that they have movement to the East of the location that was given. At 1228 hours at grid ZA138535 VC were spotted moving from the Southwest to the Northeast they were engaged with small arms fire and they also called in artillery. At 1330 hours an interrogation of the village that was cordoned and searched revealed that there were 9 VC and 1 NVA in the village 3-5 days ago, they were carrying RPG rounds, AK-47 and they were wearing green uniforms and carrying rucksacks. Last month the VC killed one villager for no reason and took some rice.

0603 hours (C) B Co CO informed us that they are leaving their night location at this time and they are enroute to the village of Plei Ko Bo (4) ZA137593.

0947 (U) DELAYED ENTRY-0846 hours 27 Feb 69- To D Co from the S-3: Move from the present location to vicinity of the hills grid 065568 avoiding villages and other contact with civilians and be prepared to move on order to grid 056552 and establish a patrol base.

0855 hours (C) To B Co from the S-3: Cordon and search of the village of Plei Ku Bo (4) be prepared to cordon and search Plei Ku Bo 3, 2 and 1 on order, after completion of the cordon and search operation of these villages be prepared to move to the West to grid coordinate 097583 set up a patrol base, establish one ambush and 4 SRP positions.

0905 hours (C) To C Co from the S-3: Move from the present location to the bunker complex the

center mass in which 075515, leave a stay behind force of one rifle squad reinforced continue maneuvers to the vicinity of grid coordinate 066533, establish a patrol base and establishing at least one ambush on a major trail and at least 3 SRP positions.

0930 hours (C) To Recon from the S-3: Establish a blocking position/OP as instructed on order perform a search and clear operation to the North and West of LZ Lillie.

1058 hours (C) Current location of C Co grid 076506 found a bunker complex that was last used two days ago.

1140 hours (C) C Co reports that they have movement to the East of the last location that was given, they are checking out the area at this time.

1149 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-0948 hours 27 Feb 69- B Co readout on the village: Plei Ko Bo (4), population 17 able young men, 3 sick men (1 without legs), 31 women, 46 children, 1 leper, 7 suspects questioned, 5 people left 4 days ago and they were carrying weapons, name follow: KHO, BAL, NU, KHEL, KA the first three are married and their wives live in the village, between 3-5 days ago a large number of VC came to the village they took one can of rice per family, there is no chief as he died three months ago of malaria there is no new chief in the village because there is no one in the village who can read or write Vietnamese.

1228 hours (C) From the liaison to TOC: At grid ZA138535 spotted VC moving Southwest to Northeast they engaged them with small arms fire and they called in artillery, hope to send a small element after them, they are now holding in the areas that were given earlier, A element is waiting for the chopper to extract 8 suspects, told Bde that we would send the chopper.

1354 hours (C) C co readout on the bunker complex that is located at grid 077507, 25 bunkers up to 4 men each in size, 2 to 3 feet of overhead cover, used 2 days ago, found AK-47 rounds also bandages with methiolate one it.

2040 hours (C) A Co 3d platoon which is on the Southwest side of the perimeter saw 1 individual moving West to East approximately 50 meters to their front, they threw three frag grenades and the individual fled to the South, they employed light organics with unknown results.

## **28 February 1969**

1/35th

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3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn  
(1/35) Forward Fire Base  
LZ Lillie ZA119561

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 (-) LZ Lillie ZA119561

B 1/35 (-) ZA102589  
C 1/35 (-) ZA073529  
D 1/35 (-) ZA073567  
Recon ZA138584  
4.2 LZ Lillie ZA119561  
Friendly locations 22nd Rangers CP and 2 Cos ZA145535

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 28 February 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Lillie ZA119561, Battalion Headquarters (Forward); A Company, 4.2 mortar platoon, D Company; C Battery 2/9 Artillery, counter mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; B Company 078527; C Company 071439; Recon platoon 067514; OPCON units; A Company OPCON to the 2/1 Cav; C Co 2nd platoon Rock Quarry ZA083309; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-3 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 2254 hours C Company reported hearing 60mm mortar rounds from approximately grid 090534. At 2245 hours approximately the incoming rounds ended. At 2235 hours LZ Lillie received an unknown number of incoming mortar rounds. One of the rounds landed inside the perimeter, artillery was employed and there were two secondary explosions observed.

0155 hours (C) Message from the Bn S-3 to B Co CO: From the night location move West parallel to the major road on at least two axis to the vicinity of grid 047585, establish a patrol base on the highest ground in that area, drop off one ambush of a platoon size at grid 054587, a minimum of five night locations 500 meters between elements.

0645 hours (C) From the S-3 to C Co: From your present location move to the Northwest and set up a patrol base in the vicinity of grid ZA065536, select SRP positions in that area and plan on remaining in that area for 2-3 days, QSL by C Co CO.

0656 hours (C) From the S-3 to D Co: From your present location move to the Southwest and occupy a patrol base in the high ground in the vicinity of grid ZA054560 you will stay in this area about 2-3 days.

0655 hours (C) From the S-3 to Recon: Continue the surveillance missions in the present area and be prepared to be extracted on a 15 minute notice as a reactionary force for the battalion and further instructions will follow.

2254 hours (C) From the S-3 to Bde: C Co reported hearing 60mm mortar rounds from approximately grid 090534 as given by the radar this at 2245 hours incoming rounds ended at approximately 2245 hours. Unknown number of casualties LZ Lillie received approximately 6 rounds of incoming at 2235 hours from approximately grid 090534 (grid given by radar) negative casualties and one of the rounds landed inside of the perimeter, artillery was employed at 093550 2 secondary explosions were picked up by the radar.

2321 hours (C) From the S-3 to Bde: How long will it take to get Dust-Off, gunships and a flare ship to

C Co location, Bde said it would take approximately 50 minutes, S-3 passed that information along to C Co, tentative casualties 21 wounded, 7 wounded seriously.

2325 hours (C) From C Co to the S-3: We want to fire more artillery at the location where we were receiving the fire from, hold off on the Dust-Off request.

2315 hours (C) From the S-3 to Bde: LZ Lillie received Recoilless rifle fire and not mortar fire, C Co is securing the LZ at this time which is the reason that they have not called for the Dust-Off at this time.

2315 hours (C) To the S-3 from Bde: Request 2 Dust-Offs and a flare ship Spooky for the 7 litter patients from C Co and 5 ambulatory patients, location of the pick-up site ZA064553 the pick-up site is secured, good weather LZ will be marked with strobe lights.

2355 hours (C) At 2355 hours the following information was passed from the Bn S-3 to all COs and Recon: Make sure that you have good holes with overhead cover.