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 (AR 220-346)

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ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION: 5/23 2 BN 501ST ABN INF
 LOCATION: DISTRICT H.Q.^S
 PERIOD COVERED:
 FROM: HOUR 0001 DATE 24 APR 68
 TO: HOUR 2400 DATE 24 APR 68

ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
1	0024		MAVIA CONTACT WITH C CO	J, DO,	turn
2	0045		SIT REP A,B,C,D, CONFIDENTIAL NEGATIVE	J, DO, BDe	turn
3	0145		SIT REP A,B,C,D, NEGATIVE	J, DO, BDe	turn
4	0230		From COT Cadill, request preplanned all mission be fired by 8mm.		JOK
5	0241		From 2, request one marking round at 4D 760305, to be DT	J	JOK
6	0245		all elements, setup neg.	J BDe	JOK
7	0350		PF/RF 4D 751305 Obs VC flat moving North at 4D 753306, along canal. Engaged with SA & AW fire, called in arty. did not receive fire. Neg friendly casualties neg enemy assessments.	J BDe	JOK
8	0430		All elements setup neg	J BDe	JOK
9	0545		all elements setup neg	J BDe	JOK
10	0615		CONFIDENTIAL self impact wound in foot not serious. will see on log strip accidental	J	JOK

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11	0657		All elements, sitrep negative	Jade	JAS
12	0705		B Co received & measuring 60 m us asset, neg casualties calling Grid on suspected enemy location at 98 698 354		
13	0705		Black widow 39 at D location at this time (NDD)		
14	0715		From B Co signs closed.	Jg Bck	JAS
15	0720		From Maj Nickelson, B Co will move out on mission at 0830 if back log is not complete they will leave small security force	J B-C	JAS
16	0745		From B Co return skills elements to their location		
17	0830		Informed 40 to Log C ASAP and use maximum log weight.	Jg 3, 06	JAS
18	0832		Bill 22 Checked in with B Co.	Jg	JAS
19	0845		Black widow 39 at D location at this time (NDD)	Jg	JAS
20	0847		Black widow 39 change to C Co	Jg	JAS

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21.	0855		A, B, C, D, Log complete at this time - CP in process of receiving Log.				J. 3,	JWS	
22.	0902		<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">CONFIDENTIAL</div> B Co beginning to move at this time - Wants to know if he should wait for 3.				J. 3, Bdge	JWS	
23.	0905		3 says negative - go on and move				J. B6,	JWS	
24.	0920		B6 said B1K 22 will be flying in area unless called away.				J.	JWS	
25.	0921		C Co beginning to move at this time.				J. Bdge	JWS	
26.	0931		Co locations - A - Corps ⁷⁴²³⁰⁴ RD1.216 B - Camp RD. 0.3 0.8 683312 D - Corps RD 1.5 1.7 745303 C - Corps + on Line 1.0 720320				J. Bdge	JWS	
27.	0937		C Co Lead element made contact at Corps k 45 - <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">CONFIDENTIAL</div> received sniper fire neg casualties calling for Red Log now.				J. Bdge	JWS	
28.	0951		Fr 5-1: Maj. Nicholson's presence is urgently required at Solly to be evacuated to						

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28.	(cont)		Phu Bai. He is the only man in the battalion with O(-) blood, and it is needed before 1200 for an operation.	1, 5-3	
29.	1000		C6 - Guerrilla positions that were rounded up CONFIDENTIAL Said they knew where 5 gooks were - would show him to them - C6 is not receiving fire at this time - gooks are not in area of Red leg coming in - C6 location from Camp L. 1.5 715320	J. 3, Bidge	JMP
30.	1010		C6 called set fire to house in his area, collected up civilians - They informed him VC were in bunkers ahead - had one girl about 20 yrs old with feet crushed - looked like it was done recently - going to check out Bunkers	J. Bidge	JMP
31.	1011		434 preparing to move 106's CONFIDENTIAL 434 39 here to pick him up.	J.	JMP
32.	1016		434 inbound to 106's location for extractions	J.	JMP

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33.	1020		B location at 681311 ^{Came} RD 0.10.9				J. Bde	SM	
34.	1022		1st left of 106's on route to A Troop 2/12 location				J. Bde	SM	
34.	1030		A location from Corp RD 1.5 1.5 - 745305				J. Bde	SM	
35.	1045		1st left of 106's complete				J. Bde	SM	
36.	1049		C location at Corps L.H. 1.50.2 C6 says that civilian that previous pointed out VC says now there are none. C6 is getting slow and using civilian as scout.				J. Bde	SM	
37.	1053		2nd left of 106's enroute.				J. Bde	SM	
38.	1100		A Co began movement at this time - Observed 2 EM in Tan Uniform moving SE ⁷²⁸³⁰⁷				J. Bde	SM	
37.	1109		H Co began moving at this time				J. Bde	SM	
38.	1116		D Co has 1 light w/a US from fragments of grenade. 1 light w/a VC, found 2 Bodies dead from Air Strike NVA. Evaced on Log Bde				J. Bde	DR	
39.	1120		3 bringing 1 w/a intelligence also 43 is bringing one.				J. Bde	DR	
40.	1145		Told Bde the people with the 106 RR. went with the guns to Bde				J. Bde	DR	

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41	1153		B unit 676 310 received 60mm incoming round Believed 1 WIA. Above location is	T	DR3
			B Co reports incoming		
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42	1204		B Co reports incoming 60mm mortars - no back azimuth on location - has received 10 so far - coming in at 30-40 sec intervals. Would like AS on area from 674312 to 675305.	J,	
43	1210	1218	B report Medvac fort. lightly wounded US - shot thru leg - LZ given at 7+ came 40.3 D 0.3 - receiving Dustoff 61 on 46.90 - ETA 1225 - ^{mortars} ceased	1, Bde, B6	
44	1220		Artillery is starting on AS grid CONFIDENTIAL		
45	1230		B6 says villagers on some something in AS location - have also received same 11-79 from there.	J	

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46	1240		FAC at B location unable to locate target - B6 cannot see enemy - decided to cancel air strikes until situation develops.	J, G, Bde, B, 5001	
47	1244		May Nicholson enroute to Bde 3 shortly.	J, Bde	
48	1245		(LATE ENTRY) B Co medevac complete at 1225.	J, Bde.	
49	1300	1313	A at core L 0.1 D 1.4 still moving B. AT CORE L 0.3 D 1.0 C AT CORE L 1.5 U. D. 8 D AT CORE L 0.3 D 1.5	J Bde	DRZ
50	1303	1313	D RECEIVED 3 INCOMING MORTAR ROUNDS & is pulling BACK. D's location CORE L D 03 15	J Bde	DRZ
51	1306	1313	D pulled back 150 meters & calling arty A observed from where the rounds were fired.	J Bde	DRZ
52	1332		B ON MOVE AGAIN just crossing the Blue, vic.	J	DRZ
53	1345		Requested to sortie of hooks		

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53	Con	-	to lift 4.2 ammo to Quang		
54			Dien - 2 at 0900 and 4 at 1500 - contact 40V at Ser. 2 on Adlog. Also get HF 23 for A. IAL	J	Dec
54	1352		H 23 (Adpole 801 enroute at this time - can keep for 1-1/2 hours.	J	Dec
55	1405	1410	A. CORPS L 03 D 1.3 B. CAME L 05 D 10 C CORPS L 15 U 08 D CORPS L 04 D 15	J Bde	Dec
56	1410		Adpole 801 load picked up CPT Crocker & left.	J	Dec
57	1420		A found old 60 mortar position vic 728309	J Bde	Dec
58	1425		C IS STARTED TOWARD THERE ⁷¹⁵³²³ NDP	J Bde	Dec
59	1430		D AT CORPS L 05 D 1.5 CROSSING 2nd calling Bde because he was a big open field to cross	J Bde	Dec
60	1445		Col Cushman + ^{Rt. Gen. Rowson} (COPRA CATCHER) ARE IN ROUTE TO THIS LOCATION	J G43	Dec
61	1453		Col Cushman + COPRA CATCHER ARRIVED	J Bde	Dec

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62	1500		A AT CORPS 26 ⁹²⁶ L 04 D 14 CORPS L 03 D 12 B AT CAME LD 1.1 1.0 C AT NDP closing in ^{21.5403} 715323 D AT STREAM ^{CORPS 405 D 1.5} 725 305	J Bde	DRZ		
63	1525		801 returned this location				
64	1527		801 Released to Bde	J Bde	DRZ		
65	1528		Told Bde Col Cushman & Gen Rossin leaving this location at this time.	J Bde	DRZ		
66	1530		B has Red Oak on three internal push + Red Oak 6 says its his assigned push	J	DRZ		
67	1535		Col Cushman Bud has left this location at this time	J Bde	DRZ		
68	1536		C is closed into three NDP				
69	1540		Vic L 044.04 724 324 B ready for log ^{668 310} CAME LD 12 10 also NDP	J Bde	DRZ		
70	1620		A Sweeping Village no contact.	J Bde	DRZ		
71	1631		A AT CORPS L 09 D 10 ^{731 310}	J Bde	DRZ		
72	1630		Black widow 40 log Bud is helping				

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72	Cont		in log at this time just reported into 40.	J	DRZ
73	1655		668311 Bco NDP FR CAME L 1.3 D 0.9 PLANNED TIGER L 1.6 D 0.2 (664318)	J, S3,	WRD
74	1658		DELTA LOCATION FR CORPS L 0.8 D 1.6 (722304)	J, BDe, S3	WRD
75	1704		SWITCH 6 IS WITH C. ELEMENT	J, S3,	WRD
76	1716		SWITCH SIX AT TRAYS LOCATION		
77	1717		A IN NDP FR CROPS L 1.1 D 1.0 719310	J,	
78	1741		SWITCH SIX IS MEETING WITH TRAYS SIX AT 2.2. SALLY.	J, BDe,	WRD
79	1745		SIX P.F.'S AND TWO MARINE E.M. AT B. ELEMENT LOCATION, WILL STAY APPX. 4 DAYS.	J, BY,	WRD
80	1816		FR. SWITCH SIX, A AND D WILL CHANGE N.D.P.	J, S3, D0,	WRD
81	1831		C CO PLANNED TIGER FR CORPS R. 0.9 D 0.6 Bco 2ND TIGER FR CAME L 1.6 D 1.2		
82	1843		DELTA NEIM LOCATION FR CORP RD 0.8 1.8 738 302		

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83	1845		A NEW LOCATION FR CORPS L 1.8 D O.8 712.312	J, DO, S3.	WARD
			BLACK WIDOW 39 RELEASED	J, BDL	WARD
84	1903		A LEAD ELEMENT CLOSED AND SECURED NEW POSITION!	J,	WARD
85	1904		NDP'S CALLED TO BDL	BDe, J,	WARD
86	1905		A MOVING TO NEW LOCATION	J,	
87	1906		DELTA IN ROUTE TO NEW LOCATION.	J,	WARD
88	1925		C ELEMENT TIGERS DEPARTING. C 2ND TIGER PLANNED LOCATION! FROM CORPS U O.7 (730 327)	J,	WARD
89	1934		Sadpole 801 returning to Bde at this time.		
90	1943		A Closed new location - has ambush from corps ID 1.3.1.		
91	1945		DELTA CLOSED N.D.P.	J, BDe	WARD
92	1958		B HAD SIX TO EIGHT INCOM- ING MORTAR, NO DAMAGE. MORTARS RETURNING FIRE GRID 676 309, SEEM TO BIZ 60 OR 82 MM.	J, BDe	WARD

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93	2327		MORTARS CHECK FIRED ON SUS- PECTED N.C. MORTAR LOCATION B ELEMENT HAVE HAD NO MORE INCOMING.	J,	WRD
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94	2045		SIT REP A,B,C,D, NEGATIVE CONFIDENTIAL A AND B IN POSITIONS FOR AMBUSH C TIGERS IN POSITION	J, BDe	WRD
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95	2050			J, BDe	WRD
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96	2145		SIT REP A,B,C,D, NEGATIVE	J, BDe	WRD
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97	2245		SIT REP A,B,C,D NEGATIVE	J, BDe	WRD
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98	2330		AT 21:50 HAS AGENT REPORTS A NVA REG. MOVING INTO THE N. GATE OF THE CITY OF HUE, THE K-8 BN, LOCATED GRID 251 251 VD 755215, MOVED AT 2240 TO GUIDE NVA TO WEAPONS CACHES.	J, BDe 2, BN 2,	WRD
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99	2345		A,B,C,D, NEGATIVE SIT REP.	J, BDe, DO	WRD
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			Summary 24 April 68		
			<p>Delta fired prep in objective in vic of 748300 and began attack at 0830. Alfa acted as a blocking force for Delta in Vic of 745305. At 1100 hrs Alfa began movement to area vicinity of 735301. They moved to 729304. At the same time Delta was on their left across the road and moved to 727 727305. At the Delta received 3 incoming mortar Rds and pulled back 150 m. and called City in to Area 723312. They then moved on. Alfa Sweeping the village on the right in vic of 726306. Had negative contact and neg assessment. They moved to NDP location. A- 713313 D- 738302.</p> <p>Bravo began moving at 0902 to the west. Conducting RIF of Villages in vic. of 680310 and 675310. At 1200 they received approx 10 incoming mortar, which resulted in 1 US. WIA. They began moving again at 1332. They swept on through the Vill and into their NDP 668312</p>		

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Charlie Legan moving at 0921 to Northeast to sweep Vill in vicinity of 715 330. At 0937 his lead element received SA fire at 720 320. Neg Casualties. Moved on sweeping slowly through the vill with neg assessments. Moved to NDP 724 324.

Statistics 24 April 68

- 1 U.S. WIA - D
- 2 Body Count - D
- 1 U.S. WIA - B.

Statistics carried forward.

- Body Count ~~10/9~~
- Detainees ~~10/9~~
- U.S. KIA ~~10/9~~
- U.S. WIA ~~30/4 20/6~~
- Captured Weapons
- Individual Wpns ~~10/9~~
- Crew Served Wpns ~~10/9~~
- U.S. Wpns ~~10/9~~

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