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2d Bn (Abn), 501st Inf

Cu Chi RVN

FROM

TO

HOUR DATE

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0001 5 Jan 68

2400 5 Jan 68

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INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

ITEM NO.	TIME		ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT		
1	0012		Msg from Bde: Does the Bn have sufficient firing table for the 81mm mortar. If not action must be taken immediately	
2	0045		SITREP from field and cmd bunker	to bde
3	0112		D Co change their patrol. It was to jumpy be always firing and say what they saw.	
4	0143		2Xray commo check with all company. Neg contact with C Co.	
5	0145		SITREP from field and cmd bunker: Neg change	Bde
6	0148		C Co came up on the radio 2Xray try to get him for 5 min	
7	0200		2Xray commo check with all companys & patrols LC	
8	0230		2Xray commo check with all companys & patrols LC	
9	0245		SITREP from field and cmd bunker: Neg change	To Bde
10	0300		2Xray commo with all company and patrols. negative contact with C Co or their patrols	
			0317 Co C came on the air, still no contact with patrol.	
11	0345		SITREP from field and cmd Bunker: Neg change	To Bde
12	0345		Still no contact with C Co patrol	
13	0415		Msg from Bde: There ia a engr detail of	

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13	continued		8 vehicles that will pass near bunker 59 at the coordinating point and they will have their light on, moving to the ladder ^{Ladder Pit} right		
14	0444		2xray got in contact with C Co patrol by radio		
15	0445		SITREP from field and cmd bunker: Neg change	To Bde	
16	0525		Bde call 3 in ref to a air strike.		
17	0545		SITREP from field and cmd bunker: neg change	To Bde	
18	0647		SITREP to bde: Negative change		
19		0715	To BDE: Xray rpt all present and accounted for		
20	0745		SITREP to bde: bunker negative; all ambush patrols have closed into Bn base perimeter.		
21	0845		To Bde: SITREP Bunkers Neg. At present moving loads to Cu Chi. Personnel move scheduled 1000 hours		
22	0930		1st lift A Co off now	Bde	
23	0933		2d Lift in the air.		
24	0940		1st lift A Co down now.	Bde	
25	0946		2d lift off HOAH now	Bde	
26	0954		2d lift A Co down	Bde	
27	0957		3d lift off	Bde	
28	1003		3d lift down Recon & TAC CP	Bde	
29	1007		4th lift off now . D 1st of C Co	Bde	

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	IN	OUT		
30	1111		Fr A Co to S3 Air: still mission one man LUCAS	
31	1015		1st lift D Co 4th lift down 1015	
32	1019		5th lift taking off now LZ HOOK now. most C Co element	Bde
33.	1030		5th lift down 1029	Bde
34			A, RECON, D complete C has 3 chalks	
35	1035		Starting search for M60 MG dropped from gun ship w/2 chalks from C Co	Bde
36	1054		C & C ship going for fuel	Bde
37	1100		Lift 6 off now	Bde
38	1102		Lift 6 on the ground B & C	Bde
39	1110		7th lift in the Air B Co	Bde
40	1112		C Co complete	Bde
41	1116		B Co complete, lift 7	Bde
42	1120		Lift 8 off at HOOK	Bde
43	1128		Lift 8 on the ground	Bde
44	1440		Fr Bde: to have by 1500. The number of personnel who are assigned to your mortar platoons who attended training at Ft Benning. Number assigned, number who attended tng.	To companies Cpt Marrs
45	1150		Fr B Co All present	

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	IN	OUT			
46	1155		Delta all present & accounted for		
47	1155		Close Bde intel net 1155		
48	1200		Recon plt all present & accounted for		
49	1215		C Co all present & accounted for		
50	1220		Co A all present & accounted for		
51	1221		HHC all present & accounted for		
52	1225		Fr B Co All personnel and weapons present		
			and accounted for	Bde	
53		1225	To Bde Bn present and accounted for	Bde	
54	1233		Fr cmd bunker: SITERP negative	Bde	
55		1245	To Bde SITREP negative	Bde	
56	1335n	1345	Fr Bunker sitrep negative	Bde	
57	1440	1445	Fr Bunker sitrep negative	To BDe	
58	1500		Maj Nicholson & Cpt Gizmadia at mines & booby trap school.		
59	1537	1545	Fr Cmd Bunker : SITREP negative	Bde	
60	1540	1545	Fr Bunker SITREP neg	Bde	
60	1640	1645	Fr Bunker SITREP neg	Bde	
	1740	1745	Fr Bunker SITREP neg	Bde	
	1755	1800	To Bde Xray rpt all present or accounted for		
61	1845		SITREP from cmd bunker negative change	To Bde	
62	1853		Man injured at Delta company. Request first aid ambulance ASAP man expected to have hernia.		

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63	1945		SITREP from cmd bunker negative change	To Bde	
64			Brave CO is going to 25th Div. Will call upon return.		
65	1946		Bunker 59 thinks he sees persons outside of perimeter. Cmd bunker duty officer on way to check		
66	2020		Bravo CO is back in company area.		
67	2035		SITREP from command bunker negative change	To Bde	
68	2100		Person injured in Delta Co at 1853. inflamed testicals, not serious.		
69	2145		SITREP from cmd bunker negative change	To Bde	
70	2247		To Bde: Bunker 60 has lost commo with their command. One man has been hit with rifle grenade. 2/501 we will send FLA		
71	2305		Received one casualty from bunker 60 shrapnel left eye.		
72	2320		All companies bed check all present or accounted for.		
73	2345		To Bde SITREP negative		

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	IN	OUT			
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1	0045		To BDE: SITREP Negative	Bde	
2	0145		To Bde: SITREP Negative	Bde	
3	0245		To Bde: SITREP Negative	Bde	
4	0345		To Bde: SITREP Negative	Bde	
5	0445		To Bde: SITREP Negative	Bde	
6	0545		To Bde: SITREP Negative	Bde	
7	0620		From Bde: Col Cushman going to Ben Hoa		
			would like Col Tallman and Maj Nicholson		
			to go with him 0730. To Coord union to S3 CO	S3 CO Bde	
8	0645	0645	SITREP Negative	Bde	
9	0645		From Lt Hallums, time has changed on trip		
			to Beion Hoa(Jan 7) Now do not know. Stand by	S3	
10	0715		Xray report no change	To Bde	
11	0745		SITREP Negative change	Bde	
12	0845		SITREP Negative change	Bde	
13	0945		SITREP Negative change	Bde	
14	1045		SITREP Negative change	Bde	
15	1145		SITREP Negative change	Bde	
16	1155		From HHC 1300 hrs formation for company	Troops	
17	1245		SITREP to Bde negative	Bde	
18	1345		SITREP Negative	Bde	
19	1445		SITREP Negative	To Bde	
20	1510		Bn CO S3,S2 departed for Recon of UNIONTOWN		

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	IN	OUT			
21	1538	1545	SITREP cmd bunker negative	Bde	
22	1645		SITREP cmd bunker negative	Bde	
23	1745		SITREP cmd bunker negative	Bde	
24	1757		Bn CO S3 S2 are back from recon	Bde	
25	1800		Xray report all present	Bde S1	
26	1845		SITREP cmd bunker negative	Bde	
27	1945		SITREP cmd bunker negative		
28	2010		Msg from commo officer: call all company		
			at 2400 and tell them to set all radio to		
			on squelch at 2400		
29	2045		SITREP cmd bunker negative	Bde	
30	2145		SITREP cmd bunker negative	Bde	
31	2220		A Co reports all personnel weapons and		
			vehicles accounted for	logged in	
32	2245		SITREP negative change	Bde	
33	2345		SITREP negative change	Bde	
34	2359		Notified companies to change from squelch		
			to on on their radios	Logged in	
35	2400		Commo check with companies		

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	IN	OUT			
1	0001		Commo check with bde: to inform them we had changed from squelch to on on the radios.		
2	0002		B Co XO informed us they have one man mission: PFC McCleary		
3	0045		SITREP Neg change	Bde	
4	0145		SITREP Neg change	Bde	
5	0225		From Bde 81mm HE Lot NA-14-37 and MA-14-37 have suspended	Companies	
6	0245		SITREP Neg change	Bde	
7	0345		SITREP Neg change	Bde	
8	0410		From Klondike to S3: Suspension of 81mm ammo C246 lot number A-4-281D. Reason: excess misfire		
9	0445		SITREP Neg change	Bde	
10	0545		SITREP Neg change	Bde	
11	0645		SITREP Neg change	Bde	
12	0647		Fr cmd bunker: Guards have been changed over	Bde	
13	0658		Co B: Mission Mc Cleary PFC		
14	0715	0715	Fr Co B: Reference McCleary, is in 12th Evac	Bde	
15	0716	0717	Fr A,B,C,D,E,HHC: Xray all present	Bde	
16	0745		Fr Bde: Send SITREP	Bde	
17	0745	0745	Fr Cmd Bunker: SITREP Neg	Bde	
18	0840	0845	Fr Cmd Bunker: SITREP Neg	Bde	

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19	0940	0945	Fr Cmd bunker: SITREP Neg	Bde	
20	1040		Fr CO Co E: Mortar elements are firing this time	Bde	
21	1041	1046	Fr Cmd bunker: SITREP Negative	Bde	
22		1125	To all companies: At 1630 all plt sgts and Co officers will be at the S3 briefing tent for a class on Narcotics.		
23		1127	To Co A,B,C,D: Have CO ready for pickup at 1215 to go to the Bde Helicopter Pad at 1230.	T	
24	1140	1145	From Command Bunker: SITREP Negative.	Bde	
25	1145		CO and Co Cmdrs depart VIA Helicopter to Uniontown.	J	
26	1240	1245	From Command Bunker: SITREP Negative.	Bde	
27	1335		From Command Bunker: SITREP Negative.		
28	1345		SITREP Negative.	Bde	
29		1410	To A,B,C,D Ref Ltr 6 Jan 68. Subject: Restrictions on firing 81mm Mortar Ammunition, Do you have it? Have you read it and are you complying with it?		
30		1430	A Co, LT Robbins does not have the above ltr, have read and are complying with.		
			1st SGT B-Yes 1T Furer C- Yes 1st SGT D-Yes		

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31		1445	CONFIDENTIAL SITREP Negative.	Bde	jdj
32		1545	SITREP Negative.	Bde	jdj
33		1645	SITREP Negative.	Bde	jdj
34		1745	SITREP Negative change.	Bde	jdj
35		1750	XRAY report all present in future call to Sl		
36		1845	SITREP Negative.	Bde	jdj
37		1945	SITREP Negative	Bde	jdj
38		2045	SITREP Negative	Bde	jdj
39		2130	From Cmd Bunker: Incoming rifle grenades	Bde	jdj
			150 meters to the front of 58&59. Same	S-3	jdj
			bunkers responded M79rds, 3 or four rds came		
			in.		
40	2250		From Cmd bunker: Bunker 59 has received more	Bde	
			in coming rifle grenades fired two M-79 rds.		
41	2310		Called in Bed Check to Bde, all present.	Bde	
42	2330		From Bunker OIC: Fired 7 M-79 rds. 5 rifle	Bde	
			grenades incoming closes approx 50 meters.		
43	2345		SITREP Negative Change.	Bde	
44	2400		Cloed Journal.		

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