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2ND BN 501ST ABN INF

LOCATION
QUANG BIEN
DIST. HQ

PERIOD COVERED

FROM		TO	
HOUR	DATE	HOUR	DATE
0001	28 APR 68	2400	28 APR 68

ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
1	0045		SIT REP A,B,C,D, & K NEGATIVE	J, BDE,	WRD
2	0145		SIT REP A,B,C,D, & K NEGATIVE	J, BDE,	WRD
3	0230		<u>PAUSE</u> picked up a platoon size etc 180 meters out via 683335 Check with ARVINS ALSO #2 + 81's	J Ad.	DRZ
4	0245	0255	Sit Rep Negative: ABCD + K	J Bde	DRZ
5	0350	0355	Sit Rep Negative: ABCD + K	J Bde	DRZ
6	0445	0455	Sit Rep Negative: ABCD + K	J Bde	DRZ
7	0545	0600	Sit Rep Negative ABCD + K	J Bde	DRZ
8	0615	0616	A Ambushes ¹²⁴³⁴⁹ Closed NDP	J Bde	DRZ
9	0621		From Bde Scales as would like to HAVE THE 1 personnel + piece of equipment ¹⁰⁶ Returned to them By our Log Bird	J	DRZ
10	0627		TRAYS 3 Notified ^{DOWNGRAD AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS:} THAT RAMROD STARS A will be ^{DECLASSIFIED AFTER 18 YEARS} ⁶⁸³²⁸⁵ WORKING IN AREA FROM TRAP R03D35	J	DRZ
11	0643	0644	⁶⁰⁸³¹⁷ B Ambushes Closed NDP	J Bde	DRZ
12	0639	0703	⁶⁶⁵³⁴⁰ <u>D AMBUSHES CLOSED NDP 0630</u>	J Bde	DRZ
13	0713	0714	<u>A STARTING TO MOVE this time</u>	J Bde	DRZ
14	0745	0745	King's MAN 27 Reported in.	J Bde	DRZ
15	0804	0805	⁷³¹³²⁹ A at Dump R01 U09 CROSSING RIVER	J Bde	DRZ

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16	0815		Kingsman 27 Logged c with CS & BACK AT THIS LOCATION		DRZ
17	0840		Disposition of elements A Co 4D 727327, B Co 40656315 C Co 4D 704312, D Co 662340	y Bde	JWS
18	0850		A Co 4D 727327, commencing prep of objective at this time.	y Bde	JWS
19	0905		4.2 Plot request clearance per grid 714328, (ground)	y cleared.	JWS
20	0905		Co D. Received P.F.s, (25 P.F.s)	y	JWS
21	0905		Delayed Entry. C Co has 7 P.F.s	y	JWS
22	0920		C Co made contact with Bilk 25, said village (693303) looks bad, no one moving but have same bunkers as previous contact.		
23	0920		Co D. on the move at this time	y Bde	JWS
24	0930		Co G 4D 727327, completed prep moving into obj at this time.	y Bde	JWS
25	0940		A Co 4D 717328 making B Co 4D 662340		

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			B Co CP of 29 645305, 1st Plat enroute to 669324 3rd Plat enroute to 645317 C-Co, 40703312, getting a.s. from Btk 25, air was available not being used.		
26	1005		D. CONFIDENTIAL 40 666345 Co A 40715328 lead element entered objective, neg enemy resistance.	f Bde	JCS
27	1007		From C Co. Btk 25, reports a.s. not night type ord. for 1's target, C Co now preping with arty.	f Bde	JCS
28.	1015		B Co 40 645317 3rd Platoon in position.	f.	
29.	1015		From 9D-Dist adv. 0825 main chopper carrying advisor spotted & he hiding wire under CONFIDENTIAL middle sheet, also advisors clear to shoot in that area	f Bde	JCS
30.	1029		C Co 40703312, on the move prep complete.	f Bde	JCS

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31	1025		CO B 4D 669324, 1st platoon securing bridge in position CONFIDENTIAL				J. Bole	JOB	
32	1025		CO B 4D 645317, 3rd platoon intercepted 4 indiv carrying bundles of rice going west the platoon sent them back to the east, when they arrived back at Co CP the Marine Psyops team will interrogate them				J. Bole	JOB	
33	1030		CO-A 4D 715327, found grave very fresh 24 hrs, believe NVA because of unij. green. Shot in head w SA,				J. Bole	JOB	
34	1100		Disposition of elements, A Co - 4D 6714 329 obs 5 Per 4D 709 328 moving no permission ^{to} negotiating at this time. B - CP 4D 645305 2nd plat at same location 1st plat CONFIDENTIAL 4D 669324, 3rd plat 655317 C Co 704 317, D Co 645367.				J. Bole	JOB	

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34 35	1007		Cal Price located at Blo's location at this time.	f	JCS
36	1110		CCs 40703 309, found 2 just graded, will check them out	f	JCS
CONFIDENTIAL					
31	1115		COA 711323 obs 20 people, have not noticed this small village before.	f	JCS
38	1124		Qc has been instructed not to fire on people to continue mission, have requested a PF plt to check up area out	f. Bode	JCS
39	1126		Q co 711323 just heard a bugle call in vicinity of 727328. Found out it was a psy-war team broadcast	f	JCS
40	1129		Q co 645307. Negative charge on location still located prep almost completed will be moving in 10	f. Bode	JCS

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40	1132		C Co just completed checking out graves. There were 2 NVA in uniforms wrapped in ponchos. Location CONFIDENTIAL	J. Bde.	KOZ.
42	1140		We were exposed will be moving out in 15 to check out 2 sitings. 711323, 709328.	J. Bde	KOZ.
43	1150		C Co found 1 st steel pot with 1 vertical red stripe in back. Had a ^{Horiz} red stripe in front with a hole in the top.	J.	KOZ.
44	1153		Co C ^{ITEM 141} people found dead in graves were killed by shrapnel.	J. Bde	KOZ.
45	1206		Co A 715330 found 3 graves one dead body in each. 3 bloody rucksacks. were killed by shrapnel.	J.	KOZ.
46	1214		A Co on the move. CONFIDENTIAL	J.	
47	1218		B Co sub elements are in the same pos. Negative pit-req.		

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48	1220		D. Co. has 2 elements entering objective.	J	KOB.
49.	1222		C. Co found one M-16 plus NVA handgrenade comms. CONFIDENTIAL!	J. Bole	KOB.
50	1255		CO A 4D 715 325, received fire from 2 AK 47's neg casualties, pulling back rolling in city. <u>CO B - CP 6953054 2nd plat, 1st plat 669324 3rd plat 655 217.</u> <u>CO C 703307, CO D, 652368</u>	J Bole	JMS
51	1315		CO A via 715325, Blk 2A will be in air to observe per the walk.	J Bole	JMS
52.	1316		CO C - 4D 703307, finding new bunkers w/HC, some with tunnels going from bunker to bunker, report Eng. to Plat 1 est at least 100 bunkers in area	J	JMS
53	1330		Bulk 2A 4D 717321 said Red Leg FIRE ON THE TWO BUILDING AT THIS	J, Bole	Bole

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			COR AND THEY HIT THE HOUSES AND 2 MEN CAME OUT LOOKING SWELL		
			STROCK HE WENT INTO TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AND RECEIVE SMALL ARM FIRE	J, Bole	CSJ
54	1335		L/S A3 YD 714323 Two Hundred meters to North 200 meters to South East Request air STRIKE, EST AT LEAST A PLT OF V.C	J. Bole	CSJ
55	1340		BULK 24 LEFT STATION TO Refuel + pick up MORE Rocket	J. Bole	CSJ
56	1343		4843 Request Demo Team.	J. Bole	CSJ
57	1350		In form Co C THAT He will be getting a Demo Team, for ^{him} TO CHECK THE AREA + BUNKER OUT REAR AREA. MAKE A SKETCH OF BUNKER AREA	J. C-6	CSJ
58	1355		Bulk 22 is the New FAC on STATION	J.	CSJ
59	1403		Co D YD 654367 Neg Contact Co B No Change Sitrep Neg Co C YD 703307 Holding in Area checking out Bunker Co A YD 714315 Busy FAC IN FOR	J Bole	CSJ

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60	1425		A/S. Holding in place. (Bde) Kingmen 27 is down AT TRAY pad IN ROUTE TO C Co location WITH Explosive.	J. Bde	cel		
61	1445		CONFIDENTIAL L/S 6 is creating A location	J.	cel		
62	1450		Kingmen 27 is IN ROUTE TO 1ST Bde pad TO PICK UP Dog Team Kingmen 27 TAIL NUMBER IS 346	J. Bde	cel		
63	1453		Eagle eye and L/S 6 IN ON Ground AT A Co LOCATION	J	cel		
64	1503		D Co yd 654367, Have contact with FMC, Spotted personnel in KAKKI unit AT YD 653366. They also ^{WAS} CARRYING WP's, wearing No HATS and some had on light Green uniform.	J. Bde	cel		
65	1510		Bco ^{YD 643313} L38 D0.8 36 obama group of people making without of tree line, The personnel are one of our friendly units	J	Bde		
66	1512		CONFIDENTIAL A Co Air Strike coming in.	J. Bde	cel		
67	1515		A Co A/S is now completed				
68	1516		A Co Lead element is marking				

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			South of Attack Area at Air Strike	J. Bole	CS
69	1519		Eagle eye of L/S 6. is leaving ALG location	J	CS
			CONFIDENTIAL		
70	1522		L/S 6 IN FORM CO TO S: T up NDP AT YD 703307	J. Bole	CS
71	1532		A COMPANY D 715325 NO CONTACT	J Bole	CS
			Moving on through A AREA Kingsmen 27		
72	1534		Attack IN Route FROM 1st Bole AREA TO Quang Dien with 1 K9 TEAM	J. Bole	CS
73	1540		Navy Gun fire is completed for Delta Co.	J Bole	CS
74	1543		B Co will be IRT for Bole. His pickup ^{zone} YD 656317. TOTAL STRENGTH 131	J Bole	CS
75	1545		Kingsmen 27 Land AT Quang dien	J Bole	CS
76	1607		D Co receive sniper fire S E of YD 654367, send team element into area slowly to check it out.	J	CS
77	1625		A Co 715323 no contact CONFIDENTIAL B Co element at YD 656318 C N/C	J. Bole	CS
			D Co 1 Sub element 655365 655370		

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(Cont from 77)			651368 second sub, ^{has} engaged 4 to 5 people ^{AT} 653368 ^{has} being engaged by AK 47 & S/A & Automatic weapons	J. Bole	CS
78	1637		L/S 43 Told B to move to his 16 location ^{AT YD 669324}	J. Bole	CS
79	1645		D Co receive S/A & Automatic fire Has 3 WIA. MINOR CAS.	J. Bole	
80	1650		B Co is a move to 16 location	J.	CS
81	1700		Request extension of Kingman 27 until 1900	J. Bole	CS
82	1705		Extension of Kingman 27 was approve until 1900	J. Bole	CS
83	1715		A Co Report He has 1 KIA & 1 WIA From the mine.	J. Bole	CS
84			AT Car YD 715320		
84	1716		D Co From His LAST Contact is HAS 2 KIA, one from sniper and the other from FRAGMENTATION FROM the mine.	J. Bole	CS
85	1717		B Co has move east of 66 Grid line, Bole extend PIASTE & Kill AO TO 66 GRID LINE AS FAR NORTH		

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85	Cont		As 7th 35 Grid Line.	J. Bde	Ch
86	1730		Dust off 64 ¹⁵ pick up up A WIA & KIA CONFIDENTIAL	J. Bde	Ch
87	1731		Dust off 64 Airborne Radar his way back to SALLY	J. Bde	Ch
88	1810		Spot report 6 at Br CD	J Bde	JMS
89	1819		C REPORTS TAKING 10-15 rds. FROM AK-47. SEEM TO COME FROM N.W. ROUNDS LANDED IN AND AROUND L.Z. DOES NOT WANT TO BRING A CHOPPER IN FOR BACK-HAUL.	J, BDE.	
90	1845		Disposition of elements A Co CD 721319 ⁷²¹³¹⁹ , 100mm will RON. B Co OPCON TO 2-17 Cal ep 1830. C Co 646303 ^{L103301} , completed log, RON same location. D Co 651340 will be located in 15 to 30, RON same loc.	J Bde	JMS
91	1905		CONFIDENTIAL (C) Reg 2 KIA, Col Cushman ever 2 KIA, enemy took 1079		

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96	2010		2 ea Demo Teams on Greene 2 Pool at 0800. 1ea Team for A/C Co's		
97	2250	2300	Sit Rep: Negative / C: J-D-AAL	J-Bde	LN
98	2345	2400	Sit Rep: Negative / A-C, D-J Sit Rep: Negative / G-D	J-Bde	LN
2400	CLOSED OUT 28 APRIL 1968 Donald Ghent				
<p>Summary for 28 April 1968</p> <p>Alpha departed NDP at 0713 on RIF mission of Village Vic 715328. At 0850 called in Artillery group of Objective. At 1045 lead element enter Vill with negative contact. At 1430 in Vic of 715327 they found one very fresh grave, dug it up and found 1 NVA soldier identified by Uniform. At 1206 in Vic of 715330 found 3 graves 2-3 days old. Results 3 dead NVA identified by Uniform. At 1255 in Vic 715325 received fire from 2 AK 47s. Pulled back and called in Artillery. At 1510 called for A/S on Station and complete at 1575. Moved into area of contact with negative resistance. At 1715 in Vic of 715320 received 1 KIA and 1 WIA from Mine. Company moved from that location to NDP 221319.</p>					

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			<p>B company at 0800 deployed elements to the following locations, 1st Platoon 669324 for Bridge Security, 2nd Platoon and CP at 645304, 3rd Platoon at 655317. as observation Post. All elements were closed by 1025 hours. At 1717 hours B Co. was Upcon to 7/17 con unit. B did not receive log.</p>		
			<p>C company began moving after prep of Objective area 703307 at 1024. At 1110 found 3 fresh graves that contained 3 NVA Killed By schrapnel. at 1222 in Vic of 703307 found 1 US M-16. At 1316 found large bunker and tunnel complex, believed to accommodate a Battalion or larger. They made a thorough check of complex and remained there for NDP to deny the enemy access. Requested an engineer unit to destroy.</p>		
			<p>D Company began moving at 0920 on RIF mission of Vill in vic 654367. Entered Vill at 1220 with negative contact. At 1607 received sniper fire from vic 654367. Sent 2 elements to check out, one sub element was engaged with AK fire in Vic 653368, resulting in 2 US KIA by S/A and grenade. They called in Artillery and moved to NDP 648381.</p>		

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			Statistics 28 April 68		
			U.S. KIA's D-2 A-1	3	
			U.S. WIA's A-1	1	
			BC A-1 C-2	6	
			Captured wpons C-1 USM16		
			Lost " M-79 D		
			Totals carried forward		
			US KIA's	94	
			US WIA's	420	
			Body Count	474	
			Detainee's	93	
			Captured wpons		
			Individual	90	
			Crew Served	29	
			U.S.	28	
			Contacts		
			Plt or Smaller	20	
			Co or Larger	20	
			Bn " "	13	
			Commo 2 Radio & 2 Fld Phone 4		

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