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SUBJECT: Operational Report - Lessons learned for the period ending 31 October 1969 (RCS CS for-65 RI)

Commanding Officer  
2d Brigade, 4th Inf Div  
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## Section I (C) Significant Organization or Unit Activities.

1. (C) General: During the reporting period, the "Red Warriors" were primarily engaged in search and destroy operations.

a. Task Organization as of 1 Aug 1969. Companies A,B,C,D,E, 1-12 Infantry with B Battery 4th Bn, 42d Artillery DS. Attachments: C Troop, 1-10 Cav; 2d Platoon Co C, 4th Engr Bn; Detachments 3C/1-12; 3B/1-12. 1-12 Inf was OPCON to the 2d Bde, 4th Inf Div at the beginning of the reporting period.

### b. Chronological Task Organization changes:

2 Aug	DELETE	C/1-10
5 Aug	ADD	3B/1-12
7 Aug	ADD	3C/1-12
19 Aug	ADD	B/2-8
29 Aug	DELETE	B/2-8
24 Sep	OPCON	173 Airborne Bde
6 Oct	DELETE	B/1-12
7 Oct	ADD	B/1-12
24 Oct	ADD	C/1-503
	DELETE	2B/1-12
26 Oct	ADD	2B/1-12
	DELETE	C/1-503

### c. Commanders and Principal Staff.

(1) Bn CO	1 Aug 69 to 31 Oct 69	LTC John B. Cottingham
(2) Bn XO	1 Aug 69 to 31 Oct 69	MAJ John J. Gaudelli
(3) Bn S-1	1 Aug 69 to 31 Oct 69	CPT John R. Lovett

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(4) S-2	1 Aug 69 to 16 Aug 69	CPT Philip W. Patrick
	17 Aug 69 to 22 Aug 69	1LT Timothy J. Murphy
	23 Aug 69 to 31 Aug 69	CPT Michael Laberteaux
(5) Bn S-3	1 Aug 69 to 25 Aug 69	MAJ William T. Coffey
	26 Aug 69 to 31 Oct 69	MAJ Gordon S. Axelson
(6) Bn S-4	1 Aug 69 to 31 Oct 69	CPT Billy S. Tucker
(7) Bn S-5	1 Aug 69 to 31 Oct 69	CPT James B. Respicio
(8) CO HHC	1 Aug 69 to 9 Sep 69	CPT Willard M. Mellott
	10 Sep 69 to 31 Oct 69	CPT Richard D. Myers
(9) CO Co A	1 Aug 69 to 31 Oct 69	CPT Cecil W. Boatwright
(10) CO Co B	1 Aug 69 to 31 Oct 69	CPT James R. Childs
(11) CO Co C	1 Aug 69 to 14 Aug 69	CPT Darrel Skubinna
	15 Aug 69 to 31 Oct 69	CPT Sterling McColgin
(12) CO Co D	1 Aug 69 to 31 Oct 69	CPT Gary L. Weber
(13) CO Co E	1 Aug 69 to 25 Sep 69	1LT Joe P. Sainz Jr.
	26 Sep 69 to 31 Oct 69	CPT David V. O'Brien

## d. Mission:

(1) The primary mission of the "Red Warriors" during the reporting period was search and ~~clear~~ <sup>clear</sup>. From 1 Aug 69 to 23 Sep 69 the Battalion operated in the area of LZ PENNY (48PZA1172). On 24 Sep 69 the "Red Warriors" moved to LZ ENGLISH; on 25 Sep 69 the Battalion moved to LZ TAPE (48PBS7413) with the mission of ~~searching and clearing~~ <sup>clearing</sup> the AN LOA Valley.

(2) From 1 Aug 69 to 16 Sep 69, the "Red Warriors" held the additional mission (Rome Flow) of enemy bunkers destruction in the area of LZ PENNY (48PZA1172).

## 2. (C) Intelligence.

a. During the period 1 Aug 69 to 31 Oct 69, 1/12 Inf operated in (2) areas (1) Southwest of Kontum (LZ PENNY ZA1172); (2) North Portion of Dinh Binh Province (LZ TAPE BS7413).

b. From 1 Aug thru 21 Sep the 1/12 operated Southwest of Kontum with the Battalion Fire Base located at LZ PENNY.

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During this period enemy activity was extremely limited. Intelligence generated at all levels added to the limited amount of enemy activity within the "Red Warrior" AO indicated the enemy had withdrawn to the Southwest. Intelligence reports during this entire period continued to locate the 24th NVA Regiment to the West Southwest well within the Cambodian border. Additional Intelligence reports located sub elements of the 24th Regt and 40th Arty NVA Regts to the Southwest of the "Red Warrior" AO in the foothills of the Chu PA mountains. Due to the lack of friendly forces in this area and also because of the relative security from friendly forces afforded by the mountainous terrain the enemy had a base of operations for regrouping, receiving supplies and equipment, plus new replacements. From this base he could also maintain continued reconnaissance of the Plei Mrong area, locate and stock food and ammo caches and construct defensive positions for future operations.

c. The following significant activities occurred during this period:

(1) 02 Aug, B/1-12 Inf(-) while on a RIF mission vic ZA175696 activated an unknown type booby trap.

(2) 06 Aug, RECON Plt at ZA056705 while sweeping a suspected enemy location initiated contact with an estimated platoon size element resulting in (4) enemy KIA.

(3) 14 Aug, C/1-12 Inf at ZA05970 received a total of 40 rounds B-40 rockets and 82MM mortar rounds. Artillery was employed and incoming ceased at 0200.

(4) 16 Aug, C/1-12 Inf received unknown number rounds of small arms, ZA063705.

d. 17 August through 4 September 1969: During this period the "Red Warriors" continued to work their AO extensively. There were numerous sightings of small groups (squad size and smaller) and reports of movement, but there were no significant contacts or activities during this period.

e. 050245, C/1-12 Inf, ZA064703, received 10 rounds of unknown type mortar fire. Negative casualties or damage.

f. 6 Sept thru 21 Sept, the "Red Warriors" continued to work their AO with negative significant contacts or activities. This period was marked by an increase in enemy terrorist activities aimed at local village officials throughout the AO.

g. Terrain: The northern portion of the AO was rolling hills and flatlands, the southern portion and especially the southwestern portion of the AO was mountainous. There was heavy vegetation throughout the AO. Cover and concealment was excellent while observation was limited to 50-100 meters in most areas.

h. Weather: The weather during this entire period was affected by the annual regional monsoon season. There was considerable rainfall throughout the days and nights with heavy ground fog during the early morning hours. Except for rare occasions the winds remained variable 10-15 knots.

i. 23 thru 25 Sept: During this period the 1/12 Inf was relocating from LZ PENNY to LZ TAPE. From 25 Sept thru 31 Oct the 1/12 Inf operated in the north portion of Dinh Binh province, with the Bn Fire Base located at LZ TAPE.

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j. The following significant activities occurred during this period:

- (1) 26 Sept, C/1-12 Inf, BS714088, received several rounds of S/A fire from the NW, 300 meters out. There were negative cas or dam.
- (2) 26 Sept, A/1-12 Inf, BS719091 received 15-20 rounds of S/A fire from the NW, 450 meters out. Later they again received automatic S/A fire. They had negative cas or dam.
- (3) 28 Sept, C/1-12 Inf, BS714095, had contact with estimated squad size element. Received 30 to 40 rounds of small arms fire from NW 40 to 50 meters out. Enemy casualties unknown.
- (4) 28 Sept, B/1-12 Inf, LZ TAPE, sighted 4 Ind through Star Light Scope. Employed M-79 resulting in one ind being hit. The body was recovered by the VC/NVA and they fled to the north.
- (5) 29 Sept, A/1-12 Inf, BS718098, initiated contact with an <sup>unknown</sup> ~~estimated~~ ~~platoon~~ size element, resulting in possible (3) NVA KIA.
- (6) 30 Sept, A/1-12 Inf, took sniper fire from NW, 500 meters out. Negative cas or dam.
- (7) 03 Oct, D/1-12 Inf, received small arms automatic fire (BS742200). Employed small arms, artillery and gunships on SEL with unknown results.
- (8) 03 Oct, D/1-1 2, Inf, at BS748213, captured (1) NVA, also CIA (1) AK-47 and (1) rucksack.
- (9) 07 Oct, 2A/1-12 Inf, BS773233, point element received 10 to 15 rounds of small arms fire. Small arms fire was returned with unknown results.
- (10) 09 Oct, Recon Plt/1-12 Inf, BS717113, engaged (2) VC/NVA with small arms resulting in (1) VC/NVA KIA and (1) AK-47 CIA.

k. During period 10 to 17 Oct 69 the "Red Warriors" continued to work the AO and there were several sightings of small groups (squad size and smaller) but no significant contacts or activities.

- (1) 16 Oct, 2B/1-12 Inf, BS735110, initiated contact with (5) VC/NVA resulting in (1) ~~VC~~ NVA KIA.
- (2) 17 Oct, B/1-12 Inf, BS731100, had contact with estimated squad size element; small arms fire was exchanged with unknown results.
- (3) 17 Oct, RECON Plt/1-12 Inf BS697084, exchanged small arms fire with (1) sniper resulting in (1) VC/NVA KIA.
- (4) 17 Oct, 1C/1-12 Inf, BS753148, employed small arms, frag grenades and M-79 on movement, heard moaning and groaning. A sweep of area revealed (2) VC/NVA KIA.
- (5) 18 Oct, 1D/1-12 Inf, BS754124, initiated contact with (4) of (5) NVA resulting in (1) NVA KIA.
- (6) 19 Oct, 1D/1-12 Inf, while sweeping contact area of the previous night initiated contact with (1) NVA who was attempting to flee in the brush, resulting in (1) NVA KIA, (2) AK-47's and (3) rucksacks CIA.
- (7) 20 Oct, 1B/1-12 Inf, BS760108, engaged (2) VC/NVA with small arms with unknown results.

l. TERRAIN: The current "Red Warrior" AO is dominated by the AN LOA Valley and bounded on the east and west by mountain ranges. The mountains offer good cover and concealment as the rock formations form natural caves that provide natural cover from all types of weapons. The valley floor has not been cultivated for several years and because of this the grass and brush provide good cover and concealment and limit visibility in most areas.

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(8) 24 Oct, a SRP from B/1-12 Inf, at BS742096, engaged unknown number VC/NVA with S/A fire resulting in one possible KIA VC/NVA.

(9) 25 Oct, C/1-503 Inf, at BS574146, while OPCON to 1-12 Inf, engaged (1) NVA with S/A resulting in (1) NVA KIA. Individual was armed with ChiCom 9mm pistol and was carrying several documents. Individual believed to be courier.

(10) 25 Oct, C/1-503 Inf, at BS574146, engaged one NVA with S/A resulting in one NVA KIA.

(11) 28 Oct, Recon Plat/1-12 Inf, at BS703087, engaged (3) VC/NVA with S/A resulting in one NVA KIA.

(12) 19 Oct, a SRP from 1D/1-12 Inf, at BS743169, employed claymores and artillery on unknown size VC/NVA element, resulting in (2) NVA KIA and (2) AK-47 CIA.

(13) 2 Oct, a SRP from 3D/1-12 Inf, employed frag grenades and artillery on suspected enemy movement resulting in (1) NVA KIA and (1) AK-47 CIA.

(14) 30 Oct, Recon Plat/1-12 Inf, at BS709093 engaged five VC/NVA with S/A and artillery resulting in (1) NVA KIA and (1) SKS CIA.

m. WEATHER: The last week of September was hot and humid with very little rain; visibility was good and winds were variable 5 to 10 miles per hour. The first 2 weeks of October saw an increase in rain with the beginning of the annual regional monsoon season. Early ground fogs lasted until 0830-00 hrs each day. The last half of October was hot, humid and clear with very little rain. Visibility was good and the winds remained variable at 5 to 10 knots.

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3. (C) Operations: Between 1 Aug 69 and 23 Sep 69, the "Red Warriors" operated vic LZ PENNY (48PZA1172) in search and ~~clear~~ <sup>search and clear</sup> operations,

a. While in this Area of Operations the "Red Warriors" set up and operated numerous Company and Platoon size patrol bases, while conducting sweeps, ambushes and shot range patrols.

b. On 4 Aug 69, the "Red Warriors" started Phase III of the Rome Flow operation.

c. On 6 Aug 69 Recon Platoon, acting as the 2d Bde reaction force, was airlifted to vic 48PZA056705 to check a report of enemy activity in the area. The platoon cleared the area after receiving sniper fire, and found 17 bunkers, rucksacks, canteens and bloodstained bandages. Enemy casualties (4) KIA.

d. On 14 Aug 69, Company C, securing the Rome Flow equipment at a Patrol Base vic 48PZA059706, received 40 rounds of 82mm mortar and B-40 rocket fire in a night attack. When the attack was over C Co had sustained (3) KIA and (7) WIA. Enemy casualties unknown.

e. On 16 Sep 69, the Battalion secondary mission (Rome Flow) of enemy bunker destruction was terminated. The "Red Warriors" had found and destroyed 4666 bunkers, thus denying the enemy a sanctuary and protection.

f. On 23 Sep 69, the Battalion closed out LZ PENNY and moved to LZ MARY LOU for a two day stand down. On 24 Sep the Advance Party left for LZ TAPE. The "Red Warriors" initially at LZ ENGLISH left ENGLISH for LZ TAPE (48PBS7413) and became OPCON to the 173rd Abn Bde on 24 Sep 69. On 25 Sep 69 simultaneously as TAPE was occupied, three companies were CA'd into the AO to search and clear the AN LOA Valley.

g. From the 26 Sep 69 to 31 Oct 69 the "Red Warriors" successfully operated search and clear missions within the AN LOA Valley.

h. On 27 Sep 69, A Company made contact with an unknown size enemy force vic BS714096. C Company was also operating in the area and received sniper fire from a boulder strewn area with several caves. A Company had (1) WIA.

i. On 28 Sep 69, C Company made contact with an unknown size enemy element at BS716091. The enemy was entrenched in a series of caves and employed automatic weapons fire resulting in C Company's receiving one KIA and two WIA.

j. On 29 Sep 69, A Company vic BS718098 exchanged fire with an unknown size enemy force hiding in the rocks and elephant grass. A Company cleared the area, and the enemy lost a possible 3 KIA.

k. On 29 Sep 69 a sweep of the previous day's contact area resulted in finding one VC/NVA KIA. A Company sweeping in vicinity of BS714099 exchanged fire with an unknown size force in the large rocks and boulders in the area resulting in three possible enemy KIA.

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l. From 30 Sep 69 to 02 Oct 69 the "Red Warriors" continued extensive search and destroy operations in conjunction with two combat assaults in the area of operations.

add. On 02 October FSB TAPE was visited by the Corps Commander General, LTC Corcoran.

m. On 03 Oct 69 D Company made contact with an estimated enemy platoon dressed in black pajamas and armed with AK-47's, at BS745205. A sweep of the contact area resulted in the capture of one NVA with AK-47 and rucksack. Prisoner stated during interrogation that contact had resulted in three enemy KIA.

n. On 06 Oct 69, B Company conducted a BDA vicinity BS613223, revealing numerous caves and tunnels in addition to the grave of one female VC KIA. Third Platoon, A Company initiated contact with 3 VC/NVA armed with AK-47's who fled without returning fire. Company A discovered a grave containing one KIA vicinity BS787233.

o. On 09 Oct 69, at BS717113, the Recon Platoon initiated contact with three VC/NVA. A search of the area resulted in finding one enemy KIA.

p. On 12 Oct 69, D Company made contact with an estimated two squads of VC/NVA. Gunships and artillery were employed. A sweep of the contact area returned with negative findings. The "Red Warriors" at FSB TAPE were visited by the Deputy Corps Commanding General, MG Russ.

q. On 16 Oct 69, the Recon Platoon, at BS695085, initiated contact with (2) VC/NVA. A sweep of the contact area produced negative findings. 2d Platoon B Company initiated contact with three VC/NVA at BS747087. A search of the area resulted in finding miscellaneous clothing and equipment. At BS735110 2d Platoon, B Company again initiated contact with an unknown size enemy force. A search of the area revealed one NVA rucksack with pith helmet, and intestines on the side of a rock indicating one possible KIA.

r. On 17 Oct 69, the Recon Platoon exchanged fire with an unknown size enemy force vic BS697084 resulting in one VC/NVA KIA with AK-47 CIA. B Company engaged an unknown size force at BS731100 sustaining one WIA. A search of the area revealed a large pool of blood in a cave. A short range patrol from C Company, at BS753148 employed frag grenades and M-79 fire on an unknown size force moving near their position. A search of the contact area produced two NVA rucksacks, two 75mm RR rounds, and two NVA pith helmets. One rucksack was blood-soaked as was a grey shirt. Body drag marks were also evident, indicating 2 possible KIA.

add. On 18 Oct 69, 2d Platoon, B Company observed one VC/NVA at BS757088 who was engaged by the platoon sniper. Individual was observed to be hit and to fall off large rock. A sweep of the area revealed blood trails and one possible KIA. A D Company SRP at BS754124 had movement of an estimated six individuals who were engaged with fragmentation grenades and small arms. A sweep of the area produced two VC/NVA KIA, two AK-47's, one B-40 rocket, and twelve Chicom grenades, in addition to two NVA rucksacks.

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- s. On 20 Oct 69 a B Company SRP engaged two VC/NVA with small arms and fragmentation grenades at BS760108. A search of the area the following morning produced negative findings.
- t. On 21 Oct 69, the "Red Warriors" at FSB TAPE were visited by the Corps Commanding General.
- u. On 22 Oct 69, C Company and D Company conducted combat assaults into BS702145 and BS702135 respectively.
- v. On 23 Oct 69 an A Company SRP at BS753148 found 2 NVA bodies partially buried and appearing to have been dead approximately six days. They died from wounds inflicted by Artillery. At BS733111, 3d Platoon, B Company, discovered one NVA body killed by small arms at BS733111. At the same location, one pair of sandals, one pith helmet, miscellaneous fishing gear, and a Chicom grenade were CIA.
- w. On 24 Oct 69 a SRP from B Company at BS742096 engaged one VC/NVA with small arms and observed the individual to fall. A search of the area the following morning produced a fresh blood trail and body drag marks indicating one possible KIA.
- x. On 25 Oct 69, C Company, 1st Bn, 503rd Infantry engaged one NVA with small arms at BS574146 resulting in one NVA KIA. A Chicom 9mm pistol and miscellaneous documents were CIA which indicated that the individual was a provincial courtier. At BS574146, C Company, 1/503 engaged one NVA with small arms resulting in one NVA KIA and miscellaneous documents and a medic's bag CIA.
- y. On 26 Oct 69 "Red Warriors" from 1st Platoon, B Company, and the Recon Platoon conducted combat assault into BS709104 and BS693088, respectively, to conduct BDA.
- z. On 27 Oct 69, the Recon Platoon engaged an estimated 9 VC/NVA wearing green fatigues and armed with AK-47's at BS703087. A sweep of the area had negative findings.
- aa. On 28 Oct 69, Recon Platoon engaged one VC/NVA carrying an SKS rifle at BS703087. On searching the area an additional 3 VC/NVA were engaged at BS704087. These individuals were armed with AK-47's but fled without returning fire. On continuing to search the area one VC/NVA KIA by small arms was found in addition to 5 full magazines of M-16 ammunition CIA.
- ab. On 29 Oct 69 at BS704089, element from Recon Platoon engaged one VC/NVA armed with an M-16. On searching the area a cave complex was discovered with 4 sets of NVA web gear, 25 rounds M-14 ammunition, 3 six foot spears, 3 magazines M-16 ammunition and one M-16 rifle CIA.

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ac. On 29 Oct 69, a D Company LP at BS746167 engaged 10-12 VC/NVA with a claymore anti-personnel mine and fragmentation grenades. A D Company SRP at BS743167 engaged an estimated 3 to 4 VC/NVA with fragmentation grenades and a claymore anti-personnel mine. A search of both areas the following morning revealed 2 VC/NVA KIA by the LP's claymore with 2 AK-47's, 2 rucksacks, and one pair field glasses CIA. At BS746168 one VC/NVA KIA was discovered and one AK-47 CIA.

ad. On 30 Oct 69, at BS709093, Recon Platoon exchanged fire with an estimated 5 VC/NVA resulting in one VC/NVA KIA, and one SKS rifle with 7 rounds ammunition, one magazine AK-47, one magazine of M-16 CIA.

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## 4. (C) Training:

a. Unit Training: During the period of this report, all training in the field was conducted by unit officers and NCO's. Weapons zeroing, M-79 and M-60 firing was conducted on ranges set up at LZ Penny. Land Navigation and River Crossing classes were conducted in the field. Safety classes were conducted by the company and by Division Safety Personnel.

b. Schools: The Battalion received and filled quotas to Division Schools as follows:

<u>SCHOOLS</u>	<u>QUOTA</u>	<u>ATTENDED</u>	<u>GRADUATED</u>
(1) Div Combat NCO Leadership	16	12	8
(2) Pre Reconde	4	3	3
(3) Sniper	2	3	3
(4) Mine Sweep	11	9	9
(5) Radar	5	5	5

## 5. (C) Logistics:

a. General Re-supply operation were generally good during the reporting period. Availability of aircraft was adequate with the only problem being caused by bad weather on several occasions.

### b. Supply Activities:

(1) Class I: A field mess was in operation on the battalion primary Fire Support Base during the entire reporting period. Three hot meals per day were prepared for all elements at the Fore Support Base, with one hot meal per day prepared for all other forward elements at the Battalion Trains. Total Consumption during the reporting period was 124,108 A-rations and 64,582 C-rations.

(2) Class II: Total utilization of Class II items were as follows:

(a) Fatigues	700 sets
(b) Boots	550 pr
(c) Ponches	600 ea
(d) Poncho liners	350 ea
(e) Air mattresses	1000 ea
(f) Steel helmet with liners	95 ea
(g) Ruck sacks	300 ea

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(h) Underwear	880 sets
(i) Towels	1000 ea
(j) Socks	3600 pr
(k) Blankets	100 ea
(l) Axes	50 ea
(m) Shovels	70 ea
(n) Water containers (plastic)	1000 ea
(o) Water containers (55gal.)	6 ea
(p) Water containers (250 gals)	3 ea

(3) Class III: During this reporting period the following amounts of fuel was utilized.

(a) Mogas	15,000 gal
(b) Diesel	3,500 gal

(4) Class IV: Re-establishing the primary Fire Support Base required the major utilization of Class IV items.

(a) Concertina (boot types)	40 bales
(b) Barbed wire	145 rolls
(c) Pickets	6 ft-9,000 5 ft-9,000 3ft -5,000 2 ft-5,000
(d) Sandbags	275,000

(5) Class V: The battalion stayed within its ASR on small arms but exceeded the ASR on 81mm HE and 4.2 HE. During the reporting period, Class V expenditures were as follows:

(a) 5.56mm Tracer	3,320
(b) 5.56mm Ball	395,640
(c) 7.62mm Linked	105,700
(d) Cal. 45 Ball	800

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(e)	Cal. 50 Linkes	500
(f)	40mm	
	1. 40mm Cann	1,240
	2. 40mm WSP	100
	3. 40mm WSP	62
	4. 40mm CS	422
	5. 40mm HE	15,246
(g)	81mm	
	1. 81mm ILL	1,729
	2. 81mm HE	4,104
	3. 81mm WP	325
(h)	4.2"	
	1. 4.2" HE	4,725
	2. 4.2" ILL	926
	3. 4.2" WP	340
(i)	Grenades	
	1. Green HD Frag.	2,000
	2. Green HD Frag. M-33	175
	3. Green HD Inc.	25
	4. Green HD WP	200
	5. Yellow Smoke	3,700
	6. Violet	3,400
	7. Green Smoke	25
	8. Red Smoke	110
(j)	66mm Law	120
(k)	Claymores	654

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(l) Clusters HH	
1. Red Cluster HH	124
2. White Cluster HH	342
3. Green Cluster HH	56
(m) White Parachute HH	620
(n) Trip Flares	4,200
(o) C-4	12,400
(p) Bangalores	500
(q) TNT	1,000
(r) Cratering Chg	100
(s) Elect. Blast Caps	240
(t) Shape Chg 15	50
(u) Shape Chg 40	40
(v) N/E Blast Caps	1,200
(w) Det Cord	8,000
(x) Time Fuse	4,000
(y) Fuse PD M557	4,725
(z) 7.62 Ball 5/clip	2,400

C. Transportation: The Battalion organic transportation is not adequate to move the entire element. Additional transportation must be obtained from DTO for any move of more than one Company Organic transportation was utilized to the maximum on a daily basis to move supplies and personnel.

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6. (C) Organization:

a. General: none

b. Strength authorized and assigned strength as of the end of the reporting period were as follows.

(1) Authorized	UNIT	OFFICER	W.O.	E.M.	AGG
	HHC	015	002	147	164
	Co A	006	000	158	164
	Co B	006	000	158	164
	Co C	006	000	158	164
	Co D	006	000	158	164
	Co E	004	000	096	100
	TOTAL	043	002	875	920

(2) Assigned	UNIT	OFFICER	W.O.	E.M.	AGG
	HHC	014	002	137	153
	Co A	005	000	133	138
	Co B	005	000	142	147
	Co C	004	000	142	146
	Co D	006	000	138	144
	Co E	003	000	092	095
	TOTAL	037	002	784	823

c. Replacements and Rotation. The Battalion received a total of 28 officers and 397 enlisted replacements. During the same period, our losses were, 23 officers and 328 enlisted men.

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d. Casualties:

UNIT	AUGUST			SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER		
	KIA	WIA	MIA	KIA	WIA	MIA	KIA	WIA	MIA
HHC	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0
Co A	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0
Co B	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Co C	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Co D	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Co E	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

e. Morale and personnel services -- Awards and Decorations

<u>SS</u>	<u>BS "V"</u>	<u>ARCOM "V"</u>	<u>AM "V"</u>	<u>PH</u>	<u>BS "S"</u>	<u>ARCOM "S"</u>	<u>AM</u>
20	70	35	1	12	20	100	15

(1) Promotions. Total promotions by grade during the reporting period were as follows:

E4	E5	E6	E7	E8	E9
204	73	6	5	0	0

(2) Rest and Recuperation. During the reporting period the Battalion received and used 244 R&R allocations.

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## 7. (C) Others: Civic Action.

- a. In this reporting period the "Red Warriors" S-5 team in the village of PLEI BREL DCR successfully completed projects strated during and before the period.
- b. The PF Platoon has been welded into a fighting force and has been augmented with a 60mm and an 81mm mortar. The Home Guards have been trained and are assuming some of the defensive duties and positions of the village.
- c. The fish ponds are an outstanding success providing a good food supply at the present time. The villagers wish for more ponds but the present ponds cannot be restocked fast enough to keep up with the demands.
- d. The use of 105 and 155 canisters for irrigation pipes have greatly improved the water supply to the rice fields.
- e. The spillway project was completed and the villagers now use the project as a gathering place while washing clothes and bathing. The village latrine project is 90% completed and the villagers are using them.
- f. The "Red Warriors" S-5 team has introduced and planted fruit trees in the village. The villagers have fenced these trees to keep the cattle away from them.
- g. A cattle watching system was set up in which all people look at all cattle and report any disease and worms to the team. Worms are traeted and the 4th Infantry Division Veterinarian team called for assistance and inoculations.
- h. The most significant project to date was the intröduction of a new strain of rice from the Phillipines. Using one volunteer's field, this rice was planted and was harvested two weeks before the regular harvest, yielding 20% more rice than the normal field. The size of the harvest overcame the villager's fear and superstitions and the majority want to plant this type on their next crop. With its shorter growing time and greater yield this rice should greatly increase the food supply and create enough to sell.
- i. The period 1 August 69 to 31 October 1969 has been the most successful since assuming responsibility for the village. The cooperation and understanding between the S-5 team and the people of the village has reached a point of mutual agreement in overcoming the fear and superstitions against new or different ways of doing things.

## Section II (C) Lessons Learned: Commanders observation, Evaluation, and Recommendations.

1. (U) Personnel - None.
2. (U) Operation - See Annex A.
3. (U) Training - None.

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4. (U) Intelligence - None.
5. (U) Logistics - None.
6. (U) Organization - None.
7. (U) Tactical cover and deception - None.

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