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ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION S2/3 2d Bn (Abn), 501st Inf	LOCATION Cu Chi RVN	PERIOD COVERED			
		FROM		TO	
		HOUR 0001	DATE 17 Jan 68	HOUR 2400	DATE 17 Jan 68

ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGE, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
1	0045		SITREP neg contact	Bde	
2	0047		When we have personnel in the field call SITREP for them over FM. Bunker SITREP goes over telephone Fr Bde	Logged in	
3	0145		SITREP Neg change	Bde	
4	0245		SITREP Neg change	Bde	
5	0345		SITREP Neg change	Bde	
6	0445		SITREP Neg change	Bde	
7	0545		SITREP Neg change	Bde	
8	0643		BUNKER SITREP NEG CHANGE	Bde	
9	0700		C Co patrols enroute to Base Camp at this time	Bde	jdH
10	0730		Fr C Co F C3 closed back inside wire.	Bde	jdH
11	0740	0745	SITREP Neg cmd bunker	Bde	
12	0750		Fr Co Co, C3 has rtn to Co area, C2 inside wire C1 enroute outside wire	Bde	
13	0817		Fr Mort Plat: Request FLA, 1 man bitten by something.	FLA sent	
14	0825		Fr C Co all elements are now closed in 0820	To Bde	
15	0826		XO departed for TSN		
16	0900		1st lift recon departed for PHU COUNG. CO was aboard.	Bde	
		0922	2d lift recon		

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	IN	OUT			
17	0945		SITREP Neg emd bunker	Bde	jdj
18	1000		Lift 3 enroute recon	Bde	jdj
19	1025		Lift 4 enroute Recon	Bde	hdh
20	1025		CO returned to TOC	Logged	jdj
21	1040	1045	Fr bunker: SITREP Negative	To Bde	jdj
22	1045		Lift 5 airborne recon	Bde	
23	1108		Lift 6 last lift airborne	Bde	jdj
24	1140		LNO from 3-4 cav coordinated with S3 on firing from point 3 between 0900-1500 18 Jan 68	B de	jdj
25	1145		SITREP neg bunker	Bde	jdj
26	1250		SITREP neg bunker	Bde	jdj
27	1340		Fr LTC TALIMAN: A,D&C Co cmdrs report to TOC with LBE in 15 minutes	Co's logged	jdj
28	1345		SITREP Negative bunker	Bde	jdj
29	1427		Fr Bde: firing point 1 is firing until 2100 D3 patrol will be close to impact point		
30	1445		Bunker SITREP negative	Bde	jdj
31	1448		CO, S3 Co cmdrs enroute to PHU HOA DONG Sub sector	J	
32	1455		To A,C,D: Stand fast on all plans until receive word from CO upon his return	tjl	
33	1456		To Bde: ^r out patrol plan 8-68 has been changed will not be in vic of impact point firing point 1.		BJ

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	IN	OUT					
34	1540		1540 To cmd bunker: ammo dump vic gunship pad has exploded numerous rds are going off Alert personnel to stay down until explosions have ceased.	j			
35	1548		Bunker SITREP negative	Bde			
36	1605		1 HE rd went off in Co B area. believed part of ammo fire explosion presently in bunkers.	Bde			
37	1615		Fr Bde: discom directs all personnel get into their bunkers "Not under attack"	j			
39	1640		CO, LNO departed PHU ^{HOA} DONG	j			
40	1642		Fr cmd bunker: fires still out of control vic last explosion small arms still going off				
41	1655		Fr Bde: personnel can exit bunkers at this time	T			
42	1712		Fr Col Cushman: have Col Tallman call me upon his return				
43	1845		Fr S3: at the bunker line talking to the MPs contact the assistant PM cmd tell him what our plans are.	Bde			ny
44	1757		Two plts of A element are at check point one at this time.	Bde			
45	1830		All A elements are in position one at this time.				dw
46	1853		Mort in position at this time Serv plt loading to move out in 15 minutes.	Bde			

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47

1945

To Bde: SITREP Negative

Bde

48

1940

Serv plt in position at this time

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49

1941

Gave mort plt ground clearance for grids

6618, 6718, 6717

Bde

50

1945

SITREP Negative

Bde

51

2100

Liaison off is in his position at this time.

He will be at Gummy Cobra until 0630 depart

for our AO at 0730

1

52

2115

SITREP from A, serv and mort negative

Bde

53

2130

Between bunker 55 and 56 four personnel were

sighted. Neg action was taken due to our A

element.

logged

54

2145

SITREP no contact B andfield

Bde

55

2245

SITREP fr bunker andfield negative

Bde

56

2345

SITREP Negative change

Bde

57

2346

Classification of A element position check

point (1) one.

Bde

58

2400

Closed out journal

logged

Journal Summary: This article published from C Co. (David Bush & Company) Co. Chi. 0750. Recon Plut was moved by helicopter thru Company for Troop with the 5th ARVN Div Recon Co. Started 0900 class 1120 in Phu Cocna, Bn Co, S-3, Co CO's coordinated with Phu Han Song

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1						Sub-sector for Conduct of Cordon and Search operations to be Conducted 18 Jan 68. Bu Arch issued Verbal order to Unit Commander for Conduct of Cordon and Search operation OPORD 4-68 ISSUED 171805 171805, ACO departed area, execution of OPORD 4-68 (Perch)
				20	1945	SITREP Negative
				21	2100	Latoon off in his position at this time. He will be at Gummy Cobra until 0630 depart for our AO at 0730
				22	2115	SITREP from A, serv and not negative
				23	2130	Between bunker 22 and 26 four personnel were sighted. Neg action was taken due to our A element.
				24	2145	SITREP no contact B and field
				25	2245	SITREP fr bunker and field negative
				26	2345	SITREP Negative change
				27	2346	Classification of A element position check point (1) one.
				28	2400	Closed out journal
						Journal Summary: Three contact points from Co. (bunker and field) 1815, 1830, 1845. No movement and release of the bunker for this unit. The 24 ARVN Div Recon Co. started 0100 down 1100 is the Recon. Co. 2-3. Co. 2-3 coordinated with the Recon.

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	IN	OUT			
1	0030		C element has departed area.	Bde	
2	0045		Sitrep Neg.	Bde	
3	0046		Commo between command bunker and 56 is out.	Notified wire team.	
4	0056		C element is now at SP 59.	Bde	
5	0114		C element is now at CP One.	Bde	
6	0128		D element is now at CP One.	Bde	
7	0143		A element in movement to objective at this time.	Bde	
8	0143		A element in movement to objective at this time.	Bde	
9	0147		D element is now at CP Three	Bde	
10	0148		Sitrep Neg.	Bde	
11	0155		A element		
12	0205		C element is now at CP seven.	Bde	
13	0245		Sitrep Neg.	Bde	
14	0305		C & D elements scouts have reached check point nine.	Bde	
15	0320		C & D elements are now at CP Nine.	Bde	
16	0340		All elements are in position at this time.	Bde	
17	0345		Sitrep Neg Change.	Bde	
18	0445		Sitrep Neg Change.	Bde	
19	0545		Sitrep Neg Change.	Bde	

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	IN	OUT					
20	0555		Monitored three C. C element reports to 6, rds coming in from there left flank approx 200 meters out.				
21	0600		Fr Bn CO: About 0600, 8 rds of small arms fire inside TAN HOA. No one heard them go overhead. Did not appear to be firing at any of our personnel.	Bde	fml		
22	0643		Fr A Co: One man tried to leave the Helipad, hollered at him, fired one shot in the air, individual ran back in the village.	CO, J	fml		
23	0640	0645	Fm Command Bunker: Sitrep Neg.	Bde			
24	0735	0745	Fm Bunker: Sitrep Neg.	To Bde	cln		
25	0800		Late Entry: From Maj Nicholson - Search of village & inhabitants began 0730.	To Bde	cln		
26	0815		Mortar Plat. enclosed in Echo Co Area-0815.		cln		
27	0830		Fm Bunker: Sitrep Neg.	To Bde	cln		
28	0915		3/4 Calv given permission to fire M-60, M-50 & small arms fire at firing point #3. Rt fire limit 045°.	To Bde	cln		
29	0930	0935	Fr S3: As of 0930, we have 9 detainees.	To Bde	cln		
30	0940	0945	Fr S3: Discovered tunnel in hootch where weapons fire was believed to originate early this morning. Alpha Co is sending tunnel	To Bde	cln		

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	IN	OUT					
30cont			team in, to be followed by CS & demolition operation.				
31	0945	0945	Fm Bunker: Sitrep Neg.	To Bde	cln		
32	1020		Fm Bde: Msg to all companies - Area surrounding gun ship armind dump is off limits to all personnel, and not to pick up duds in the area.	To Bde	cln		
33	1040	1045	Fm Bunker: Sitrep Neg.	To Bde	cln		
34	1140		Fr Bn CO: Have 19 detainees and 2 VC's, will let you know when we need transportation.	To Bde			
35	1145		Fm Bunker: SITREP Neg.	To Bde			
36	1155		One of our elements is setting up a screen for one of the ARVN units checking the surrounding local. Screen is to run Fm XT 710 147 to XT 717 156.	To Bde			
37	1240	1245	Fm Bunker: Sitrep Neg.	To Bde	cln		
38	1245		Fm Alpha - closed in at this time.	To Bde	wg		
39	1303		Last load of detainees where pick up.	To Bde			
40	1325		D Co closed in this time.	To Bde			
41	1345	1345	Fm Bunker: Sitrep Neg.	To Bde			
42	1400	1405	3/4 Calv has ceased fire at firing point #3.	Logged	cln		
43	1440	1445	Fm Bunker: Sitrep Neg.	To Bde	cln		
44	1510		Fm CO: Charlie Co has began extraction back to base camp.	To Bde	cln		

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45	1535	1540	Fm C Co: Enclised at home base at this time.	To Bde	cln
46	1540	1550	Fm Bunker: Sitrep Neg.	To Bde	cln
47	1631	1645	Alpha 2 cleared perimeter 1631.		cln
48	1645		Sitrep Neg.	Bde	
49	1715		A3 departed base camp.	Bde	
50	1725		A1 departed base camp.	Bde	
51	1745		Sitrep Neg.	Bde	
52	1840		A1 & 2 are in position 1-1830 2-1840	Bde	
53	1845		Sitrep Neg.	Bde	
54	1845		Sitrep Neg.	Bde	
55	1950		A3 has reached position 1959	Bde	
56	2040	2045	SITREP Negative	Bde	
57	2145		SITREP Negative	Bde	
58	2200		Received confidential info from Bde	1	
59	2220		Fr Bde: there is to be a post wide mortar alert at 2300	Notified Col, Maj & Co's	
60	2245		SITREP Negative	Bde	
61	2300		Simulated mortar attack took place. A 1'30" B 1'30" C 5'0" D 4'0" E 4'0" HHC 5'0"	logged	
62	2312		Reported to Bde that all personnel were under cover.	Bde	

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63	2315		Give companies all clear	logged	
64	2345		SITREP Negative	Bde	
65	2400		Closed journal out		
			Journal Summary: 180030 Bn Commenced movement from Camp Cu Chi to the village of TAN HOA with C Co leading, followed by D Co and Bn and moving through A Co vic XT 671 143, cordon of village in place at 6340. Co C received 6 rds at 0555, no casualties. 0600. 8 rds SA fired from inside village did not appear firing at 2/501. Village Search began 180730 by 2 RF/PF Companies, Intelligence platoon from PHUA HOA province. 2-CHIEU HOIS Province chief was on hand. Results-19 detainees, 2VC's, and all were taken to Provinc Hdqtrs for further interrogation. 2RF/PF Companies conduct sweep of village w/c-2/501 blasting, all action completed 1500, C-2/501 closed CU CHI 181540. A Co established 3 plat sized ambushed at XT 677 178, XT 080 166, XT 683 156, in position at 181959 my contact. Simulate Mort Ath drill at 2300. Co B remain OPCON to CG. 101st Abn Div at BIEN HOA Recon Plat		

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continues training w ARVIN 15th Div RECON

camping at PHU CUONG XT 809 140.

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References: Maps 1:25,000, Sheets 6231 II S, 6230 I N, 6330 IV N, 6331 III S
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1. MISSION: A & D 2/501 conducts stationary platoon size ambushes as shown in Annex A.
2. CONCEPT:
 - a. Co A and Co D each establish platoon size ambushes.
 - b. Platoons depart Camp CU CHI at 171500H Jan 68 and conducts combat patrols along designated routes to ambush sites (See Annex A) and establishes stationary ambushes until 180730H Jan 68. At 180730H Jan, platoons depart ambush sites and returns to Camp CU CHI under control of company commanders.
3. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:
 - a. Fire Support: Artillery concentration will be preselected along the route to and from the ambush sites and in vicinity of the ambush sites. Patrols will be prepared to fire three preselected concentrations around the ambush sites for Defcons and Registration rounds. Arty FO will accompany patrols.
 - b. Ready Reaction Forces (RRF): Co C is designated as the ready reaction force.
 - c. Illumination: Arty and flareships available on call.
 - d. Emergency Signals: Cease Fire: 1 Red Star Cluster.
 - e. Patrols under control of Bn TOC frequencies: Primary (47.90)(BASIC VODKA) Alternate (48.60).
 - f. Times of Inspections: On order of company commander.
 - g. While in ambush sites patrols will use formations which provide all around security.
 - h. Demolitions will be carried to destroy all booby-traps found along the routes.
 - i. If conditions exist where there are VC KIA: Strip the bodies and return all items to Bn TOC.
 - j. Patrols will carry as a minimum, 2 ea PRC-25 radios to insure continuous communications capability with Bn TOC.
 - k. Call sign: A1, A2, A3, D1, D2, D3.
 - l. Points of Origin: XT6421-STATE, XT7016-CARS
 - m. Password: 5 - 8

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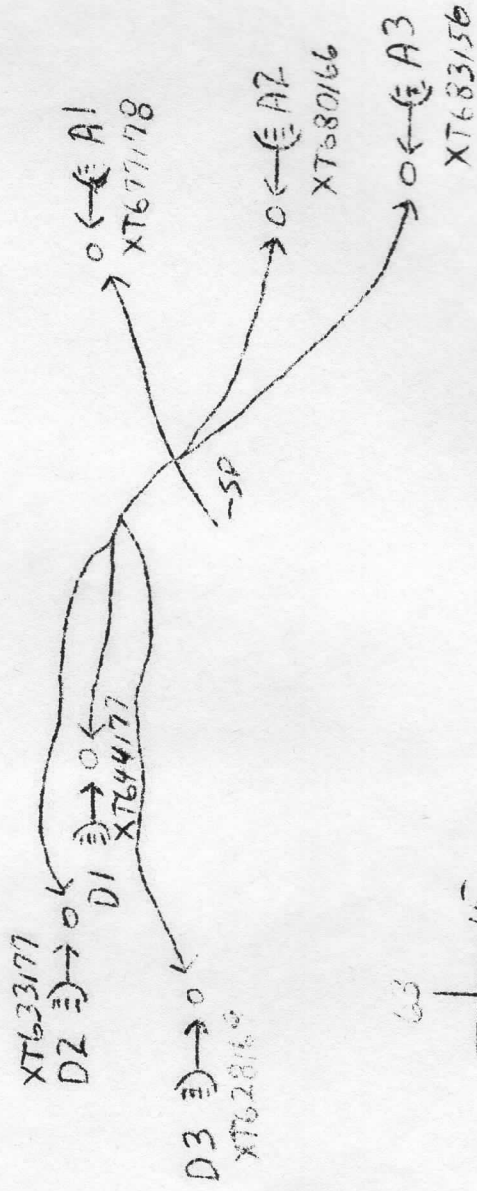
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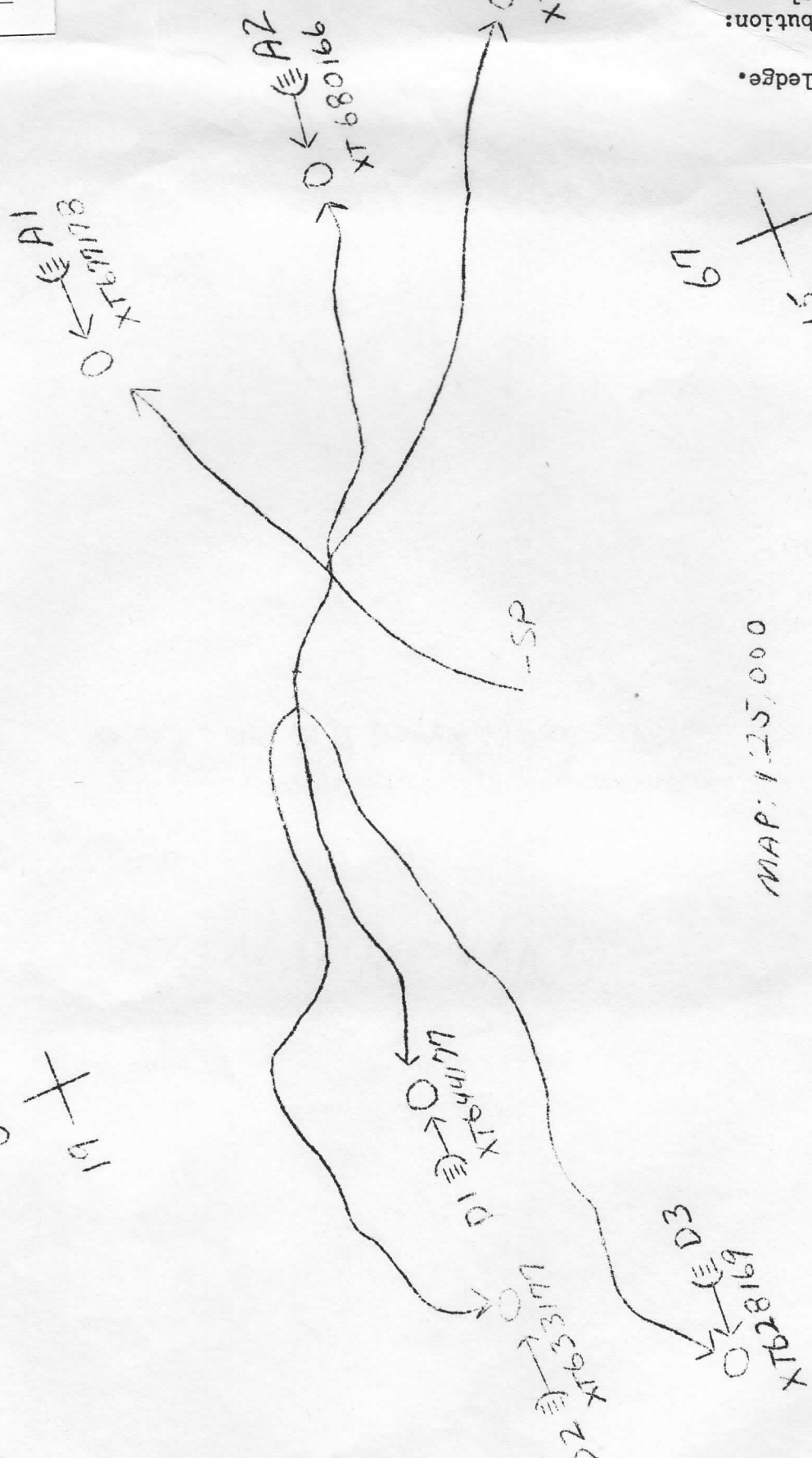
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