

1 March 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 (-) ZA058580
C 1/35 (-) ZA062533
D 1/35 (-) ZA065554
Recon ZA138584
4.2 LZ Lillie ZA119561
22nd Rangers ZA171530

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 1 March 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Lillie ZA119561, A Company, 4.2 mortar platoon, LZ Lillie ZA119561; B Company ZA058580; C Company 062533; D Company 065554; Recon platoon ZA145587; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1430 hours we received a message from Bde in reference to the mortar rounds that C Company had reported taking, they were 82mm instead of 60mm as C Company had reported and this was their assessment of the situation after they had searched the area.

0010 hours (C) Spooky 21 is on station on the air/ground push (44.10).

0020 hours (C) Dust-Off 36 is on station.

0025 hours (C) Dust-Off 30 is on station.

0043 hours (C) Dust-Off 36 picked 5 litter and 2 ambulatory patients.

0051 hours (C) Dust-Off 30 picked up 8 patients and the Dust-Off is completed at this time.

0105 hours (C) C Co informs us that they have 6 individuals to be evacuated when it gets light.

0113 hours (C) Spooky 21 is off station and he did not expend.

0215 hours (C) C Co passed the line numbers of the EM who were Dust-Off 1 March; line numbers are as follows and they are as of the Feb roster 41, 43, 18, 64, 82, 144, 65, 63, 31, 8, 142, 160, 58, Michle, Smith, Garner.

0305 hours (C) C Co passed the additional numbers of the EM who were WIA and are still at their

location 34, 166, 84, 36, 3, 97, 105, 10, 4, 67, 129, Weinger, Jeffrey, Figuora, Isabel, Washington, as of this time at least 10 of these 15 will have to be Dusted-Off.

0310 hours (C) C Co informed us that after all the information was compiled in reference to the WIA that there were 30 WIA, 15 were Dusted Off and 10 will be extracted at the first light this morning.

0315 hours (C) Bde OIC/TOC informed us that there is a jet ready to drop bombs at grid ZA009554 if the grid is still clear (this is the grid that was supposed to be bombed 28 Feb 69 but it was not). Lt Moffat said that the grid is clear at this time.

0620 hours (C) Bde informed us of the following in reference to entry 16; Time on target 0416, 1 F-4 dropped 12 mark 117 got one secondary explosion, time on target 0434 hours no BDA.

0652 hours (C) Requested a Dust-Off for 6 ambulatory patients from C Co (priority) LZ is grid ZA064553 will be secured and the Dust-Off will come on station on our Command A push (55.05).

0744 hours (C) Dust-Off 39 picked up 7 WIAs and the Dust-Off is complete at this time.

0821 hours (C) From Bde to the S-3: Need a dog team. Bde inquired about 2 dog handlers that were wounded.

0900 hours (C) Medic reports that A Co at LZ Lillie had a WIA last evening during the shelling, he is E-3 Tureikas, line no. 139 will be Dusted-Off on the resupply bird.

0946 hours (C) A Co spotted 15 people 700-800 meters to the North of LZ Lillie they are moving to the Northeast, A Co wants to know if there are friendlies in the area, they are sending out a patrol to make a sweep of the area, there are no SRPs in the area.

1225 hours (C) Recon has a 3 ship LZ at grid 133577.

1226 hours (C) PZ Recon first lift.

1234 hours (C) LZ Recon first lift at 062533 C Co night location.

1242 hours (C) PZ Recon final.

1300 hours (C) From the S-3 to C Co: Recon platoon OPCON to C Co at 1245 hours, C co will move from their present position and they will establish a patrol base in the vicinity of grid ZA040527 they will conduct SRP and ambush operations in that area.

1311 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-1300 hours 1 Mar 69- C Co local patrol reports that during the sweep they found a bridge and bunkers, they found 20 bunkers and they had overhead cover but they had been destroyed in the last 5-7 days, these bunkers are in the same area that D Co 1/35 was in 11 Feb 69, they had been destroyed and there was Vietnamese writing in these bunkers location grid 052537 also found a bridge that was made of bamboo strips, stretched across the stream and it

was used within the last three hours the bridge dips into the water when it is being crossed, trails in the area run parallel with the stream then cross the bridge, the trails are on both sides and they indicate recent use within the last three hours.

2 March 1969

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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 (-) 065555

C 1/35 (-) 054528

D 1/35 (-) 049548

Recon OPCON C Co 054529

4.2 LZ Lillie ZA119561

22nd Rangers CP and 3 companies 170517; 1 Co 170505

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 2 March 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Lillie ZA119561, Battalion Headquarters (Rear), A Company LZ Lillie ZA119561; 4.2 mortar platoon LZ Lillie ZA119561; 22 ARVN Rangers CP and three companies 170517; AT LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); B Company 065555; C Company 054528; D Company 049548.

At 1045 hours LRRP 3B our AO reports contact at grid ZA085400 they observed 5-6 VC/NVA with Browning Automatic Rifles and web gear coming our of the village, the contact lasted briefly before the team reported that the VC/NVA were following the gunships are on station and the artillery is standing by.

0810 hours (C) From the Bn CO to B Co: B Co search and clear in the AO, AO boundary border Northwest 0657, Northeast 078570, generally to the South along the streams, Southwest to stream (along stream) Southeast to 079546 Southwest along the stream Southwest to 060537 minimum of 5 squad size patrols searching down the fingers and the curved areas for any sign of recent enemy occupation or activity in the area do not cross or fire to the West of the AO border without permission of the Bn CO accept resupply in the present location move the CP not less than 500 meters from the present location for a night location tonight.

0820 hours (C) From the Bn CO to A Co: Continue the fire base improvements and maintain 5 SRPs locations for the SRPs are as follows: 095557, 108573, 124570 SRPs will be in the position not later than 021800 SRPs will depart LZ Lillie not later than 0211200 hours maintain 3 LPs in position tonight these LPs to be selected by the Company Commander. 1 platoon on a 15-minute notice, company on a 30-minute notice to reinforce any element in the AO.

0840 hours (C) From the Bn CO to D Co: Conduct search and clear operations in the AO Northeast 0657, Southeast 060537, Southwest 060531 southern AO boundary in the stream do not cross or fire pass the AO boundary without permission of the Bn CO, be prepared to move to the West on 3 march on order accept resupply at the present location and move at least 500 meters from he present location for the night location.

0940 hours (C) From the Bn CO to C Co: Search and clear in the new AO Northwest 035531 South following the stream to the Southwest 037520 Southeast 066520 North to 060536 northern AO border will be the stream you will no cross or fire to the North of the AO border without the permission of the Bn CO, establish a night location a minimum of 500 meters from where you are presently located at the night location maintain a 500 meter interval between elements occupy a minimum of 5 locations at night, be prepared to move West 3 mar 69 on order.

1045 hours (C) Through the S-2 channels: LRRP 3B our AO had contact at 0958 hours at grid ZA085400 they observed 5-6 VC/NVA with Browning Automatic Weapons and web gear coming out of the village, the contact lasted briefly before the team evaded to the South, the team reported that the VC/NVA were following them gunships are on station and the artillery is standing by.

1507 hours (C) From Bde to the S-2: LRRP 3B extracted.

3 March 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 Pause YA868889 OPCON 3/8

B 1/35 (-) Polei Kleng

C 1/35 (-) LZ Lillie

D 1/35 ZA148898

Recon LZ Lillie

4.2 LZ Lillie ZA119561

TAC CP Polei Kleng

23rd Ranger Battalion CP and 1 Co 173493

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 3 March 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Lillie ZA119561; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company, 4.2 mortar platoon; B Company 065555; C Company 054528; D company 049548; Recon OPCON C Company 054529, 22nd ARNV Rangers and three companies grid 170517. No significant activities occurred in the area of operations during the reporting period.

0800 hours (C) Bde informed us that the first priority will be to have C Co ready to be airlifted from LZ

Lillie to First Brigade AO and not to Artillery Hill. Recon platoon will be the last element to leave LZ Lillie information on the aircraft as soon as Bde is able to find out what type of aircraft is going to be used for the operation.

0820 hours (C) Bde informed us that four slicks are enroute to LZ Lillie to pick up C Co and airlift them to LZ Mary YA787913 CP 4.2 and the artillery will be pulled off LZ Lillie by hook, LZ Mary is secured by A & D companies 3/12.

1408 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-1400 hours 3 Mar 69- At 1400 hours the first PZ for D Co to LZ Mary.

1415 hours (C) First LZ for D Co at LZ Mary.

1815 hours (C) PZ complete for Recon from LZ Lillie to LZ Pause.

4 March 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

Polei Kleng ZA026937

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Pause YA868889 OPCON 3/8

B 1/35 (-) Polei Kleng

C 1/35 (-) LZ Lillie

D 1/35 ZA148898

Recon LZ Lillie

4.2 LZ Lillie ZA119561

TAC CP Polei Kleng

23rd Ranger Battalion CP and 1 Co 173493

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 4 March 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Lillie ZA119561; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company, 4.2 mortar platoon; B Company 065555; C Company 054528; D company 049548; Recon OPCON C Company 054529, 22nd ARNV Rangers and three companies grid 170517. No significant activities occurred in the area of operations during the reporting period.

2126 hours (C) A Co is OPCON to the 2nd Brigade for tonight in the 2nd Brigade AO.

1515 hours (C) Shrimpboat 05 is enroute to pick up B Co.

1521 hours (C) First PZ B Co.

1533 hours (C) First LZ B Co.

1742 hours (C) Final LZ B Co OPCON to the 1/69.

1930 hours (C) Incoming rounds are reported at this location, 1 WIA. Captain Scott, slight arm wound and he was evacuated to the Aid Station.

1941 hours (C) Incoming rounds have stopped at this time.

1954 hours (C) Received 2 rounds of incoming 122mm Rockets resulting 2 WIA, this at 1700 hrs.

2151 hours (C) B Co reports that they received approximately 3 rounds of small arms fire at this time.

5 March 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Lillie ZA119561

Unit Locations:

CP 1/35 LZ Lillie

A 1/35 & TAC LZ Bass 022938

B 1/35 (-) 119673

C 1/35 (-) LZ Lillie

D 1/35 (-) 119673

Recon LZ Lillie

4.2 LZ Lillie ZA119561

23rd Ranger Battalion CP and 2 Cos 131529, 1 Co 128535

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 5 March 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Lillie ZA119561; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), C Company, 4.2 mortar platoon; B Company (-) 119673; D Company 119673; Recon LZ Lillie ZA119561; At Oasis Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). 23rd ARVNs and CP grid 131529.

At 1552 hours the 23rd ARVN Rangers report finding the following at the rocket launch site at grid 154517, 2 empty canisters, 24 plastic lids (screw on type for canisters), 3 metal protectors for the warheads, 4 bunkers with overhead cover.

0505 hours (C) Radar picked up the grid where the rockets were being launched from and aimed at Pleiku (155516) C Co heard about 15 or more of the rockets.

0712 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-0617 hours 5 Mar 69- Arty battery fired at the rocket positions 46 HE and 10 WP rounds.

0804 hours (C) C Co reports that SRP 1 while enroute to this location spotted one VC/NVA running to the Northwest at grid 118550 azimuth 115 degrees from his position.

1214 hours (C) S-3 A Co PZ from LZ Bass to 3/8 CP LZ Pause 868888.

1233 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-0915 hours 5 Mar 69- In the vicinity of grid ZA007552 a fighter Air Force type while making air strikes dropping daisy cutters received small arms fire they made a check of the area and they had negative findings.

1500 hours (C) Division has one company that is ready to be airlifted from Plei Mrong to Polei Kleng immediately, the aircraft will be supplied by Division.

1503 hours (C) Bn CO informed Bde that the element to be airlifted from Plei Mrong will be B Co.

1435 hours (C) From the S-3 to the Bn CO: Speculates from what he can gather 1/35 CP and the artillery will be moving tomorrow to grid 100914 (Polei Kleng) C co will secure the bridge at Polei Krung, A Co will be OPCON to the 1st Bde, 1 Co will be OPCON to the 1/69 Armor.

1521 hours (C) From the Sergeant Major: 1st PZ from Plei Mrong of B Co.

1538 hours (C) The Sergeant Major says that the convoy is leaving Plei Mrong for Polei Kleng with D Co.

1552 hours (C) 23rd ARVN Rangers found the rocket site at grid 154517 2 dug out launch sites and one empty canister, 24 plastic lids (screw on type for canisters) 3 metal protectors for the warheads, 3 warhead fillers to take the place of the warhead while carrying, 4 bunkers, 2 of them were in good shape and they were just freshly dug, 2 were destroyed by artillery, found one bloody rag in the destroyed bunker, 2 bunkers were three feet wide, 2 feet long, and 3 feet deep, 2 of the bunkers were 4 feet wide, 2 feet long 3 feet deep and one of the bunkers had overhead cover made of logs and dirt and it was one foot thick.

1700 hours (C) S-3 reports that LZ Bass received 2 122mm rockets, negative casualties for D Co.

1718 hours (C) S-3 gives the order for evacuation from LZ tomorrow; Move overland to grid ZA1091, work up the aircraft requirements for the 1/35 and C 2/9 will be airlifted to either Plei Mrong or artillery hill chop to the 2nd Bde when we close at grid ZA1091, 2nd Bde provides the security for the move.

1756 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-1232 hours 5 Mar 69- At 1232 hours A Co went OPCON with the 3/8 1st Bde.

1915 hours (C) S-3 air informed Bde of our airlift and truck requirements, 39 slicks, 6 internal hooks, plus 6 more internal hooks if the slicks are not provided plus 42 external hooks 2 wreckers, 21 2 ton

trucks, 2 flatbeds.

1915 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-1745 hours 5 Mar 69- B Co is OPCON to the 3/8 Inf 1st Bde.

2000 hours (C) At 1930 hours the TAC/CP reports that Capt. Scott the Bn S-3 was hit with a piece of mortar frag in the left arm, he was taken to the dispensary and he had the arm taken care of, the frag was removed but he was not Dusted-Off.

2205 hours (from 1/69) Extracted 1 Plt B/1-35 from Southwest of airstrip and put into CSF camp for security of 1st Bde CP.

2230 hours (C) TAC/CP informed us that the platoon of B Co is now securing the TAC/CP inside of the perimeter.

2300 hours (C) In reference to item 66 B Co now has one weapons platoon 3d platoon and the CP in Special Forces camp for security.

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5 March 1969

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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, March 5, 1969

Delta Company moved out by convoy today for Polei Kleng and we moved to the same location by Chinook. Upon arrival at Polei Kleng the airstrip was mortared and hit with rockets. For us, all we could do is head for the nearest hole. After it was over, we moved to the west end of the runway to set up.

The second platoon had a different mission. We were to move out with three tanks and two personnel carriers for a night location as a platoon outpost. Upon reaching the hill we started digging in and putting on overhead cover. A report came in that the Special Forces Camp was to be hit by a human wave attack. So we were on a hill to view the valley running north south, the supposed routes of attack.

Armor is also suspected in the attack. These may be the same ones used against Ben Het. Therefore, we have a good vantagepoint. We continued work way into the night. Although it is getting late, nothing has materialized yet.

6 March 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div
Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base
Polei Kleng ZA026937

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Pause YA868889 OPCON 3/8
B 1/35 CP ZA006947
C 1/35 (-) LZ Lillie
D 1/35 ZA148898
Recon LZ Lillie
4.2 Mortar LZ Lillie
TAC/CP LZ Bass ZA022938
23rd Ranger Bn CP and one Company 173493, 2 Cos 165492

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 6 March 1969. Unit locations: At Polei Kleng ZA026937; see the previous day log for locations, as well as the locations for the Tactical CP. The Daily Situation report 6 March 1969 is as follows: At 1340 hours 6 March 69 B Company 2nd platoon made contact with an estimated NVA platoon at grid ZA005935 while OPCON to the 1/69 Armor, the 2nd platoon of B Company was conducting a cordon and search operation with the 2nd platoon of A Company 2/8 Infantry (Mech) when contact was made the enemy employed automatic weapons fire, AK-47 fire and Chinese Communist grenades they attempted to fire B-40 Rockets and the gunner was killed the US units employed 50 caliber machinegun fire and artillery, the contact was broken at 1530 hours, 2 tanks from the 1/69 Armor reinforced the activity, there were 14 enemy KIA, B Company 2nd platoon sustained 3 WIA, captured 3 AK-47 rifles, 12 B-40 Rockets, 4 Chinese Communist grenades and 7.62 ammunition.

0915 hours (C) First PZ C Co.

0915 hours (from 1/69) Fr Bn S3 to Scts: Move 1 tank and 1 APC to PK bridge (VIC ZA100914); marry up with 4 APCs of 2-8 inf, proceed to LZ Thunder (VIC ZA146898) pick up D/1-35 Inf and bring to LZ Bass; Escort vehicles will return to mission upon completion.

1000 hours (from 1/69) From S-3, 2-8 Inf: Transport for D/1-35 is cancelled; Scts to return to mission.

1340 hours (from 1/69) A/1-69: A1 ZA 010937 2/B/1-35 established contact with est platoon; Rec'd S/A auto weapons; returned fire W/all organics & Arty: 1st Plt A/1-69 supported W/direct fire from Vic 008937; 5-6 indiv were spotted, 1 mortar tube and 1 51 cal MG also spotted; 1 indiv had radio on back; 1430 reported receiving Chicom hand grenades. 1435 G/S on station did not expend; 1445 1/A/1-69 moved into area and married up with Inf; At 1510, tank hit mine at ZA010397, Neg casualties. Damage to tank, track blown, 1 Road Wheel blown; Crater 3 x 3. Contact broke at 1530, 1535 dustoff request for 6 US. 1 serious, wounds in back and shoulder, dustoff complete 1615 for 6 US.

1400 hours (C) First PZ D Co.

1415 hours (C) First LZ D Co.

1515 hours (C) First PZ A Co.

1530 hours (C) Final PZ D Co, first LZ A Co.

1545 hours (C) Final LZ D Co.

1630 hours (C) Final PZ A Co.

1640 hours (C) Final LZ A Co.

1700 hours (from 1/69) To A/1-69: Hold your element on Hill 600; bring Inf back to Bass w/2 APCs. Be prep to receive another Inf element at LZ Bass.

1705 hours (from 1/69) A/1-69 found 5 NVA & numerous weapons and equipment. Detail will follow.

1715 hours (from 1/69) Fr Bde: Will receive A/1-14 Inf to replace 1/35 Inf; prepare LZ at ZA008937

1735 hours (C) 2 EM from 3/8 Inf walked into the perimeter of the 1/35 at LZ Mary both individuals were wounded, Captain Scott S-3 1/35 called 1st Bde headquarters and requested a Dust-Off for SP/4 Smith, Ronnie L. US53671404, Blonk, Stephen J. US54831615.

1825 hours (from 1/69) A/1-69 1st Plt in contact at ZA010937 W/unk size enemy force; Rec'd AK47 fire. Saw several individuals running throughout area. Contact broken at 1840. Returned fire with S/A. 50 cal and 90mm. 2 US WHA (not serious) 3 NVA KIA.

1911 hours (C) DELAYED ENTRY-1800 hours 6 Mar 69- B Co 1st PZ 1715 hours, 1st LZ 1730 hours final PZ 1800 hours final LZ 1815 hours.

2100 hour (from 1/69) Ref item #21: Equipment CIA 2 B-40 launchers, 2 AK-47, 3 RPG III, 9 B-40 rounds, 3 60mm mortar rounds (2 fuses); 9 B-40 boosters, 6 AK Mags w/ammo; 1 drum 7.62 ammo; 50 rds AK ammo, 2 ponchos (NVA), 2 sets khakis, 2 pair sandals, 1 small 1st aid kit, 2 packs of rice; tobacco, rope, soap, toothpaste & brush, writing paper, towels and bowls.

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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, March 6, 1969

Last night we finally finished the bunker close to eleven o'clock. By the time I settled down it was approaching twelve. Because double guard was required, it appeared as though I just went sleep and 4:15 came.

The day started good. We were to remain on the hill. Then some army personnel carriers (2/A/2/8) arrived and we were told that we were going with them to check out a bunker complex that the 2/8th had discovered. They also had a little trouble with some dinks. We move out toward our objective, which took approximately twenty minutes to reach. The complex started at a wood line at the upper portion of a hill. We got off the carriers and walked on the flanks of the two tracks. The APCs used recon-by-fire with the 50 caliber various times while we moved through the wood line. After going about two hundred meters or so an APC threw a track. Naturally, we sat down to rest and set up security.

We had not stopped too long when a round was fired from a 16. At first everybody did not know just what to make of it. Then a small lull passed before everything started flying. Fifty calibers from the APCs fired, M-60s fired, M-16s. Yet, surprised as I was, return fire was given. Not just AKs, but dinks had their own automatic weapons.

The firefight started when PFC Stanley Rice shot a dink carrying a B-40 rocket launcher. He thought it was a tube for mortars, but I told him that a dink would not walk in the jungle with a tube knowing GIs were around. Nevertheless, with APCs present, I said that the tube was probably a B-40 rocket launcher.

The firefight lasted at least three hours, possibly four. The APCs with the 50 calibers definitely put out fire support, plus we had six M-60 machine guns. We put the max on them. We killed seven (1/35th Daily Journals listed 14 enemy KIA) with an unknown number wounded that got away. Also, in this was the dead carried away. We captured 2 AK-47 rifles (Russian), 3 B-40 launchers, 7 B-40 rockets, 6 mortar rounds, AK-47 rounds, hand grenades and machine gun ammo.

During the fight our platoon leader Lieutenant Mayne was wounded and Lamar Bond took shrapnel in his left arm and leg. He was on the other side of the road (made by the APCs) when the fighting broke out. Just as with Lee Ayers when he was hit (ref 2/14/69 contact), Lamar called for me to come and get him. I assured him that we would be there just as soon as possible, but to remain calm and relax, we were getting things under control. The people hurt during the fight totaled seven. A couple were hit bad but did not appear critical at the time. Lieutenant Mayne, as mentioned, was hit three or four times, Lamar Bond and PFC Poss, who took a round in the foot. I cannot identify the others. Leaving the area felt great. But a platoon from Alpha 1/14th (1/A/1-14) came in to go past the point of contact to secure a tank that had hit a mine.

Meanwhile, during this time the rest of the company was CAd to LZ Mary. It isnt far from the Cambodian border and sits on the mouth of a valley leading from Cambodia. After leaving we almost had to return as Alpha 1/14 came in contact but nothing materialized, so we headed for Polei Kleng. We set up for the night and tried to relax and forget about the day's activities.

7 March 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div
Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Mary YA784917

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 (-) 777925
B 1/35 (-) LZ Mary
2nd Plt B Co OPCON 1/69
C 1/35 (-) LZ Mary
D 1/35 (-) 786909
Recon LZ Pause OPCON 3/8
4.2 Mortar enroute

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 7 March 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Mary YA783917; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company, C Company; D Company YA786909; Recon platoon LZ Pause; 4.2 mortar platoon LZ Bass (enroute): 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.

1547 hours (C) Informed Bde that line numbers 6, 42 and 149 from the 62 element March roster were WIA in yesterday's contact.

2200 hours (C) To 3d Bde from the Bn S-3: Daily Situation Report, at 1340 hours 6 March 1969 B Co 2nd platoon made contact with an estimated NVA platoon at grid ZA005935 while OPCON to the 1/69 Armor, the 2nd platoon B Company was conducting a cordon and search operation with the 2nd platoon of A Co 2nd platoon 2/8 Infantry (Mech) when contact was made, the enemy employed automatic weapons fire, AK-47 fire and Chinese Communist grenades, they attempted to fire B-40 Rockets and the gunner was killed, the US units employed small arms, 50 caliber machinegun fire and Artillery. The contact was broken at 1530 hours when 2 tanks from the 1/69 Armor reinforced the activity. The enemy unit was very aggressive even while under very heavy fire, there was a confirmed body count of 14 in total, B Co 2nd platoon sustained 3 WIAs line no.s 6, 42 and 149, captured equipment, 3 AK-47 Rifles, 12 B-40 Rockets, 4 Chinese Communist grenades, 7.62 ammunition.

8 March 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div
Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Mary YA783917

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 CP 778923
B 1/35 CP LZ Mary
C 1/35 CP LZ Mary
D 1/35 CP 785909
Recon LZ Pause
4.2 Mortar LZ Bass

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 8 March 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Mary YA783917; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company, C Company; D Company 785909; Recon platoon LZ Pause; 4.2 mortar platoon LZ Bass; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward): At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1221 hours a report was received that 20 had been hit with fragments from a 122mm Rocket at Polei Kleng and his condition at this time is unknown. At 2200 hours B Company 81 element reports that they saw the rocket flashes azimuth 80 degrees 1-1 clicks out and the rounds appeared to be heading towards LZ Swinger.

1221 hours (C) 20 has been hit with fragments from a 122mm rocket at Polei Kleng and his condition at this time is unknown.

1231 hours (C) Condition of 20 is as follows: Small piece of frag in the lower left calf, surgeon says that it is not serious.

2007 hours (C) 812 at grid 759921 has movement at an azimuth of 300 degrees and a distance of 100-150 meters moving toward the night location.

2054 hours (C) The movement is moving off to the Northeast at this time.

2200 hours (C) B Co 81 element saw the rocket flash at an azimuth of 80 degrees 1-1 clicks out and heading to the Northeast aim towards LZ Swinger.

2201 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-2145 hours 8 Mar 69- At 2145 hours A Co heard tracked vehicles at an azimuth of 110 degrees long distance out.

9 March 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div
Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Mary YA783917

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 CP YA765916

B 1/35 CP LZ Mary
C 1/35 CP LZ Mary
D 1/35 CP 793915
Recon LZ Pause
4.2 Mortar LZ Bass

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 9 March 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Mary YA783917; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company, C Company; D Company 793915; Recon platoon LZ Pause; 4.2 mortar platoon LZ Bass; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward): At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1626 hours B Company reports finding at grid YA768914 a well constructed bridge with trees as support, the bridge was approximately ten feet wide on the west side there were tractor type vehicle tire marks, the trails were old and they were covered with bamboo and trees.

0006 hours (C) To 3d Bde from the Bn S-3: Subject is the Daily Situation Report: The 1/35 continued platoon size search and clear operations in the assigned AO with A & D companies, each company establish a minimum of 2 bushmasters nightly, no significant activities have occurred during the reporting period. B & C companies remained at LZ Mary as security for the TOC and the arty battery continued the improvement of the defensive positions with emphasis on field of fire and overhead cover, each company conducted several patrols to the east of LZ Mary with a minimum of one bushmaster nightly per company, no significant activities occurred in that area of operation during the reporting period, 3 plans for 9 March are the same as plans 1 and 2.

1500 hours (C) A Co at grid YA764910 found road running into the blue line ford stream 10 feet wide and 8-10 feet long 2-3 feet deep can hold a convoy, no recent use, made from logs.

1626 hours (C) B Co found a crossing at grid YA768914, it is well constructed bridge with trees as support, approximately 8-10 feet wide on the west side there were tractor type tire marks 1 hand span wide and very old, the trail was old and it was covered with bamboo and trees and trees and leaves were pulled down over it to cover it from sight from the air.

1645 hours (C) B Co blew the bridge.

1800 hours (C) B Co moved to grid 760912 they found a bridge that was similar to the first one and a trail junction that had signs of fairly recent use, set up a company size ambush, 3 OPs 757910, 760917, and 764912.

2325 hours (C) From the 1/35 to the 3d Bde: Subject is the Daily Situation Report. The 1/35 infantry continues platoon size search and clear operations in the assigned AO with A, B and D companies, each company maintains a minimum of 2 bushmasters nightly, no significant activities have occurred during the reporting period, C Company remains at LZ Mary as security for TOC and the artillery battery, continual improvements of defensive positions maintain a minimum of 3 SRPs, each company assigned in the AO with Bn is to conduct platoon size search and clear operations along

stream beds, trails and likely avenues of approach, plans for 10 Mar 69 units to continue platoon size search and clear operations in their assigned AO.

10 March 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Mary YA783917

Unit Locations:

61 element location is unconfirmed movement to their south and the movement is going east to west, 62, 63 and 64 elements report a negative sitrep.

A 1/35 (-) YA773904

B 1/35 (-) 760912

C 1/35 LZ Mary

D 1/35 (-) 785909

Recon LZ Pause

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 10 March 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Mary YA783917; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company YA773904; B Company 760912; C Company LZ Mary YA783917; D Company 785909; Recon platoon LZ Pause; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward): At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1450 hours S-4 reported that a truck of the convoy enroute to LZ Bass hit a mine, there were casualties reported with the exception of the driver who was Dusted-Off, the mine left a crater that was 3 feet wide and 5 feet deep. At 1240 hours B Company reported finding a tree that was 80 inches in diameter, 5 feet up there was a blaze, they also found a bridge and a road in the same area grid 757910, the road was well graded and it could accommodate a ton vehicle, all movement on the road was toward the west and there were no indications of recent use. At 1100 hours B Company reports finding a bunker complex 759915 consisted of 20 bunkers able to fit 2-3 people in each bunker, found cookers and the bunkers were well hidden from aerial viewing.

0855 hours (C) The S-3 air informed us that a vehicle on the convoy from LZ Bass to LZ Mary Lou hit a mine to the east of Polei Kleng none of our elements were involved, one man from another element was Dusted Off.

0920 hours (C) B Co is in the general vicinity of grid 763913 found a bunker complex with kitchen facilities more information will follow after they check it out thoroughly.

0922 hours (C) D Co reports that by 1000 hours they will have a one ship LZ by 1130-1200 hours they will have a 2 ship LZ.

0925 hours (C) B Co says that the first bridge that he found was logs and sticks partly under the water and he did not blow it up, the second bridge was an excellent bridge and it was blown up by them, they also found a third bridge at grid 761912 after completing the search of the bunkers he will blow the bridge when they are ready to leave that location.

1100 hours (C) B Co reports that the bunker complex in the vicinity of grid 759915 consisted of 20 bunkers 5 x 3 big enough for 2-3 personnel also 2 of the bunkers had kitchens with 2 cookers the bunkers are very close to the water and they are very well camouflaged from aerial view, no recent occupancy, the bunkers were torn down and they were searched thoroughly negative findings.

1130 hours (C) B Co CO reports that he has to hold for a while due to his 3d platoon has lost two of their men who were walking flank security, they will keep us informed.

1159 hours (C) B Co says that they found the two men on their flank that they lost, they will be moving out at approximately 1300 hours.

1240 hours (C) B Co reports finding a tree that was 80 inches in diameter following markings at grid 754909 5 feet up the tree was a blaze 12 inches long 4 inches wide and 2 inches thick, on the blaze was the letter A but the left leg was not completed and there was a dot where the left leg should have been with a vertical line under the dot sign was old but they are not sure how old they also found a bridge at grid 757910 in good shape and they will blow it up when they leave the area in 1 of 2 days the road in the same area was very well graded and indicates ton trucks or their equivalent used the road the markings show that all movement went to the west there were no indications of recent use.

1741 hours (C) First PZ fro C Co headed for Dak To.

1841 hours (C) From the Bn CO to A & B companies: Prepare a 2 ship LZ at your present location and be prepared for extraction by UH-1 of CH-47 at 0730 hours tomorrow, destination is Dak To.

2300 hours (C) To 3d Bde from the 1/35: Subject is the Daily Situation Report; the 1/35 continued platoon size search and clear operations in the assigned AOs with A, B and D Companies, each company maintained a minimum of two bushmasters nightly, C Co CAd from LZ Mary at 1740 hours 10 March 69 to Dak To in reaction to enemy intelligence reports the remainder of the battalion was alerted to move 11 March 1969, D Company moved overland from their night location to LZ Mary as security for the artillery battery and the TOC, no significant activities have occurred in the area of operations, plans for 11 March 1969; The Battalion is tentatively scheduled to move to Dak To 11 March 1969 and become OPCON to the 2nd Be upon arrival, night locations as are given in the previous entry.

11 March 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn
(1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Mary YA783917

Unit Locations:

1/35 CP LZ Mary

A 1/35 767897

B 1/35 755918

C 1/35 Dak To

D 1/35 LZ Mary

Recon LZ Pause

4.2 Polei Kleng

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 11 March 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Mary YA783917; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), D Company; B Company 755918; C Company Dak To; Recon platoon LZ Pause; 4.2 mortar platoon Polei Kleng; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward): At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1313 hours a Dust-Off was requested for PFC Gary Resores from D Company, the Dust-Off was urgent in nature as the EM had a burning ash in his eye. At 2320 hours A Company informed us that C 3/12 made heavy contact with a large enemy force to the southwest of where the 3/8 made contact earlier, there is believed to be a large enemy force moving through our AO, all units were alerted to take the appropriate action.

0125 (C) From Bde to the 1/35 which comes from Division: Release C Co 1/35 to OPCON 1st/2nd Bde's effective 10 March 1969 for movement to Dak To, be prepared on orders from this Headquarters to release the 1/35 (-) and B Battery 6/29 Artillery for the movement to Dak To.

1313 hours (C) Requested a Dust-Off for the EM PFC Resores, Gary, urgent, had a burning ash in his eye.

2220 hours (C) From A Co to TOC: SRP 1 had movement to his south and he estimates it to be a squad size element, ILL was fired and 3 HE there is negative movement at this time.

2230 hours (C) To the S-3 from the S-3 air: C Co will not be returning to the control of the Battalion in the near future.

2320 hours (C) To A & B companies from the S-3: C 3/12 made heavy contact with the enemy to the southwest of the area where 3/8 made contact last week, indications are that a large enemy force may be moving through our AO generally to the west and inform all sub-elements to be particularly alert for the next 24 hours.

12 March 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn
(1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Mary YA783917

Unit Locations:

1/35 CP LZ Mary

A 1/35 786909

B 1/35 755918

C 1/35 Dak To OPCON to 2nd Bde

D 1/35 LZ Mary

Recon LZ Pause OPCON to 1st Bde

4.2 Polei Kleng

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 12 March 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Mary YA783917; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), D Company; B Company 755918; C Company Dak To OPCON to 2nd Bde; Recon platoon LZ Pause OPCON to 1st Bde; 4.2 mortar platoon Polei Kleng; 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) To 3d Bde from the 1/35: Subject; Daily Situation Report: 1/35 continued platoon size search and clear operation in the assigned AO with A & B companies with a minimum of two bushmasters nightly per company, D Company remains at LZ Mary as security for TOC and the artillery battery, continued the improvement of defensive positions with tactical wire and fields of fire, C Co OPCON 2nd Bde at Dak To with one platoon at Ben/Het as a security force. No significant activities have occurred in the area of operation, plans for 12 March 69 call for continue the search and clear operations with A & B companies, maintain a minimum of two bushmasters per element in the assigned AO, Note; Confidential from the Bn CO to the Bde CO, I feel like General Half Track.

1020 hours (C) Informed B Co to be prepared to move from their present location to grid 727917 to destroy a possible bridge, further instruction will follow.

1040 hours (C) Passed to Bde: During the Commanding General's visit to LZ Mary this morning he asked that we send out an element to check the bridge at grid 727917, request a Headhunter to check out the bridge, due to the distance of the bridge from LZ Mary and the proximity of the Cambodian border recommend an airstrike be employed on the bridge, if this element is required to send out an element to destroy the bridge we recommend a 2 company force be employed starting BMNT 13 March 1969.

1110 hours (C) Bde informed us that in reference to entry 26 Bde will dispatch a H&H to grid 727917

to check out the bridge if he finds one, an airstrike will be put in.

1250 hours (C) A Co 3d platoon at grid 785925 have an EM line no. 3 March roster who opened his leg above his left knee cap on a bamboo stump, the medic says that he needs stitches and they would like an LOH to pick him up they will give us an up as soon as the LZ is made big enough to accommodate an LOH.

1350 hours (C) Bn CO informs A Co 3d platoon that they cannot get an LOH to their location and they are to send a man carrying team back with the EM who is hurt.

2230 hours (C) From Bde to the S-3: 1 rifle company from the 1/35 will be moved to LZ Swinger tomorrow, the CP will be moved there the following day and then the other rifle companies will be positioned, artillery battery presently with the 1/35 will be moved to the 3/12 location.

13 March 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn
(1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Mary YA784917

Unit Locations:

1/35 CP LZ Mary YA783917

A 1/35 786909

B 1/35 755918

C 1/35 Dak To OPCON to 2nd Bde

D 1/35 LZ Mary

Recon LZ Pause OPCON to 1st Bde

4.2 Polei Kleng

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 13 March 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Mary YA784917; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), D Company; B Company 755918; C Company Dak To OPCON to 2nd Bde; Recon platoon LZ Pause OPCON to 1st Bde; 4.2 mortar platoon Polei Kleng; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward): At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1200 hours 2nd LZ at Swinger as reported by A Company was a hot LZ, LZ Swinger began receiving incoming rounds at 1240 hours, they were also receiving small arms fire at this time also, at 1305 hours it was reported that the incoming rounds and small arms fire stopped at LZ Swinger, there was no report of casualties enemy or friendly and there was no assessment of damage. AT 1906 hours A Co SRP left the perimeter about 300 meters out they took sniper fire, they pulled back inside of the perimeter, artillery firecracker and HE rounds were employed.

0812 hours (C) Informed Bde that the number of packs for B Co extraction will be 131 PZ control will

be 62P LZ control will be 3/12, frequency will be 1/35 Inf Air/Ground.

1911 hours (C) Bde informed us that the lift birds are enroute.

1030 hours (C) Lift birds were diverted due to the 3/12 receiving incoming rounds.

1130 hours (C) Bde S-3 air informs us that the lift birds are enroute and the ETA is 15 minutes.

1140 hours (C) First PZ for A Co from LZ Mary.

1150 hours (C) First PZ for A Co at LZ Swinger.

1200 hours (C) Second LZ at LZ Swinger was a hot LZ.

1240 hours (C) Swinger is still receiving incoming rounds and small arms fire at this time.

1355 hours (C) Alligator 498 lift birds are on station.

1410 hours (C) First LZ for A Co to LZ Mary.

1420 hours (C) PZ for 1/35 A Co from LZ Mary complete.

1425 hours (C) LZ for 1/35 A Co on LZ Swinger complete.

1712 hours (C) A Co 1/35 OPCON to 3/12, A Co 3/12 OPCON to 1/35.

1906 hours (C) A Co SRP which was out 300 meters took sniper fire, pulled back into the perimeter, artillery was employed, firecracker and HE.

2000 hours (C) To the Bn CO and CSM from Bde: Invitation to attend the memorial services for CSM Gilbert, 1st Bde parking light 1600 hours 14 March 1969.

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14 March 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn
(1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Mary YA784917

Unit Locations:

1/35 CP LZ Mary YA783917

A 1/35 OPCON 3/12 LZ Swinger

B 1/35 773916

C 1/35 Dak To OPCON to 2nd Bde
D 1/35 LZ Mary YA784917
Recon LZ Pause
4.2 Polei Kleng
A Co 3/12 82 bushmaster 792921
A Co 3/12 bushmaster 792921

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 14 March 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Mary YA784917; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), D Company; B Company 773916; C Company Dak To OPCON to 2nd Bde; Recon platoon LZ Pause; 4.2 mortar platoon Polei Kleng; A Co 3/12 82 bushmaster 792921; 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.

1400 hours (C) B Co 2nd platoon found a 500 pound at grid 780915 believes it to be napalm, Bn S-3 requests an EOD team to LZ Mary to destroy it.

1955 hours (C) To the 1/35 from 2nd Bde: Frag order 1269 replacing 2nd Bde frag order 1169, 1st Bde will airlift 1/35, there will be no direct support artillery to Dak To 15 March 1969, 1/35 will be OPCON to the 2nd Bde upon closing Dak To. 1/35 when closed into the new position, airlift one company to Fires Support Base 34, relieve in place C/1/22 one platoon, Company airlift Fire Support Base 6 replace one platoon C/1/22 Battalion established CP at Dak To, return control; C/1/35 remain in place OPCON B/1/69 Armor close in new position and conduct SPR recon in force in the vicinity of Dak To maintain one platoon on a 30 minute alert to reinforce or react to contact, coordinate ICC for security of Dak To installation (delete the remaining message to other units).

2300 hours (C) To Bde from the S-3: Subject: Airlift requirements 1. Order of move (44.10) A, Command Group 6 0730 LZ Mary, D Co 118 LZ Mary, B Co 126 LZ Mary, A Co 106 LZ Swinger, Hqs 35 LZ Mary, two external hook sorties from LZ Mary.

2310 hours (C) To 2d Bde from the S-3: Subject is the Daily Situation Report: 1/35 remained at LZ Mary with no significant changes in troop disposition. Received frag order from 2nd Bde to be prepared to move to the Battalion (-) to Dak To 15 March 1969.

15 March 1969

1/35th

Submitted by:

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div
Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Mary YA784917

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 OPCON 3/12 LZ Swinger

B 1/35 773916

C 1/35 Dak To OPCON to 2nd Bde

D 1/35 LZ Mary

Recon LZ Pause 868888

4.2◆ Polei Kleng

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 15 March 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Mary YA784917; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), D Company; B Company 773916; C Company Dak To OPCON to 2nd Bde; Recon platoon LZ Pause; 4.2 mortar platoon Polei Kleng; A Co 3/12 82 bushmaster 792921; 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.

0830 hours (C) Alligator 391 is on station to pick up CP, 22 people and take them to Dak To.

0845 hours (C) Alligator 391 has arrived at Dak To with the tactical CP.

0915 hours (C) First PZ for D Co, CP and 1st platoon from LZ Mary.

0930 hours (C) First LZ time for A Co.

0940 hours (C) Forst LZ time for D Co.

1011 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-0930 hours 15 Mar 69- 1st PZ for A Co from LZ Swinger.

1012 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-0940 hours 15 Mar 69- 1st LZ for A Co to Firebase 34.

1140 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-1040 hours 15 Mar 69- LZ complete for D Co to Dak To.

1323 hours (C) First LZ of Recon.

1545 hours (C) C Co 812 element made contact (AK-47) fire and gunships are requested.

1331 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-1300 hours 15 Mar 69- PZ complete for 4.2◆ mortar platoon from Polei Kleng.

1332 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-1025 hours 15 Mar 69- 1st LZ for 4.2◆ mortar platoon to Dak To.

1640 hours (C) First PZ for HHC and B Co (-) from LZ Mary to Dak To.

1745 hours (C) Entire 1/35 Inf is now at Dak To.

1659 hours (C) First LZ for HHC.

1915 hours (C) To Bde from the S-3: Readout on C Co contact: Squad made contact with four snipers, small arms fire was exchanged and light organics were employed, negative casualties, negative further contact.

2000 hours (C) B/1/69 is now OPCON to the 1/35 Inf.

16 March 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn
(1/35) Forward Fire Base
Dak To ZB009215

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 Fire Support Base 34 YB924227

B 1/35 Dak To

C 1/35 (-) Dak To

811 Fire Support Base 30

82 Ben Het

D 1/35 983241

Recon Dak To

4.2 Dak To

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 16 March 1969. Unit locations: At Dak To ZB009215; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company; C Company; Recon platoon, 4.2 mortar platoon; D Company 983241; 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.

1950 hours (C) To Bde from the 1/35 Plans Summary: A Co remains at Fires Support Base 34 after resupply of water, they will send out one platoon patrol to the southwest of Fire Support Base 34 with a platoon size ambush in that vicinity with at least two SRPs 1 to the east and 1 to the west from the Fire Support Base, B Co will take of the bunker line at 1200 17 March 1969, 2 SRPs to the north of the Fires Support Base, C Co 2nd platoon remains at Ben Het, 3d platoon will continue to move toward Fire Support Base 5, C Co will also provide one platoon size ambush in the vicinity of grid 025225, D Co remains at Fire Support Base 30 they will have a platoon size patrol in the vicinity of grid 977280 they will set up an ambush with 3 SRPs from Fire Support Base 30, east, west and south, Recon will move to the assigned AO and they will patrol in force with two ambushes one in the vicinity of grid 969205 and 976217, 4.2 remains at Fire Support Base 1 as direct support, Bn CP is remaining at Fire Support Base 1, B Co 1/69 two platoons remaining at Ben Het, 1 platoon remains at Fire Support Base 1 for local security.

17 March 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn
(1/35) Forward Fire Base
Dak To ZB009215

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 (-) Fire Support Base 34 YB924227
B 1/35 Dak To
C 1/35 (-) Dak To
211 Fire Support Base 30
22 Ben Het
D 1/35 (-) Fire Support Base 30
Recon Dak To
4.2 Dak To
B/1-69 Dak To
21 and 22 Ben Het

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 17 March 1969. Unit locations: At Dak To ZB009215; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company; C Company; Recon, 4.2 mortar platoon, B 1/69 Armor; D Company Fire Support Base 30; 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.

0025 hours (C) From the Bde S-3 to the Bn S-3: Be prepared a warning order; Be prepared to move your entire element overland from Dak To to Plei Mrong or move two companies by air to Plei Mrong and the Battalion minus the overland to Plei Mrong.

1510 hours (C) To Bde from the S-3 reference the air requirements for 18 March 1969, 12 slicks sorties to CA C Co (-) from Fire Support Base 1 to Fire Support Base 5, 1000 hours 18 March 1969, call sign 53C frequency 59.15 1 C&C bird resupply slick.

1530 hours (C) From B/1/69 to TOC: At 1500 hours 17 Mar 69 Ben Het (West Hill) a varsity 834 tank lost the steering and brakes ran over a hooch and injured one baby, small cut on the side of the head.

2000 hours (C) To Bde from the S-3: Plans Summary for 18 March 1969: A Co remains at Fire Support Base 34 platoon size patrols to the south and southeast along the ridge line with one platoon size ambush in the vicinity of grid 929218, B Co remains at Fire Support Base 1 maintaining bunker line with the first platoon on a 15 minute alert and the entire company on 2 30 minute standby alert with 2 SRPs to the north, B Co will move by air from Fire Support Base 1 to Fire Support Base 5 patrolling and ambushing with SRPs along rocket ridge, D Co remains at Fire Support Base 30 one platoon reconning in force with a platoon size ambush with the SPRs along rocket ridge also with SRPs along to the north and south conducted in the vicinity of grid Fire Support Base 30, Recon squad size elements ambushes and daylight patrolling in the assigned AO, task fore B/1/69 2

platoons Ben Het conducting tank and Infantry sweeps around Ben Het one platoon providing security for the engineers on mine sweep operations, 4.2 mortar platoon is in direct support of the battalion, priority fires for the elements in contact.

2001 hours (C) To the 1/35 from the 2nd Bde: Plans for the 1/35 Inf to move south, plans to be executed 18 March 1969 more detail will follow.

2040 hours (C) To the 1/35 from the 2nd Bde: Plans to move the 1/35 Inf to position west of Plei Mrong will be executed tomorrow 18 March 1969, no details at this time, more will follow. QSL

2230 hours (C) From the Bn S-3 to the Bde S-3: Plans for the movement of the 1/35 Inf from Dak To to Plei Mrong, order of movement, B Company from Dak To to Plei Mrong by hook at 0500 hours 18 March 1969, A Company conduct a relief in place with B Co 1/22 Inf at Fire Support Base 34 move by hook to Plei Mrong 18 March 1969, D Co move from Fire Support Base 30 by slick to Dak To for the move overland to Plei Mrong 18 March 1969, C company 2nd platoon is at Ben Het and the 3d platoon is at Fire Support Base 5 move by slick to Dak To and marry up with the remainder of the company for the move overland to Plei Mrong 18 March 1969, Recon move from the present location overland to Dak To for the movement overland to Plei Mrong, Headquarters moves with C & D companies overland to Plei Mrong 18 March 1969, order of convoy movement, Recon, D Co, 4.2, Hqs, C Co, PZ call sign at Dak To will be 0, PZs will be called on this station on the Air/Ground 44.10, LZ call sign at Plei Mrong will be 31 LZ;s will be reported on that station on the Air/Ground 44.10.

18 March 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn
(1/35) Forward Fire Base
Dak To ZB009215

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 (-) Fire Support Base 34 YB924227

B 1/35 Dak To

C 1/35 (-) Dak To

D 1/35 (-) Fire Support Base 30

Recon 987211

4.2 Dak To

B 1/69 (-) Dak To

21 and 22 Ben Het

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 18 March 1969. Unit locations: At Dak To ZB009215; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company; C Company; 4.2 mortar platoon, A Company Fire Support Base 34 YB924227; D Company Fire Support Base 30; Recon 987211; B (-) 1/69 Dak To; 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.

0832 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-0810 hours 18 Mar 69- First PZ for B Company complete at 0810 hours.

0846 hours (C) B Co final PZ 0845 hours.

0852 hours (C) Command Group departed Dak To and they are enroute to Plei Mrong.

0853 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-0830 hours 18 Mar 69- 1st PZ Plei Mrong B Co.

0900 hours (C) First PZ A Co from Fire Support Base 34.

0905 hours (C) Final LZ B Co Plei Mrong.

0921 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-0910 hours 18 Mar 69- 1st PZ for C Co 2nd plt from Ben Het.

0926 hours (C) D Co 1st PZ.

0930 hours (C) Final PZ (53, 22) elements Ben Het.

0931 hours (C) A Co final PZ 0930 hours.

0945 hours (C) C 22 element final LZ 0945 hours.

1053 hours (C) Final PZ D Co.

1058 hours (C) Final LZ D Co.

1111 hours (C) PZ C Co 23 first.

1115 hours (C) LZ C Co 23 first.

1122 hours (C) Final PZ C Co 23 element.

1125 hours (C) Final LZ C Co 23 element.

1126 hours (C) PZ second command group.

1148 hours (C) Final PZ Command Group.

1505 hours (C) SPCV departed Dak To.

0830 hours (C) 1st LZ for B Co.

0910 hours (C) Final LZ for B Co.

0920 hours (C) LZ time for the CP at Plei Mrong.

0905 hours (C) First PZ for A Co.

0940 hours (C) First LZ for A Co.

0956 hours (C) Final LZ for A Co.

1350 hours (C) Prep begin for B Co insertion grid 016714.

1402 hours (C) B Co 1st PZ.

1408 hours (C) Prep ended.

1415 hours (C) B Co 1st LZ, LZ Cold.

1448 hours (C) B Co final PZ.

1453 hours (C) Final LZ for B Co.

1615 hours (C) Prep started for D Co their insertion at grid 025682.

1620 hours (C) Prep completed.

1621 hours (C) First PZ for A Co.

1629 hours (C) First LZ for A Co, LZ Cold.

1702 hours (C) Final PZ for A Co.

1707 hours (C) Final LZ for A Co.

1900 hours (C) Convoy started closing Plei Mrong.

2150 hours (C) From the S-3 air to Bde: Aircraft requirements for tomorrow: D Co 127 packs at 1300 hours, Recon 30 packs one internal load 1000 hours, 4.2 24 packs 2 internal hook loads, ammunition 2 external hook loads, 1 LOH for C&C 0730 hours.

19 March 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn
(1/35) Forward Fire Base
102696

Unit Locations:

1/35 CP 102696
A 1/35 025682
B 1/35 (-) 017712
C 1/35 012694
D 1/35 102694
Recon 102694
4.2 102694

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 19 March 1969. Unit locations: At 1/35 CP 102696; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 017712; A Company 025682; C Company 102694; D Company 102694; Recon 102694; 4.2 102694; C Battery 2/9 Arty 102694; 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.

1248 hours (C) Blackjack 503 is on station for the CA.

1340 hours (C) Prep for the CA is underway.

1405 hours (C) Recon PZ 1405 hours.

1410 hours (C) Prep finished D CO PZ first.

1412 hours (C) LZ Recon, LZ Cold.

1755 hours (C) Plans Summary for 20 March 1969: A Co will conduct 2 platoon size patrols to the east and west of the present location to check gullies and fingers for signs of enemy movement prop man STP from each platoon one in the vicinity or grid 015687 one in the vicinity of grid 037684 maintain 2 24 hours a day outposts, one north and one south of the present position to watch for movement along the ridgeline, B Co same to the vicinity of grid 005717, 026717, C Co will send a platoon size patrol to the south of their present location to 093666, move to the northwest to grid 084688 then back to the LZ, D Co will send one platoon to the south along the ridgeline to 051662, establish a night ambush and send one platoon to grid 051641 establish a night ambush, maintain an outpost north of the present location.

1900 hours (C) Informed Bde that the new LZ will be called LZ English (2).

2020 hours (C) C Co reported hearing tracked vehicles 1500 meters azimuth 225 degrees, we contacted the 2/8 and found out that it was them, we also informed them to never enter our AO again

without notifying us.

2100 hours (C) From Bde To TOC: One company reactionary force is required for the II Corps until further notice effective now 30 minute standby.

2200 hours (C) D Co reports that they have one EM with epileptic fits, he has gone to sleep, the medical officer said to put a guard on him and keep us informed on his condition.

20 March 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn
(1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ English 102694

Unit Locations:

1/35 CP LZ English

A 1/35 (-) 026687

B 1/35 (-) 017712

C 1/35 LZ English (2)

D 1/35 (-) 044640

Recon 027673

4.2 mortar plt 027673

C 2/9 Artillery LZ English

CSF: 1 Co 086730, 1 plt 118703

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 20 March 1969. Unit locations: At LZ English 102694; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), C Company, C Battery 2/9 Artillery; B Company 017712; D Company 044640; Recon 027673; 4.2 mortar 027673; CSF 086730; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward): At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 0635 hours C Company reported hearing mortar tubes popping at grid 150 degrees distance 500 meters. At 0840 hours C Co 22 element found 10-12 canisters, recoilless rifle site, also bunkers 2 x 5 x 3 dirt and logs for overhead cover, 2 trails and footprints. At 0832 hours CSF made contact with a two-platoon size enemy force, contact broken at 0903 hours. At 1025 hours C Company 23 element reported receiving sniper fire, which proved to be an erroneous entry. At 1120 hours D Company reports that they found 20 ARVN type foxholes. At 1200 hours C Co 2nd platoon reports finding one NVA KIA, the body was burned and hastily burned, uniforms and papers were found but no weapon found, a towel with 242 written on it, found bunkers 2 x 5 x 3 with a position for an automatic weapon, also found a canister for an automatic weapon. AT 1244 hours B Company reported spotting one VC/NVA at grid ZA034712, took fire, artillery will follow. At 1441 hours D Co 21 element went down to investigate the VC/NVA went down to investigate took fire from both sides of the trail. At 1810 hours the SGM aircraft took rounds, small arms type while on his way back to LZ English, at 1828 hours C

company reported finding a company size perimeter to the west of their night location grid 098696, 20-30 bunkers well camouflaged, sleep 3-4 people, entrenching tools, B-40 Rocket casings with markings; At 2000 hours C Co reports 23 element here at LZ English heard 60mm mortar tubes popping 170 degrees azimuth, distance 300 meters.

0630 hours (C) 1/35 is receiving incoming rounds at this time.

0645 hours (C) Incoming rounds have stopped at this time, 3-4 B-40 Rockets, 7-8 82mm mortars, the suspected location is grid 092692.

0840 hours (C) C Co 22 element found 10-12 canisters recoilless site with bunkers around the site, 3 bunkers are 2 feet wide and 5 feet long, 3 feet deep, there are dirt and logs for overhead cover, 2 main trails leading from the site, 1 trail has sandal footprints and bare footprints, possibly 6-7 people location 093694.

0850 hours (C) CSF reports that his 2 elements are moving into a blocking position to the element in contact to the west.

0923 hours (C) A Co says that their 22 element is to the southwest of the contact, says that they gave them two grids last night and they are near the one nearest the contact.

0936 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-0905 hours 20 Mar 69- CSF broke contact at this time.

0940 hours (C) CSF reports one KIA.

0945 hours (C) Further information from C Co 22 element in reference to their findings: The bunkers had 18 inches of overhead cover, three bunkers that were away from the site were approximately 30 feet away.

0946 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-0832 hours 20 Mar 69- CSF is in contact at grid 075706.

1000 hours (C) 1-2 platoons of CSF from the CSF Camp at Plei Mrong made contact with an estimated 2 enemy platoons at 0832 20 Mar 69 location 075706 artillery was employed and the contact was broken at 0903 hours, CSF had one KIA enemy losses were unknown and the enemy was believed to be moving to the south, plan of action and the location, CSF Commander plans to leave units as they are now located with one company moving from Plei Mrong northwest toward the point of contact and request an element for 2/8 move to 069710 as a blocking force one company 080706, company (-) 075700, 2 platoons 078697, one plt 072696.

1200 hours (C) C Co reports finding one NVA KIA at grid ZA089691, the enemy's head had been partially blown off by shrapnel, the NVA had been hastily buried about one foot deep, he had a green uniform but negative weapon, papers and was barefoot, he had a tattooed star on the right hand, had a towel with the numbers 242 in a half crest with a small circle in the upper right hand corner (same as Chu Pa area), negative trails in the area found 2 bunkers 2 x 5 x 3 with 18 inches of overhead cover in the center of the bunkers was a bowling pin shaped hole possibly for an automatic weapon,

also found a canister for an automatic weapon.

1424 hours (C) B Co spotted one VC/NVA at grid ZA034712, took fire, employing artillery will follow.

1441 hours (C) B Co 21 element thinks that they killed the VC/NVA, went down to investigate and they took fire from both sides of the trail, pulled back and they are employing artillery, moving 22 in at this time.

1611 hours (C) Cider 35 is on station ordered airstrike.

1724 hours (C) Fighters are on station.

1810 hours (C) SGM took small arms fire while on his way back to LZ English.

1825 hours (C) C Co reports that his 21 element found a company size perimeter 100 meters to the west of their night location grid 098696 approximately 20-30 bunkers were well camouflaged, will sleep 3-4 people, found several entrenching tools approximately 40 B-40 Rocket casings with Chinese marking and they report hearing an element in contact at an azimuth of 120 degrees and 800 meters away.

2000 hours (C) C co reports that their 23 element here at LZ English heard 60mm mortar tubes popping 170 degrees, 300 meters away.

2005 hours (C) CSF informs us that they observed enemy lights moving to the east to the west same location where the contact was made this morning.

2056 hours (C) From the Bde to Bn: FO party will have to come out of the 1/35 resources, have no FO people here, the LNO use own judgement on the problem, attacks by fire have commenced against US Forces tonight, these attacks together with intelligence indicated that this is the beginning of another spring offensive, CO will take appropriate means to increase local security and protective measures, negative AO changes and negative move of D Co.

21 March 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn
(1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ English 102694

Unit Locations:

1/35 CP LZ English 102694

A 1/35 (-) 026687

B 1/35 (-) 017712

C 1/35 LZ English

D 1/35 (-) 044640

Recon 027673

4.2 mortar plt 027673

CSF 1 Co 082699

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 21 March 1969. Unit locations: At LZ English 102694; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company (-) 026687, B Company 017712; C Company LZ English; D Company 044640; Recon 027673; 4.2 mortar 027673; CSF 1 Co 082699; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward): At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 0413 hours received information that the Special Forces Camp at Plei Mrong was receiving incoming mortar rounds, Plei Mrong received 20 rounds 82mm mortar rounds from grid 075689, rounds landed 250-300 meters outside of their perimeter to the north and west, incoming ceased at 0423 hours, 21 rounds of 155mm artillery was employed on the suspected enemy mortar location. At 1000 hours A Company reports that their 23 element is in contact at this time with 8 VC/NVA they are employing artillery and the location is grid 021702, as a result the FO says that A Company 23 element has 3 WHA at this time, A Co CO says that the 23 element spotted the VC/NVA on the open and they are still receiving sporadic fire at this time, contact ended at 1117 hours, A Co reports that line no. 33 is KHA, the NVA with which A Company had contact were carrying AK-47 rifles moving west to east. At 1446 hours A Company again reports making contact, they are sweeping 25-30 meters outside of the perimeter, 23 element made the initial contact with the enemy. At 2115 hours B Co reports finding a bunker complex at grid 033707 approximately 100 meters long, trail running north and south, regular NVA type bunkers, also found 5 NVA rucksacks 2-60mm mortar rounds 100 pounds of rice, cooking utensils, AK-47 rounds, 1 protective mask gauge type, 2 hole cooking stove, ID cards DONUI DG28 (on one), DONUI E2/8/5 (on another), notebook supply or a First Sergeant's AK-47 CKC breakdown, A-31, A-41 North Vietnamese newspaper and a map of Chu-Pa with arrows showing a report of operations, rucksacks with protective masks and carrier.

0045 hours (C) Message from Bde to Bn S-3: Subject is the AO change, following AO change between the 2nd and 3d Bdes in effect immediately upon receipt, ZA0472 east 0972 west, east along Ia-Roy River ZA106730 east 123727 east along Ia-Por river to ZA156721 Bn S-3 will acknowledge

NLT 21 Mar 0800 hours; Subject Flack Jackets: COs are reminded of the predicted heavy enemy offensive during the next 1-5 days, during this time the EM on Fire Bases and convoys another exposed areas should make maximum use of flack jackets.

0625 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-0413 hours 21 Mar 69- At 0413 hours received information that Plei Mrong CSF camp was receiving incoming mortar rounds, readout: Plei Mrong received 20 rounds of 82mm mortar from approximately grid ZA075689, rounds 250-300 meters to the north and west of their perimeter, incoming ceased at 0423 hours, 21 rounds of 105mm artillery was employed on the general area of grid ZA075689.

1000 hours (C) A Co reports that their 23 element is in contact with 8 VC/NVA at this time, they are employing artillery and the location is grid 021702.

1010 hours (C) A Co is moving out at this time, A Co does not have comms with the 23 element.

1020 hours (C) FO says that the 23 element has possibly 3 WHA.

1050 hours (C) A Co reports that the 23 element has 3 WHA, 1 serious CO says that the 23 element spotted VC/NVA in the open they are still firing from time to time.

1113 hours (C) A Co says that the condition of the casualties is as follows, one in the foot, one in the back and one in the hand, the one in the head is serious.

1132 hours (C) Gunships are on station, Buccaneer 3.

1138 hours (C) Aloha 2 is returning to our location.

1140 hours (C) A Co says that they now have one KHA.

1204 hours (C) A Co reports that line no. 33 is KHA (Sgt John Valero), line no. 162 has the chest wound and line no. 99 has the leg wound, WHAs.

1205 hours (C) A Co said that the enemy appeared to be moving from west to east but they may have come from the north, large trail in the area spotted 8 NVA carrying AK-47s, heard a moan from the initial contact.

1329 hours (C) Shamrock says that the Dust-Off will not be able to land on the LZ, slope is too great to land therefore request a Dust-Off with a hoist also if the Dust-Off get there within the next 30 to 40 minutes Shamrock guns will cover for the Dust-Off.

1330 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-1006 hours 21 Mar 69- First round of smoke was fired for A Co C Battery 2/9 Artillery fired and they expended a total of 6 smoke, 56 HE and D 5/16 8 13 HE.

1356 hours (C) Aloha 2 has lifted out the 2 A Co WHAs.

1410 hours (C) B Co 21 element had negative findings in the area but they did find some old US bunkers on the top of the hill with trash, they are moving south down the fingers to the Blue Line, 23 is checking out the area which looks like two knobs they did find a blood trail in the area where they shot at the VC/NVA yesterday negative further at this time.

1514 hours (C) A Co CO informs us that he has move WIA, he is trying to pull his 2 squads who have contact back to his location.

1446 hours (C) A Co reports that they have made contact and they have sent out a sweep element 25-30 meters from the CP, 23 element made contact with the enemy.

1448 hours (C) Gunships are on station.

1458 hours (C) 23 element is still receiving small arms fire at this time.

1501 hours (C) Blackjack 400 is on station (AMC).

1506 hours (C) A Co reports one WIA, the enemy is between the 23 element and the CP and in front of the 23 element, they are now trying to pull back the 23 element back to the CP.

1514 hours (C) A Co reports a total of 2 WIA, one walking, one litter, CP now has contact.

1535 hours (C) Prep started for D Co insertion.

1617 hours (C) First LZ for D Co, LZ Cold.

1803 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-1530 hours 21 Mar 69- A Co reported that the enemy contact had been broken.

1910 hours (C) To the CO 1/35 from Bde: 1/35 is to physically take this to Plei Mrong 1st Division Bde, Bn air squadron commanders will insure the distribution of the following to all US elements US Advisory Personnel and CSF Camps within respective areas regardless of ordination, indications are that 22 Mar is the date that the enemy plans to launch a country-wide offensive the activity 21 Mar appears to be confined largely to CTZ, we believe further attacks by fire can be expected toning and within the next 48 hours, we expect the emphasis to be as it was on the night of 20 Mar 69 against installations and villages, we also expect on 22-23 Mar more ground action with conjunction with attacks by fire particularly in village areas, S-3 gives QSL.

2115 hours (C) B Co found a bunker complex at grid 033707, approximately 150 meters long no estimation of depth, trail running north and south contouring system, regular NVA type bunkers, some made with US sandbags, Findings: Very conservative, 5 NVA rucksacks, 2 60mm mortar rounds, 100 pounds of rice, cooking utensils, AK-47 rounds, 1 NVA protective mask, rubber, 5 NVA protective mask, gauze type, 2 hole cooking stove, 2 I.D. cards, cards had DONUI DG 28 (on one) DONUI E2/8/5 (on another), notebook supply or First Sergeant AK-47 and CKC breakdown, A-31 unit, A-41 unit North Vietnamese newspaper, map of Chu Pa showing a report of operations with arrows and US

and NVA units, Pleiku area US rucksacks with protective mask carrier, brown paper envelope (US type) unit on it 8th Green Cylindrical Cardboard Tube 3 x 1 Russian writing.

22 March 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn
(1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ English 102694

Unit Locations:

1/35 CP LZ English 102694

A 1/35 025693

B 1/35 (-) 034708

C 1/35 (-) LZ English

D 1/35 019708

Recon 027673

4.2 mortar plt 027673

C Battery 2/9 Artillery

CSF 1 Co 072697

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 22 March 1969. Unit locations: At LZ English 102694; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), C Company, C Battery, 2/9 Artillery; B Company 034708; D Company 019708; Recon 027673; 4.2 mortar 027673; CSF 1 Co 022697; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward): At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1246 hours C Company atop Hill 972 reports finding some old US bunkers on the top of the hill. At 1324 hours B Company gave a readout on the equipment that they found 21 Mar 69; 12 rucksacks containing personnel equipment approximately 100 pounds of rice in three sandbags and 7 sock-like bags, one US steel pot with a camouflage cover, one camouflage cover made of parachute, numerous documents indicating various units one of which was C-13, K-6 24th NVA Regiment, also found a promotion list from the 1/35 Nov 68 LZ Vera, a firing table for 82mm mortar, one NVA towel with 242nd written on it. Three entrenching tools, 2 60mm mortar rounds, the area contained 25 bunkers of two separate layers with 10 on an upper level and 15 on a lower level. At 1400 hours D Company reports finding US foxholes and bunkers company size complex that was occupied sometime last month a few old C-ration cans location grid 021701. At 1440 hours received a report that an unknown convoy was in heavy contact tracked vehicles. 50, 51 caliber machineguns, mortar and B-40 Rockets, A Co reports one klick 90 degrees, Recon reports 4 klicks to the northeast. At 1624 hours C Company reported spotting 3 NVA wearing khaki uniforms and they were carrying small arms kind of weapon is unknown.

0842 hours (C) A Co reports the following losses from yesterday's activities, 1 M-16 967858, also one compass.

0847 hours (C) Message from Bn CO to A Co: You will find the missing M-16.

0920 hours (C) C Co reports that their 23Z element heard 50 caliber machinegun fire azimuth 245 degrees approximately 1 to 2 clicks away.

1246 hours (C) D Co is on Hill 972 at grid 021701 found some old US bunkers on the top of the hill.

1342 hours (C) From B Co a readout on the equipment that they found 21 Mar 69. At grid ZA033707, 12 rucksacks that contained personal equipment, approximately 100 pounds of rice in three sandbags and 7 sock-like bags, one US steel pot with a camouflage cover, one camouflage cover made of parachute, many documents indication various units one of which was C-13, K-6, 24th NVA Regiment also found a promotion list for A Co 1/35 from LZ Vera in Nov 68, a firing table for 82mm mortar a towel with 242nd NVA Regiment written, three entrenching tools, 2 60mm mortar rounds the area contained 25 bunkers on two separate layers with 10 on an upper level and 15 on the lower level, some steps with a hand rail from the upper level to the lower level, each level had a kitchen with a 2 hole stove in each one. The bamboo and leaves on the bunkers was fresh estimated to be approximately three days, a bamboo pipe was located in a stream nearby for a waterpoint, there was also a CP area with some bunkers around it, there was also a trench that was in the shape of a 90mm Recoilless Rifle, the trench was approximately 4 feet long and 18 inches deep and it had a little end about 4 inches long, the bunkers had overhead cover approximately 1-2 feet thick consisting of logs, bamboo and dirt.

1440 hours (C) Unknow contact by convoy track vehicles 50, 51 caliber, mortars and B-40 Rockets. A Co reports one click to the 90 degree azimuth, Recon reports 4 clicks to the northwest. (Note, eleven men from B/2/8 were killed on Saturday, March 22, 1969 near Plei Mrong, South Vietnam from this ambush, the convoy was carrying supplies to LZ Bobbie)

1624 hours (C) C Co 23Z element spotted 3 VC/NVA to the west approximately 50 meters away, enemy fled to the northwest wearing khaki uniforms and carrying small arms kind unknown.

2030 hours (C) To the 2/8 from the S-3: How many vehicles were left at the contact sight, when will they be gotten out.

2032 hours (C) To the BN S-3 from the 2/8: One Armored Personnel Carrier was left at the contact site, do not know when it will be moved.

23 March 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn
(1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ English 102694

Unit Locations:

1/35 CP LZ English 102694
A 1/35 (-) 025693
B 1/35 (-) 034708
C 1/35 (-) LZ English 102694
D 1/35 019708
Recon 027673
4.2 mortar plt 027673
CSF 1 Co 057696

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 23 March 1969. Unit locations: At LZ English 102694; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), C Company, B Company 034708; A Company 025693; D Company 021701; Recon 027673; 4.2 mortar 027673; CSF 1 Co 057696; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward): At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 0739 hours A Co reports that they heard two large explosions and that it would be M-79 or a Claymore mine northwest approximately 1500 meters to 2 clicks. After unsuccessfully attempting an ambush B Company found one rucksack, an AK-47 and a blood trail, they fired light organics and were instructed to set up a blocking position. At 0930 hours this date B Co reports that they had captured one wounded NVA. At 1020 hours the CSF reports finding 4 buried NVA bodies, 60 foxholes US Armored Personnel Gun Parts and chopper parts. At 1-27 hours A Co reports making contact and they are drawing AK-47 fire at this time, at 1110 hours A Co found a trail running east to west with a substantial amount of blood on it, also found an RPG casing dated 4-66, In reference to A Co receiving the AK-47 the individual fired briefly and fled the scene. At 1105 hours A Company reports that they think they have found a hospital in the vicinity of grid 023697 and at 1159 hours B Co reports contact again they had one WHA in the leg and they also received AK-47 fire, B Co estimates the element with which they are engaged to be a squad size enemy force. At 1414 hours D Company found 1 60mm mortar round dated Mar 68 canister weather woven but the round was in excellent condition. B co reports that at 1445 hours that while pushing towards a bunker complex the found 5 rucksacks, one entrenching tool and two steel helmets.

0637 hours (C) From the Bde CO to the Bn CO: Sweep the Zulu contact area as soon as possible, secure the ammunition and equipment that was left at the contact site.

0740 hours (C) A Co heard two large explosions could be an M-79 or a Claymore mine northeast 1500 meters to 2 clicks.

0742 hours (C) B Co bushmaster 23A spotted VC/NVA and popped their ambush.

0743 hours (C) From Bde to the 1/35: B Co reports that the bushmaster 23A element says that the VC/NVA were moving from low to high ground on the finger, VC/NVA spotted the ambush and then they sprang the ambush, they are going to put some artillery in that area.

0755 hours (C) B Co says that part of the dinks were in the kill zone when the ambush was sprung,

they have one rucksack and an AK-47, also a large blood trail, estimated squad of the enemy, firing light organics at grid 044705 would like a blocking force.

0801 hours (C) C co wants to know if there is any unfriendly mortar fire in the area where the convoy was ambushed.

0839 hours (C) B Co reports that their 23 element is approximately 200 meters from the ambush site, 21 is moving east, 22 is moving south then they will go west.

0840 hours (C) 4.2 employed 45 rounds of HE 044708 and 042712 in support of B Co ambush.

0905 hours (C) B Co CO common base and the Bde S-3 have coordinated CSF will send one company to check out the ambush site of 2/8.

0930 hours (C) B Co CO says that they have one dink alive, 2 more spotted and they are employing light organics.

0940 hours (C) B Co has one captured and wounded enemy prisoner and they are patching them up at this time.

1020 hours (C) CSF (Camp Strike Force) found the following at the ambush site of the 2/8 yesterday, 4 NVA bodies which had been buried, 60 foxholes, US Armored Personnel Gun Parts, chopper parts.

1027 hours (C) A Co is in contact, they are holding at this time at grid 021701, they drew AK-47 fire.

1037 hours (C) Informed common base LOH enroute to his element at the ambush site to pick up the gun parts.

1050 hours (C) B Co reports that the 21 and 22 elements have linked up as has the 23 element and the dog team, the sub-element is taking the prisoner to the LZ where the CP is.

1051 hours (C) D Co is moving out at this time and they are going to reinforce A Co.

1110 hours (C) A Co current location grid 023697 to the right is a gully with a trail running east to west substantial amount of blood on the ground also found an RPG casing date 4-66, 2.

1121 hours (C) D Co is in position awaiting the airstrike.

1136 hours (C) B Co reports that the prisoner is at the CP location and he has a leg wound.

1137 hours (C) From the Bde S-3 to the Bn S-3: AO adjustment will be effective 23 Mar 69 to include LZ Bobby in your AO, you will move B or D Co 23 march to secure the artillery unit at LZ Bobby, direct coordination with the 2nd Brigade is authorized and directed, submit the aircraft requirements and the PZ times ASAP. QSL required.

1142 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-1027 hours 23 Mar 69- A Co says that the element received AK-

47 fire from Dinks weapons the individual fled as soon as he fired.

1156 hours (C) Cider 30 is going off station at this time.

1157 hours (C) Cider 33 is on station and there are 2 fighters on the way.

1158 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-1105 hours 23 mar 69- A Co says that they believe there to be a hospital in the vicinity of grid 023697 to item 46.

1159 hours (C) B Co 233 element made contact again they have one WHA in the leg, received AK-47 fire.

1207 hours (C) C co is enroute to our location with the truck that hit the mine from the artillery.

1229 hours (C) B Co first WIA line no. 103, 2 more wounded at this time.

1235 hours (C) Airstrike is in progress at this time.

1240 hours (C) B Co conditions of the wounded: line no. 103 leg wound, line no. 102 forehead, line no. 16 knee, they say that they are not serious enough to warrant a Dust-Off at this time.

1258 hours (C) B Co element is in contact at this time, they estimate it to be a squad size enemy force possibly 6 men and they are moving the element to move around for help.

1413 hours (C) B Co 22 element found a bunker and blood trails and they are now checking out the area.

1414 hours (C) D Co found one 60mm mortar round US type dated mar 68 canister weather woven but the round is in excellent condition.

1435 hours (C) To the 1/35 from the Bde CO: A Co will move to the PZ location now will be extracted from the PZ to LZ Bobby need the location of the PZ and the time that you require the slicks.

1440 hours (C) From D Co to TOC: The 21 element is moving out to join up with the 22 element the units are still pushing into the bunker complex they have found 5 rucksacks, entrenching tools and 2 steel helmets.

1445 hours (C) From B Co to TOC: 21 element is moving to join up with the 22 element units are still pushing and the 23 element found an AK-47.

1529 hours (C) From B Co to TOC: All elements have married up and they are sweeping the bunker complex at this time.

1605 hours (C) From B Co to TOC: Bring the WIAs to B Co location to be extracted.

1622 hours (C) Informed Bde that A Co has closed Recon location (PZ) and they are ready for the birds for the CA.

1627 hours (C) D Co at grid 023699 found a very fresh bunker on the trail running to the east through the saddle, the trail was obliterated by an airstrike but the trail was very recent, negative findings of the lost M-16, bunker was 2 feet by 5 feet by 17 inches cover was dirt and logs of a 2 man type.

1832 hours (C) 8 rounds of incoming at an azimuth of 20 degrees 250 meters from C Co 21W location.

1833 hours (C) Possibly M-79 rounds of 60mm mortar rounds have stopped at this time 094695 impact.

2030 hours (C) B Co reports on today's action: The 2332 bushmaster held an ambush, heard movement spotted 2 dinks, one dink spotted the bushmaster and leaned against a tree, he was wearing a watch and the 2332 element set off a Claymore mine wounding the dink, found an AK-47 and a trail of blood running down the hill, 23 closed together and they followed the blood trail down the hill found the dink alive at the bottom of the hill with the Claymore wounds but no watch, saw 1 dink 270 75-100 meters fire M-79 negative results, sent a dog track team with an element forward one dink fired from the left five to ten feet, 1 US wounded and they were able to sever the leg wound, 23 swept right of the 2332 element to the high ground 2333 fired upon by two or three dinks, 1 US wounded in the knee 230 right flank killed one dink wearing complete khaki with the soft cap, 3 men emptied their magazines into them found an AK-47 that was at grid 035701 50 to 100 meters to the north of the bunker complex the bunker system was swept and they found some bunkers that were very fresh 18 inches to 2 feet overhead cover and three of the bunkers were still being built were facing down hill on 2 of the tires 3 on the upper and 4 on the lower found seven rucksacks one with binoculars, a kitchen 2 holes with pots, 21 joined with the 22 element and they swept the area it was then and know the incidents 37 elements fires 27 rounds 22 HE, 5 WP would like the Colonel to give thanks to the dog handlers helped 23 enormously secured one of our WIAs and helped get him to safely.

2326 hours (C) C Co 2nd platoon heard a tube firing at approximately grid 103686, light organics will fire.

24 March 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn
(1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ English 102694

Unit Locations:

1/35 CP LZ English 102694

A 1/35 LZ Bobby 066735

B 1/35 034708
C 1/35 LZ English 102694
D 1/35 020701
Recon 027673
4.2 mortar plt 027673
CSF 1 Co 065716

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 24 March 1969. Unit locations: At LZ English 102694; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company LZ Bobby 066735, B Company 034708; C Company LZ English 102694; D Company 021701; Recon 027673; 4.2 mortar 027673; CSF 1 Co 065716; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward): At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 0853 hours the CSF reported making contact with 4 VCM at grid 067711, exchanged small arms fire and the VC fled to the north, did not request artillery and the contact was broken shortly. At 1630 hours we received a message from the Jaguar element that there was a convoy in contact at grid 199608, CSF informed us that the convoy belonged to the 24th STZ. ARVNs report that the convoy was hit from both sides of the road, small arms, machinegun and B-40 Rockets were employed, gunships were of no use for there was on one on the ground that would be able to guide them into enemy targets.

0025 hours (C) From the 1/35 S-3 to the Bde S-3: Follow up message request a 25% in authorization (increase) of the current ASR on C-4, numerous bunker complexes previously discovered and destroyed and also the requirement to prepare LZs nightly have consumed this periods allocation, B & D companies have presently located the bunker complex which they are unable to destroy unless this requirement is met.

0654 hours (C) Requested a priority for C Co Dust-Off one man litter US LZ English secure good weather smoke C Co push line no. 148 accidental shooting in the calf of the leg.

0855 hours (C) DELAYED ENTRY-0853 hours 24 Mar 69- CSF PM at 067711 reports contact with 4 VMC exchanged small arms and the VMC fled to the north, they do not want artillery and the contact has been broken at this time.

0951 hours (C) Blackjack 225 says (as told by B Co CO) registered a complaint on his LZ, CO says that he will not accept the complaint and the Blackjack aircraft came in too low and too fast, it was his fault that he hit the trees.

1144 hours (C) B Co found 2 rucksacks at grid 043720.

1435 hours (C) From the CSF to TOC: Got a report from Pleiku of one NVA element (E24 element) is northwest of Plei Mrong approximately seven clicks moving to the southeast at this time.

1630 hours (C) Jaguar element reports that there is a convoy in contact at grid coordinate 199608, gunships are on station and they informed us that the convoy is from 24th STZ.

1741 hours (C) ARVNs in 2 STZ trucks were ambushed at grid ZA199608, enemy was on both sides of the road and they employed small arms fire, machineguns and B-40 Rockets, the gunships went in but there was no English speaking people on the ground to direct the gunships into the contact area, the trucks were from Kontum and they were headed toward Plei Mrong, people responsible for the security enroute to reinforce the results, 1 KIA friendly.

2140 hours (C) To Bde from TOC: Planned Summary: A Co remains as security for LZ Bobby and they will maintain at least 4 SRPs to detect movement, B Company continues to search the same area and they are looking for enemy equipment and movement, C Co remains at LZ English and they will continue to provide security for convoys and mine sweeps, D Company is the same as B Company, E Company will possibly move to D Company location with Recon remaining in their present location.

25 March 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn
(1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ English 102694

Unit Locations:

1/35 CP LZ English 102694
A 1/35 LZ Bobby 066735
B 1/35 041705
C 1/35 LZ English 102694
D 1/35 020701
Recon 027673
4.2 mortar plt 027673
CSF 1 Co 084707

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 25 March 1969. Unit locations: At LZ English 102694; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), C Company; A Company LZ Bobby 066735; B Company 041705; D Company 021701; Recon 027673; 4.2 mortar 027673; CSF 1 Co 084707; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward): At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 0735 hours this date C Company reported finding a 100 pound bomb 50 meters to the west of grid 019698 on the south side of the trail they found 2 bunkers, 5 x 3 both had overhead cover, at grid 021698 found a tunnel entrance 15 feet long running southeast, entrance collapsed possibly the result of an airstrike, strong smell of dead VC/NVA throughout the entire area. At 0900 C Co 233D element while on a mine sweep received three rounds AK-47 fire, 75 meters to the southeast grid 117674. At 1645 hours D Company reports their 21 element in contact with 2-3 individuals at grid 015697, they are going to move west as a blocking force. At 1710 hours D Company 21 element

reports breaking contact one WIA, one KIA (Sp4 Jewell Green).

0618 hours (C) A Co SRP 3 at grid 063727 has movement at their location and they are employing 81mm mortar rounds at this time.

0813 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-0730 hours 25 Mar 69- D Co reports that at grid 020698 they found an old 100 pound GP 50 meters to the west of grid 019698 on the south side of the trail they found 2 bunkers, one 1 man and the other was 5 x 3 both had 2 feet of overhead cover at grid 021698 a tunnel entrance 15 feet long running southeast the entrance collapsed possibly as a result of the airstrike, has a strong smell of dead bodies also a trail to the southwest has a strong smell of dead bodies will use a shovel today and try to dig into the tunnel search ended at 017697.

0818 hours (C) B Co plans for today: 21 element will remain with the CP group 22 element is holding in place temporarily until the prep the area of movement of last night then they are going to check the area 23 element will move to the site of the original discovery of the bunkers after checking them out they will move to the site where the bunkers were found yesterday, 23 element after checking the bunkers will sweep back to the CP area with 22 element acting as a blocking force.

0900 hours (C) C Co 333D mine sweep element received three rounds believed to be Ak-47 75 meters southeast grid 117674.

0940 hours (C) D Co 21 element at grid 021697 approximately found five sleeping positions dug into the ground approximately three feet deep three of the positions were fresh, two of them were old but they had been rebuilt also found a table and some marks on the trees showing that hammocks were being used in the area.

1250 hours (C) Common Base is in the vicinity of grid 098726, they say that they have about a company size element at that location they report seeing 10 VC moving along the stream and they are going to employ artillery.

1635 hours (C) Bn CO reports that the CSF element is in contact at grid 089721, they are receiving B-40 Rocket and AK-47 fire from the village.

1645 hours (C) D Co 21 element is in contact at this time with 2-3 individuals the enemy is at grid 015697 and the 23 element is at grid 021695 they are moving to the west as a blocking force, there are 2 friendly WIA.

1704 hours (C) D Co reports that the 2 WIAs are now changed to 1 WIA and 1 KIA (Sp4 Jewell Green).

1704 hours (C) Line no. 97 WIA, line no. 107 is KIA.

1710 hours (C) 21 element of D Co has broke contact at this time and they are moving their casualties back to the CP ETA 40 minutes.

1741 hours (C) D Co desires an emergency resupply of 81mm HE rounds; they have only 17 left.

1755 hours (C) Request a Dust-Off for the D Co WIA and KIA (Sp4 Jewell Green).

1817 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-1750 hours 25 mar 69- At 1750 hours the CSF broke contact.

26 March 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn
(1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ English 102694

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 (-) LZ Bobbie ZA066735

B 1/35 (-) 041705

C 1/35 (-) LZ English 102694

D 1/35 (-) 020701

Recon 027673

4.2 mortar plt 027673

CSF 1 Co 086729

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 26 March 1969. Unit locations: At LZ English 102694; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), C Company; A Company LZ Bobbie ZA066735; B Company (-) 041705; D Company (-) 020701; Recon 027673; 4.2 mortar 027673; CSF 1 Co 086729; 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.

2035 hours (C) From Bde to TOC: Increased possibility of attacks by fire, documents recently captured by the II STZ indicated the increased possibility of attacks by fire on 26-27 March particularly in the Kontum area.

27 March 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn
(1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ English 102694

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Bobbie ZA066735

B 1/35 041705

C 1/35 LZ English 102694
D 1/35 020701
Recon 027673
4.2 mortar plt 027673
CSF 1 Co 066700

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 27 March 1969. Unit locations: At LZ English 102694; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), C Company; A Company LZ Bobbie; B Company 041705; D Company 020701; Recon 027673; 4.2 mortar 027673; CSF 1 Co 066700; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward): At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1335 hours this date received a report from 52C element reference the bunker complex there were 15 bunkers destroyed five with overhead cover recently used found pots and pans and the mess area had not been used this found at grid 025701.

0915 hours (C) B Co 21 element is sweeping the bunker complex all other elements are securing the night location 22 element CP and the 23 element are still in the night location.

1730 hours (C) Blackjack 715 is on station and he will airlift the 2nd platoon C Co to LZ Bobbie.

28 March 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn
(1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ English 102694

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Bobbie ZA066735
B 1/35 (-) ZA041705
C 1/35 (-) LZ English 102694
C Co 2nd Plt LZ Bobbie
D 1/35 (-) ZA020701
Recon ZA027673
4.2 mortar plt ZA027673
CSF 1 Co 087706

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 28 March 1969. Unit locations: At LZ English 102694; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), C Company; A Company LZ Bobbie ZA066735; B Company ZA041705; D Company ZA020701; Recon ZA027673; 4.2 mortar ZA027673; CSF company size element 087706; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward): At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1121 hours CSF reported finding one 60mm mortar round at grid 082706, in a bunker complex in which there were 20-30 bunkers, two feet of overhead cover, 2-3 man positions, one week old, one entrenching tool, one mine one foot in diameter anti-personnel, one rucksack, one poncho, one pair of shoes, 2 AK-47 magazines full, one bag with approximately 80 rounds of AK-47 ammunition 100 meters to the west there was a KIA which the CSF had killed, slit throat one buried KIA 3-4 days old. Mine data: TM/41A, TH/70 10.68.

1019 hours (C) Message from the 2nd Bde: There is a VC platoon at grid ZA132725, 2nd Bde also informed us that there was an RP platoon ambushed at 142722, enemy fled north to northwest.

1121 hours (C) CSF found one 60mm mortar round at grid 082706 in bunker complex, 20-30 bunkers two feet of overhead cover, 2-3 man positions, one week old, one entrenching tool, one mine, one foot in diameter anti-personnel mine, one rucksack, one poncho, one pair of shoes, one AK-47 magazine full, one bag with approximately 80 rounds of AK-47 ammunition, 100 meters to the west one KIA which the CSF killed slit throat, one buried KIA, 3-4 days old, mine TM 41/A, TH/70 10.68 buried in the trail leading to the stream.

1428 hours (C) From the Bn Sergeant Major to the S-3: Do not release any of the birds as we have 28 packs at Base Camp replacement type theses packs need top be shuttled to the Bn COs location they will arrive at Artillery Hill between the hours of 1600 and 1645 hours today.

1715 hours (C) From Bde to TOC: Do you have any personnel that have been trained for tunnel rats? Or that is working as a tunnel rat at this time? If so need the name.

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29 March 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn

(1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ English 102694

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Bobbie ZA066735

B 1/35 041705

C 1/35 (-) LZ English 102694

C Co 2nd Plt LZ Bobbie

D 1/35 020701

Recon ZA027673

4.2 mortar plt ZA027673

CSF 1 Co 061714

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 29 March 1969. Unit locations: At LZ English 102694; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), C Company; A Company LZ Bobbie ZA066735; B Company ZA041705; D

Company ZA087706; Recon ZA027673; 4.2 mortar ZA027673; CSF company size element 087706; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward): At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1920 29 March 1969 B Co reports his 222 element received a few rounds of small arms fire by an unknown size enemy force. Element was fired upon from N.E. 75-100 meters. At 1922 enemy employing L/O. At 1930 we employed Arty. WHA was not wounded seriously does not require Dust-Off at this time. 2nd Platoon will get 222 element back to his location. He will employ Arty at 041728 then back to the SW. They will sweep area tomorrow. At 2015 29 March 1969 B Co reports his line no. 78 was wounded in both legs. Also reports his 22-element receiving small arms fire at this time. AT 2035 hours B Co reports still receiving small arms fire. 21323 element has been alerted.

1000 hours (C) FO with the CSF at grid 067727 found an east to west trail that was traveled last night or this morning by an unknown number of individuals wearing sandals, CSF is checking the area at this time.

1457 hours (C) B Co informs us that in the approximate vicinity of grid 037703 their 22 element found 2 dead VC/NVA the whole area was burned and the body was buried after the VC/NVA died, maggots on the arm also burned, had a wound on the back of the neck and on the arm, dead for approximately two weeks to a month, 22 element is still checking out the area.

1920 hours (C) B Co reports for his 222 element (SRP) they received a few rounds of small arms fire from an unknown size enemy force one friendly WHA element was fired upon from the northeast 75-100 meters at 1922 employing 40 at 1930 employed artillery, WHA was not seriously wounded and he does not require a Dust-Off at this time, 2nd platoon leader will get the 222 element back to his location will employ artillery and we will sweep the area tomorrow.

2026 hours (C) B Co reports that line number 78 was wounded in both legs also report that his 22 element is receiving small arms fire at this time element grid 040718, enemy 170 degrees too close.

2027 hours (C) From the S-3 to Bde: Request a Spooky and a flare ship on a 15 minute standby Brigade says it will take 20 to 30 minutes from the time they are called to arrive at our location.

2035 hours (C) From B Co to Toc: Showed down arty, 222022 are linking up 222 is still receiving sporadic S/S fire 21328 element have been alerted.

2045 hours (C) To B Co TOC from Battalion CO: Use red leg as a blocking position to your west and east of contact.

2128 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY 29 March 1969- B co reports trying to get the SRPs 22 element together moving southwest.

2215 hours (C) CP of 22 element has linked up with the 222 element.

2300 hours (C) B Co informs us that ref EM line no. 78 has 4 wounds, 1 upper thigh right leg, 1 in

upper thigh left leg, 1 in lower right leg, 1 slight flesh wound right foot. Medic says there is no evidence of any broken bones.

2355 hours (C) Message from Brigade to Battalion S-3: Intel indicates that enemy sapper activity can be expected to increase 2/35 at LZ Valentine should be on high degree of alert.

30 March 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn
(1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ English 102694

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Bobbie ZA066735
B 1/35 ZA041705
C 1/35 (-) LZ English 102694
C Co 2nd Plt LZ Bobbie
D 1/35 (-) 020701
Recon ZA027673
4.2 mortar plt ZA027673
CSF 1 Co 075726

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 30 March 1969. Unit locations: At LZ English 102694; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), C Company; A Company at Bobbie ZA066735; B Company (-) ZA041705; D Company (-) ZA020701; Recon ZA027673; 4.2 mortar ZA027673; CSF company size element 075726; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward): At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 0818 hours 30 Mar 69 B Company 21st element fired a round so CO and 23 element could link up, 222 reconning by fire when 2 magazines of AK-47 fired from grid (01724), negative casualties. At 1129 hours on 30 March 69 the following readout us given by D Company: They seen one individual in black clothing having one M-79 HE round. He fled north, northeast direction, found one high speed trail running east west also 2 small trails west-east (N). Trails have barefoot tracks and were used this morning. The rest of the 22 element are moving to reinforce 222 element and 23 elements are moving to same location. At 1330 hours on 30 march 69 CSF Company found blood trails and 50 foxholes at 065662. Blood trails headed south.

0056 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY 0005 30 March 1969. Passed to all elements the Intel reports reference increase of possible sapper attacks.

0818 hours (C) B Co 21 element fired a round so the CO and 23 element could link up, 222 reconning by fire when 2 magazines of AK-47s were fired from grid (01724), negative casualties.

0825 hours (C) Pulling back to 225 L to evac WIA of last night.

0842 hours (C) CO and 23 element have linked with 225, waiting for 222 so the evac could be made.

1021 hours (C) B Co 222, 23 and 21 elements have linked at 041721, ready to evacuate the WIA.

1116 hours (C) D Co reports that there 222 element has movement (015724).

1124 hour (C) WIA from B Co was picked up.

1129 hours (C) Readout seen one individual in black clothing, employed 1 M-79 HE round. He fled in a north northeast direction, found 1 high speed trail running east to west also a small trail running northwest to northeast. Trails have barefoot tracks and were used this morning. The rest of the 222 element are moving to reinforce the 222 element and 23 element are moving to the same location.

1140 hours (C) D Co employing light organics at this time.

1143 hours (C) Common base reports seeing 30 individual at 065662.

1220 hours (C) To D Co CO from D Co RTO: 22J objective is too small, will be holding 500 meters to the south, 23 element is still at the night location. SRPs are still out but they will come in and the whole 23 element will hold fast in case something come up.

1330 hours (C) CSF found blood trails and 50 foxholes at 065662. Blood trails headed south.

1920 hours (C) D Co reports that the 222 element had movement to the north, they are employing frags at this time.

1934 hours (C) D Co reports that the movement must have been large animals because they went crashing through the woods in a westerly direction when the frags were employed.

2050 hours (C) From Bde to the 1/35: Intelligence indicates possible increase in VC/NVA action in the vicinity of Pleiku City tonight, Commanders should be particularly alert especially around known infiltration and exit routes used by the NVA.

2155 hours (C) From the CSF to the 1/35: Agent reports that on 30 March 69 at 1900 hours the first platoon of the NVA is staying at grid 123686 think that they plan to ambush the 1/35 element or the CSF would like for the 1/35 to employ light organics or artillery, CSF will send the element out top check this grid first thing in the morning.

2230 hours (C) S-4 passed that in reference to the WIA D Company will sent out by courier tomorrow.

31 March 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn
(1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ English 102694

Unit Locations:

CP 1/35 LZ English
A 1/35 LZ Bobbie ZA066735
B 1/35 ZA042705
C 1/35 (-) LZ English 102694
C Co 2nd Plt LZ Bobbie
D 1/35 (-) 020701
Recon ZA027673
4.2 mortar plt ZA027673
CSF 1 Co 086709

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 31 March 1969. Unit locations: At LZ English 102694; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), C Company; A Company at Bobbie ZA066735; B Company ZA042705; D Company ZA020701; Recon ZA027673; 4.2 mortar ZA027673; CSF company size element 08709; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward): At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1500 hours 31 Mar 69 B Company reports that at approximately grid 037717 moving to the CP with his 23 element they hear movement and proceeded to recon the area by fire, they swept the area and they saw one VC/NVA squatting, they fired at him and missed and the suspected enemy soldier fled to the high ground, they swept the area for 20-25 minutes, they found not blood trail nor evidence of his being wounded, they continued on to the CP. At 1655 hours B Company reports his 22 element was moving to their night location with a VC/NVA jumped up in front of them at grid 038713. At 1700 hours artillery was employed on the VC/NVA in reference the previous sentence.

1532 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-1500 hours 31 Mar 69- B Company reports at approximately grid 037717 moving to the CP with his 23 element. They heard movement, reconned the area by fire and swept the area, also saw one VC/NVA squatting. They fired at him and missed. The proposed enemy moved to high ground. They swept the area for 20 to 25 minutes and found no blood trails or evidence of being wounded. They continued on to the CP. At approximate grid of 038717 EM line number 170 March roster slipped, has possible fracture of arm, also request slick to evacuate EM.

1610 hours (C) Informed B Company we will try to get slick to evacuate the injured EM as soon as Bn CO returns.

1635 hours (C) B Company reports his 22 element was moving to night location with a VC/NVA jumped up in front of them at grid 038713.

1700 hours (C) Artillery being employed on VC/NVA at this time.

2200 hours (C) From Bde to the 1/35 S-3- 1st platoon to Rock Quarry no later than 011700 April OPCON to A Battery 5/16 Artillery by air (Reference move tomorrow). 1st platoon is to move to Plei Djereng no later than 011200 April by air received OPCON. 1 CSF platoon from 1/10 Cavalry will go OPCON 1/35 platoon, provide security for 2 175mm guns. What platoons will be sent? Prefer to move elements on the morning.

2326 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-2320 hours 31 Mar 69 from S-3 to B Company CO: You have the mission of sending 1 platoon as security for artillery element at Rock Quarry; I need to know what platoon you are sending and platoon must be ready to be extracted at 0830.

2310 hours (C) To Bde from Commanding Officer 1/35th: (1) Why are we taking 1/10th Cavalries mission? (2) Where is our area of operation to employ the other CO presently in the mountains? (3) Is airlift available to move Recon and 4.2 platoon from present position to an area of operation in the valley near LZ English II? (4) Are there any more fire bases you would like secured? (5) Can CO from S-3 1/35th go on R&R?

2325 hours (C) Reference; Above message from Bde: (1) CO 3rd Bde directs it. (2) No area of operation change is to be made. (3) Prior to April 69 very doubtful. (4) The list will be forwarded by courier 042345 hours April 69. (5) You have been on R&R; plans are being developed to put you to work.

2345 hours (C) B Company CO informs us that his 3rd platoon will be ready at 0830 hours from Bde S-3 to S-3 1/35th: (1) 3rd Bde has been given a mission to move D 5/16 Arty from fire supporting base Bobbie to Oasis 2 Apr 69. (2) 2nd Bde will provide security for the move of D 5/16 Arty from fire supporting base Bobbie to CP Arty AR 775367. (3) 3rd Bde will provide security for the move of D 5/16 Arty from CP to Oasis S-3.