

1 May 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn
(1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

A Co (-) CP ZA082323

B Co CP ZA090314

C Co CP ZA101307

D Co CP ZA103301

Recon Plt ZA154228

4.2 mortar platoon LZ Oasis

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 1 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company (-) at ZA082323; B Company at ZA090314; C Company at ZA101307; D Company at ZA103301; Recon platoon at ZA154228; 4.2 mortar platoon at LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 0835 hours on 1 May 69 the Recon platoon found 1 hooch at ZA163217. They were not rice hoochs but more like weapons and ammo hooch. There was nothing in the hoochs and the platoon clover leafed to search the area. At 0900 hours on 1 May 69 Recon found another rice hooch 100 meters southeast of ZA163217. Size of hooch was 5 long by 3 width by 3 high and it was made of bamboo and pick command engineer stakes. The Recon platoon found 50 to 300 lbs. of unfinished rice in the hooch with a great deal of sandbags. At 0838 hours the Recon platoon found a hooch and a rice hooch 50 meters southeast of ZA163217. It could store 500 lbs. of rice and was 6 by 4 above ground. Inside they found 4 GI sandbags of rice and 1 gourd of corn. The hooch was new, used within the last 2 weeks. At 1359 hours on 1 may 69 the Recon platoon found a small cave at (ZA169218), 300 or 400 meters of that cave they found a trap 6 feet of bamboo sticks sharpened and spring loaded. The trap was set about waist high.

1212 hours (C) A Cos dog handler has lost his dog.

1835 hours (C) B Co found A Cos dog at ZA082313.

2315 hours (C) From Bde OIC/TOC to S-3 1/35th: Operation Green Typhoon will terminate upon initiation of Green Orange II. Once Green Orange II ends we will be called Typhoon II. G-3 will no longer suspend operation.

2 May 1969

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3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn
(1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

TAC/CP is at Plei Me ZA156602
A Co (-) CP ZA076306
B Co CP ZA090314
C Co CP ZA095295
D Co CP ZA103301
Recon Plt ZA154228
4.2 mortar platoon LZ Oasis

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 2 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company (-) at ZA076306; B Company at ZA090314; C Company at ZA095295; D Company at ZA103301; Recon platoon at ZA154228; 4.2 mortar platoon at LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1820 hours on 2 May 69 B Company at ZA244077 found several trails leading into a village with no sign of heavy use. They saw about 6 women, 1 male wearing typical Montagnard clothing.

0925 hours (C) From A Co to TOC: We have a cold LZ. 1st PZ is at 10:45, 1st LZ is at 10:56. 2nd PZ is at 11:00, 2nd LZ is at 11:10. B Co to TOC: We have a cold LZ. 1st PZ is at 09:25. 2nd LZ is at 09:37. 2nd PZ is at 10:24. 2nd LZ is at 10:34. C Co to Toc: We have a cold LZ. 1st PZ is at 10:01. 1st LZ is at 10:26. 2nd PZ is at 10:31. 1st LZ is at 10:43. D Co to TOC: We have a cold LZ. 1st PZ is at 09:50. 1st LZ is at 10:04. 2nd PZ is at 10:00. 2nd LZ is at 10:14.

3 May 1969

1/35th

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(1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

TAC/CP is at Plei Me ZA156602
A Co CP AR773053
B Co (-) CP ZA238088
C Co (-) CP ZA235043
D Co (-) CP ZA246051
Recon Plt ZA149219
4.2 mortar platoon LZ Oasis

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 3 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company at AR773053; B Company (-) at ZA238088; C Company (-) at ZA235043; D Company (-) at ZA246051; Recon platoon at ZA149219; 4.2 mortar platoon at LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 0936 hours on 3 May 69 B Company's 63 element found 2 traps with arrow poles and arrowheads. They checked 4 trails running north to south of no recent use and about 4 months old. They found 1 more trap of the same type about 50 meters north of the others and this one did not have an arrowhead on the pole. As soon as the 63 element gets back to its CP they will send a diagram of that trap. Location of trails and traps is ZA235088. At 1055 hours on 3 May 69 B Company's 61 element found 5 hoochs and 2 of them were new, 1 was being made, 2 were of medium age and of size 4 x 6. Inside they found 50 lbs. of rice and 50lbs. of corn. At 1103 hours on 3 May 69 C Company at location ZA243065 found a tunnel complex of 20 caves. Size of caves was 3 x 5 x 5 and entrance was 3 by 2 in diameter. They were about 2 months old and were not used. Water holes nearby the caves were dug into the side of the hill not shown on the maps. At 1335 hours on 3 May 69 B Company found 1 bunker 6 x 4 x 6 deep and no overhead cover, no recent use. They found 2 glass jars, 1, 2 and 3-gallon jars at location ZA226084. At 1200 hours on 3 May 69 the 3rd platoon of D Company found 2 sleeping hoochs and one spider hole vicinity ZA228079. Hoochs were approximately 12 by 20 and 4 high containing sleeping mats and holding 10 persons in the prone position. (10 accommodated) Age of them was unknown and also found was a pile of ashes from a wood fire, bundle of punji stakes, pieces of bamboo 2 in diameter with illegible charcoal handwriting. An 18' spider hole was also found in the same vicinity, no recent use. Approximately 150 meters northwest and on the west side of the river 3 tunnels 5 feet lone were found and the entrances were 2 feet in diameter. One contained a Montagnard type jug, another 15 pounds of loose unpolished rice, the third was collapsed. On the west side of the river one more hooch 4 by 6 was found in a cultivated area containing one crossbow. Next to the river were one US pistol belt (new) with one worn and old canteen cover, canteen, M-26 had frag grenade attached to the pistol belt. At 1305 hours on 3 may 69 B Company 63 element found 20 rice hoochs 4 x 6 with woven mats, bamboo at ZA225090. They also found hoochs at ZA225093. 63, 632 are keeping it under surveillance.

1695 hours (C) At 1605 hours B Co found a cave (5♦ by 7♦) by the river containing 2 baskets, 1 wool blanket, 3 pair shorts, 1 khaki hat, 1 pair of Ho Chi Minh sandals, 1 US pistol belt, 2 cooking pots, 5 US canteens (4 plastic and one metal), 2 US canteen cups, 2 pieces of plastic, 1 small bag of salt, 1 small bag of seasoning, 1 US match container, 20 lbs. of rice. Equipment was destroyed.

1745 hours (C) From TOC to all elements: The XO has taken over command of the 1/35th as of 1740 hours.

4 May 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn

(1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

TAC/CP is at Plei Me ZA156602

A Co CP AR772054

B Co (-) CP ZA237087

C Co (-) CP ZA236044

D Co (-) CP ZA246059

Recon Plt ZA145224

4.2 mortar platoon LZ Oasis

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 4 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company at AR772054; B Company (-) at ZA237087; C Company (-) at ZA236044; D Company (-) at ZA240059; Recon platoon at ZA145225; 4.2 mortar platoon at LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 0900 hours on 4 May 69 B Company 61 element found 2 under ground rice caches at ZA218088 and the hole was 4 x 6 x 8 and was 10 feet deep. It had 2 feet of overhead cover and 8 feet of loose rice was found in 1 hooch to the right front. 10 feet to the east another hooch was found and it was 4 x 6 containing 200 pounds of rice. At 0935 hours on 4 May 69 B Company 61 element at AR760088 found 2 under ground bunkers (sleeping) size 4 x 4 x 6. There was a 3 foot tunnel connecting both bunkers which caved in from the weather and showed no signs of recent use. At 1015 hours B Company 62 element found 4 tons of rice unpolished. They also found 1250 pounds of corn all unhusked. They searched a total of 26 hoochs and had more to search. Location of the hoochs was ZA255086. At 1400 hours on 4 May 69 B Company with the National Police interrogated the village chief at location ZA225091. The Chief said that 30 VC came to the village 2 days ago from the southeast and left to the west. They carried various types of weapons and machineguns. They went to the village located at ZA217091 (VC).

0002 hours (C) From Bde CO to CO 1/35th 032355 May 69 Frag order 1-69 to OP order 23-69 (1) 3d Bde task force Patterson terminates, Operation Green Orange II and resumes pacification program in the assigned AO. (A) The 1/35th Inf terminates Operation Green Orange II 04 May 69 in place. (B) Be prepared to move by airlift 05 May 69 to LZ Oasis or to an LZ to be determined by the CO 1/35th Inf. (C) Contingency plans: Be prepared to airlift from current AO upon 2 hour notice to an AO to be announced.

1635 hours (C) From CO 1/35th To CO 3d Bde: 1. Due to the amount of rice involved and indecision on the part of GVN officials, progress in identifying, bagging and evacuation of VC rice in B Co area has been slow. 2. Rice evacuation will not be completed prior to 1200 hours 5 May. 3. Battalion is scheduled to move beginning 1700 hours. 4. We request instruction regarding disposition of rice that cannot be moved prior to the time the Bn is moved. This needs an acknowledgement from Bde S-3. Messaged was acknowledged from Bde S03 at 1700 hours.

1700 hours (C) From CO B Co to S-3: I have enough bags presently at both locations to bag all rice. I am clear out of 61s location by dark. 4 aircraft are available at 62s location and there are 4 tons of rice in scattered hoochs. It will take me until 1500 hours tomorrow using all available troops to extract from 62s location.

1705 hours (C) To all Cos: 1. Present operation terminates at 041800. 2. Units will be airlifted to the Oasis or a new AO at 051000 from 2 LZs. 3. A, B and D will be lifted from LZ 248088. To CO Co A: 1. Arrive at PZ no later than 0900 hours. 2. Move by Ch-47 to Oasis. 3. Assume security mission for hamlets west of Edap Enang. To CO Co B: 1. Secure the PZ by 0800 hours. 2. Final extraction from PZ. 3. Conduct CA to LZ at vicinity ZA065393. Resume search and clear operation in AO overlay to follow. To CO Company C: 1. Move to river at the line north of Chu Go Mountains tonight. 2. Finish and occupy a PZ no later than 0900 hours. 3. Contact final extraction and CA to LZ 106433. 4. Conduct search and clear operation north of AO, overlay to follow. To CO Company D: 1. Move to PZ 248088 by 0900 hours tomorrow. 2. Move by truck to the Oasis. 3. Trucks to entry point of AO. 4. Conduct a search and destroy operation in the AO, overlay to follow. To all companies Companies will occupy 4 night locations at the CP and also have 3 quad size ambushes tonight.

1830 hours (C) From B Co CO to S-3: The 1st plt. Has completed their bagging of rice and they have estimated 1 heavy slick load. The 2nd platoon has bagged 1000 lbs. and have about 4 tons yet to bag; they estimate being finished 051500 May 69.

2030 hours (C) From D Co CO to S-3: The 2nd plt. Has an EM that should be dusted off tomorrow at the first sign of light. He was bitten by a bee on the left ankle yesterday and became numb on his entire left side. He was given rest today but he is very weak and has a bad headache. The Dust-Off will need a jungle penetrator as it will take too long for the 2nd plt to clear an LZ. This will make almost impossible for them to reach the objective on time.

5 May 1969

1/35th

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(1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

A Co CP AR773083

B Co (-) CP ZA238088

C Co (-) CP ZA218077

D Co (-) CP ZA237073

Recon Plt ZA145224

4.2 mortar platoon LZ Oasis

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 5 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), 1/35th Command post is at LZ Oasis ZA117277; A Company at

AR773083; B Company (-) at ZA238088; C Company (-) at ZA218077; D Company (-) at ZA237073; Recon platoon at ZA145224; 4.2 mortar platoon at LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1800 hours on 5 May 69 A Company reports that some girls came to their location and told them there were VC in the village where A Company heard small arms fire earlier. The village is west of A Company's location.

0555 hours (C) A Dust-Off and an ETA requested by D Co 62B element when their EM was stung by a bee. ETA is 0745 hours.

0620 hours (C) TOC S-3 to B Co: Your mission is not changed. You will continue to bag the rice and it will be extracted around 1130 hours.

0621 hours (C) Sgt. Scheidt of base defense and PFC Demoral were caught sleeping on bunker guard at the 1/35th commor.

0710 hours (C) P.K. Dust-Off guns are on station and made commo with 20-C. Dust-Off 36 is on station at 0711 hours and it is complete at 1725 hours. Line #10 was stung by a bee and is paralyzed from the waist up.

1200 hours (C) A Co CA: 1st PZ is at 1045 hours. 1st LZ is at 1055 hours. Last PZ is at 1131 hours. Last LZ is at 1142 hours.

1320 hours (C) B Co CA: 1st PZ is at 1155 hours. 1st LZ is at 1217 hours. Last PZ is at 1308 hours. Last LZ is at 1320 hours.

1520 hours (C) From C Co to TOC: C Co has 8 sorties left at their PZ.

1735 hours (C) A Co to TOC: A Co reports small arms fire and a tube popping at 2000 meters southwest of our position.

1800 hours (C) A Co reports that some girls came to their location and said there were a lot of VC in the village. This village was where A Co heard small arms earlier and is west of A Co's location.

2100 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY On 5 May 69 at 2035 hours B Co sent the Planned Summary to 1/35th TOC. For 06 May 69 and for B Co the 39 (-) will remain in the same location and conduct local patrols. The 1st plt is to continue search operations to the east and establish N/Ls vicinity coordinates ZA107323. The 2nd plt is to continue search operations to the north along intermittent streams. They are to establish N/Ls vicinity ZA086363. The 3d plt is to continue search operations to the north and establish a N/L vicinity coordinates ZA091321. A minimum of 3 B/Ms should be maintained.

2113 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY On 5 May 69 at 2203 hours D Co had a 1st PZ at 1635 hours and a 1st LZ at 1650 hours.

2155 hours (C) D Co at N/L ZA065394 hears small arms similar to fire fighting 5 clicks west of their location. They want to know if there are friendlies in the area.

2304 hours (C) C Co reports hearing small arms fire 3000 meters to the south.

2321 hours (C) D Co reports hearing machine gun fire to the east but does not know how far.

6 May 1969

1/35th

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(1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

A Co CP ZA007301
B Co CP ZA091326
C Co CP ZA104420
D Co CP ZA065394
Recon Plt ZA144223
4.2 CP is at ZA007301

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 6 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), 1/35th Command post is at LZ Oasis ZA117277; A Company at ZA007301; B Company at ZA091326; C Company at ZA104420; D Company at ZA065394; Recon platoon at ZA144223; 4.2 mortar platoon ZA007301; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 0925 hours on 6 May 69 D Company 1st platoon 2080 and the Mike element of the 1/14th spotted 20 individuals with weapons at grid AR764085. CSF said that no one was in that area from our elements. Individuals wore packs, weapons, green fatigues and were walking in 2 columns toward the blue line.

1625 hours (C) B Cos Planned Summary: The Co is to conduct search operations to the east and is to establish a N/L at vicinity ZA107329, accept resupply, 1st PH plt is to conduct Co combat assault cordon patrol and establish a N/L in the vicinity of ZA113385. The 2nd PH plt is to conduct a search to the east and establish a N/L with B Cos CP. The 3d PH plt is to conduct a search operation to vicinity of ZA107329 and establish a N/L at vicinity of ZA095338. An end of the planned summary has a minimum of 3 ambushes that will be used.

1717 hours (C) D Co 1st, 2nd plts: CA  First PZ is at 1717 hours. First LZ is 1736 hours.

1817 hours (C) D Co 1st, 2nd plts: CA Final PZ is at 1755 hours, final LZ is 1815 hours.

1850 hours (C) S-3 To A Co CO: Cpt Scott informed A Co CO to have his men sleep in foxholes tonight because of possible mortar attacks.

2110 hours (C) Bn CO to C Co: The men of your element were not in foxholes the last time they had incoming. You are to be in the foxholes and enlarge them if necessary. This message needs an acknowledgement. (From C Co CO)

2111 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY On 6 May 69 at 2104 hours C Co answered Bn CO in reference to message about sleeping in foxholes: We cannot sleep in the holes because they are too small and we are sleeping beside the holes.

7 May 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn
(1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

CP (-) is at Plei Me

A Co CP ZA007302

B Co CP ZA091326

C Co CP ZA104420

D Co CP ZA065394

Recon Plt ZA178233

4.2 CP is at ZA007302

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 7 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), 1/35th Command post is at LZ Oasis ZA117277; Command Post (-) at Plei Me; A Company at ZA007302; B Company at ZA091326; C Company at ZA104420; D Company at ZA065394; Recon platoon at ZA178223; 4.2 mortar platoon ZA007302; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1720 hours on 7 May 69 the Recon plt at location ZA175239 was setting up a night location. They found 5 holes with (VC) jugs. The jugs had rice in them and a total of 150 pounds of rice was found which was real old. At 1800 hours on 7 May 69 Battalion gave permission from higher authority (Brigade) to Recon to destroy all but 116 pounds of rice and the jugs. Battalion TOC said to send the jugs and 1 pound of rice back to S-2.

1100 hours (C) A Co requests a Dust-Off for a man who was bitten on the left wrist by a scorpion. Dust-Off 33 is on station at 1155 hours and is complete at 1200 hours. The man is line #10 May roster from 4.2 platoon.

2120 hours (C) S-3 to A, B, C and D Cos: We notified them that they will be moving tomorrow.

2215 hours (C) From Lt. Clark at Bde to S-3 1/35th: General Pepke will arrive here at LZ Oasis at Flexible Pad at 0940 hours tomorrow. He will go to the briefing at the Bde TOC at 1015 hours. He will leave Bde TOC to go to Bn TOC at 1020 hours. At Bn TOC he will spend 15 minutes either walking about the area or in a briefing which he will depart at 1035 hours. He will arrive and leave in a jeep provided by Bde.

2342 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY On 7 May 69 at 2320 hours Bn CO reported to B Co: You will be going OPCON to the 2/1 Cav tomorrow.

8 May 1969

Bravo 2/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

From the 15 June 1969 issue of Steadfast and Loyal.

8 May 1969

Cacti Blue LZ Attacked; 18 Enemy Killed

An American Reconnaissance Team Saw Three Individuals Approaching The Company Perimeter. They Waited Until The Three Enemy Soldiers Were Within Eight Feet And Then Opened Up With Their M16s.

By SGT Michael Tousey

Highlander Heights- Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry repelled a night attack killing eighteen enemy attackers ten miles southwest of Kontum City near Landing Zone (LZ) Penny. At 1:50 in the morning, an American reconnaissance team saw three individuals approaching the company perimeter. They waited until the three enemy soldiers were within eight feet and then opened up with their M16s killing all three.

These three NVA soldiers however turned out to be only a probe for the main attack, which began an hour later when Bravo Company was suddenly hit with incoming. They were firing B40s and recoilless rifles from 25 to 30 meters out, said Specialist 4 Vaughan Connors of Cincinnati. We turned everything we had on, and called in artillery, mortars and Snoopy gunships. I guess that was too much for them and they took off.

During the 35 minute fight Bravo Company received an estimated 75 to 100 incoming rounds, as well as small arms fire.

A sweep outside the perimeter in the morning turned up eighteen enemy bodies, one AK47 rifle with ammunition, seven CHICOM grenades, and one new B41 launcher with five B41 rounds.

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8 May 1969

1/35th

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LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

A Co CP AR998285

B Co CP ZA107327

C Co CP ZA104420

D Co CP ZA056403

Recon Plt ZA175239

4.2 CP is at LZ Oasis

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 8 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), 1/35th Command post is at LZ Oasis ZA117277; A Company at AR998285; B Company at ZA107327; C Company at ZA104420; D Company at ZA056403; Recon platoon at ZA175239; 4.2 mortar platoon AR998285; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1025 hours on 8 May 69 Bde S2 reported to S2 on the 2/1 Cav incidents. At 071055 hours the 16/96-element radio jammed from vicinity AR945203. At 071713 hours the 2/1 Cav located 1 hut of 75 demolition packs, 600 pounds of explosives, 525 sticks of dynamite, 50 Bongoloid Torpedoes, some shotgun shells, some 57RR rounds, a small amount of rice and 1 AK-47 magazine all in the vicinity AR949202. At 071930 hours the 2/1 Cav received small arms fire and approximately 57 and 75 rounds of fire from unknown size force vicinity AR948203. They engaged the target with Spooky support. They estimated a Company size element and contact was broken at 2040 hours. They found a large cache of munitions. At 1150 hours on 8 May 69 D Co 70B element spotted 2 individuals at ZA052381. When the 2 saw the element they hit the ground. They were assumed as enemy carrying carbines and a check with Bde revealed no friendlies in the area. They fired and no fire was returned from the enemy. At 1211 hours 8 May 69 the element told Bde S2 that the 2 individuals wore uniforms of the camouflage type similar to the type worn by LRRPs. Enemy was moving in a northeast direction and distance was approximately 50 to 75 meters away. The area is being swept now with no results.

0005 hours (C) From S-3 to B Co: Be ready for pick up at 0700 hours at PZ ZA103321. You will be inserted at LZ AR965215, maps are available from 2/1 Cav and frag 65.10, call sign: above times. Your mission is to sweep east of the LZ, and a company of the 2/1st Cav will be on the LZ, which is secure. Intelligence reports a suspected Bn size force of enemy and the enemy has been jamming frequencies and using various call signs. Be prepared to use Bn retrans push as an alternate if needed. This message requires a QSL from B Co CO.

0057 hours (U) We could not raise C Co on the radio for a Sitrep.

0301 hours (C) Communication with C Co was established and they reported that a man who just came on radio watch seen another sleeping when he came on.

0727 hours (C) B Co to TOC: First PZ is at 0727 hours. 1st LZ is at 0755 hours. Last PZ is at 0823 hours. Last LZ is at 0840 hours.

1310 hours (C) Recon to TOC: We just had a man line #49 May roster bitten by a snake and they killed the snake. We are sending the man and snake back on the resupply bird.

9 May 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

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LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

1/35th CP is at LZ Oasis

A Co CP AR982285

B Co OPCON to the 2/1st Cav

C Co CP ZA105419

D Co CP ZA056402

Recon Plt ZA082231

4.2 plt AR982285

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 9 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), 1/35th Command post is at LZ Oasis ZA117277; A Company at AR982285; B Company is OPCON to the 2/1st Cav; C Company at ZA105419; D Company at ZA056402; Recon platoon at ZA082231; 4.2 mortar platoon AR982285; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 0130 hours on 9 May 69 D Company reported they received a VC probe and estimated that they also received 4 grenades and 1 magazine of AK fire. The probe came from north, northwest and the company had 5 WIA, 3 not too serious, 2 a little more serious and may need a Dust-Off. The OPs reported hearing negative movement. At 0730 hours on 9 May 69 D Company found 2 holes that were made by a B-40; one on the perimeter and one inside the perimeter. They found 1 new B-40, 2 Chinese Communist grenades (1 was a dud) and 1 explosive package with a fuse. As a Delayed Entry D Company at 0710 hours on 9 May 69 received small arms fire and B-40 rocket rounds at vicinity ZA056402. 3 Rockets rounds landed one outside of the perimeter approximately 50 meters and the other one landed inside of the perimeter. One round hit a tree at a height of 20 feet and caused a friendly casualty. They estimated 4 to 5 enemy individuals involved in the attack. During a

sweep of the area at daylight they found 1 new B-40 Rocket, 1 Chinese Communist grenade (frag) complete, 1 explosive pack with fuse, a home made bomb about 2 inches square by 4 inches long with an acid type fuse which did not explode, approximately one or two AK-47 magazines. At 1035 hours on 9 May 69 D Company reports finding 2 cans of material vicinity ZA056402. One can was a M60 type and the other was an M-16 type. Included in the material was some 30-caliber ammo, box of rice, 2 boxes of documents with the name of 2 villages (local) written on them. The number B7 is frequently mentioned in the documents and the Company was told to evacuate to the Bn Command post all material. At 1050 hour on 9 May 69 the Recon plt at ZA079217 was located with the CIDG team. The team was told that the village people guessed they received 4 rounds of mortar or B-40 rounds, which came from the south or southwest. At a later time comments were made by Brigade S2. The 1/39 RF Company made contact with an unknown size VC force. They received 3 to 4 rifle grenade rounds vicinity ZA085206 and returned the fire. Contact was broken at 1005 hours with unknown enemy casualties. No friendly casualties resulted. At 1125 hours on 9 May 69 D Company found 2 Chinese Communist grenades, 1 bottle of rock salt, 1 dead python snake 8 feet long approximately 50 meters north of their location of ZA056403. At 17109 hours on 9 May 69 C Company 70 element spotted 1 individual 100 meters east. They fired at him and he fired back, headed east. There were no blood trails or equipment at the contact site. He was wearing pants the type unknown. ZA085401.

0107 hours (C) D Co reports they just received mortar fire and small arms on the CP location ZA056402.

0115 hours (C) D Co reports they believed they received frags instead of mortars and they have casualties.

0210 hours (C) Lt. Clark from Bde TOC: Were Arty or organic mortars employed by D Co? Ans: No, on Arty, C Battery could not reach it and there was a gun target problem from the Rock Quarry. Also, mortars and Arty were not employed due to D Co troops being spread over the area and the Co did not know which way the enemy fled.

0344 hours (C) D Co now reports they have 9 wounded instead of 5 with line numbers: #8 leg, #15 hand and hip, #36 head and hip, #47 hip and back, #58 upper arm and above eye, #60 shoulder, #62 cheek, #86 leg, #104 leg.

0423 hours (C) We sent wounded men's line nos to Bde and Lt. Clark wanted to know the disposition of the troops.

0427 hours (C) D Co says troops are sleeping outside of the holes with 4 men to a hole and the perimeter is a circle.

0801 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY on 9 May 69 at 0710 hours D Co received small arms fire and B-40 rockets and rounds vicinity ZA056402. 3 B-40s landed outside the perimeter approximately 50 meters. One landed inside the perimeter and one round hit a tree 20 feet high causing the friendly casualties. They estimated 4 to 5 enemy and on a sweep of the area at daylight they found 1 new B-40 rocket, 1 Chicom grenade frag type and complete, 1 explosive pack with fuse, (home made

bomb), about 2 inches square by 4 inches long with an acid type fuse which did not explode. Approximately one or two AK-47 magazines. Small arms were fired from the northeast as possible diversionary tactics while the B-40 rockets were fired from the north. An estimated enemy crawled to within 75 meters to fire the B-40.

1430 hours (C) From the 1/35th to C Co: You will have everyone sleeping in bunkers with overhead cover tonight. C Co CO says this has been completed and everyone will be sleeping in bunkers tonight.

2003 hours (C) From Bde S3 to S# 1/35th Inf: Subject: Reaction Force. 1. (C) The 1/35th Inf is designated as Bde Reaction Force for indefinite period of time. This is effective upon receipt of the message. 2. (C) You will have 1 plt on a 15 min alert and one company on 1 hours alert. Be prepared to move the Bn (-) in 5 hours. 3. (C) The most probable missions are LRRP Reinforcement in the Bde AO and Reinforcement of other contacts. There exists the possibility of commitment to the 2nd Bde TF formed to reinforce the 24STZ in Ben Het area.

2052 hours (C) From Bde To TOC: 1/10 Cav element at 2015 hours received mortar rounds and AK fire from Vicinity YA975427 and returned small arms fire.

10 May 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn
(1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

1/35th CP is at LZ Oasis
A Co CP YA982285
B Co OPCON to the 2/1st Cav
C Co CP ZA105419
D Co CP ZA048383
Recon Plt ZA082231
4.2 plt YA982285

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 10 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), 1/35th Command post is at LZ Oasis ZA117277; A Company at YA982285; B Company is OPCON to the 2/1st Cav; C Company at ZA105419; D Company at ZA048383; Recon platoon at ZA082231; 4.2 mortar platoon YA982285; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1550 hours on 10 May 69 C Co W/P found a weapons cache and with no details at this time. At ZA064406 they found 2 60mm mortar rounds, 1 B-40 head and a new perimeter but did not have time

to search or check the size. At 1900 hours on 10 May 69 the Bde Aviation officer at YA985355 received 5 rounds of ground to air and small arms fire at his LOH. There were no hits, no casualties. The pilot saw fresh diggings and fortifications of logs in the same vicinity.

1406 hours (C) S3 informed D Co CO to be on alert to be extracted from the present location of ZA045383 to YA9705 in order to reinforce the 1/10 Cav who are in contact with a Co (-) of NVA.

1505 hours (C) S3 informed C Co CO to find a LZ and be prepared to be extracted to reinforce the 1/10 Cav.

1527 hours (C) D Co leaving our push now and is OPCON to 1/10 Cav.

1542 hours (C) C Co will be ready for pick up at 1600 hours.

1585 hours (C) Recon To TOC: They informed us that the little people at 115235 are receiving 50mm mortar fire and request gunships. The push for ARVN is 43.60 and the call sign is 72-A. ETA of Gambler guns is 1600 hours.

1620 hours (C) From S3 to C Co: You are on a 10-minute alert but you are not going as yet.

1630 hours (C) From S3 Bde to C Co: You are now going along with the jump CP. A Co is on standby.

1740 hours (C) D Co combat assault is complete at this time 956090.

1915 hours (C) C Co to TOC: (16 ele)- Dust-Off is on station from man with broken hand at ZA075425 priority. Dust-Off 36 is on station at 1920 hours and is complete at 1925 hours.

2220 hours (C) C Co to TOC: They report hearing light organics impacting 800 to 1200 meters to west.

11 May 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn
(1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

1/35th CP is at LZ Oasis

A Co CP YA982285

A Co 3d plt at the Rock Quarry

B Co OPCON to the 2/1st Cav

C Co CP ZA066409

D Co OPCON to 1/10 Cav

Recon Plt ZA082231

4.2 plt YA982285

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 11 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), 1/35th Command post is at LZ Oasis ZA117277; A Company at YA982285; B Company is OPCON to the 2/1st Cav; C Company at ZA066409; D Company is OPCON to the 1/10 Cav; Recon platoon at ZA082231; 4.2 mortar platoon YA982285; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At Approximately 0207 hours on 11 May 69 LZ Oasis stated incoming rounds. At 0221 hours on 11 May 69 the bunkers reported receiving small arms fire. Incoming stopped for a moment at 0355 hours. At 0800 hours on 11 May 69 A Company reported the approximated grid of fire ZA015275 and rounds were coming into the Oasis. At 0805 hours on 11 May 69 A Company 01 element had cleared the gunships to expend on grid YA992274. The Company had clearance to fire the 4.2 at 0830 hours but could not due to air traffic. At 1015 hours on 11 May 69 TOC reported to A Company in reference to a report from the National Police dated 5 May. On 5 May an NVA platoon moved to the bivouac location at Plei Net Xo (ZA017340). Men of this unit wore khaki uniforms and were armed with 3 bars of 18 AK-47s, 3 Colt pistols and individual assorted weapons. On 6 May this unit was reported digging combat trenches and setting up a watch station 100 meters south of this hamlet. Purposes and intentions were unknown. At 1020 hours on 11 May 69 TOC reported to A, C and Recon about a captured document. It described delayed action fuses for 82mm mortar rounds that will cause them to detonate from 2.5 to 8 hours after impact. Delay is caused by a resistor eaten away by acid solution in a glass tube, which is broken on impact or fire. Four different colored solutions are used for 2.5 hours, red for 3.5 hours, blue for 5 hours and violet for 8 hours. This suggests possible use in the Division AO. At 1050 hours on 11 May 69 S2 made a reference to the attack on LZ Oasis. From) 210 to 0440 hours 20 by 60mm rounds, B-40 rockets and probable 57RR were used in the 1/35th area. The following equipment was found at daybreak: 10 by 60mm expended mortars, 1 B-40 Rocket booster. Estimated rounds came from the southwest on an azimuth of 265 degrees. At 1120 hours on 11 May 69 C co and all elements from the 70 element report that they found 10 to 12 bunkers used

recently at ZA054405 and they were not GI bunkers. At 1130 hours on 11 May 69 A Company reports 122mm coming from grid ZA025270 and hitting the Oasis. The 4.2 platoon got clearance on a firing position. At 1200 hours on 11 May 69 C Company reported the bunkers found by the Water point could sleep 2 to 3 men, used in past 2 days and were tunnel connected. They found 1 rice bowl, 1 bottle in a bunker. At 1220 hours on 11 May 69 C Company 70 element (water party) seen 10 persons with weapons and uniforms. They used 81mm at ZA058408. At 1207 hours 11 May 69 C Company 70 element seen 65 VC/NVA in the clear. At 1420 hours 11 May 69 C Company 70W found 1 NVA pack with AK rounds, NVA clothes, bags at the location where they found the bunkers. At 1500 hours 11 May 69 TOC reported to brigade a readout on the pack found by C Company. It was US stamped, similar to an old combat pack with unusual keepers. It contained 2 parachutes from parachute flares, 2 bundles of cotton un-ginned, 1 piece of black cloth 36 x 12, 1 piece of plastic the type used in NVA ponchos, 1 piece of gray cloth size of a handkerchief, 1 pair of blue green drawers with pocket and 13 rounds of AK ammo. At 1545 hours 11 May 69 the 2/9 artillery reported 30 VC/NVA were seen in the open at ZA054270. At the same time the 1/10 Cavalry was in contact at ZA055295 and ZA054270 with an estimated 2 companies. At 1630 hours on 11 May 69 Brigade S-2 reported that the 1/10 Cavalry contact at 1545 hours with estimated NVA Company vicinity ZA054296 and ZA054270. They employed Artillery and gunships and had no further information.

1001 hours (C) From S3 to C Co: Get all elements into a LZ for pick up and you are still on standby to CA.

1500 hours (C) From C Co to TOC: 1st PZ is at 1545 hours, 1st LZ at 1545 hours, 1st LZ at 1556 hours.

2015 hours (C) A Co is to go on full alert.

2355 hours (C) Bde to S3: From Lt. Clark to Cpt Scott The B element will return UPCON effective 121999 hours and the PZ will be 963212 and the PZ control will be run on B Cos organic push. The LZ will be worked out with Major Hudson.

12 May 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn
(1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

A Co CP YA982285

A Co 3d plt is at the Rock Quarry

B Co OPCON to the 2/1st Cav

C Co CP ZA025194

D Co OPCON to 1/10 Cav

Recon Plt ZA079216

4.2 plt YA982285

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 12 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), 1/35th Command post is at LZ Oasis ZA117277; A Company (-) at YA982285; B Company at ZA087627; C Company at ZA025194; D Company at YA986216; Recon platoon at ZA062607; 4.2 mortar platoon YA982285; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 0940 hours 12 May 69 C Company reported seeing 30 people at coordinate ZA032184, along out ridge line, not friendlies, dressed in black uniforms and they were too far away to distinguish if they were carrying weapons. Their direction of movement was from east to northeast. At the present time C Company is working up a fire mission. At 1010 hours 12 May 69 Bn S-3 (Cpt. Scott) notified C Company of a village from coordinate ZA032184, a small village with many little people moving in the area (Village location ZA045175). He did not notice anyone unusual; individuals you saw might be villagers. Light organics will not be fired and artillery is cancelled. At 1839 hours 12 May 69 C Company's 3d platoon SRP element found built into the side of bank of a hill three bunkers 14 feet long and well camouflaged. They will search them tomorrow. At 1906 hours on 12 May 69 D Company reported a trail wide enough for 2 people to travel abreast on it. The trail showed evidence of recent use and heavy traffic. The direction of the trail was southwest to northeast crossing about 200 meters to the north of my location (coordinate YA986216). My 2nd platoon is in position near the trail 981219, streams in the area are dry, there are some bamboo containers near which seem to be used for carrying water. The trail was marked with Chu Hoi papers and we will check it thoroughly tomorrow. At 1950 hours on 12 May 69 A Company reported that their 3rd platoon located at the Rock Quarry received 20 rounds, Lt. Gentinne had been seriously wounded. Incoming stopped at approximately 2000 hours. At 2030 hours A Company reports that Lt. Gentinne is now a KHA and they also have a wounded medic SP4 Hollisby.

1502 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY On 12 May 69 at 1313 hours the 1st PZ for B Co was stated.

1505 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY On 12 May 69 at 1507 hours the LZ was completed for B Co.

2011 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY On 12 May 69 at 2005 hours A Co reports that the Rock Quarry received 2 rounds of recoilless rifle. Lt. Gentinne has been seriously wounded and incoming has topped approximately 2000 hours.

2030 hours (C) A Co reports that Lt. Gentinne is now KHA and they have a medic SP4 Hollisby who is WHA.

2035 hours (C) Recon reports hearing tubes popping at 0424.

2033 hours (C) C Co 80K at ZA023198 hears tubes popping 1 to 2 kilometers east and impacting 5 to 6 kilometers north.

13 May 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn
(1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

1/35th CP is at LZ Oasis
A Co CP YA982285
A Co 3d plt is at the Rock Quarry
B Co ZA087267
C Co CP ZA025194
D Co YA986216
Recon Plt ZA062207
4.2 plt YA982285

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 13 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), 1/35th Command post is at LZ Oasis ZA117277; A Company (-) at ZA982285; B Company at ZA087627; C Company at ZA025194; D Company at YA986216; Recon platoon at ZA062607; 4.2 mortar platoon YA982285; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 0010 hours on 13 May 69 2/9 TOC passed the following to S3 1/35th: In reference to people of the Rock Quarry: C 2/9 fired 364 HE and 10 firecracker rounds; D 5/16 fired 70 HE and 70 firecracker rounds. Spooky is now on station, moral of troops is high. Earlier this evening the Rock Quarry had some movement and C 2/9 fired some arty for them, they will also fire a night program for the Rock Quarry in grid square 0529. Some dud rounds at the Rock Quarry will be disposed of tomorrow. At 0805 hours on 13 May 69 B Company 1st platoon (Coordinate ZA089270 found 10 bunkers, overhead cover, had small dead logs and bushes and no earth, size was 2 x 3 x 4, also found were 25 75mm recoilless rifle canisters (OD colored) and 2 firing positions. At 0905 hours 13 May 69 C Company saw 4 men 100 meters away with weapons moving from south to northeast (vicinity ZA004205). B Company's 2nd platoon engaged them with small arms and M-79. The enemy fled to the northeast and B Company is now planning an artillery and mortar program. At 1750 hours on 13 May 69 B Company's 2nd platoon saw 3 men fully dressed in khaki uniforms, not armed and were located at (coordinate ZA104227) 300 meters due south. At 1920 hours A Company's 3d platoon in reference to B Company commander's question on enemy casualties: During the incoming period at the Rock Quarry last night, trip flares were set off by 2 individuals entering the perimeter; one was shot, he fell to the ground while the other got away. One hour later the one that was shot disappeared to the east side of the Rock Quarry perimeter. At 1913 hours on 13 May 69 B Company requested a Dust-Off for 5 enlisted men 2 litter, 3 ambulatory category urgent and ETA is 20 minutes. Dust-Off 36 had injuries due to friendly 81mm mortar fire. At 1945 hours on 13 May 69 B Company reported 2 additional casualties and for a total of 7 wounded and the Dust-Off is complete. At 2130 hours on 13 May 69 B Company reports that their 2nd platoon saw a man in the lead of an enemy element (ZA109245). The lead man was carrying a mortar tube larger than a 60mm mortar possibly an 82 but the Company was not sure and did not see any ammo.

0010 hours (C) 2/9 TOC to 1/35th TOC: Reference to people at the Rock Quarry: The 2/9 Co fired 364 HE, 10 FC; D Co 5/16 fired 70 HE, 70 FC; Spooky is now on station, moral of the troops is high, A Co 5/16 Rock Quarry has 3 wounded, no problems at present time, earlier this evening had some movement and C 2/9 Arty fired some arty for them, they will fire night program for them in grid square 0529, there are some dud rounds which they will take care of tomorrow.

0045 hours (C) From TOC to B Co: Have your medic SP4 Allen to come back to this location he is going to A Co.

0105 hours (C) Cpt. Smith to A Co: He informed the Co to have 4 EM and Lt. Mahifry ready to go to the Rock Quarry tomorrow at 0700 hours.

0236 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY On 13 May 69 at 0230 hours 35B to fragment TOC wanted to know the situation at the Rock Quarry: Ans: Men thought they heard movement. One threw a frag, which set off a trip flare and a claymore. They saw a figure that looked like a man and fired on it. They do not know if the was wounded or not.

0800 hours (C) B Co to TOC: Our 80 element at ZA089270 found in this location 10 bunkers with small dead logs, bushes, no dirt for overhead cover. Size was 2 x 3 x 4, 25 75RR canisters OD color, 2 firing positions. All these were found within 20 to 30 meters of the location given. B Co says they could see the fixed wing pad from both locations of firing positions.

0905 hours (C) C Co spotted 4 individuals 100 meters with weapons moving northeast from south vicinity ZA004205. The 16 element employed small arms and M-79. Enemy fled to the northeast and the Co is planning Red Legs and light organics.

1055 hours (C) To C Co and Recon from S3: 1/10 Cav in vicinity of grid 0324 found foot prints of approximately 25 individuals moving south, southeast directions. About 25 individuals were barefooted and one had GI boots on. It is believed they have the MIA with them. An APR is following the trail at this time. Be alert for these individuals and use caution in planning any situation that may arise. The ARP should not move into or near your element. Be prepared to assist the ARP if they need help. Requires Recon, C Co QSL.

1150 hours (C) 1/10 Cav is in contact at coordinate ZA035242. Be alert for their supporting fires coming too close to your element. Also be alert and watch for VC/NVA running out of the area.

1750 hours (C) B Co spotted 3 individuals fully dressed in khakis, no weapons at ZA104227 moving in a southern direction 300 meters.

1840 hours (C) B Co 163 is moving to B/M and saw 8 to 10 individuals at ZA109245, approximately 150 meters moving east across the clearing. They took them under fire. 16 (-) is moving in to help at this time and will employ arty, 81mm.

1913 hours (C) B Co requested a Dust-Off for 5 EM; 2 litter, 3 ambulatory and urgent. ETA is 20

minutes and Dust-Off 36, had injuries due to friendly 81mm mortar.

1945 hours (C) Dust-Off for B Co 16 element is complete and 7 EM are reported as addition wounded 3 serious and 4 minor.

2130 hours (C) B Co to TOC: In ref to contact at ZA109245 the 163 element says they saw a man in the lead element of enemy carrying a mortar tube over his shoulder and was bigger than a 60mm. It could have possible been an 82mm but we were not sure and did not see any ammo.

2200 hours (C) B Co to TOC: Information on casualties: #33 Arroyo, Jose, shrapnel right cheek; #36 Berry, Calvin, shrapnel in arm; #89 McLaughlin, Don, burn in eye; #108 Shaffer, David, shrapnel in back; #145 Picariello, Ralph, shrapnel right arm, #132 Hawkins, Jimmy, shrapnel lower arm and left abdomen; #134 Kulick, John, shrapnel in upper right arm.

14 May 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn
(1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

1/35th CP is at LZ Oasis

A Co CP YA982285

A Co 3d plt is at the Rock Quarry

B Co ZA093246

C Co CP ZA031200

D Co YA987219

Recon Plt ZA056198

4.2 Plt YA982285

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 14 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), 1/35th Command post is at LZ Oasis ZA117277; A Company at ZA982285; B Company at ZA093246; C Company at ZA031200; D Company at YA987219; Recon platoon at ZA056198; 4.2 mortar platoon YA982285; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 0153 hours bunker #5 saw enemy soldiers in the wire and 2 trip flares were set off, the enemy was taken under fire with small arms, M79 and M60 fire. At 0157 hours on 14 May 69 near bunker #5 position, enemy of 5 soldiers were engaged by small arms, M79 and M-60 Machine guns. At 0205 hours on 14 May 69 bunkers 4 and 5 engaged the enemy, they fled to north. Enemy was outside of the wire and friendly troops did not observe weapons on them. Place of above action was LZ Oasis. At 0213 hours 14 May 69 we informed B Company (coordinate ZA093246) on receiving incoming and they should remain alert. At 0850 hours 14 May 69 (vicinity LZ Oasis) a vehicle designated to perform

trash detail took 2 rounds of sniper fire (vicinity Trash dump). At 1130 hours, the 3d platoon of B Company (at coordinate ZA125283) found a B-40 cap, one sandal and a bloody cloth. Presence of wounded enemy was suspected in the area, however, Scout dogs were unable to pick up a scent from the cloth. At 1245 hours on 14 May 69 B Company discovered that one EM had a small piece of shrapnel in his left cheek which was caused by friendly mortar fire 131913 May. At 1345 hours on 14 May 69 C Company water patrol saw one individual with a weapon and fired small arms at him. They do not know if the wounded him or not. At 1608 hours on 14 May 69 3rd platoon D Company (vicinity coordinate ZA008232) activated a booby trap, which was not on a trail. It wounded 8 men and of the 8 men 5 were litter patients and three were ambulatory. At 1700 hours on 14 May 69 the readout said the trap previously mentioned was a claymore mine set up by the enemy. At 1724 hours on 14 May 69 D Company reported 8 WIAs and 1 KIA. At 1743 hours on 14 May 69 D Company reports that they have a total of 9 WIA and 8 of ours and the dog handler is KIA. At 1900 hours 14 May 69 the aid station informed us that the dog handler is also KIA. Late entry Battalion S3 informed TOC that upon arriving at D Company's location, he did observe another booby trap with wires placed between two trees. It was estimated to be a possible helicopter booby trap located in the general vicinity of ZA008261. D Co 3d platoon reports their location as ZA008232. At 1704 hours on 14 May 69 the S4 resupply truck driver reported at 1345 hours while enroute to the Rock Quarry vicinity ZA074304 he was fired at with automatic weapons or possible 50 caliber fire which came from the south at a distance unknown. Small arms fire was returned with undetermined results. At 2112 hours on 14 May 69 B Company 70 element observed 25 to 30 enemy (vicinity ZA146285) moving northwest. The Company is planning artillery at this time.

0755 hours (C) To CO of Co B: Move one plt to vicinity LZ Oasis as soon as possible to follow blood trails and drag marks east from the Oasis perimeter. (B) Send 1 other plt sweeping east from the present location to drag valley vicinity of coordinate ZA120233 then northeast along the valley to establish N/Ls vicinity of coordinate ZA157270. (C) Move CP weapons plt and remaining rifle plt east to vicinity of coordinates ZA130250. Establish a patrol base and conduct daylight sweep, night ambushes of the route into and away from Oasis.

0800 hours (C) To CO of D Co: 1. Sweep northeast from present location along the likely routes of enemy movement into and away from the Oasis area. 2. Occupy blocking ambushes at the following location tonight- ZA034239, 023239, 010239, 000240, YA998244 and 995253.

0815 hours (C) To Co CO: 1. Sweep northeast from present location along the likely routes of enemy movement to and from LZ Oasis. 2. Occupy blocking positions and ambushes at the following location tonight- ZA078232, 072237, 064328, 059239, 050238 and 043239.

0830 hours (C) To Recon: 1. Sweep north from the present location to vicinity of coordinate ZA106255. 2. Be prepared to establish ambushes, blocking positions in that area. 3. You are a Battalion Reaction Force.

1608 hours (C) D Co 3d plt at ZA008232 hit a booby trap string connected to a possible 105 arty rounds. This was not on a trail and they have 8 WIA, 5 litter, and 3 ambulatory. They informed Pleiku Dust-Off at 1624 hours and D Co 3d plt said they have no LZ but will have one cleared in

approximately 30 minutes.

1638 hours (C) D Co requested a Dust-Off with a hoist.

1700 hours (C) Bn S3 at D Co 3d plt location says the booby trap is now to be believed a claymore mine set up by the enemy. After Medivac is complete a through search will be made of the area for fragments to determine the type.

1705 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY On 14 May 69 at 1650 hours Bn S3 informed us that on arriving at t D Co 3d plt location they observed another wire strung between 2 trees. It could be possible helicopter trap general vicinity ZA008261.

1724 hours (C) D Cos 3d plt reports they have 8 WIAs and 1 KIA.

1725 hours (C) S-3 at D Co 3d plt location reports booby trap was a US type claymore set off by a US type detonator, which was buried in the ground on an old trail. The squad was cutting a trail and came across this old trail and stepped on the claymore detonator.

1813 hours (C) B Co reports at ZA105251 movement to the east 75 meters. They have coordinated with Recon and are now reconning by fire with M-16 and M-79.

2030 hours (C) C Co 3d plt hears tubes popping at 315 degrees and 1 click at ZA054230. C Co hears 50 caliber at 20 degrees azimuth 3 clicks approximately at ZA054230.

2040 hours (C) Recon and B Co CO hear tubes popping vicinity ZA124267.

2045 hours (C) A Co sees flashes at 225 degrees azimuth approximately 6 clicks and 140 degrees azimuth 6 clicks.

2053 hours (C) A Co hears tubes popping at 125 degrees azimuth approximately 6 clicks.

2112 hours (C) B Co reports their 702 element observed 25 to 30 enemy moving southwest at grid ZA146285 and they are planning arty at this time.

2145 hours (C) B Co says Battery under check fire at this time and we are unable to use Redleg at this time.

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14 May 1969

40th I

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

40th Inf Plt (Scout Dog)

4th Infantry Division

Eyewitness Statement

On 14 May 1969 at approximately 1600 hours. 3rd Platoon, D Company, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry was walking down a very old trail on our way to our night location. While walking down the trail the second man in line stepped on a claymore detonator. The claymore was about eight feet up the trail pointing down the trail. It was aimed waist high. It wounded eight men and killed two men. The scout dog was also killed. The dog handler and dog were third in the line of march. I don't know if there were any trip wires used. I do not know the reaction of the men who were wounded. The two men were killed by pellet and fragments from the mine.

Ronald Catiett
PFC E-3

KIA: SP4 David Schachner (40th Inf Plt)
KIA: SSG James C. Kopseng (3/D/1-35)
KIA: (Scout Dog) Hector X459

Names of eyewitnesses:

CPT Ernest P. Hotard, Commanding Officer, D Co, 1st Bn, 35th Inf.
PFC Thomas Cicero
PFC Ronald Catiett

15 May 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn
(1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

1/35th CP is at LZ Oasis
A Co CP YA982285
B Co CP ZA107251
C Co CP ZA039205
D Co CP ZA005233
Recon Plt ZA130251
4.2 Plt YA982285

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 15 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), 1/35th Command Post is at LZ Oasis ZA117277; A Company at ZA982285; B Company at ZA107251; C Company at ZA039205; D Company at ZA005233; Recon platoon at ZA130251; 4.2 mortar platoon YA982285; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1005 hours on 15 May 69 the readout on the enemy that B Company saw at 2112 hours said they found a trail (vicinity ZA145285) leading northwest and also to the blue line. 6 to 8 individuals went into the village located at coordinate ZA131292. The remainder continued northwest. At the blue line crossing they found barefoot tracks, Ho Chi Minh sandal tracks, did not see any weapons but heard a noise that sounded like metal. Late entry C Company at 1050 hours found an NVA Base Camp (new) 100 meters north of grid ZA040209. There were 6 bunkers 4 x 6 capable of holding 6 to 8 persons, occupied from 2 weeks to a month (estimate), well camouflaged with overgrowth and bamboo. They also found a top GI shirt pocket with unknown stains. A trail led from the bunker area to the blue line. Bunkers were recently used (approximately 5 days ago) and had steps out into the entrance. At 1320 hours C Company 3rd platoon at coordinate ZA033233 found 15 NVA bodies, approximately 2 months old, in fighting positions, little dirt thrown over them, no skin or flesh on the bodies. They also found 3 new B-40 rockets, 2 Chinese communist grenades, 1 NVA pack with all equipment, a downed LOH which they could not identify. They destroyed the bunkers and pack with contents (Answer to question from TOC concerning destruction of equipment). At 1907 hours on 15 May 69 a list of the pack contents was sent in. At 2141 hours on 15 May 69 B Company 70Y element had movement to the north, this side of the blue line, seemed to be moving towards the 70 (-) 3d platoon. Size of enemy movement was undetermined. At 2203 hours on 15 May 69 B Company employed artillery to divert the enemy towards 70Y 3d platoon position (vicinity ZA149285). At 2237 hours on 15 May 69 B Company ended the artillery mission. Also dogs were disturbed in the village and this indicated the enemy ran northwest into the village (coordinate ZA131291).

1005 hours (C) B Co to TOC: Readout on the spotting of individuals last night: The Co found a trail at ZA145285 running northwest, running to the blue line. 6 to 8 individuals went into the village at location ZA131292. The remainder continued northwest at the crossing of the blue line. The Co seen barefoot tracks, Ho Chi Minh tracks but did not observe any small arms. Individuals were carrying something that made a metal noise.

1100 (C) DELAYED ENTRY On 15 May 69 at 1050 hours C Co reported to TOC. They found an NVA Base Camp (new) 100 meters north of grid ZA040209. They found 6 bunkers with 2 feet overhead cover. Size was 4 x 6 and would hold 6-8 individuals. It appeared as though people stayed there 2 weeks to a month. All bunkers were well camouflaged with overgrowth bamboo and they found an upper breast GI shirt pocket with unknown stains. Estimated use of the bunkers was 5 days ago. A trail ran to the blue line from the bunkers and steps were cut in the entrance of recent use. No one saw the bunker in that area and the Co wants to check the whole area out more thoroughly.

1222 hours (C) D Co has a man whom has a medical breakdown and we request to have him brought in. Ans: We are trying to get an LOH.

1320 hours (C) C co from 18 and 16 element found at location ZA033233 15 NVA bodies approximately 2 months old (bones), 3 new B-40 rockets, 2 Chicom grenades, 1 NVA pack with all equipment. Bodies were found in fighting positions with a little dirt thrown over them. Also found was a downed LOH and it was beyond identification. Bodies were completely bones, no skin or flesh. We request someone to come her to identify the LOH.

1415 hours (C) Passed to A, B Cos: The enemy may attack by fire, or attack with ground probes, ground attacks are likely within next 24 hours.

1542 hours (C) From Bde S2 to Bn S2: There are strong intelligence indications of a planned enemy attack during the next 72 hours Sapper ground and attack by fire can be expected in the 3d Bde AO.

1548 hours (C) 1st PZ for D Co.

1617 hours (C) Bde informed us that when the CA for D Co is complete they are to secure the LZ and not move due to a possible move again to another area.

1630 hours (C) LZ is complete for D Co.

1645 hours (C) B Co 3d plt has 3 detainees, 2 mail and 1 female.

1720 hours (C) From S3 to Bde: Blackjack 39 reported 1 round he impacted under the bird, 1 kilometer north of B Co location ZA139255. Possible B-40. B Co said they did not fire at that time.

2056 hours (C) 1/35th S3 to S3 Bde: Plan Summary for 16 May - A Co is to continue security of the village and send out daily patrols, ambushes in their AO. B Co is to continue the search and clear east and south of the Oasis. C Co is to continue to search and clear to northeast along the la Puch River. D Co is to search and clear vicinity of their N/Ls. Recon is OPCON to B Co.

2141 hours (C) B Co to TOC: 70Y reports movement is this side of the blue line. It seems to be towards the 70 (-) location and of undetermined size.

2203 hours (C) B Co to S3: B Co reports using redleg near location of 70Y element to try to force enemy movement towards the 70 (-) element.

2247 hours (C) B Co reports redleg mission is complete and also the dogs in the village to the northwest are barking and making noise estimated that VC/NVA ran into the village.

16 May 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

1/35th CP is at LZ Oasis

A Co CP YA982285

B Co CP ZA139265

C Co CP ZA048226

D Co CP ZA060280
Recon Plt ZA103257
4.2 Plt YA982285

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 16 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), 1/35th Command Post is at LZ Oasis ZA117277; A Company at YA982285; B Company at ZA139265; C Company at ZA048226; D Company at ZA060280; Recon platoon at ZA103257; 4.2 mortar platoon YA982285; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1045 hours on 16 May 69 C Company 2nd platoon saw 7 individuals with weapons vicinity grid ZA054234 (name of village is Plei Klow). They employed M-79 against the enemy who fled to the south. At 1103 hours on 16 May 69 C Company employed their light organics on the enemy and the 2nd platoon will sweep through the village. At 1230 hours on 16 May 69 C Company completed the cordon around the village vicinity ZA054234. At 1255 hours on 16 May 69 C Company found 4 holes and a tunnel complex under village located at ZA054234. At 1430 hour C Company also found 4 holes 4 to 5 feet deep with 3 foot apertures which contained 1 lighter (504 written on it), 2 large crocks of rice, 3 M-60 ammo cans filled with rice and corn, a few Montagnard shawls, two live chickens, NVA uniforms, 4 Montgnard baskets (empty), 3 tins of rice and assorted beans, 3 NVA utensils kits for eating, some copper and other metal used for making bracelets. At 1600 hours on 16 May 69 the sergeant of the guard found one Montgnard bowl, 1 blasting cap, Vietnamese propaganda leaflet and a C-4 detonator. All these items were evacuated to Brigade. At 2247 hours on 16 May 69 A Company 3d-platoon saw 20 enemy soldiers to the south of the Rock Quarry in the open. They are employing artillery at this time. At 2318 hours on 16 May 69 the report of the previous incident was given. The enemy was first seen 500 meters, next they were seen 150 meters out and in a treeline. At that time the 3d platoon of A Company employed M-79, M-16 fire against them. At 2350 hours B Company heard footsteps 50 to 100 meters to their left flank.

1045 hours (C) C Co to TOC: C Co 2nd plt has spotted 7 individuals with weapons at location ZA054234 in a village named Plei Klow. They used M-79 and individuals fled to the south. The 2nd plt lead is following them.

1345 hours (C) B Co DustOff 30 is on station and it is complete at 1335 hours. At 1345 hours they report line #79 as a nervous breakdown.

1930 hours (C) From S3 to D Co: Have 1 plt ready for extraction now and your Co on standby for extraction to 965174 (Enemy hospital complex). 1/10 has contact.

1950 hours (C) From S3 to D Co: C/A has been cancelled tonight due to weather.

2012 hours (C) From S3 to D Co: Have your complete Co in a LZ NLT 0500 tomorrow and you will be picked up at 0505 hours.

2241 hours (C) D Co reports they hear S/A to north.

2247 hours (C) A Co element at Rock Quarry reports 20 VC/NVA in open. They are using redleg at this time and informed D Co of this.

17 May 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

1/35th CP is at LZ Oasis

A Co CP YA982285

B Co CP ZA139265

C Co CP ZA055227

D Co CP ZA060280

Recon Plt ZA098249

4.2 Plt YA982285

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 17 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), 1/35th Command Post is at LZ Oasis ZA117277; A Company at YA982285; B Company at ZA139265; C Company at ZA055227; D Company at ZA021239; Recon platoon at ZA102245; 4.2 mortar platoon YA982285; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

There was no contact during this period.

0455 hours (C) C co hears mortar tubes popping 1 to 3 clicks to the northeast and the rounds impacting 2 clicks to the south.

0543 hours (C) D Co says they are getting ready to be extracted at this time.

0651 hours (C) D Co to TOC: First PZ at 0657 hours, last PZ at 0747 hours, 1st LZ at 0703 hours, last LZ at 0750 hours. Co is OPCON top 1/10.

1040 hours (C) B Co to TOC: B Co 80 was closing on B Co location about 200 meters of the Co locations. They detained a 13-yr. old boy who was wearing a fatigue jacket and Montagnard bottom, had a short military haircut. The boy at the time, the boy was hiding in the bushes and when told to come out the scout dog bit him on his left forearm.

1155 hours (C) Recon to TOC: Recon had a man shoot himself in his right foot. Resupply bird landed at 1100 hours, was completed at 1104 hours and line #61 was brought to the 4th Med.

1540 hours (C) From D Co: Preparations start at 1624 hours. 1st PZ is at 1630 hours and

preparations are complete at 1638 hours.

1645 hours (C) D Co 1st LZ is cold.

1643 hours (C) D Co final PZ.

1655 hours (C) D Co final LZ.

2201 hours (U) Delayed Entry ON 16 May 69 at 1400 hours LTC Burris assumed command 1/35th from LTC English.

18 May 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div
Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

1/35th CP is at LZ Oasis

A Co CP YA982285

A Co 3d plt is at the Rock Quarry

B Co CP ZA139265

C Co CP ZA055227

D Co CP ZA021239

Recon Plt ZA102245

4.2 Plt YA982285

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 18 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), 1/35th Command Post is at LZ Oasis ZA117277; A Company at YA982285; B Company at ZA153282; C Company at ZA076239; D Company at ZA028242; Recon platoon at ZA102245; 4.2 mortar platoon YA982285; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1900 hours on 18 May 69 3 rounds impacted and were estimated to be 75mm Recoilless Rifle rounds which landed 500 meters in front of bunker 5 at LZ Oasis. At 2045 hours on 18 May 69 LRP's were employed at center mass of YA9819 and they will be coordinate with Battalion S3 to complete the above on 19 May 69.

0946 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY ON 18 May 69 at 0930 hours D Co found at ZA020238 a bunker complex of about 30 bunkers (sleeping bunkers). They could hold 5 to 6 individuals, 3 to 4 had overhead cover about 8 feet into the ground. Top was made of logs; dirt about 3 months old and the scout dog could no pick up any scent. Bunkers were not recently used and the Co had negative findings in them.

1850 hours (C) From base defense: Bunker 5 reported rounds landed approximately 500 meters in front of their position. They saw 3 rounds impact and were estimated to be 75mm RR rounds.

1900 hours (C) LZ Oasis is receiving incoming.

1900 hours (C) Recon has an azimuth of 280 degrees.

1900 hours (C) D Co has an azimuth of 35 degrees about 400 to 500 meters from the 80 element Rockets 122s.

1901 hours (C) Recon at ZA080235 Recoilless rifle or B-40 at grid ZA066248 2 mortar tubes.

1902 hours (C) D Co 3 rockets from ZA032261.

1903 hours (C) A Co at azimuth 110 degrees 4 or 5 kilometers Rockets.

1909 hours (C) Recon to TOC: Recon 80B hears 2 tubes at 285 degrees azimuth about 1.5 clicks and approximately ZA066248.

2047 hours (C) Bde to Bn S2: Weather from 181700 to 190700 hours is partly cloudy to cloudy, ceiling 1500 feet, visibility poor, winds variable 20 to 40 knots until 2200 hours, max temperature 94 minimum 73.

19 May 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

1/35th CP is at LZ Oasis

A Co CP YA982285

A Co 3d plt is at the Rock Quarry

B Co CP ZA139265

C Co CP ZA067329

D Co CP ZA016244

Recon Plt ZA102245

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 19 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), 1/35th Command Post is at LZ Oasis ZA117277; A Company at YA982285; B Company at ZA139265; C Company at ZA067239; D Company at ZA016244; Recon platoon at ZA102245; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis;

At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 0330 hours on 19 May 69 Bunker 5 reports that Thanh An (ARVN) is receiving incoming mortars and small arms fire.

0721 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY ON 19 May 69 at 0710 hours D Co 1st plt found 14 bunkers at location ZA024258, could hold 1 to 4 individuals, freshly built, recently used within 24 hours and they had negative findings in them.

0730 hours (C) TOC to Recon plt leader: Continue the present mission and general disposition. Sweep the area where recoilless weapon fire was suspected to have come from. Ambush in that area tonight and have the number of frag positions last night.

0740 hours (C) TOC to C Co: Continue your present mission and operation. Max effort on bunker construction at Rock Quarry. Obtain intelligence information from village and PF about the village, people and local condition. Coordinate with Dap Enang for reference to positioning your weapons platoon at that location for cross training.

0745 hours (C) TOC to B Co: Today's plan is approved. Assume a similar night position as last night. For tonight, stress malaria control through command channel.

0748 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY ON 19 May 69 at 0720 hours TOC ordered to D Co: Sweep the area of suspected rocket firing point. Prepare to ambush the same area tonight. Move your element in position to block along the la Blet River (015261). Position SRPs and ambushes in order of likely enemy movement and likely rocket launch position.

0800 hours (C) TOC to C Co: Continue the present mission using SRPs, ambushes, daylight patrols to prevent enemy movement from entering and leaving Oasis area. Leave the 16 element in the same general location. Near the road have 1 more CP and 1 or another element to the high ground north of your CP location (065247) to watch for movement and rocket flash. Continue to keep surveillance of la Puch River.

2000 hours (C) From D Co to TOC: 80 element found a tunnel in a ravine at ZA021264. It had bamboo tubes with wooden bases, which were inside. 2 to 3 feet long, 5 feet diameter.

20 May 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

1/35th CP is at LZ Oasis

A Co CP YA982285

A Co 3d plt is at the Rock Quarry

B Co CP ZA151251

C Co CP ZA068249

D Co CP ZA024249

Recon Plt ZA103256

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 20 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), 1/35th Command Post is at LZ Oasis ZA117277; A Company at YA982285; B Company at ZA151251; C Company at ZA068249; D Company at ZA024249; Recon platoon at ZA103256; 4.2 Mortar platoon located at YA982285; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1213 hours on 20 May 69 the Recon platoon was put on a 15 minute standby. At 1321 hours on 20 May 69 the Recon platoon was OPCON to the 1/10 Cav. At 1700 hours on 20 May 69 D Company found 3 butterfly (Airforce type) mines, 1 located off the trail with wire across the trail, other two were 50 meters apart in the middle of the trail buried up to the yellow part and covered with leaves. They were blown in place. At 1600 hours on 20 May 69 S3 Air received ground to air fire at ZA021273, at an altitude of 100 feet and 60 knots speed, small arms fire. At 2153 hours on 20 May 69 A Company requested a DustOff for a man with 104.6 temperature and it was complete at 2233 hours.

0401 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY ON 20 May 69 at 0358 hours B Co says 70 (-) element just had 4 rounds impact 300 meters to west of N/L, believed 81mm.

0400 hours (C) Arty check with US, ARVNs no one is firing.

0425 hours (C) B Co says they heard rounds impact in area again, think they came from Thanh An. They heard tubes popping towards Than An. Arty LNO told Bde LNO to inform Thanh An to stop firing in our AO.

1213 hours (C) S3 to Recon: Cpt Scott says you are on 15-minute standby to reinforce ARP 1/10th Cav and don't send anyone out. Pack up and be ready to move out.

1232 hours (C) S3 Air to Recon: You will be moving out and go up on the 44:10 push and contact Shamrock 81 or Shamrock 20. You will be going north to help out 1/10th.

21 May 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

1/35th CP is at LZ Oasis

A Co CP YA982285

A Co 3d plt is at the Rock Quarry

B Co CP ZA151251

C Co CP ZA075264

D Co CP ZA031284

Recon Plt OPCON to 1/10 Cav ZA102245

4.2 Mortar plt YA982285

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 21 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), 1/35th Command Post is at LZ Oasis ZA117277; A Company at YA982285; B Company at ZA139265; C Company at ZA055227; D Company at ZA021239; Recon platoon is OPCON to the 1/10 Cav located at ZA102245; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 0405 hours on 21 May 69 bunker 5 at LZ Oasis reported 8 to 10 rounds AK-47 fired towards the perimeter 100 meters right of the flex pad. At 0747 hours on 21 May 69 the 1st squad of 3d platoon C Company 100 meters northwest of grid ZA060257 received sniper fire while returning to the 3d platoon night location. One man was slightly injured in the arm #91 May roster. At 0816 hours 21 May 69 C Company received fire from M-16s from a Montagnard resulting in 3 men shot, one in the leg and one in the shoulder, one in the arm.

0207 hours (C) To all units from S-2: Usually intelligence shows that attacks by fire are likely throughout Pleiku and Kontum province within the next 48 hours.

0810 hours (C) C Co to TOC: EM who was shot was 3rd in the column and the sniper opened up. Sweep of the area negative findings and enemy fled west.

0816 hours (C) C Co have 3 EM shot in leg, shoulder, arm.

0845 hours (C) 1/35th TOC to Bde: In reference to C Co's contact earlier they employed small arms fire, sniper fled to the west and they had 3 friendly casualties.

0850 hours (C) C Co to TOC: A total of 3 casualties by M-16 and a Montagnard fired the M-16. The Co is currently sweeping the area and conducting an investigation, will report as they receive reports.

1305 hours (C) C Co to TOC: First PZ at 1305 hours, first LZ at 1315 hours cold, last PZ at 1351 hours, last LZ at 1358 hours.

2359 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY On 21 May 69 C Co reported to TOC at 2350 hours. The 70K element spotted 9 to 10 individuals moving from south to the west.

22 May 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

1/35th CP is at LZ Oasis

A Co CP ZA095416

B Co CP ZA092274

C Co CP ZA039363

D Co CP ZA982285

D Co 1st plt at Rock Quarry

Recon plt ZA127418

4.2 Mortar plt YA982285

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 22 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), 1/35th Command Post is at LZ Oasis ZA117277; A Company at ZA095416; B Company at ZA092274; C Company at ZA039363; D Company at YA982285; Recon platoon is located at ZA127418; 4.2 mortar located at YA982285; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1930 hours on 22 May 69 B Company reports 3 rocket flashes at ZA025265. At 1931 hours on 22 May 69 LZ Oasis reports 3 incoming rounds. At 1934 hours on 22 May 69 Recon platoon received 5 rounds of incoming 60mm, 500 meters at 40 degrees azimuth from their 80A element grid ZA131423.

0055 hours (C) C Co to TOC: Final readout on 70K sighting Spotted 9 to 10 individuals moving south to west, seen from noise when they were 200 meters off. They passed the element, they were 500 meters away, arty employed and it will sweep the area in the morning.

0700 hours (C) TOC to B Co: Joint operation with ARNV is still on call. In the mean time you are assigned an AO approximate boundaries follow: 0027, 0021, 0721 and 0727. Mission is to search and clear and employ squad size patrols, max SRPs and ambushes when patrolling. Establish SRPs in likely location and leave them in paths a minimum of 24 hrs, longer if possible. Prefer 3 or 4 strategically placed SRPs who can watch village stream line trails on a 24-hour day basis. For any other type of N/L use your own directions.

0707 hours (C) C Co to TOC: CO of C Co reports hearing S/A, automatic weapons fire 225 degrees azimuth at a distance of 2 to 3 clicks. They also would like to speak to S3 air. S3 air contacted D Co and the Co can't hear firing.

0807 hours (C) C Co reports they sent SRP to location where they spotted VC/NVA yesterday and had negative findings. At this time they have a SOD enroute to check the area further.

0910 hours (C) TOC to A, C Co, Recon: A Co is to continue present mission in AO concentrating on area near LZ Nancy and establishing strategic located SRPs in the area near where 24 hour day surveillance over trail, village and stream liner can be burned. Their SRPs will be left in positions for at least 24 hours. You should max use of squad size daylight patrols. Organize you AO into search area and search thoroughly keeping track of where you have been and where you need to go. Avoid duplication and unnecessary walking through the area.

1743 hours (C) From TOC to A Co: 18 May report (F-3) 3 VC/VMC platoon location ZA077432 unit intends to attack an unspecified target in Pleiku City or Plei Blang on 21 May.

1931 hours (C) LZ Oasis reports 3 incoming rounds.

1933 hours (C) B Co to TOC: 80 have flashes at 300 degrees azimuth 1 to 1 1/2 clicks.

1934 hours (C) From Recon to TOC: Report receiving incoming, 5 rounds, 60mm, 500 meters at 40-degree azimuth.

1934 hours (C) From Recon 131423 where incoming is coming from negative casualties and damage reported.

1934 hours (C) From C Co to TOC: 52K element hears tubes pop at 345 degree azimuth, 3 clicks.

1938 hours (C) From B Co to TOC: 325 degrees 3 kilometers 1 round, 340 degrees 3 kilometers 1 round.

23 May 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

1/35th CP is at LZ Oasis

A Co CP ZA075416

B Co CP ZA064254

C Co CP ZA040363
D Co CP ZA982285
D Co 1st plt at Rock Quarry
Recon plt ZA127418
4.2 Mortar plt YA982285

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 23 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), 1/35th Command Post is at LZ Oasis ZA117277; A Company at ZA075416; B Company at ZA064254; C Company at ZA040363; D Company at YA982285; Recon platoon is located at ZA127418; 4.2 mortar platoon located at YA982285; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 0443 hours on 23 May 69 LZ Oasis was receiving incoming at this time, alarm was sounded. At 0445 hours on 23 May 69 LZ Oasis receiving more incoming, D Company saw flashes 100 degrees range 4 to 6 kilometers. At 1418 hours on 23 May 69 70 element B Company grid ZA062268 spotted two VC/NVA across the blue line, employed S/A, M-79, 81mm fire. Results were 1 Ak-47, 1 KIA VC/NVA with green fatigues, 4 AK magazines, 2 Chicom grenades, 1 NVA rucksack, 1 pistol belt, 1 cooking pot, 1 gas mask (Chinese), 20 pounds of rice, plastic.

0443 hours (C) LZ Oasis is receiving incoming at this time sounded alarm.

0456 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY On 23 May 69 at 0445 hours our people at Thanh An say they also have incoming.

0600 hours (C) Received some more rounds incoming and D Co says they saw flashes on 100 to 110 degree azimuth, 4 to 6 clicks range estimate and element at Rock Quarry says they saw flashes approximately 2 clicks due south.

0946 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY On 23 May 69 at 0940 hours B Co to TOC: B Cos 86 element found remains of downed chopper at grid ZA064245, tail #16583 looks like it had already been stripped and it is a slick.

(Information on U.S. Army helicopter UH-1D tail number 66-16583

The Army purchased this helicopter 0667

Total flight hours at this point: 00000594

Date: 03/31/1968

Unit: D/1/10 CAV

South Vietnam

UTM grid coordinates: ZA027236)

Note, the grid location does not agree with the grid that 86 element reported to TOC?

1035 hours (C) B Co to TOC: 70 element at ZA059266 found 1 bag individual type with food of an unknown kind, few trails along stream recently used within 2 to 3 days.

1043 hours (C) B Co to TOC: Reference to earlier message about downed slick; All parts were real old and rusty, found C-rations cans all around and looks like another element found it before. We are unable to determine whether it had bullet holes or not.

1130 hours (C) B Co to TOC: 16 element found at grid ZA953263 a campsite along blueline showed signs of eating and sleeping in last two days, sandal and barefoot tracks heading south along blueline about 15 individuals.

1231 hours (C) A Co is going to CA at 1345 hours Recon is going to CA at 1320 hours.

1339 hours (C) First PZ 1330 hours Recon, 1st LZ is at 1339 hours.

1418 hours (C) From B Co to TOC: Spotted 2 VC/NVA across blueline at 062268, employing M-79 and we think we shot one.

1429 hours (C) A Co first PZ at 1429 hours.

1455 hours (C) B Co to TOC: Employed light organics on the contact site. 70 sweeping area at this time.

1520 hours (C) From B Co 70 to TOC: Found 1 KIA VC/NVA green fatigue, 1 AK-47, 4 AK-47 magazines, 2 Chicom grenades, 1 quart canteen, 1 NVA rucksack, 1 pistol belt, 1 cooking pot, 1 gas mask (Chinese), 20 lbs. rice, plastic.

1545 hours (C) From B Co to TOC: 70 element found trail running north at contact site, other VC/NVA believed to have fled north on this trail, 16 has closed the CP.

1551 hours (C) Final LZ A Co at ZA005276.

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div
Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

1/35th CP is at LZ Oasis

A Co CP ZA013275

B Co CP ZA054260

C Co CP ZA040363

D Co CP ZA982285

D Co 1st plt at Rock Quarry

Recon plt ZA121283

4.2 Mortar plt YA982285

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 24 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), 1/35th Command Post is at LZ Oasis ZA117277; A Company at

ZA013275; B Company at ZA054260; C Company at ZA040363; D Company at YA982285; Recon platoon is located at ZA121283; 4.2 mortar platoon located at YA982285; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 0805 hours on 24 May 69 D Company located at the Rock Quarry has tripped a trip flare, fired S/A. Results found wire cut to last strand, wire cutters, blood, bloody bandage, 2 B-40 rockets, bangalore torpedoes, 7 satchel charges weight of each 12 lbs., 2 Chinese Communist grenades. At 1120 hours on 24 May 69 C Company found a 1000-LB bomb 8 feet long, 2 feet in diameter at location ZA039350. At 1715 hours on 24 May 69 1st platoon of D Company reports convoy receiving small arms fire from both sides of the road at ZA062310. The enemy fired at four vehicles from both sides and the Company employed 6 rounds of light organics, 50 caliber and small arms. Results were unknown. At 1742 hours on 24 May 69 D Company (Rock Quarry) reports spotting enemy in the open at ZA069309, employed light organics and artillery.

0818 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY On 24 May 69 at 0805 hours from D Co to TOC: Co reports activity last night on the Rock Quarry on its perimeter on the south and west sides. At south sides they found a large pair of wire cutters, blood, bloody bandage. Wire was cut to the last strand and on the south side the enemy was spotted and guard fired on the movement. They also found 2 B-40 rockets, bangalore torpedoes and 7 satchel charges weighing 10 to 14 lbs. and 2 Chicom grenades.

0840 hours (C) B Co to TOC: 80 element found location ZA057241 personal letters (US), 1/8 of C Co special promotion orders, paper on NCO school, personal pictures (US), Baptism papers with names on letters (Elliott, Ronald), 4 VC/NVA holes 4 x 4, 2 bloody bandages (US), blood on leaves and ground, 1 bloody GI towel the age unknown.

0946 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY 24 May 69 at 0843 hours D Co to TOC: On the side the wire was cut to the last strand of concertina. On the west side it was cut to the 1st strand of concertina. The trip flares were tied up.

1120 hours (C) C Co to TOC: Found a bomb about 1000 lbs., 8 feet long x 2 feet diameter, yellow marking on it, writing on it aircraft something, location about ZA039350.

1405 hours (C) From A Co to TOC: 70 element (3d plt) found 5 tunnels at ZA001288 approximately 2 by 4 feet. Found in the tunnel were 1 bamboo mat, 1 clay bowl, 1 Montagnard basket, 1 bell, 1 gong, 1 ceremony type not destroyed.

1451 hours (C) PZ First Recon.

1525 hours (C) LZ final Recon.

1715 hours (C) From D Co to TOC: 1st plt at Rock Quarry reports convoy receiving S/A fire. From approximately ZA062310, they employed 6 rounds light organics, 50 caliber, S/A. There were 4 VC/NVA who were firing on the truck and fire came from both sides of the road. 4 vehicles coming to the Oasis.

1742 hours (C) From D Co to TOC: Rock Quarry reports spotting enemy in open at ZA069309, they are employing light organics, artillery.

2030 hours (C) C Co hears burst of automatic weapons fire to their west about 1 to 2 clicks.

2051 hours (C) From B Co: They heard 6 tubes from ZA016255, negative impact.

2051 hours (C) From A Co: 03 element heard tube pop to the southeast unknown distance.

2051 hours (C) Rock Quarry sees flashes 3500 mils (185 degrees azimuth) 3000 meters away.

2100 hours (C) From B Co: 1 rocket from between ZA027262 to 035268.

2350 hours (C) C Co reports hearing tubes popping northeast 2 to 2 1/2 clicks and impacting due north.

2315 hours (C) Recon also hears them due west.

25 May 1969

Recon (Echo) 1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

From the 15 June 1969 The Steadfast and Loyal

Recons Reflexes Are VC Downfall

By PFC Gerald Ducharme

Oasis- 25 May 1969- The quick, well trained reflexes of an infantry reconnaissance platoon were the downfall of a Viet Cong (VC) squad of eight operating 10 miles west of Camp Enari. The recon platoon from Echo Company of the Famous fighting Fourth Divisions 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry, discovered eight VC dressed in both green fatigues and black pajamas and equipped with weapons and rucksacks. The enemy squad emerging from a woodline 100 meters south of the Cacti Green platoon was traveling southwest along a stream bank. Without hesitation the recon element reacted before the surprised VC could respond. Small arms fire was employed, resulting in four enemy killed and the detention of one VC suspect. Captain James Scott of Coleman, Tex., battalion S-3, observed the conflict from a Light Observation Helicopter (LOH) and commented, It was the alertness of the platoon members that enabled us to engage the enemy squad without taking any injuries. Our recon element noticed that the eight enemy suspects were walking into an open area, continued Captain Scott, and they readied themselves before small arms fire was exchanged.

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div
Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

1/35th CP is at LZ Oasis

A Co CP ZA012286

B Co CP ZA046255

C Co CP ZA040363

D Co CP ZA982285

D Co 1st plt at Rock Quarry

Recon plt ZA120361

4.2 Mortar plt YA982285

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 25 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), 1/35th Command Post is at LZ Oasis ZA117277; A Company at ZA022292; B Company at ZA039242; C Company at ZA145365; D Company at ZA982285; Recon platoon is located at ZA121354; 4.2 mortar platoon located at ZA982285; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1022 hours on 25 May 69 Recon platoon reports they saw 8 VC/NVA and employed S/A have 1 wounded (POW) dropped four of them, wearing rucksacks, heading southwest, three enemy killed. At 1035 hours 25 May 69 Recon platoon has one seriously wounded POW. LOH is on ground to extract, captured many documents, have negative weapons, enemy wore black pajamas, others were wearing green uniforms. At 1245 hours 25 May 69 S3 reports, POW has a serious head wound. His name is Le Trouc 1st Sgt. Of 408th Sapper Bn of the GIA LAI Province. At 1330 hours on 25 May 69 Recon platoon captured 5 pounds of documents and papers, 4 NVA Flags, 72 110 Piasters, 4 M-60 ammo cans, 1 pistol belt, 2 canteens. At 1810 hours 25 May 69 the Recon platoon reported receiving S/A fire, 60mm and 5 to 10 rounds at grid ZA115355. Contact was broke at 1815 hours. At 1840 hours on 25 May 69 the Recon platoon reports receiving more S/A from the northwest. At 2318 hours on 25 May 69 the Recon platoon plus 18 and 80 elements spotted one individual and they employed M-79, think there are more because of movement, also employed artillery.

0906 hours (C) C Co to TOC: 1st PZ at 0851 hours, first LZ at 0905 hours, last PZ at 0939 hours, last LZ at 0945 hours.

1022 hours (C) Recon reports they saw 2 VC/NVA and sprayed them with S/A, dropped four of them, have wounded VC/NVA POW. They were wearing rucksacks, heading southwest and 3 enemy killed.

1054 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY On 25 May 69 at 1035 hours Recon reports they have one seriously wounded POW and LOH is on ground to extract him. Believe there is 2 more VC/NVA in

stream. Captured many documents, negative weapons, enemy was wearing black pajamas and others were wearing green uniforms.

1126 hours (C) S3 officer to TOC: S3 Cpt. Scott requests tracker dog team to Recon's location also want to keep LOH to try and locate VC/NVA that escaped.

1238 hours (C) C Co reports 80 element found 20 foxholes at coordinate ZA126375, barefoot prints approximately 2 days old, one PR boot print not GI type. They found some papers the KCS says they look like VC tax forms. 6 of the holes were NVA type, the rest did not have overhead cover.

1330 hours (C) S2 to TOC: Ref to Recon 1/35th contact at 1022 hours vicinity ZA112353. They captured an estimated 5 lbs. of documents paper, 4 NVA Flags, 72 110 Piasters, 4 M60 ammo cans, 1 pistol belt, 2 canteens and these were evacuated to 3d Bde MI Det. Initial interrogations of WIA NVA indicates that he was a 1st Sgt. Of the 408th Bn Sapper with the mission of interdicting highway between Letlung to Pleiku.

1351 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY On 25 May 69 at 1348 hours from Recon CO to S3 officer: Recon to Cpt. Scott: Searched caves, had negative findings. It appears the enemy went to a hill on the tea plantation. Request tracker dog and be informed that the area is close to the edge of my AO. Answer from Cpt. Scott to Recon CO Go ahead into the plantation to try and find those people.

1401 hours (C) From Recon to TOC: Results are 1 POW, 3 WIAs from action reoprted at 1022 hours this am.

1550 hours (C) From A Co: 80 element at ZA031288 found fresh campsite (used within 24 hrs) found; 1 homemade rucksack, 1 PR GI boots, 2 Montagnard knives, 1 M-16 ammo box with cleaning equipment, 1 part of poncho, 1 bottle of rice.

1810 hours (C) Recon is receiving S/A fire and possible 60mm 5 to 10 rounds approximate grid ZA115355. Contact was broke at 1815 hours.

1820 hours (C) From S3 to Bde: Request gunships from Recon.

1830 hours (C) Gambler guns on station for Recon.

1840 hours (C) Recon receiving more S/A from northwest.

1915 hours (C) C Cos 80 element at 350 degrees azimuth 1 to 1 1/2 kilometers heard tubes popping.

2318 hours (C) Recons OP says they spotted one individual employed M-79 and individual was to their south they thing that there are some more of the same type in the that area from the movement therefore, they used artillery.

26 May 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div
Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

1/35th CP is at LZ Oasis
A Co CP ZA023293
B Co CP ZA039243
C Co CP ZA145365
D Co CP ZA982285
D Co 2nd plt at Rock Quarry
Recon plt ZA122354
4.2 Mortar plt ZA982285

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 26 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), 1/35th Command Post is at LZ Oasis ZA117277; A Company at ZA012286; B Company at ZA046255; C Company at ZA040363; D Company at ZA982285; Recon platoon is located at ZA120361; 4.2 mortar platoon located at ZA982285; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

0343 hours (C) Recon 70 OP had movement and they employed arty 2 HE, 1 smoke movement was west of the OP at about 0300 hours.

0710 hours (C) TOC to C Co CO: 1. Continue present mission as planned. 2. Receive OPCON your 80 element 1000 hours. 3. Have them sweep back to their last patrol base, remainder of the day if necessary.

0710 hours (C) TOC to Recon plt leader: Conduct a thorough search of immediate area at this time using both platoons at 1000 hours. Release 80 of C Co. Have it sweep back to its last patrol base and the element is under C Co control upon leaving your patrol base.

0714 hours (C) TOC to D Co: Continue present mission and submit plans for following day to include ambush location, patrol plans, surveillance plans, etc. At 1800 hours each day.

0716 hours (C) TOC to B Co: Plans for 26 May approved. Request necessary support for any village cordon operation, you may want to be done.

0734 hours (C) TOC to C Co: Continue present mission of searching southern part of your AO today. Be prepared for either an AO change or another mission tomorrow.

1032 hours (C) Recon to TOC: Found on sweep at ZA121354 1 US 60mm round, 1 AK cleaning rod, some expended AK-47 rounds.

1045 hours (C) S-3 to Recon: Release the 80 element and return to area where you had contact yesterday and start probing area for holes or caves along the stream. Take your clothes off and make an extensive search in stream for caves.

1346 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY On 26 May 69 at 1314 hours from B Co 2nd plt to TOC: Found at loc ZA032264 3 hoochs looked like prison, they could hold about 4 individuals. Inside they found 2 hollow logs secured at one end (Alligator jaws). Size 4 x 4, logs have a hinge on one end so it will open. Logs had notches in them. Notches have hair in them. Found 2 musical instruments xylophone. Passed to Cpt. Scott and Bde (AG).

1460 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY On 26 May 69 at 1456 hours from Bn CO to TOC: Spotted a squad size element carrying rockets of some sort ZA035245.

2236 hours (C) S-2 to all elements subject: Possible Enemy Attacks. Usually reliable intelligence indicated that attacks will take place in the Ben Het, Dak To areas during the period 26 thru 28 May 69. Possible attacks by fire and ground probes can be expected on Polei Kleng, Plei Mrong, Duc Co SF Camp, Kontum City, Pleiku City, Oasis and Camp Enari. Most of these areas have been probed in one fashion or another in the past several weeks.

2352 hours (C) To CO of A Co from S03: 1. Gather your entire Co into a LZ by 1500 hours tomorrow to receive a hot meal and a change of clothes. 2. You will be moved by CA on 28 May to civ LZ Nancy. 3. Tomorrow night you are expected to put out 4 SRPs or ambushes approximately 1 kilometer from your CP.

27 May 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

1/35th CP is at LZ Oasis

A Co CP ZA013275

B Co CP ZA031242

C Co CP ZA145365

D Co CP ZA982285

D Co 2nd plt & 4th Plt at Rock Quarry

Recon plt ZA115356

4.2 Mortar plt ZA982285

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 27 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), 1/35th Command Post is at LZ Oasis ZA117277; A Company at

ZA013275; B Company at ZA031242; C Company at ZA145365; D Company at ZA982285; Recon platoon is located at ZA115356; 4.2 mortar platoon located at ZA982285; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

0002 hours (C) To CO of C Co from S-3: 1. Continue present operation thru tomorrow. 2. Concentrate search and ambushes tomorrow in areas bounded by 1236, 1234, 1533 and 1534. 3. Be prepared for CA sometime on 28 May to vicinity LZ Kay.

1520 hours (C) From Recon to TOC: At 320-degree azimuth and 300 meters from Recons position (118348) we are receiving automatic, S/A and mortar fire 60mm.

1520 hours (C) 80 element hears S/A on a 290-degree azimuth 600 meters from ZA129361.

1525 hours (C) From TOC to Bde: Request a set of guns for Recon at ZA118348.

1537 hours (C) Recon says gunships on station for Recon, Gambler 46.

1553 hours (C) Gunships expended, going back to rearm.

1554 hours (C) Recon says cider 30 on station for possible air strike.

1610 hours (C) Recon employing arty at this time.

1615 hours (C) From FAC to TOC: Fighters on station

1629 hours (C) Forward Air Command to TOC: Fighters are going in on 1st bomb run.

1721 hours (C) From S-3 to Recon and C Co: C Co 80, 70 elements are now OPCON to Recon.

1810 hours (C) From Recon to TOC: Air strikes, redleg complete. Recon element and 80, 70 will sweep the area at this time.

1908 hours (C) From B Co to TOC: B Co spot report; 70 element at ZA023243 found a trail junction with a main trail running north-south; 6 to 8 feet wide. Showed signs of recent use, and is well used. 50 meters north of junction found bunker complex approximately 100 bunkers, 3 x 4, 2-foot overhead cover, logs and dirt. They were very old and deteriorating, many had caved in. There was a network of foot trails going through and out of bunker system, running NE, W, SW and NW. Approximately 2 feet wide. Bunker system showed negative use for and unknown time. Also found village at ZA024236 which is not on map.

28 May 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div
Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

1/35th CP is at LZ Oasis
A Co CP ZA006278
B Co CP ZA023240
C Co CP ZA144347
D Co CP ZA982285
D Co 2nd plt & 4th Plt (-) at Rock Quarry
Recon plt ZA115345
4.2 Mortar plt ZA982285

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 28 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), 1/35th Command Post is at LZ Oasis ZA117277; A Company at ZA006278; B Company at ZA023240; C Company at ZA114347; D Company at ZA982285; Recon platoon is located at ZA115345; 4.2 mortar platoon located at ZA982285; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

0030 hours (C) Recon to TOC: Received 20 rounds of 60mm mortar at 1520 hours 27 May 69.

0750 hours (C) A Co We have a 2 bird LZ at this time, it will take about 1 hour to get all ready for extraction.

1030 hours (C) A Co CA first PZ at 1005 hours, 1st LZ at 1021 hours, last PZ at 1110 hours, last LZ at 1117 hours.

1110 hours (C) From Bde: Need plt on standby (15 minute), will be deployed by 1/10 Cav. Call back plt and loc to be picked up. Ans: We will have C Co 2nd plt on 15 minute standby for 1/10 Cav, need loc ZA151346 good LZ.

1440 hours (C) From S-3 1/10 to S-3 and Cos: 1/10 will have 2 APCs arriving in your general area within the next 10 to 15 minutes to look for the 3 MIAs. They will remain in your area for approximately 1 hour then leave. They will be in vicinity coordinate ZA136340.

2050 hours (C) From C Co to TOC: Hear tubes popping at azimuth 220 degrees and 4 clicks.

2125 hours (C) From Bde S-2 to Bn S-2: Intelligence indicates the presence of a Bn size enemy force within striking distance of the Oasis and T/A area. It is believed to be the same unit that attacked the Oasis on 11, 12 of May. COs should be aware of the light date Moonrise at 1500 hours; moon set at 0314 hours.

29 May 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

1/35th CP is at LZ Oasis

A Co CP ZA069432

B Co CP ZA023240

C Co CP ZA144347

D Co CP ZA982285

D Co 2nd plt & 4th Plt (-) at Rock Quarry

Recon plt ZA102361

4.2 Mortar plt ZA982285

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 29 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), 1/35th Command Post is at LZ Oasis ZA117277; A Company at ZA069432; B Company at ZA023240; C Company at ZA144347; D Company at ZA982285; Recon platoon is located at ZA102361; 4.2 mortar platoon located at ZA982285; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

0047 hours (C) LZ Oasis is receiving incoming at this time.

0049 hours (C) C Co to TOC: Hear tubes popping southwest 190 or 200 degrees azimuth, 2 to 3 clicks away.

0055 hours (C) Recon to TOC: Hear tubes popping on a 170 and 240 degrees azimuth, approximately 1 click away.

0111 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY On 29 May 69 at 0015 hours 50A reported to TOC: Thanh An is also receiving incoming.

0205 hours (C) Bde TOC to 1/35th TOC: In ref to question of how many rounds LZ Oasis received; estimate 30 to 40 or 40 to 50 rounds were received, not sure yet. Bde said they did receive at least 1 122mm rocket, some B-40s.

0810 hours (C) B Co to TOC: 2nd plt is at PZ waiting to be extracted. PZ is ZA026241.

0920 hours (C) C Co to TOC: 2nd plt found 4 cases of linked 30-cal ammo and about 30 60mm empty mortar casings at ZA135351.

1316 hours (C) B Co 2nd plt will have rice ready for pick up at 1400 hours.

1317 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY On 29 May 69 at 1255 hours the Recon is in contact at this time, fire coming from the south. Believed to be a squad size enemy element (water detail made contact). Loc ZA102361.

1540 hours (C) From Recon to TOC: Completed sweep and found expended AK47 rounds, sleeping area where hoochs were set up, no bunkers, fresh trails east to west of the stream (very fresh).

1642 hours (C) From TOC S-3 to B Co: Have your 2nd plt on standby for reaction force for LRRP.

1645 hours (C) From S-3 to C Co: Have one of your plt size elements on standby for reaction force. Bde will decide on 1 of the 2 platoons.

1650 hours (C) From Bde to Bn: Reaction force on standby for LRRP at YA9410.

1652 hours (C) C Cos 1st plt is on standby.

1724 hours (C) A Co 1st plt at ZA085434 is receiving S/A fire.

1729 hours (C) B Co 2nd plt 1st PZ.

1731 hours (C) In ref to item 63 receiving AK47 fire: From 140 degrees azimuth 60 to 75 meters, 4 to 6 individuals are employing our light organics at this time. Contact was broken at 1732 hours.

1750 hours (C) B Co 2nd plt 1st LZ is cold.

1909 hours (C) From D Co to TOC: The district chief says that there is company of VC at YA980230. Mission to attack Thanh An.

2010 hours (C) Ref 76: Mission is to attack the Thanh An area. It also said D Co might get hit by 1 to 15 individuals from a VC Co tonight. This information came from an informant who worked at District HQ. Also there is a VC plt at ZA158535.

2030 hours (C) C Co heard tubes popping at ZA110320.

2030 hours (C) Recon heard tubes pop about 1 or 1 clicks away on a 155 degree azimuth.

2115 hours (C) From D Co to TOC: The CP heard tubes popping at 110 degree azimuth and at a distance of 2500 meter; also 3d plt heard same at 85 degree azimuth at about 2000 meters and 80A heard at 105 degree azimuth of 2000 meter distance. Also 80C heard tubes pop at 90 degree azimuth at distance of 4000 to 5000 meters. Also all heard S/A at same locations respectively.

2130 hours (C) From D Co to TOC: D co 2nd plt at Rock Quarry had a trip flare go off on the south side of the perimeter and thought they saw a VC/NVA, opened up S/A and employed M-79 rounds.

2301 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY On 29 May 69 at 2225 hours message from Bn CO to all elements COs: 1. No offensive actions will occur between 300600 and 310600 May in honor of Buddhas birthday. 2. SRPs and ambushes will be maintained as usual. Arty will be fired only on contact missions. Normal movement and defensive patrols will be conducted as usual. Need acknowledgement.

30 May 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div
Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

1/35th CP is at LZ Oasis

A Co CP ZA069432

B Co CP ZA016239

C Co CP ZA115355

D Co CP ZA982285

D Co 2nd plt & 4th Plt (-) at Rock Quarry

Recon plt ZA102361

4.2 Mortar plt ZA982285

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 30 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), 1/35th Command Post is at LZ Oasis ZA117277; A Company at ZA069432; B Company at ZA016239; C Company at ZA115355; D Company at ZA982285; Recon platoon is located at ZA102361; 4.2 mortar platoon located at ZA982285; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

0037 hours (C) Message to D Co From S-2: Edap Enang at grid ZA023313 received one B-40 inside perimeter on west side about 15 minutes ago.

0543 hours (C) S-3 (SGC Speller) to Bde TOC: 1/35th has ceased all offensive operations.

1247 hours (C) C co to TOC: 1st plt at ZA114368 took S/A fire by 15 individuals from northwest 150 meters.

1251 hours (C) C Co to TOC: 1st plt broke contact. Enemy fled to the north and area was swept with negative results.

1345 hours (C) D Co to Toc: 1st plt was sweeping in the area of YA953288 and found an M-16 (3003) in the bushes in that location. It was there approximately 2 years, all rusty, old type weapon. They will

bring in to the CP tomorrow when they up and send it on a resupply bird.

2000 hours (C) TOC to C Co: Weather report; 1900 hours to 0700 hours cloudy, ceiling 1000 feet, visibility poor with thunderstorms and rain showers, winds variable 20 to 40 knots.

2207 hours (C) C Co to Toc: Mortar tube popping at 160-degree azimuth, 300 meters away.

31 May 1969

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Oasis ZA117277

Unit Locations:

1/35th CP is at LZ Oasis

A Co CP ZA069433

B Co CP ZA016239

C Co CP ZA104371

D Co CP ZA982285

D Co 2nd plt & 4th Plt (-) at Rock Quarry

Recon plt ZA090361

4.2 Mortar plt ZA982285

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 31 May 1969. Unit locations: At LZ Oasis grid ZA117277; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), 1/35th Command Post is at LZ Oasis ZA117277; A Company at ZA069433; B Company at ZA016239; C Company at ZA104371; D Company at ZA982285; Recon platoon is located at ZA090361; 4.2 mortar platoon located at ZA982285; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward) at LZ Oasis; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

1110 hours (C) B Co CP 4th plt present location ZA012241 spot report by the 1st plt: Found newly built village at ZA009231 approximately 30 hoochs, people abandoned this morning and took a trail 300 degrees. Searching village now.

1120 hours (C) B Cos 1st plt, 2nd squad is setting up a day B/M at ZA009241 on a trail. 2nd plt apprehended 3 Mountagnards of military age at ZA010244. They are bringing them to CP now.

1628 hours (C) From Recon to TOC: At Za088357 found 5 bunkers 7 to 10 months old. Have 2 to 3 ft of overhead cover. Each bunker will hold 2 to 3 people, could have been used recently because there are no cobwebs. There is a trail running east and west at this location.

1635 hours (C) From D Co to TOC: 80A at ZA957295 received S/A fire from ZA970293 on edge of the village. Received 2, 10-12 round bursts, in a space of 45 seconds and rounds landed within 15

meters of my element. Moved element out of vicinity of fire. We were not able to fire back because of the village.

1708 hours (C) From D Co to TOC: 80A received about 5 more rounds of S/A fire from the village, sent the 80 (-) (1st plt) to vicinity immediately to possibly block off people who are firing. We are going to move through the village.

1845 hours (C) From B Co to TOC: 1st plt while moving to their N/L came across a clearing and spotted an individual 15 meters to their north on a trail at ZA009249. He was wearing green fatigues but could not determine if he had a weapon. They immediately took him under fire. He fled north up the trail and they reconned the trail by fire and swept the area with negative findings.

1930 hours (C) From S-3 to CO of A Co: You will be extracted to the Oasis airstrip tomorrow for a new mission southwest of the Oasis. You will be given 1 day tomorrow for showers, haircuts, hot food, etc., and will move out by foot tomorrow night. I need a proposed PZ for your Co and the earliest possible time you can be extracted (NLT 0930 hours earlier if possible).

2015 hours (C) From Recon, hears tubes popping azimuth 90 degrees, 1 click.

2015 hours (C) From C Co to TOC: Recon probably hears us. We had movement on the perimeter south between us and the blueline. Fired M-79s, will keep posted.