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ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS		
	IN	OUT					
1	0001		(U) IOG OPENED/ Trp C C2, Trp A 120691	Lt. Keivens	MP		
2	0039		(U) Radar spotted 2-3 people moving SW, 60mm mortar going in. 50 rds neg further assessment.	Lt. Keivens	MP		
3	0045		(U) Sit Rep N/C	Rde	MP		
4	0045		(U) Sit Rep N/C	Rde	IP		
5	0210		(U) Trp A stop all arty fires while medevac lands for man with high fever	Lt. Keivens	IP		
6	0215		(U) Medivac unable to medivac personnel due to weather	Lt. Keivens	IP		
7	0245		(U) Sit Rep N/C	Rde	IP		
8	0345		(U) Sit Rep N/C	Rde	IP		
9	0405		(U) Sit Rep N/C	Rde	IP		
10	0545		(U) Sit Rep N/C	Rde	IP		
11	0555		(U) Radar picked up movement 2-3 mpersonnal	Rde	IP		
12	0730		(U) Informed Rde road sweep started	Rde	IP		
13	0830		(U) C-1/9 reports road sweep complete from A4 to C2	Rde	DS		
14	0844		(U) Killer 12 spotted 2 VT on azimuth of 60° at 100 meters. Engaged enemy, weapons, equipment and documents will be evaced	Rde	DS		
15	0855		(U) Killer 12 advised to return to A4 on foot	Rde	DS		
16	0905		(U) A-3/5 at 153695 4-27 tank hit a mine, damage right track blown off, also 1 road wheel. Vehicle will be evaced	Rde	DS		
17	1010		(U) Rde advises Mar recon team will be inserted today in box with diagonal corners at 0567 and 0765 Call sign Beware	Lt. Keivens	DS		
18	1021		(U) C/1-9 ele starting a sweep around the wire	Lt. Keivens	DS		
19	1055		(U) Killer 12 closed A4	Lt. Keivens	DS		
20	1108		(U) C-1/9 perimeter partol has closed A4	Rde	DS		
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20	1115		(U) Msg from Rie to us: Recon team Faware will be in a recon zone with upper left corner at 0567 and lower right corner at 0765. The team will be going in today and 3d Mar Div will have a Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle standing by at Vandergrift combat base. If committed the Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle will be under control of TF 3/5 Cav who will then exploit the situation. Recon will operate on a freq of 49.40 with the callsign "Faware". The Bald Eagle/Sparrow Hawk force is #2/9 Mar, Freq 74.30, callsign is Teague leader echo. Freq designator is M-316. E-2/9 will be told to come up on TF 3/5 command net upon insertion be executed. On movement of TF 3/5 Cav to Camp Evans commencing 221600H April 69, one troop of 3/5 Cav will go to LZ Nancy to be attached to TF 1/77 Armor. The Troop to go to LZ Nancy is up to discretion of commanding officer of TF 3/5 Cav.						
				It. Keivens	DS				
21	1305		(U) C-1/9 a/c departing A4 to link up with Troop C						
				Lt. Callicor	DS				
22	1357		(U) Team C (-) plus a/c of C-1/9 moving out						
				Rie	DS				
23	1408		(U) Rie informs us we are getting back back speaker						
				It. Callicor	MP				
24	1420		(U) Col Gibson informs us he is flying over Trp A would like to contact them						
				Lt. Callicor	MP				
25	1454		(U) LT Carpenter informs us the demonstration was very impressive and Maj Krawciw should do all he can to get these mounted on the PC's.						
				It. Callicor	MP				
26	1505		(U) Lt. Dunn informs us to inform Rie to get PA system ready						
				It. Callicor	MP				
27	1506		(U) Troop C present location 100628						
				It. Callicor	MP				
28	1507		(U) Rie informed of current location						
				Rie	MP				
29	1527		(U) Mar with Troop C have dismounted and ready to move out						
				It. Callicor	MP				
30	1537		(U) Lt. Dunn has picked up RA set						
				It. Griffith	MP				
31	1604		(U) Col Gibson enroute to Troop A location. Maj Krawciw will pop smoke when Col Gibson is ready						
				It. Griffith	MP				
32	1615		(U) Troop C present location 101428 2 a/c's of Mar at 097626						
				It. Griffith	MP				

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33	1634		(U) Locations sent to Ple	Ple	MP
34	1703		(U) Trp C position and NDP 110625	Lt. Griffith	MP
35	1724		(U) Opt Heuble requests to know any friendlies near his loc. Informed him nearest unit 3000 M NE	Lt. Griffith	MP
36	1730		(U) LTC Carpenter request we check to see if Killer 12 put anybody on a stretcher. LTC Carpenter notified from the air that one of the bodies that K 12 killed was on a stretcher, wrapped in paper. The area around this person showed signs of cleaning to carry person away, area being checked out.	LTC Carpenter	MP
37	1740		(U) LT Carpenter informs Maj Krawciw to alert 1 plt of Trp A to move in area where NVA are. YD125729	Lt. Griffith	MP
38	1741		(U) Trp A informed to move to location where enemy is	Lt. Griffith	MP
39	1746		(U) LTC Carpenter spotted unknown number of NVA under tree near area where the two NVA earlier were killed.	LTC Carpenter	MP
40	1815		(U) Trp A still moving toward area of contact	Maj Krawciw	MP
41	1820		(U) Trp A holding approx 800 meters from area	Maj Krawciw	MP
42	1825		(U) LT Carpenter informs Trp A to start moving in	Maj Krawciw	MP
43	1826		(U) Air strikes completed at this time	Maj Krawciw	MP
44	1828		(U) Mar loc 096626 they will NDP there	Maj Krawciw	MP
45	1854		(U) LT Carpenter requests to check on hold up of CS. Requests 37A - check fire if not on the way in in 2 minutes	Maj Krawciw	MP
46	1855		(U) Maj Krawciw informs Opt Heuble's CS minds on the way	Maj Krawciw	MP
47	1900		(U) Arty stopped at this time, Trp A ready to check out the area	Maj Krawciw	MP
48	1915		(U) Trp A checking on area at this time	Maj Krawciw	MP

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49	1917		Maj K informs LTC Carpenter to inform A Trp to be careful when checking bodies, might be baby trapped.	Maj Krawciw	MP
50	1928		A Trp enroute back to A4 at this time.	Maj Krawciw	MP
51	1929		ITC Carpenter & War Wagon 15 (IT Dunn) enroute back to A4.	Maj Krawciw	MP
52	1930		Possibly 4-5 enemy KIA. (Spot #6)	DO	MP
53	1944		Spot report #6 sent to Rde.	IT Galior	MP
54	1945		Rde checking with Maj K to see if we would extract Killer 17.	Maj Krawciw	MP
55	1950		A Trp present location 120708.	IT Galior	MP
56	1951		C/1-9 request a aerial observer for tomorrow.	IT Galior	MP
57	1956		C Trp NDP location 101628.	IT Griffith	MP
58	1958		A Trp at this location, CPT Meaders informed of briefing at 2100H.	IT Griffith	MP
59	2010		A Trp 1 plt at C2, 1 plt berm security at A4 and 1 plt just outside of A4 at 120689. F Trp - 1 plt at C2 C Trp - 1 plt at C2 and 1 plt at 101628	IT Griffith	MP
60	2015		Informed IT Dunn that LTC Carpenter wants the aircraft at 0900H in the morning.	IT Keivens	MP
61	2040		C Trp taking incoming (small arms, RPGs & believe mortars. Receiving from generally from NW (4 vehicles hit.)	IT Keivens	MP
62	2042		A Trp - 1 -lt & 1 plt C/1-9 enroute 110624 to support C Trp.	IT Keivens	MP
63	2055		Informed A Trp to get their mortar firing illum on YD110624.	IT Keivens	MP
64	2100		1/5 informed us flare ship will be on 54.40	IT Keivens	MP
65	2105		A Trp on the road enroute C Trp location.	IT Keivens	MP
66	2107		Maj K informed CPT Meaders to head straight west from C2 along river bank. Informed C-1 that flare ship will be on 31.90.	IT Keivens	MP
67	2110		Radar picked up large movement at 125720.	IT Keivens	MP

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68	2115		Radar sighting of 1-3 personnel heading NW.	LT Keivens	IP
69	2120		A Trp at C2. Maj K informed them to hold there.	LT Keivens	IP
70	2123		LT Brown informed us they are no longer receiving fire. Still have spotlights & reconning by fire. They had 3 vehicles hit. Took RPGs and mortars fire came from the north occasionally.	LT Keivens	IP
71	2130		Maj informed A Trp to depart C2. 3000s to the west.	LT Keivens	IP
72	2133		Maj K informed A Trp that there will be another mortar fire at this time.	LT Keivens	IP
73	2135		Maj K asked C Trp for status on people injured.	LT Keivens	IP
74	2136		C Trp informed us they have 30-33 personnel that received wounds. Medevac-ing approx 25.	LT Keivens	IP
75	2138		1 vehicle received an RPG. Vehicle still running. A few of the crew wounded.	LT Keivens	IP
76	2140		Informed C Trp that all air will be on 31.90	LT Keivens	IP
77	2145		Maj K informed C/L-9 to have floeship to drop below base.	LT Keivens	IP
78	2146		Informed C Trp that speaker will be on 31.00. at 2200.	LT Keivens	IP
79	2147		A Trp informs us that they are loc 3 clicks to the N of C Trp loc.	LT Keivens	IP
80	2158		1/5 Mech informed LTC Carpenter that 1 Med Co and 1 tank platoon will depart their loc. will arrive C2 CPD or shortly after. Upon arrival will require CPD to us. Also 1 Co 1/11 on standby at 1300 to be lifted if needed.	LT Keivens	IP
81	2156		Informed Killer Bravo that we have movement in their direction. We are firing dusters.	LT Keivens	IP
82	2200		C Trp informs us there still under fire. They lost approx 2/3 their perimeter and closing it in at this time.	LT Keivens	IP
83	2205		Jets call sign Snooky 13 STA 15.	LT Keivens	IP
84	2206		Informed A Trp of C Trp C/L-9 locations.	LT Keivens	IP
85	2208		C Trp informed us initial fire was from the north. Then they got hit from the east.	LT Keivens	IP
86	2316		A Trp loc 10164.	LT Keivens	IP

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87	2216		Maj K informed A Troop head south 1000m from 109644. Then swing SS and sweeping.	LT Keivens		IP	
88	2220		C Troop 36-15 WIA. Not sure on KIA.	LT Keivens		IP	
89	2225		Radar sighting of 3-5 more heading SE.	LT Keivens		IP	
90	2230		A Troop loc 109644.	LT Keivens		IP	
91	2234		Informed A Troop that C Troop hasn't had much incoming in the past 10-15.	LT Keivens		IP	
92	2236		Informed A Troop that all arty has been checked fire between him and C Troop. That most enemy mortars.	LT Keivens		IP	
93	2240		C Troop informed us they will have all the wounded out with 1 more medevac.	LT Keivens		IP	
94	2350		ITC Carpenter informed OPT Leaders that as soon as he completes sweep and reaches C Troop loc he will be in command of all the elements.	LT Keivens		IP	
95	2222		Spooky 13 came up on push and firing at this time.	LT Keivens		IP	
96	2255		C Troop has 10 more WIA.	LT Keivens		IP	
97	2256		C Troop informed us that they have 2 seriously WIA.	LT Keivens		IP	
98	2306		F Troop informs us that more of the C/1-9 elements are firing to the N. Unable to contact them at this time.	LT Keivens		IP	
99	2325		Informed C Troop that we can get lum from AA but it will have to be shot off while dustoffs come in.	LT Keivens		IP	
100	2326		Have another flareship coming up on station 2345.	LT Keivens		IP	
101	2335		A Troop has almost closed C Troop loc.	LT Keivens		IP	
102	2342		Informed C Troop arty lum will be there shortly.	LT Keivens		IP	
103	2345		AI informed us that they have a medevac bird cranking up at Don 1/2 at this time.	LT Keivens		IP	
104	2456		A Troop is going to move back toward C2 and try to get C Troop from the east.	LT Keivens		IP	
105	2348		1/5 informed us flareship will be delayed until 0304 they have with 3 more coming in.	LT Keivens		IP	
106	2349		A Troop has a vehicle stuck at 122631.	LT Keivens		IP	
107	2350		LT Brown informed us he believes they were hit by a company size element.	LT Keivens		IP	
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1	0001		(U) Lon comm		
2	0002		(U) Unit Locations - Trp C 101625, Trp A 2 plus 122631, 3 plts 14 Term, Trp 116 02, 02/S 2 plts at 096623 not M	It. Keivens	IP
3	0005		(U) Trp C informed us that medivac has to have arty lunc every 15 sec and will need arty push	It. Keivens	IP
4	0010		(U) Lt. Dunn informed us that flare ship and medivac bird departed Dong Va	It. Keivens	IP
5	0020		(U) Trp A loc 130630	It. Keivens	IP
6	0022		(U) Trp A is going back to BTR and will case into Trp C loc from the S	It. Keivens	IP
7	0026		(U) Medivac completed	It. Keivens	IP
8	0029		(U) Trp C wants us to inform arty to go S 100 and W 100 from last lunc	It. Keivens	IP
9	0030		(U) Trp A loc 134630	It. Keivens	IP
10	0035		(U) C/1-9 inform us they no longer have movement	It. Keivens	IP
11	0036		(U) Trp C informed us to have lunc keep drifting where the last one was and put some 1500 S 100	Arty	IP
12	0045		(U) Informed Trp F that One 1-9 loc S of CB	It. Keivens	IP
13	0050		(U) Trp A via 10135630 10 hit mine and blew off 2 roadwheels and final drive. Danced	It. Keivens	IP
14	0100		(U) Trp A rolling again toward Trp C, Trp A taking downed vehicle into C2	It. Keivens	IP
15	0110		(U) Informed Lt. Brown that flare ship should be 10-10 shortly	It. Keivens	IP
16	0130		(U) 2 plts of Trp A have linked up with Trp C element	Nil	DS
17	0131		(U) Requested tracker dog team be delivered to A and C Trp C about 0800	Nil	DS
18	0135		(U) C/1-9 are advised to hold off on tomorrow operation until he received additional orders from this HQ. At the same time, Cpt Heaters was advised that his ele will move in place of Trp C with ele of C/1-9 on tomorrow operation but he is to wait for full orders from this HQ before commencing operations	It. Keivens	DS

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19	0340		(1) Trp A reports a tank flame went off as they entered Trp C RC. Trp B reports they saw about 2 MIA at 301/20 and cut them all down.	File	DS
20	0345		(1) Trp C resupply complete	File	DS
21	0350		(1) Sit Rep 1/0	File	DS
22	0325		(1) Ont Leaders reports that Trp C RC was hit by sapper attack as damage to vehicles was caused by satchel charges and dead MIA were found inside the perimeter	File	DS
23	0345		(1) Sit Rep 1/0	File	DS
24	0440		(1) Received from our 30 station status of Trp C - KIA 11 MIA 23 - 16 - 24 MIA 16 32 and 33 turnout 33, 36, 35 destroyed 30 mortar track went short	File	DS
25	0455		(1) Sit Rep 1/0	File	DS
26	0545		(1) Sit Rep 1/0	File	DS
27	0617		(1) C/1-9 reports 2 enemy passing over ridge line and out of sight. They appeared to be scouts or observers. Y1094527	It. Keivens	DS
28	0640		(1) Platoon advised that MOC Inf Co and 1 platoon of tanks will move N of Trp A and C and C/1-9 along the general route of advance on obj 1, B, C and act as reinforcements	It. Keivens	DS
29	0724		(1) Killer 17 will be walking into M today	It. Keivens	DS
30	0730		(1) Trp C and A are beginning sweep for bodies around their RC	It. Keivens	DS
31	0810		(1) F 1 via 109701 found 3 small tunnels on way to M. Frag grenades thrown into them	Maj Krawciw	DS
32	0820		(1) Sgt Gibson enroute to our location STA 10	Maj Krawciw	DS
33	0824		(1) C/1-61 Inf enroute to our loc coord with ITC Carpenter on where to stay	Maj Krawciw	DS
34	0835		(1) Lt. Dunn enroute to this location request a case of smoke grenades waiting	It. Galior	DS
35	0838		(1) M track informed to have smoke ready for It. Dunn at their location	It. Galior	DS
36	0840		(1) Trp A report they have found 5 bodies, 2 outside, 3 inside RC. 3 MIA rds, 2 hoisters		

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36	0017		(P) 1 Check air machine gun, 1 compass, 1 watch 1 MVA helmet, 2 pencils	It. Callion	MP
37	0845		(U) Lt. Gunn 1/2 miles out of our location	It. Callion	MP
38	0849		(P) C/1-61 informs us lead ale at CP this time	It. Callion	MP
39	0859		(P) Trp P 14 on the move at this time to Evans. Trp C plt is enroute up to this location	It. Griffith	MP
40	0947		(U) IATE NTRY - CO 3/5 Cav found 1 foot print KIA from last night. Possible escape route of enemy was along draw running W to E. 111628 to 123630	It. Griffith	MP
41	0919		(U) Trp P 16 cleared CP at this time	It. Callion	MP
42	0925		(U) ITC Carpenter informs us that Trp C has his 9 vehicle and Trp 1 will continue searching area previously observed	It. Griffith	MP
43	0940		(P) Trp B 30 requests additional VTR to RT advised to go to 42 on log	It. Griffith	MP
44	1007		(U) K 17 closed L at 1015 time. Informed them of de-briefing	It. Griffith	MP
45	1012		(U) Packer 16 at CP 2	It. Callion	MP
46	1013		(U) He informs us in reference to our request for tracker team, that we can't get a tracker dog, but can get a scout dog.	It. Callion	MP
47	1014		(U) CO 3/5 Cav via 108628 observed bunker complex, helmet and flak jacket from the air	It. Callion	MP
48	1016		(U) CPT Kelley and Mar present loc CP3628	It. Callion	MP
49	1023		(U) C/1-61 present loc 0956P5	It. Callion	MP
50	1030		(P) ITC Carpenter informs us that he has passed over spot where body was, and not its scene. After he passed over spot where helmet was and now its scene. Will check out further	It. Callion	MP
51	1047		(P) Chopper enroute to this location	It. Callion	MP
52	1048		(U) Trp P 16 enroute back to Evans, now at Quang Tri	Maj Krawick	MP
53	1050		(U) Chopper inbound our loc. Request andre	It. Callion	MP
54	1054		(U) Chopper at this location	It. Callion	MP

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55	1106		(U) Cpl Gibson enroute to this loc STA 5	Lt. Calior	MP
56	1109		(U) C/1-61 present loc 079680. They will move E then S across river in that area	Lt. Calior	MP
57	1115		(U) Trp C informs us that what's left of 16 and 36 is enroute back to C2 at this time	Lt. Calior	MP
58	1122		(U) Trp B 16 present loc 4 clicks S of C1 5	Lt. Calior	MP
59	1155		(U) Burke-30 has his 16 ale up on his wish. His 16 will use same push as 30	Lt. Calior	TE
60	1220		(U) Cpt Border informed us KG 26 VTA 11 KIA will call again when enroute this location	Lt. Griffith	TE
61	1215		(U) OC 3/5 found 1 MVA shirt 1/2 stars, name and #12, also 6 packs of (pot) and paper with Vietnamese writing. Traced to 1/5 Mech	Lt. Calior	MP
62	1233		(U) Unit loc C/1-61 Mech 070648 & 3/5 080632	Lt. Griffith	MP
63	1235		(U) C/1-61 moving N, now at Charlie 079680	Lt. Griffith	MP
64	1242		(U) Maj Krawciw and Mr. Maxwell ready to lift off	Lt. Calior	MP
65	1245		(U) Rde informs 1/11 is at a stand down, air lift has been cancelled	Lt. Calior	MP
66	1247		(U) Lt. Griffith informs Cpt Kelly to stop at present pos, will try to get water and food to them	Lt. Calior	MP
67	1305		(U) 3/5 S3 received A/V fire while in IDP. C/1-61 will sweep area	Lt. Calior	MP
68	1311		(U) Item 1305 sent to Rde	Rde	MP
69	1319		(U) Maj Krawciw informs us that a small air craft has flown over the area and cleared it	Lt. Calior	MP
70	1328		(U) Maj Krawciw informed that first round will be 200 on dock, they are holding off with the CS was because of C/1-61 air strike that	Lt. Calior	MP
71	1334		(U) General Stillwell and General Thrun enroute to this loc STA 10	Lt. Calior	MP
72	1336		(U) Maj Krawciw reports arty right on target	Lt. Calior	MP
73	1347		(U) General Stillwell setting down at loc of last night's action	ITC Carpenter	JO
74	1359		(U) Request for water reassembly for C/1-9 Mar sent to 30 station	Lt. Calior	MP

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75	1405		(P) General Stillwell enroute this loc	It. Calior	MP
76	1415		(U) C/1-61 on line assaulting to the S and sweeping area where arty was fired earlier	ITC Carpenter	IP
77	1417		(P) 1/5 Informed us recon team beware should be in the air heading for recon zone H10569 I 9 0767. They will land between 05 and 07 M of 66 grid and head N to zone. 1/5 will let us know when they get a final loc	It. Calior	IP
78	1420		(P) Requested medivac for 2 HIA when they Trp A received S/A fire from woodline	It. Calior	IP
79	1422		(P) Informed 41 that we need 50 gal water grid contact C/19	It. Calior	IP
80	1435		(P) Medivac STA 10 Call sign 710	It. Calior	IP
81	1440		(P) Recon tm loc 059674 and receiving mortar fire and are working on extracting them	It. Calior	IP
82	1445		(P) Recon tm has been extracted	It. Calior	IP
83	1500		(P) Intell re-ort 1	It. Calior	IP
84	1520		(P) S4 informs us on the hand flares for Trp A they do not have any at Quang Trt. If it is grave situation and if ITC Carpenter presses they situation he may be able to get it	It. Calior	IP
85	1532		(P) It. Dunn receiving IP Carpenter at C2	It. Calior	IP
86	1542		(P) Trp A loc 086739 C/1-61 loc 089652	It. Calior	IP
87	1621		(P) Trp A vic 107638 have downed vehicles W 3 vehicles for security. Received W/V S/A fire from tree line	It. Calior	IP
88	1635		(P) 1/5 informed us we will get recon team tomorrow as soon as roads are open. They do not want them placed any where near cons't devices	It. Calior	IP
89	1640		(P) S4 informed that C/19 would be getting there water from Trp A	It. Calior	IP
90	1641		(P) Bucky has air strikes coming in at 1710	It. Calior	IP
91	1650		(P) 1 plt Trp A has reached area of contact	It. Calior	IP
92	1655		(P) Air strikes called in area of contact	It. Calior	IP

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93	1730		(U) Air strike complete	It. Calior	MP
94	1745		(U) 2nd Airstrike on station	It. Calior	MP
95	1800		(U) Lt. Brown informed us Trp C 26 closed C2 today at 1120	It. Calior	MP
96	1808		(U) Trp A and C/1-9 loc 105635	It. Calior	MP
97	1815		(U) All air strikes completed	It. Calior	MP
98	1825		(U) Trp A and C/1-9 enroute C2 and A4	It. Calior	MP
99	1835		(U) CO 3/5 says the 2 bodies he saw on Aerial recon have been moved	It. Calior	IP
100	1845		(U) Trp C 16 and 36 closed C2 at 1215	It. Calior	IP
101	1850		(U) C/1-61 informed us they will have 9 IP out tonight	It. Calior	IP
102	1905		(U) C/1-9 informed us they have an element coming into C2 from the east	Trp C	IP
103	1935		(U) Trp A and C/1-9 closed C2 enroute A4	It. Calior	IP
104	1940		(U) Maj Krawciw informed Capt Ericitis that C/1-61 has their own POI but may need water. To check back in the morning	It. Calior	Y
105	1940		(U) Told A1 track to tell Lt. Dunn that LTC Carpenter will need him 0900	It. Calior	IP
106	1940		(U) C/1-61 APC hit a mine at 1430 believed plastic. Flew off track and wheels @ I side	It. Calior	IP
107	1945		(U) Trp A closing RCN S of A4 C/1-9 closed M	It. Calior	IP
108	1955		(U) A1 track reports Lt. Dunn will be here prior to 0900	It. Feivens	DS
109	2045		(U) Trp A RCN 120650	It. Feivens	DS
110	2047		(U) Sit Rep N/C	He	DS
111	2048		(U) C/1-61 reports they have 8 IP's within 150 m of their RCN	He	DS
112	2050		(U) Trp C reports A 3d tanks closed C2	It. Feivens	DS
113	2059		(U) Bis reports there is one CAP to J14/08	It. Feivens	DS
114	2145		(U) Sit Rep N/C	He	DS

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	IN	OUT			
1	0001		(U) ICG ordered		
2	0001		(U) Unit Locations Trn A (*) 3/5 120690, C 1-9 Mar and 1 nlt Trn C C2, A/3-5 AL C/1-61 and 1 nlt P/1-77 088657	Reference	S
3	0025		(U) Radar siting 2-3 people moving SW. 700m fired in 50 rds	Rde	DS
4	0045		(U) Sit Ren N/C	Rde	DS
5	0140		(U) Sit Ren N/C	Rde	DS
6	0142		(U) C/1-61 reports movement outside team D RDP	Lt. Keivens	DS
7	0207		(U) Item 3 sent to Rde	Rde	DS
8	0246		(U) Radar siting has 1 or 2 personnel moving E. Duster fired 40 rds	Lt. Keivens	DS
9	0246		(U) Sit Ren N/C	Lt. Keivens	DS
10	0300		(U) Item 2 to Rde	Rde	DS
11	0345		(U) Sit Ren N/C	Rde	DS
12	0420		(U) Radar siting has 2-3 personnel moving in a W direction. Arty out in 12 105 rds	Rde	DS
13	0445		(U) Sit Ren N/C	Rde	DS
14	0546		(U) Sit Ren N/C	Rde	DS
15	0700		(U) Minesweep departed N.	Rde	DS
16	0729		(U) Barkey JS informs us he will be monitoring our rush if we need him	Lt. Keivens	MT
17	0733		(U) CG Gibson will be at this location at 0830	Lt. Keivens	MT
18	0750		(U) Trn C C/1-61 informed of physical muster of all troops sometime this morning	Lt. Keivens	MT
19	0807		(U) 3d tank received permission from General Davis to complete their mission	Lt. Keivens	IT
20	0830		(U) C 1/9 informs us they had their muster and enemy was present	Lt. Calior	IT
21	0835		(U) Rde informed Lt. Calior Ranger team will be here as soon as the road is open	Lt. Calior	IT
22	0850		(U) C/1/66 and 1 nlt P/1-77 duster completed and all people present and accounted for	Lt. Calior	IT

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23	0900		C/1-66 informed us that when they move out for obj M (W1063) they will leave 36 back for support and 46 back for security both at YD 266521 when they reach obj M they 36 & 46 will move out to join them.	IT C		IP
24	0908		WV 15 liftin off from Dora 'A at this time.	IT C.		IP
25	0909		It Dunn ETA Ob A4.	IT C.		IP
26	0910		C/1-86 (-3684) and 1 alt B/-77 enroute obj M (10630)	IT C.		IP
27	0922		A Trp and C rp all present and accounted for.	IT C.		IP
28	0923		Informed C Trp to get a muster from all the elements working with them at C2 and C1-9 all the elements working with us at A4.	IT C.		IP
29	0925		Col Gibson ETA this loc O5.	IT C.		IP
30	0939		C/1-61 (-3846) & 1 alt B/-77 has a snorter plane working with them.	IT C.		IP
31	0936		C/1-9 informs us all extra elements working with us at A4 are all present and accounted for.	IT C.		IP
32	0945		CPT Kelley enroute Cgn Lo C/1-9 XO in charge at this time.	IT C.		IP
33	0948		IT Brown informed us he needs at least 10 maps of this general area.	IT C.		IP
34	0955		Road between A1 and C2 is opened.	IT C.		IP
35	0958		Informed C Trp their maps are ready.	IT C.		IP
36	1010		C/1-66 (-36846) and B/1-77 (1pllt) loc 103639 36 & 46 enroute that loc.	IT C.		IP
37	1055		IT C Carpenter informs us that arty is being in NV portion of our AO wants us to find out who is firing it.	IT C.		IP
38	1100		Informed IT C Carpenter that CPT Brown believes the Marines are did not come through us for clearance checking on it now.			IP
39	1115		IT C Carpenter closed A4.	IT C.		IP
40	1130		Found 1 bunker 4'x6' reinforced with logs, 1 1/2' overhead cover consisting of logs and dirt.	IT C.		IP
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	IN	OUT			
41	1132		C Trp 38 tank believed they received sniper fire 300m S of C2.	IT C	YP
42	1140		C Trp informs us they believe the fire was friendly.	IT C	YP
43	1142		C Trp 37 enroute to get a part for 38 tank which is loc 300m south of C2.	IT C	YP
44	1242		C/1-66 36846 closed 103639. VTR enroute to the downed PC.	IT C	YP
45	1250		C Trp informed us the M are stopping traffic to the north from Quang Tri and the and the commander from the 5/4 Arty has to get to C2.		
46	1255		Barky 13 (spotter plane informed us the reason road is closed is due de Cam Lr area taking mortar and mines on road.	IT C	YP
47	1315		ITC Carpenter ETA AL 05.	IT C	YP
48	1320		ITC informed hde of our plan summary for 21 Apr.	IT C	YP
49	1325		C Trp 26 with 4 veh going to area of contact 110624) with 300 team to blow vehicles. The 38 tank that was 300m S of C2 has closed C2.	IT C	YP
50	1330		1/5 informed us to hold 300 team on blowing any vehicles.	IT C	YP
51	1335		Sr informs us he was informed by his direct support said they were unrecoverable. He is checking at this time.	IT C	YP
52	1345		C/1-66 VTR with downed PC.	IT C	YP
53	1342		ITC 9 port VTR etc of unknown size loc within 300 meters 090656. Rating-B3	IT C	YP
54	1350		Col Gibson informed ITC it is OK to blow the 3 PC but before blowing them to push them in a gulley or ravine.	IT C	YP
55	1410		C Trp 26 closed loc 110624.	IT C	YP
56	1415		Pat K enroute south with MW 15.	IT C	YP
57	1416		Found 2 ChiCom claymore mines, 1P40 launcher and 3 bunkers of dirt with log reinforcement (3x3x3). Also found one P-40 rocket at YML 2631	IT C	YP

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58	1435		(U) 3d plt C-1/9 departing AA on their sweep with 1 plt A/3-5	Rte	DS
59	1445		(U) C-1/61 found 2 chicom claymore mines 1 B40 launcher and 3 bunkers of dire with log reinforcement (3x4x3 1/2) also found 1 B40 rocket at YD112631. Equip evaced. bunkers Dest	Rte	DS
60	1450		(U) Trp C reports their 26 cannot move PG's off the hill to destroy them	Rte	DS
61	1500		(U) C-1/9 3d plt and Trp A r't at 124722	Rte	DS
62	1525		(U) Team D at YD112630	Rte	DS
63	1583		(U) Rte asked to give us a bull dozer for pushing Trp C tracks off of the ridge line where they were hit	Rte	DS
64	1555		(U) Lt. Keivans enroute Cuane Tri	Lt. Griffith	DS
65	1642		(U) Team B ele at 123720. B dropped killer 14 at Lt. Keivans 1600		DS
66	1705		(U) Team B Mar closed AA	Rte	DS
67	1715		(U) Trp B 16 closed Trp A ROF	Rte	DS
68	1720		(U) Trp C 26 enroute C2	Rte	DS
69	1755		(U) Trp C 26 closed C2	Rte	DS
70	1800		(U) C/1-61 reports C/1-61 elements are at 122628 and he can't get his tanks across at this point. Cpt Meaders advised him to move his tanks S to 125612 and then he could get them across the river	Rte	DS
71	1820		(U) C/1-61 reports 1 Inf ele will go with the tanks and the rest of his ele will go to the road and move N to C2B. Also advised that if his tanks can't get across at 125612, he would like to set up a reinforced ROF down there	Rte	DS
72	1830		(U) C-1/61 minus tanks and 1 Inf ele closed C2 for reply	Rte	DS
73	1845		(U) Killer 14 at YD128728	Rte	DS
74	1900		(U) IT Carpenter spotted 9 MVA in the open at 165635	Lt. Keivans	DS

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75	1905		(U) We requested AO extension from Hde to permit Trp C to engage the enemy	Hde	DS
76	1906		(U) C/L-61 reports all of these elements have closed C2	It. Keivens	DS
77	1907		(U) Trp C advised to stand by	It. Keivens	DS
78	1915		(U) Trp C told to move to edge of our AO via 150635	It. Keivens	DS
79	1915		(U) Maj Krawciw got on higher and advised them ITC Carpenter felt there was a lot more at stake here than 9 NVA and that if he didn't get an answer in 05, he would go to Col Gibson about it	It. Keivens	DS
80	1920		(U) Hde reports AO has been extended and an areal observer enroute	Hde	DS
81	1922		(U) Trp C 26 is enroute to 165635	Hde	DS
82	1930		(U) Hde gave us AO extension point to point 158647, 165654, 183653, S on 19 line 190630 to 160620	Hde	DS
83	1935		(U) Requested flare ship from Hde	It. Keivens	DS
84	1942		(U) Hde reports flare ship in 05-10 mesh 3120FM	Trp C CO	DS
85	1955		(U) Flare ship on station	It. Griffith	MP
86	2018		(U) Trp A NDP location 122601	It. Griffith	MP
87	2030		(U) ITC Carpenter enroute to fuel at this time	It. Griffith	MP
88	2039		(U) C/L-61 present location (NDP C2) 127600	It. Griffith	MP
89	2042		(U) Trp C elements enroute back to C2 at this time	It. Griffith	MP
90	2052		(U) Trp A and C/L-61 informed to be cautious because of heavy movement in open areas, also Trp C alerted	It. Griffith	MP
91	2058		(U) ITC Carpenter informs us he has refueled and is in route to AL request strobe light waiting on pad	It. Griffith	MP
92	2105		(U) ITC Carpenter at this location	It. Griffith	MP

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93	2110		(U) Tro C closed at C2 at this time	It. Griffith	MP
94	2125		(U) C/1-61 found 8 AT mines, 4 chicom claymores 1 PG 7 rd, 1 B/C, 3 RPG boosters 2 mine det- onators 1 lb of C4, 1 AK Mag with ammo. 200 lbs of pol rice, 15 entrenching tools, 4 picks 8 canteens, misc food stuffs, 3 first aid packs misc plastics, misc cook ware 4 blankets	It. Griffith	MP
95	2140		(U) All Tro C ele in position in C2	It. Griffith	MP
96	2145		(U) Radar siting 1-3 personnel moving S. Duster fired 40mm at that location	It. Griffith	MP
97	2149		(U) C/1-9 informed that Tro A will pick up ele at 0900 at S gate	It. Callor	MP
98	2150		(U) Sit Rep N/C	Rde	MP
99	2245		(U) Sit Rep N/C	Rde	MP
100	2340		(U) Sit Rep N/C	Rde	MP
101	2359		(U) LOG CLOSED		
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1. (U) TYPE OF OPERATION: Search and Clear

2. (U) DATES OF OPERATION: 18-19 April 1969

3. (U) LOCATION: North central Quang Tri Province approximately fifteen (15) kilometers west of Dong Ha and seven (7) kilometers south of the DMZ. Map VIETNAM, 1:50,000 AMS Series 170II, Cam Lo sheet 63421. Area bounded by coordinates YD 1461, YD 0561, YD 0566, YD 1466.

4. (U) CONTROL HEADQUARTERS: 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav, 9th Inf Div. The 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav was OPSON to the 1st Inf Bde, 5th Inf Div (M) at the time of the operation.

5. (U) UNIT COMMANDERS:

Commanding Officer, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: LTC Thomas E. Carpenter III, 083157.
Commanding Officer, Trp A, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: CPT David K Meaders, 02318490.
Commanding Officer, Trp C, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: CPT Larry W Houpie, OF 111559.
Commanding Officer, C Co, 1st Bn 9th Marines: CPT John A Kelly, 088867 (USMC).

6. (U) TASK ORGANIZATION:

A Troop

A/3-5 Cav (-1 Plat)

C Troop

C/3-5 Cav (-1 Plat)

G Company

G/1-9 Marines (-1 Plat)

A 4 Defense

Hq/3-5 Cav
Plat/A/3-5 Cav

C2 Defense

Plat/C/3-5 Cav.

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(1) On the night that C/3-5 Cav was alerted, flashship "Spooky" and m ac were immediately called for. It soon became evident that there would be a delay in receiving the normal fixed wing flashship so 3d Mer Div obtained a USMC OH-46 to use as a substitute. From 182150H - 182330H Apr 69 illumination was provided by the OH-46 flashship. At 182345H Apr 69 "Spooky" came on station providing supporting fires and illumination until 190130H Apr 69.

(2) MEDSVAC aircraft were USMC OH-46 helicopters from Quang Tri, RVN. At 182240H Apr 69 two (2) OH-46 helicopters evacuated twenty-one (21) men and at 190130H Apr 69 another OH-46 evacuated two (2) more wounded troopers.

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(3) At 182300H April 1969 TF 3-5 Cav called for an emergency resupply of ammunition. At 190150H April 1969 the ammunition was delivered by USMC CH-46's.

b. Artillery: The artillery fired 2,091 rounds of HE, 296 Illum rounds and 13 WP rounds for a total of 2,400 rounds fired in support of TF 3-5 Cav.

(1) From 182030H April 1969 until 182150H April 1969, when a flareship came on station, the artillery provided the illumination for G/3-5 Cav.

(2) The following artillery units fired in support of TF 3-5 Cav:

B/5-4 Arty (155 SP)
A/1-40 Arty (105 SP)
B/2-94 Arty (175 SP)
4-12 Mar Arty (155 SP)
E/2-12 Mar Arty (105)
5th 155 Gun Btry (USMC) (155 SP)

c. Tactical Air Support: During the actual contact on the night of 18-19 April "Spooky" and one (1) C-130 flareship were the only TAO air employed. On the following day (19 Apr 69) eight (8) air strikes were conducted using fifteen (15) aircraft. The strikes resulted in three (3) IBA, several secondary fires, and several bunkers destroyed.

8.(C) INTELLIGENCE:

a. Enemy Activity:

(1) Intelligence available on 18 April 1969 provided strong indications of an enemy presence in the area that G/3-5 Cav (-) was going to be searching. From 14-18 April there had been numerous sightings by elements of 3-5 Cav of small enemy groups (two (2) to eight (8) men) in the area west and southwest of C2 (YD 43564).

(2) On 14 April a Marine recon team sighted 8 NVA via YD 06638 and made contact with an estimated NVA platoon. Airstrikes employed against the enemy had drawn a heavy volume of fire and produced one secondary explosion. On 15 April A/3-5 Cav had received RPG fire in vic of YD 110623. The troop called for air strikes which produced several secondary explosions. A sweep of the area uncovered one (1) NVA body.

(3) On 16 April there were numerous sightings of groups of two (2) to three (3) NVA in the area just west of C2. In addition to these sightings and contacts there was a marked increase of radar and sensor detections in the area west and southwest of Con Thon (A, YD 116700) during the nights of 14-18 April. During the same period there were several instances of tanks and personnel carriers hitting mines west of C2.

(4) Since the attack on G/3-5 Cav on 18 April, additional intelligence has been presented by interrogation reports from prisoners captured in the vic of YD 06631 by G/2-9 Marines that elements of 1st Bn, 36th Regt, 308th NVA Div are located in the vicinity Dong Ha Mountain (YD 0458), and that other elements of the 36th NVA Regiment, to include support companies, may possibly be operating in the area west of C-2 and north of Dong Ha Mountain. This is the same area that had previously been occupied by elements of the 27th NVA Regt.

b. Terrain: The area of the contacts during 14-18 April is characterized by low hills in the east which increase in height towards the west. Vegetation ranges from a low scrub in the east to a heavy vegetation in the west. Fields of fire in the areas of heavy vegetation are greatly reduced to sometimes as little as five meters, but increase greatly on the tops of the lowland hills which are relatively open. Cover and concealment in the dense vegetation in the western portion of the area is good and excellent along steep slopes.

9.(C) MISSION: C Troop/3-5 Cav (-1 Platoon) reinforced with G/1-9 Marines (-1 Platoon) to conduct a search and clear operation west of C2 (YD 43564) and north of the Con Lo Valley.

10.(C) CONCEPT OF OPERATION: G/3-5 Cav (-1 Platoon) was to move from C2 at 181300H Apr 69 with G/1-9 Marines (-1 Platoon) to a position vicinity of YD 098625. Once in position G/1-9 Marines (-1 Platoon) was to conduct search and clear operations to

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the west while C/3-5 Cav remained in position to reinforce the Marines should they gain contact with the enemy. At the close of the first day C/3-5 Cav was expected to be in a night defensive position in the YD 0962 grid while C/1-9 Mer was to remain overnight in the vicinity of YD 080626. On the second day of the operation both companies were to conduct search and clear operations west of their night positions linking up near Cam Bang (YD 075636) and remaining overnight in that location. Succeeding days operations were to depend on the situation that developed as the operation progressed.

11.(C) EXECUTION: At 181300H April 1969 C/3-5 Cav (-) and C/1-9 Mer (-) departed C2 and began their move to the west. At 1730 hours the units reached Nui Tot Men (vic YD 110625) where C/1-9 Mer (-) dismounted and moved up the Cam Bang Valley (YD 103614 to YD 080629) searching for signs of enemy activity in the area. The cavalry troop assumed a defensive posture and prepared to react to any contacts that might have been developed by the Marines. At 1828 hours the Marines reached some high ground vicinity YD 096525 and commenced night defensive preparations. At approximately 1900 hours C Troop began BOP preparations for the night. Trip flares were placed 100 meters out, followed by a minimum of three claymores per vehicle, and another line of trip flares just beyond hand grenade range. Vehicles were closed in so that the interval between them was approximately 25 meters. Crew members checked with vehicles to their left and right to coordinate fields of fire. Platoon fire plans were drawn up and submitted to the troop commander for consolidation. Artillery defensive targets were plotted and fired in. One large night observation device, two crew-served starlight scopes and three individual starlight scopes were manned and in use. The troop commander gave a short count on the radio to insure that volumes had been turned down. One man was alert on each vehicle manning the caliber .50 machinegun. Leaders checked to insure that these preparations, habitual to all troops in the squadron, were completed. The Marines had "cleverleafed" their way to the west and northwest as they moved up the valley. C Troop (-) did not check the vegetated draws leading into their position from the north. Neither is it likely that Marines had checked these draws in the cleverleafing movement to the west. Listening posts were not placed out, nor were M60 machine guns dismounted and dug in behind the tracks.

a. At 2030 hours C/3-5 Cav (-) was attacked by an estimated NVA company. The attack was initiated by a heavy volume of 82mm mortar fire which began falling on the C Troop (-) defensive position. Without instructions, all organic weapons on the perimeter commenced firing directly in front of the tracks and then systematically working out to a greater range. Preplanned counter mortar fires were requested immediately. Initial casualties were light since personnel were sleeping in or on their vehicles. Several minutes after the mortar fire began falling, RPG fire was received from the north at a range of less than 100 meters. Within several minutes seven (7) vehicles had been struck by RPG fire inflicting heavy casualties. Four vehicles on the northern side of the perimeter were hit placing the vehicles out of action and blowing most of the crew members onto the ground. The troop commander, one of two platoon sergeants and the forward observer were wounded by RPG fragments and both medics were killed when their track was struck. Many men were wounded by mortar fire as they ran from their vehicles to help the wounded who were strewn about the area. The enemy then moved through the gap that had been created on the northern portion of the perimeter when the four (4) vehicles previously mentioned had been knocked out. Those that were able to penetrate the perimeter moved south across the position attempting to throw satchel charges into the fighting compartments of the vehicles. These charges had a concussion and incendiary effect, killing most of the men in the vehicles that were hit and destroying three (3) vehicles. Six (6) of the enemy were killed in and near the perimeter by hand to hand fighting; automatic weapons could not be used because of the wounded crews on the ground. The surviving enemy, after being ordered to retreat and receive instructions, turned east throwing satchel charges into the rear of two vehicles whose crew members were all firing to the front and flanks. At least eight (8) of the eleven (11) men killed in action were killed in those two vehicles. LT Richard E Brown, first platoon leader, assumed command of the troop after his troop commander was wounded. He perceived the danger on the northern sector and moved two vehicles as well as his own to that portion of the perimeter. LT Brown was then blown off his track by an RPG and moved to another track and regained control of the perimeter. Specialist 4 Bennett, artillery radio operator, secured a radio and reestablished communications with the squadron artillery liaison officer. The artillery liaison officer had not been able to reach anyone on the artillery

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frequency for 15 minutes after the forward observer was wounded and his radio destroyed. Artillery fires were then adjusted to the edge of the defensive perimeter and continued until medical evacuation helicopters landed to evacuate the 23 wounded and "Spooky" arrived on station. "Spooky" laid down a heavy volume of machine gun fire concentrating on the draws leading up to the position. Illumination was provided by the burning personnel carriers, organic 4.2" mortars, artillery and later an illumination aircraft.

b. At about 2300 hours the enemy broke contact and retreated into the night. C Company (-), 1st Battalion, 9th Marines detected movement to its east, north and south, but did not engage. A Troop (-) was committed as a reaction force at 2042 hours and ordered to move west of G2 and then turn south to drive into the rear of the attackers. The troop got several vehicles stuck in ravines about 800 meters north of C Troop and after extricating them returned to G2 and approached the C Troop position from the south. Eight (8) enemy personnel were sighted by A Troop several hundred meters south of the C Troop perimeter, and were cut down by 90mm canister and machine gun fire. (These were probably KIA but not counted in the final totals) The link up was effected at 0140 hours and the consolidated perimeter was placed under command of the A Troop commander.

c. During the night of 18-19 April 1969 additional forces of the 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (M) and the 3d Mar Div were readied for employment in the area of G/3-5 Cav (-). At 182135H Apr 69 G Co 1st Bn, 61st Inf (M) was ordered to gather its forces from the field and move at 190615H Apr 69 from Wunder Beach (YD 495565) to G2 (YD 135645). Enroute to G2 one tank platoon of B Co 1st Bn, 77th Armor was attached to G/1-61 Inf (M) and the company arrived at G2 at about 0000 hours on 19 April 1969. At the same time G/1-61 Inf (M) was alerted to move to G2, the 1st Bn, 11th Inf was alerted to be prepared to air assault two rifle companies and its battalion headquarters into the area of contact should TF 3-5 Cav be able to reestablish contact on the following morning. The 3d Mar Div alerted a Marine task force consisting of A/3d Mar Tk Bn and A/1-9 Mar to be prepared to be placed GPOON to the 1st Inf Bde, 5th Inf Div (M).

d. At first light on 19 April 1969 G/3-5 Cav (-), G/1-9 Mar (-) and A/3-5 Cav (-) began a thorough search of the battle area. During the search seven (7) additional enemy bodies were discovered in the general area which were killed by friendly artillery and air strikes. This brought the total enemy dead to thirteen (13) by body count. A further search of the immediate area resulted in the discovery of an enemy platoon-sized bunker complex in a draw approximately 300 meters north of the C Troop position, and an NVA shirt with a diary, a roster and six (6) packs of what are believed to be marijuana cigarettes.

e. After searching the immediate battle area TF 3-5 Cav began a sweep to the west with G/1-61 Inf (M) on the north, A/3-5 Cav (-) on the south and G/1-9 Mar (-) in the middle. G/3-5 Cav participated in the sweep initially but soon returned to the area of contact to begin vehicle recovery operations. As the day progressed and contact was not reestablished, the 1st Bn, 11th Inf and the Marine task force were stood down from their alert posture at 1245 hrs. At 1323 hours the Sqdn XO received automatic weapons fire vicinity YD 090650. G/1-61 Inf (M) maneuvered into the area but made no contact with the enemy. At 1620 hours the security force for a disabled vehicle received automatic weapons fire from vicinity YD 106638. Once again the area was searched with negative results. At 1655 hours as TF 3-5 Cav began to return to A4 (YD 116701) and G2 (YD 136645) A/3-5 Cav received small arms and automatic weapons fire from a position at YD 107636. Air strikes were directed into the enemy position resulting in three (3) NVA KIA. Following the air strikes the area was searched and the 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav then proceeded on to A4 and G2. There was no further enemy contact.

12.(C) RESULTS:

a. Friendly Casualties:

(1) 18 April 1969 (Fight for C Troop NTP)

KIA: 11

WIA: 23

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KIA: None

WIA: 2

b. Enemy Casualties:

(1) 18 April 1969 (Fight for C Trp NDP)

KIA: 6

~~KBA: 7~~

WIA: Unknown

Captured: None

(2) 19 April 1969

~~KIA: None~~~~KBA: 3~~

WIA: Unknown

Captured: None

c. Other Results:

(1) Equipment lost by TF 3-5 Cav:

7 M131A1 Personnel Carriers (6 Combat Loss)

1 M125A1 Mortar Carrier (C/1-61 on 19 April 1969)

1 M106A1 Mortar Carrier (C/3-5 Cav; combat loss)

(2) Destroyed eight (8) new NVA bunkers.

(3) Captured:

1 Helmet

1 Flak jacket

6 Packs cigarettes (Possible marijuana)

1 Book of Poems

13.(C) ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

a. Supply: Emergency resupply of Class 5 was necessary; this was accomplished by air resupply.

b. Maintenance: Vehicles damaged by enemy fire were evacuated to C2 for repair. Three vehicles which were destroyed by fire were left in the field and destroyed by demolition on 22 April 1969.

c. Treatment of Casualties: All casualties requiring more than field treatment were air evacuated to 3d Med Bn and B Co, 75th Med at Quang Tri or to the hospital ship "Sanctuary".

d. Communications: Communications between the C Troop Commander and TF 3/5 TOC were briefly broken when the command vehicle was destroyed. Communications were restored when 1LT Breen took charge and put his radio on the Squadron command net.

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