

VIETNAM BATTLE NARRATIVE
1ST BATTALION, 12TH INFANTRY "RED WARRIORS"
OPERATION PUTNAM TIGER, PLEIKU PROVINCE

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[Editor's note: The following Red Warrior battle narrative has been extracted from the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry's Daily Staff Journal (DSJ) for the 5th of June 1969. Due to a lack of quality control (combat conditions), some information is missing from the cited source. Information in brackets is editor's comments intended to clarify or complete data from the DSJ. The two-digit numbers in parentheses after some of the unit designations are their radio call signs.]

[On the 45th day of Operation Putnam Tiger], the battalion [commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Edward F. Fiora Jr.] with attachments is operating out of a fire support base (FSB) at Landing Zone (LZ) Nicole (coordinate ZA172783) with Charlie Company (67) performing perimeter security. From 0001 [when the DSJ is opened] until 0545, little happens except when Charlie Company detects movement at 0155 near one of its listening posts (57A). In response they fire their "small organics" [81mm mortars] until 0332 when they call a cease fire and are unable to detect any further movement.

[Sometime between 0545 and 0709, Alpha (13), Bravo (39), and Delta (43) Companies, which are located to the southwest of LZ Nicole, complete their stand-to and pills, recover their listening post (LPs), break-down their night locations and prepare for the day's activities.]

[Most companies, while out on patrol, will have attached to them a forward observer for both the Bravo Battery, 4/42d Artillery (105 towed), and the HHC 4.2 mortars. They might on occasion also have two or more combat engineers from Bravo Company, 4th Engineers. Traditionally, the company commanders would serve as the air support liaison for their companies and request tactical air support and air strikes through the S-3 Air in the battalion TOC.

13 = A company
 39 = B Company
 67 = C Company
 43 = D Company
 90 = Recon
 63 = Battalion
 bde = Brigade

Hornet = Skyraider aircraft
 Bikinis & Blackjacks = Slicks
 Gambler = gunships

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Cider 22 & 23 = Spotter planes (small prop driven aircraft w/2 rockets to mark targets.

	DATE	TIME
OPENED	5 JUNE	0001
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TIME	FM	TO		Comments by Roger Hill & Jim Daniels
0001	-	-	LOG OPENED EQUIPMENT CHECK	SFRC
0045	comp	63	13,39,67,43,90 sit rep n/c	SFTH Situation Report negative
0145	comp	63	13,39,67,43,90 sit rep n/c	SFTH
0155	67	63	57A has movement 35 m out will employ small organics	SFTH A listening post hears movement C Company
0245	comp	63	Sit rep n.c 13,39,67,43,90	SFTH
0311	bde	63	All A/S's for 4 June were cancelled due to weather Preplanned A/S's for 5 June: ZB028090 TCT 1000 AEL/IR	SFTH Air Supply ships cancelled 4 June, Now planned for 5 June at map grid location ZB028090
0327	bde	63	Air Assets: 1 slick from 0800 to 1000, 1 slick 1500 to 1700, possibly 2 additional slicks (2) from 0800 to 1000, LOH from 0730 to 0930	SFTH chopper support at times indicated LOH = Light Observation Helicopter
0332	67	63	End of mission for small organics, Neg. movement	SFTH C company stops organics from movement at time 0155
0345	comp	63	13,39,67,43,90 sit rep n/c	SFTH Situation Report negative
0445	comp	63	13,39,67,43,90 sit rep n/c	SFTH Situation Report negative
0545	Comp	63	13,39,67,43,90 sit rep n/c	SFTH Situation Report negative
0710	43	63	the entire 43 element has SP'd their last nites N/L	SFRC bde Delta Company informs the tactical operations center (TOC) that it has departed (SPd) its NL, night location.
0715	67	63	The33B SP'd for local sweep, the 57A Closed PB	SFRC bde Charlie Company informs the battalion TOC (63) that they have sent out a squad (33B) on local sweep, and that their listening post (57A) has closed on their position.
0730	39	63	Co. B has SP'd	SFRC bde Bravo Company informs the battalion TOC that they have SPd their night location [and are en-route to the FSB to relieve

					Charlie Company]. [This is presumed to be a scheduled rotation.]
0735	43	63	Co. D is held up at this time at the edge of the bunker complex. He is sending an element in to secure, then he will move in and tear up a little bit	SFGK	Delta Company informs the battalion TOC that its point element has discovered an enemy bunker complex [in the vicinity of ZA143760], and has held up the company while a team enters the complex to investigate it. Once the site is found not to be occupied, the company will prepare to move in, secure it, and begin demolitions
0810	43	63	He went into the bunker system and blew some bunkers - they found two slips of paper he will back haul it on first availability	SFGK	Delta Company informs the battalion TOC that it has determined that the complex is abandoned has begun demolitions. During the process, two [Vietnamese] documents containing unknown information are discovered. The battalion TOC is advised that they will be flown out on the first available aircraft.
0825	39	63	They have come 1200 meters from his NL	SFGK	Bravo Company sends a situation report (sitrep) to the battalion TOC and informs them that they have covered 1,200 meters [in the last 55 minutes since they departed their night location].
0940	43	63	Hears automatic weapon fire on AZ 120 4Ks and the sub on Carmen hears it on AZ 220 about 1500	SFGK	D company hears fire 120 degrees from their location, about 4000 meters away. LZ Carmen hears it at 220 degrees from their location at about 1500 meters
0915	63	bde	1 PZ for recon 0900 last LZ 0915	SFRF bde	The recon platoon informs the battalion TOC that they have completed a pickup
0917	13	63	A Company SP's	SFRF bde	Alpha Company informs the battalion TOC that they have SPD their night location.
0925	43	63	PL on D co. 143760	SFRF Bde	Delta Company informs the battalion TOC that their patrol location is ZA143760.
0926	11	43	Bypass the village to the North	SFRk	Delta Company is advised by an unidentified battalion element over the radio to bypass a village to its north
0936	39	63	Current location for B Co. 153775	SFGK	Bravo Company informs the battalion TOC that they are located at ZA153775
0918	63	bde	Turned in current location for all moving elements	SFRG bde	The battalion TOC provided brigade with the location of the battalion's moving elements.
0930	78	63	Request trip flares and insect repellent	SFRF	
0937	BK25	63	Bikini 25 03 out with 8 packs from the engineering repelling team	SFRF	[The battalion resupply helicopter] Bikini 25 contacts the battalion TOC and informs them that they are [approximately] three minutes out and are bringing in eight combat

					engineers with rappelling equipment.
0940	78	63	Reports having 6 packs on LZ Carmen	SFRF	
0950	39	63	Current location for B co. 163780	SFRF	Bravo Company informs the battalion TOC that they are located at ZA163780 [they have traveled over 1,000 meters in the last 14 minutes].
0952	BK15	63	Bikini 15 enroute	SFRF	[A second resupply helicopter] Bikini 15 contacts the battalion TOC and informs them that they are in-bound [at this time].
0956	63	bde	Request body bag and body handling gloves standing by on the med pad	SFRF bde	
1000	63	bde	Requests guns for our operation at this time	SFRF bde	The battalion TOC submits a request to brigade for [immediate] helicopter gunship support.
1005	bde	63	Guns are cranking at Camp Hollaway	SFRF bde	Brigade advises the battalion TOC that the gunships located at Camp Hollaway have been alerted and are preparing for departure.
1010	43	63	Just spotted an individual who ran away. We fired a few rounds at him and will be moving up to check out the area	SFRF	Delta Company observes one NVA, who after being fired on, runs away. A company element [size unspecified] is sent forward to investigate.
1020	63	bde	Present location on A co. 155788 and D co. 148768	SFRF	The battalion TOC contacts brigade and reports Delta Company's location as being ZA148768.
1025	43	63	Spotted 3 more individuals with some type of uniform (green) and head gear - they fled to the east - they employed S/A - request a LOH to check it out. Have not received any fire at this time. 148768	SFRF	Delta Company informs the battalion TOC that they observed three more NVA who were wearing green uniforms and headgear running away to the east. They fired on them with small arms and requested an observation helicopter to fly over the area. They also reported that they have not received any enemy fire at this time.
1045	63	Bde	The engineering team is on the ground at this time	SFRF bde	The battalion TOC informs brigade that the engineers are on the ground at this time [presumably with Delta Company in the bunker complex].
1103	43	63	Have called intermission to large organics at this time. Will be sending down my 57 element to check out the ravine further	SFRF	Delta Company contacts the battalion TOC and calls a cease-fire for the mortar fire (large organic) [probably 4.2 inch] that they requested and sends a platoon (57) to investigate a nearby ravine [where the three NVA ran into at 1025].
1110	43	63	D co receiving AK4 fire at this time. Requesting gun ships. Employing red leg 148768 area of contact	SFRF bde	Delta Company contacts the battalion TOC and reports they are receiving AK47 weapons fire, requests gunships, and calls for artillery fire on the area

					of enemy contact.
1113	63	43	Neg guns available	SFRF Bde	Delta Company is advised by the battalion TOC that no gunships are available.
1114	43	63	Receiving fire from all around	SFRF	Delta Company informs the battalion TOC that they are receiving small arms and automatic weapons fire from all directions.
1117	43	63	Reported incoming	SFRF	Delta Company informs the battalion TOC that they are receiving indirect fire.
1124	43	63	Report everything quieting down. Have about 3 wounded will get further info on it	SFRF	Delta Company reports to the battalion TOC that the enemy firing has subsided, that they have three wounded, and that more information will be forthcoming.
1130	43	63	Reports B-40 incoming	SFRF	Delta Company informs the battalion TOC that they are receiving B-40 rocket fire, and request that a dust-off be placed on stand-by.
1131	22	62	Reports possible hit, will be coming in to check out the LOH	SFR	The battalion commander informs the battalion TOC that the light observation helicopter he is in may have been hit and that they are returning to the FSB to have the aircraft checked out.
1132	Gam26	63	Gambler 26 on station	SFRF	Gambler 26 [a divisional helicopter gunship] contacts the battalion TOC and informs them that they are on station [and standing by].
1200	63	bde	Employing guns to the west and red leg to the east. Guns taking ground to air fire. Rec. Most fire from the west	SFRF Bde	The battalion TOC informs brigade that they have brought in gunships to the west of Delta Company and artillery to its east, and that the helicopters received ground fire from the west.
1205	43	63	Gambler guns expended Buck 9 on station to expend	SFRF	[The first gunships on station] Gambler 26 complete their runs, while a second sortie (Buck 9) awaits its turn.
1208	HH	63	Head hunter went 5860 for other mission	SFRF	[Another air asset that is on stand-by] Headhunter informs the battalion TOC that it is departing the area as it has been diverted [presumably by brigade].
1220	63	bde	Second set of guns have expended employing back to red leg at this time	SFRF bde	The battalion TOC informs brigade that the second set of gunships [Buck 9] has expended their ordnance, [that the check-fire is being lifted] and that they are switching back to the use of artillery.
1219	cid	63	Cider 23 on station	SFRF	Cider 23 [a forward air controller (FAC)] contacts the battalion TOC and informs them that he is on-station [and standing by].
Late 1130	63	DO	Requested a dust off to stand by	SFRF	Delta requests that a dust-off be placed on stand-by.
1230	43	63	Reports tube popping on a 70 AZ 400 meters out. Don't know if it's	SFRF	Delta Company informs the battalion TOC that they can hear an enemy mortar firing

			B-40 or incoming		at a distance of approximately 400 meters on a 70 degree azimuth, and the battalion TOC alerts Charlie Company to prepare to make a combat assault (CA) south of Delta Company's position, move north and link up with them.
1232	43	63	Requests more medics	SFRF	Delta Company requests more medics from battalion.
1230	63	bde	Are kicking the 67 element to the contact area	SFRF	C Company prepping to be sent to help
1240	67	63	C Co. just SP'd	SFRF	Charlie Company informs the battalion TOC that they are prepared to depart (SP).
1242	22	bde	Requested re-supply of large organic	SFRF bde	Artillery requesting more ammo
1245	43	63	Reports that fire has ceased at present time	SFRF	Delta Company reports to the battalion TOC that the enemy fire has ceased at the present time.
1305	43	63	Reports gas	SFRF	Delta Company reports to the battalion TOC the use of an unidentified gas, [presumably by the enemy].
1308	Bde	63	Scorpion 22 guns ships ETA 15 min.	SFRF Bde	Brigade informs the battalion TOC that the second set of gunships requested (Scorpion 22) are en-route and have an estimated time of arrival of 1325.
1315	43	63	Requested to have ammo re-supply – standing by med evac after air strike	SFRF	Delta Company requests that the battalion TOC have a re-supply of ammunition and a medevac standing by to be brought in as soon as the next gun run is completed
1320	43	63	Want a dust off on station – have approx 15 WIA C-2	SFRF	Delta Company reiterates to the battalion TOC the need for a medevac with the battalion TOC and requests that a dust-off be put on station as they have approximately 15 wounded (Code-2) they need to get out [immediately].
1325	43	63	Reports the tube on 70 AZ 400 meters, want guns or air strike ASAP	SFRF	Delta Company reports again to the battalion TOC that the enemy mortar that is approximately 400 meters out on a 70 degree azimuth is firing on his position and that they want either artillery or an air strike placed on it ASAP.
1326	22	63	Requested another set of fighters on station from bde	SFRF bde	The battalion commander contacts the battalion TOC and directs them to request another set of fighters from brigade.
1335	22	bde	Requested status and push on the large organics, again	SFRF bde	Requesting speed up of artillery support
1332	Gam	63	Gambler 6 on station will be assisting Gladiator 20 in with ammo for D Co.	SFRF	Gambler 6 [26?] contacts the battalion TOC and advises them that he is on station [again?] and will be assisting Gladiator 20 with the resupply for Delta Company.

1353	bde	63	Hook in route with large organic. Also have the CS standing by on the LOH pad, all we need is a slick	SFRF Bde	Chinook helicopter brining in artillery ammo. CS ?
1400	bde	63	4 slicks in route for CA	SFRF Bde	Brigade informs the battalion TOC that four aircraft [UH-1 slicks] are en-route to their location to assist with Charlie Company's CA.
1405	cid	63	Having set of fighters coming up in about 10 minutes	SFRF	Cider 23 contacts the battalion TOC and informs them that he will have a set of fighters on station in approximately 10 minutes.
1425	43	63	Reports no fire for the last 15 to 20 min. Got about 3 boxes of ammo from that re-supply bird	SFRF	Delta Company advises the battalion TOC that they have not received any enemy fire for the last 15-to-20 minutes and that they are able to receive 3 cases of ammunition from the latest re-supply helicopter.
1440	63	bde	Hornet 11 on station	SFRF Bde	The battalion TOC contacts brigade and informs that Hornet 11 is on station at this time.
1442	43	63	Cider 23 on station red leg check fired at present time	SFRF	Delta Company reports to the battalion TOC that Cider 23, the forward air controller (FAC) is on-station with his fixed-wing air support and requests an artillery check-fire so that the air strikes can be brought in
1500	Crok	63	Crock 7 on station gun ships	SFRF bde	Another aviation asset arrives on station. Crock 7 [helicopter gun ships from division] advises the battalion TOC they have arrived and are on station.
1503	63	bde	Guns on station will start with our C co. also just called dust off. 2 dust offs, 55 and 65 ETA 1530 hrs	SFRF bde	The battalion TOC informs brigade that the gun ships (Crock 7) have arrived and are on station; that Charlie Company is prepared to begin airlifting out to its LZ; and that two dust-offs have been requested and have an expected time of arrival of 1530.
1515	63	bde	1LZ for C co 1515 hrs. also 17 WIA's 3 KIAs	SFRF Bde	The battalion TOC informs brigade that the first sortie of Charlie Company's CA has landed in its LZ, and that Delta Company has 17 wounded and three dead. [The lead element for Charlie Company is 1 st platoon led by Second Lieutenant James Hafford, who has been in the company for only 5 days. His platoon is under-strength and consists of himself, his platoon sergeant, two Specialists Fourth Class and 17 "green" replacements who are in the field for the first time.]
1530	11	63	1 LZ for C co 1515 hrs. 3 LZ and 4 LZ 1531, 5 LZ 1532	SFRF Bde	The S-3 (11) informs the battalion TOC that as of this time, five sorties

					from Charlie Company have been successfully inserted into their LZ.
1532	43	63	Dust off on station needs guns, contact crock on 289.90	SFRF	The two dust-off helicopters arrive on station and request helicopter gunship support [for their landing and pickup]. The battalion TOC advises them to switch to frequency 289.90 and contact Crock 7 [who is on station and waiting].
1540	11	63	6 LZ 1540 7 LZ 1541. 8 LZ 1542	SFRF	The S-3 informs the battalion TOC that the last three sorties from Charlie Company's CA have [successfully] landed in their LZ. [The company is so under strength that it only took eight sorties to move them all.]
1545	11	63	First dust off in D co.	SFRF bde	Medivac picks up wounded from D company
1542	67	63	Last LZ 1542	SFRF bde	Charlie Company informs the battalion TOC that the company is on the ground.
1543	Duts	63	The first dust off is complete, took 6 WIA	SFRF bde	The first dust-off informs the battalion TOC that they have departed [Delta Company's LZ] with six wounded on board.
1545	67	63	He SP'd at this time	SFRF	Charlie Company informs the battalion TOC that they have SPd at this time.
1605	Cid	bde	Cider 23 leaving station at this time	SFRF bde	[The FAC] Cider 23 advises brigade that he is departing the station at this time.
1606			Bikini 15 was in the LZ received heavy ground fire and 1 incoming round of 82mm (he got 2 WAI out)	SFRF bde	[One of the dust-off helicopters] Bikini 15 [while setting on the Delta Company landing pad being loaded with wounded] reports to the battalion TOC that they are receiving heavy ground fire and one round of 82mm mortar fire. The aircraft is able to take-off with two wounded on board.
1607	43	63	The round came from AZ 10 about 400 meters out	SFRF bde	Delta Company informs the battalion TOC that the one round of 82 mm came in on a 10 degree azimuth from approximately 400 meters out.
1620	63	bde	Bikini 25 went in and 0 people out	SFRF	The battalion TOC informs brigade that [the second dust-off] Bikini 25 was able to land, but [due to enemy fire was forced to] depart without any wounded on board
1628	cid	63	Cider 22 on station	SFRF	[A replacement FAC] Cider 22 informs the battalion TOC that he [has arrived and] is on station.
1630	63	bde	Gambler on station	SFRF	The battalion TOC advises brigade that Gambler [26] is back on station.
1635	13	63	A Co. reports that there is another interference on their new internal, it is an indigenous station. Will change to old push	SFRF Bde	Alpha Company informs the battalion TOC that they are receiving interference on their company radio frequency in the form of a Vietnamese signal and are

					switching back to their old frequency (push).
1637	43	63	D Co. reports B-40 incoming coming from the west	SFRF Bde	Delta Company informs the battalion TOC that the enemy is firing B-40 rockets at his position again from the west.
1643	43	63	Getting movement to the west he thinks they are regrouping	SFRF Bde	Delta Company informs the battalion TOC that enemy movement has been detected to the west of his position and that it appears the enemy may be regrouping on that side of his perimeter.
1735	67	63	Present location 147761	SFRF Bde	Charlie Company informs the battalion TOC that their present location is ZA147761. [This places Charlie Company approximately 700 meters south of Delta Company.]
1700	63	bde	<p>PLANS SUMMARY: A Company will remain in present location maintaining defensive positions. Will be clover-leafing from patrol base. B Company will continue to maintain defensive positions on LZ Nicole. C Company will Sweep contact area. D Company will sweep contact area. Recon will continue to remain OP DON'd to 2/8th Will not have a company or pit size element on reactionary due to the tactical situation. Requesting 1 LOH at 0730 for 2 hours to check in on our Cmd A push and 2 resupply birds all day to check in on our AL Push</p>	SFRF bde	The battalion TOC provides a summary of plans [for the 6 th of June] to brigade. They include: Alpha Company will establish a patrol base, remain in place and conduct clover-leaf patrols. Bravo Company will continue to maintain defensive positions on LZ Nicole; Charlie and Delta Companies will continue to sweep the contact area; and the recon platoon will remain attached [OPCON] to the 2/8 Infantry. The battalion will not have a company or platoon-size reaction force due to the tactical situation. Additionally, one LOH and two resupply aircraft are requested. The LOH at 0730 for two hours on the battalion's command A channel and the two resupply aircraft all day on the admin and logistical (A&L) channel. [Two more dust-off aircraft were to be need also.]
1715	cid	63	Cider 23 on station will have spades in 20 min.	SFRF	[The FACs switch again.] Cider 23 informs the battalion TOC that he [has arrived
Late 1600	G26	63	Gambler 56 on station		Gambler 26 informs the battalion TOC that he is [back on] station [and standing by].
1725	G56	63	Gambler 56 on station	SFRF	Gambler 56 contacts the battalion TOC and informs them that he is on station [at this time].
1736	cid	63	The strike is going in at this time	SFRF Bde	Cider 23 [the FAC] informs the battalion TOC that an air strike is going in at this time.
1750	bde	63	Have 2 hooks with large organics coming in shortly to Nicole	SFRF Bde	LZ Nicole being re-supplied by 2 Chinooks

1809	63	bde	First dust off bird in at this time	SFRF bde	[The next] dust-off helicopter lands on Delta Company's LZ for their wounded.
1810	43	63	They recieved two rounds of B40, got 4 more WIA	SFRF bde	Delta Company informs the battalion TOC that they just received two more B-40 rockets, and that four more wounded have been loaded onto the dust-off helicopter.
1818	43	63	The rounds came from the SE the second bird has gotten out	SFRF bde	Delta Company informs the battalion TOC that the B-40 rockets came from the southeast, and that the second dust-off has departed.
1830	63	bde	We are moving out the guns and start putting gin red leg	SFRF bde	The battalion TOC informs brigade that they are releasing the gunships and are lifting the check-fire on the artillery.
1835	67	63	C Company just took 1 B-40 and S/A	SFRF bde	Charlie Company [who is still moving slowly toward Delta Company] informs the battalion TOC that they are now receiving B-40 rocket and small arms fire. (this is where Daniels, Gustafson, Kahl, Gowan others are pinned down)
1840	67	63	They found a bunker between the two elements the C co is going to throw some frags and see if they can't knock it out	SFRF bde	Charlie Company informs the battalion TOC that they have encountered an enemy bunker between themselves and Delta Company, and that they are going to try and take it out with hand grenades. [Discussing this with Jim Hafford revealed that there are three bunkers that they could see. He was wounded throwing hand grenades at the center one.]
1847	67	63	The C co. has 5 WIA and the D co. has 12 WIA and 8 KIA	SFRF bde	A status report (sitrep) from Delta Company reveals that they still have 12 wounded [three of whom are Sergeant James C. Ramsey and Specialists Fourth Class Franklin C. Everett and Runningcrane] on the ground and that their number of dead has risen to eight. [They include Sergeants Louie Dalie and Lawrence Paulsen, Specialist Fourth Class Alexander Santiago; and Privates First Class Fredrick Henry, Thomas Horal, David Howard, Mack Preston, and Thomas Williams]. Charlie Company informs the battalion TOC that they now have five wounded. [Three of the wounded are from the 1 st platoon (the lead element) and include: Second Lieutenant James Hafford, and Specialists Fourth Class Mike Gowan and Ruben G. Cruz. The Charlie Company wounded were not medivaced out until after

					0700 on the morning of the 6 th of June]
1909	67	63	He is closing the 43 element at this time	SFRF Bde	Charlie Company informs the battalion TOC that their lead element [1 st platoon] has made contact with the Delta Company elements.
1915	cid	63	Cider 22 left station at this time	SFRF bde	[The FAC] Cider 22 advises the battalion TOC that he is departing at this time [probably too dark to be effective anymore].
1958	22	63	They are not going to try to get the WIA out now they are receiving auto weapons fire from the dinks	SFRK bde	The battalion commander informs the battalion TOC that because of intensity of the enemy's automatic weapons fire, they are not going to attempt additional dust-offs at this time.
2050	39	63	Have movement on western side of perimeter, employing M-79	SFRC	Bravo Company, who has replaced Charlie Company at the FSB on LZ Nichol and is performing perimeter security, informs the battalion TOC that they have detected enemy movement on the western side of the perimeter and that they are going to take it under M-79 grenade fire.
2100	39	63	Thinks he saw dinks in the wood line, LP pulled back after employing small arms, small arms are working up small arms at this time	SFRC	Bravo Company informs the battalion TOC that they have observed enemy soldiers in a portion of the woodline on the northwest side of the perimeter, have pulled one of their listening posts (LPs) in, and have taken the that portion of the perimeter under small arms fire.
2120	39	63	Shooting an HI program to the north side of the perimeter	SFRC	Bravo Company informs the battalion TOC that they have called in and are executing a harassing and interdiction (H&I) indirect fire mission [81mm mortars] along the northern side of the perimeter in response to the enemy movement they detected.
2125	67	63	Platoon has closed his location at this time. Will complete setting up of defensive perimeter with 43	SFRC	Charlie Company informs the battalion TOC that they have completed their link-up with Delta Company and are in the process of finalizing their defensive perimeter.
2145	39	63	EOM on small organics at this time. Observing at this time	SFRC	Bravo Company informs the battalion TOC that they have completed their fire mission and are observing for any further enemy movement.
2300	bde	63	bde notes estimated reinforced NVA company was engaged by 43 with an estimated 60-70 enemy KIA	SFRC	Brigade contacts the battalion TOC and informs them that in their estimate, the enemy force that was engaged by the battalion was a reinforced NVA company and that they

					may have sustained as many as 60-70 killed.
2305	bde	63	Need to know how much 4.2 ammo on hand at FSB by type, reply ASAP	SFRC	A request on ammo
2310	63	bde	With reference to last, 590 HE, 12 WP, 104 ILL	SFRC Bde	Battalion responds that they have 590 High explosive rounds, 12 White Phosphorus, and 104 Illumination rounds
2400			Closed Log	SFRC	This daily staff journal is closed out by the battalion TOC with a final entry that Delta Company suffered 32 wounded and 10 killed, while Charlie Company sustained five wounded. [The official killed in action (KIA) for Delta Company this day is actually eight.]
			<p><i>[Note: Nine DSJ entries that deal with the resupply of 4.2 ammunition on LZ Nicole were omitted from this narrative as they had no direct relation to the battle that Delta and Charlie Companies were involved in this day. What is odd are the missing locations of each company at the start of the day; sitreps from Alpha Company throughout the day; all the locations of enemy sightings; and the locations of the companies at the end of the day. Another odd thing about this DSJ is that 50% of the entries were about the different air assets and their deployment.] Roger Hill</i></p>		
S-3 1/12th Inf - RADIO LOG 6 June 1969 - L Z Nicole 172783					
0001			Opened Log Equipment Check L/C	SFTH	
0030	BDE	63	G-2 Usually reliable intelligence sources indicate a possible overall increase in enemy activity throughout the 4 th Division AO for next 12-24 hours same sources indicate attacks by fire in DakTo and Ben Het arias From 0600 to 06800 hours	SFTH	

0045	Comp	63	13,39,67,423,90 sit rep n/c		Negative situation report – all OK
0117	Bde	63	A/S's 5 June: ZB028090 TOT 1125 8m11/.01 100/50 S&I ZA060638 TOT 1215 8m82/.01 100/70 s&f ZA041629 TOT 1245 8m82/.01 100/75 1 nw-se trail uncovered TIC ZA142761 TOT 1315 12 cbu25 6nap 1600-12mm 6000- 7.62 100/50 s&f TIC ZA148770 TOT 1445 12 cbu25 6 nap 1600-7.62 100/30s&f 100/75 s&f TIC ZA143763 1740 12 cbu25 6 nap 1600/20mm 6000-7.62 100/80 s&f Preplanned A/S's for 6 June: ZA060640 TOT 1145 AEL/IR YA996716 TOT 1415 AEL/HVY APD readings	SFTH	This comes from the AF LNO (liaison) in the TOC. He would coordinate air strikes based on enemy intelligence summaries (INSUMS) from the division G-2. The purpose of the coordination was to insure we knew where the strikes were going in on the dates, times, and locations indicated so we wouldn't be there. A/S's means air strikes. TOT is time on target, or the time planned for the strike or action to take place. TIC has to do with location and may mean "The Indicated Coordinate (is)." On the 5th, all the locations are relatively close to each other, indicating a box pattern, probably based on terrain analyses. They also have the strikes timed, probably hoping to catch people moving on the trails, either away from, or into the area to help possible wounded. Take TIC ZA142761. At 1315 the AF was going to put 12 cluster bomb units, 6 napalm, 1600 cal-50, and 6000 7.62 rounds on this particular target. The 100/50 S&F may have something to do with the type of tactics, maybe. Not sure. On the 6th, I think it says they are going in to take infrared readings based on heavy ground sensor reports.
0145	Comp	63	13,39,67,43,sit rep n/c	SFTH	Negative situation report, all OK
0207	Bde	63	Air assets for 6 June: 1 slick all day, 1 slick all morning, 1 slick from 1500 to 1700, LOH at 0730	SFTH	Helicopters available to battalion
0245	Comp	63	13,39,67,43,sit rep n/c	SFTH	Negative situation report, all OK
0345	Comp	63	13,39,67,43,sit rep n/c	SFTH	Negative situation report, all OK
0445	Comp	63	13,39,67,43,sit rep n/c	SFTH	Negative situation report, all OK
0545	Comp	63	13,39,67,43,sit rep n/c		Negative situation report, all OK
0600	63	Bde	Requested guns and 3 dust off birds for first lite	SFTH	Battalion begins to request Air cover and medivac choppers at dawn
0605	Bde	63	Guns will arrive with CAV. ETA unknown as yet, both Pleiku and Kontum dust offs have been notified by bde and will be standing by until notification	SFTH	Gun ships will arrive at unknown time. Dust offs on standby until air support arrives.

			that guns are on station. When d/o arrives on station he will operate on 43's internal with 43 call sight 43G		
0700	67A	63	Break down of wia for d/o is 3 amb., 2 lit. total 6 wia's	SFTH	Charlie Company Wounded in action, 3 are ambulatory, 2 on litters, total 6 wounded in action
0710	43	63	Break down of 43's wia for d/o 1 Lit. 9 Amb		Delta Company Wounded in Action, 1 liter, 9 ambulatory
0715	67	63	My 97A #30, 57A #33, 33A #36, have sp'd their nl for local sweep of contact area.	SFTH	Charlie Company patrols leave area for sweeps of contact area
0740	67	63	33A sweeping to the east has found many gook steel pots and many drag marks to northeast, no bodies though. 57A closed sweeping to the west. Went 300 meters out neg finding other than high speed trails.	SFTH	Eastern Patrol finds enemy equipment and drag trails of wounded. NE patrol has negative findings
0745	67	63	Have 1 MIA medic type. Still have 6WIA's	SFTH	Charlie Company has 1 medic missing in Action - 6 wounded on ground
0752	67	63	SRP 30 closed. Neg finding other than high speed trails.	SFTH	Charlie Company patrol has finished. No finding
0800	67	Bde	To the east found bunker complex of 10 bunkers 3x3x2 1 ½ ft OHC They are well policed neg findings yet. Also recovered 2 m-16s that were lost by my wounded yesterday 6797 closed neg findings he swept to the north northwest northeast		C Company patrol finds 10 small bunkers with 1 ½ foot overhead cover. Found 2 missing weapons.
0803	67	63	57A will be sweeping to the southwest south southeast to cover the area where we think our missing is. Believe he is not KIA or WIA he was just separated from unit when we made contact.		C company believes Medic is alive.
0830	13	63	His 133A #16 SP's his location for a sweep.		A Company sending out sweep of their area.
0845	43	63	He found 83 mm tail fins inside the perimeter today		D Company finds 83mm fins
0850	67	63	The 5A #30 has closed neg finding they went out 150 meters		C Company patrol returns with negative findings.
0900	Dust	63	Called dust off at 0900 ETA 0925		Choppers estimate Medivacs to arrive at 9:25 am.
0910	63	13	A Co to move to 164775		Battalion orders A Company to move to new location
0911	11	63	First bird on ground at 43 location 4 11 reposts drag trails to the west and the east		First coppers arrive at Delta Company location. Patrol reports body drag trails.
0930			They have had 3 birds in and out of the 43 and 67 they have had all the WIA and KIA except for the 1 MIA the 67 element is closing on the MIA at this time. He is KIA		3 choppers have taken all Wounded and dead from the Delta and Charlie location. Patrol finds missing medic, Claudie Metcalf, KIA by our own artillery. Daniels & Bill Kahl present at discovery of body.
1003	13	63	A co SP'd at this time		A company departing at this time
1045	Bde	63	Today the recon element will be returned to 1/12 control.		Brigade orders recon to return to 1/12 control
1052	63	67	Gave location 22 wants him to have his NL		Battalion to C Company, 22 is ??? wants to identify

					later night location
1135	63	43	How many sorties will it take to lift out D company. It will take 13 for element plus the extra packs Rub on D internal		Battalion asking Delta how many choppers to lift out members of Delta company
1205	67	63	He is sending 1 more man back with shrapnel in the leg		Charlie Company informs battalion they have one more WIA they want to send back for treatment
1215	63	Bde	PL for A co 169789		Present location for A Company
1245	63	Bde	Gave proposed BB on the BN		?
1300	Sham	63	Shamrock 11 checked in on station		Air recon in area
1301	67	63	He has destroyed all the bunkers (10) 148767		C Company has destroyed 10 bunkers at grid 148767
1316	43	63	First PZ for the D co.		D Company begins to leave area by chopper
1319	Sham	63	Shamrock reports bunkers 8-12 fresh 4+5 with 2 feet overhead at 147764		Shamrock (Air recon) finds bunkers at grid 147764
1323	43	63	First LZ at this time for D co		Delta company begins to arrive at LZ Nicole
1326	SHM	63	Shamrock 11 at 143753 reports 15 foxholes used within last 24 hours with strips of cloth around them possibly used as bandages		Shamrock finds foxholes at 143753.
1332	43	63	Third LZ		Delta reports 3 rd group to land at LZ Nicole
1337	Sham	63	Shamrock 11 reports 136753 8 bunkers and 1 individual took him under fire unknown results - green uniform		Shamrock (chopper??) finds more bunkers and taking fire from one NVA
1410	43	63	The D company is complete to LZ Nicole		Delta Company move to LZ Nicole complete
1415	Bde	63	Major Pavia from military Historian Detachment will visit LZ Nicole this afternoon transportation will be provided		
1419	67	63	67 sp'd C Company		C Company is leaving contact area at this time
1420	90	63	First PZ for recon		Recon patrol Leaves
1428	90	63	First LZ for recon		Recon arrives
1425	90	63	Second LZ for recon		2 nd recon arrives
1455	90B	63	Third LZ for recon		3 rd recon arrives
1522	90b	63	Third LZ time for recon		
1528	13	63	His NL 162777 he will verify with MM later		A Company night location at 162777
1527	Bde	63	REFERENCE M-72 Law do troops like them, are they used and carried on Subs, small patrols, platoon, and company size operations. How employed, are they effective, on bunkers, on personnel, what are the problems		M-72 Light Anti Tank weapon some carried in the field.
1535	90	63	The fourth LZ for Recon		
1545	90	63	The final LZ for recon		
1539	67	63	The C co. enter the bunker complex, it is US Type bunkers		C Company reports entering bunker complex (Daniels does not remember this occurring -perhaps another platoon)
1607	67	63	PL 146761		Present location, moving south of contact area
1625	63	Bde	M-72 Laws are carried on all operations, they like them		

1630	67	63	He is SP'ng at this time he has been working the area with redleg Shamrock is flying cover for him now.	Confusing radio. Daniels recalls no artillery support that afternoon.
1700	90	63	Recon SP'd	Recon sending out patrol
1705	63	bde	Plan summary; A Co. remain in PB vic 161776, continue patrolling operations, prepare for Rom Plow operations west of present location relay remain on LZ Carmen B Co, continue secure LZ Nicole local patrolling, 3rds plt and rif to vic ZA 188778 and in to FSB C co. Air lift from PB vic ZA 146758 to LZ Nicole, prepare for Rome plow operations EEST NLT at A Co. PB D. co. continue security at LZ Nicole Recon continues patrolling from PB vic ZA 160788. Air request for tomorrow 1 OH at first flyable and 2 RS Ships	Again, confusing message. While we did engage in operation Rome Plow 2 days later, C company did not air lift to Nicole.
1725	67	63	His NL is 146758	Night location for C company
1811	90B	63	Recon NL 168784 (this was wrong location)	
1904	90	63	Confirmed location for recon 163787	
1945	Comp	63	13, 39, 67,43,90,78, sit rep n/c	Negative situation report from all elements - No Contact
1945	39	63	Are shooting an HI program around perimeter at FSB	B company shooting illumination flares around Fire Support Base
2045	Comp	63	13, 39, 67,43,90,78, sit rep n/c	Negative situation report from all elements - No Contact
2145	Comp	63	13, 39, 67,43,90,78, sit rep n/c	Negative situation report from all elements - No Contact
2245	Comp	63	13, 39, 67,43,90,78, sit rep n/c	Negative situation report from all elements - No Contact
2345	Comp	63	13, 39, 67,43,90,78, sit rep n/c	Negative situation report from all elements - No Contact
2400			Log Closed	