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ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION S 2/3 2nd Bn 501st Abn Inf		LOCATION Quang Dien	PERIOD COVERED			
			FROM		TO	
			HOUR	DATE	HOUR	DATE
			0001	2 May 1968	2400	2 May 1968

ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
1	0001		Points of origin change	J, map	
2	0045		Sit Rep B C Recon negative	J, Bde	
3	0145		Sit Rep B C Recon negative	J, BDE	
4	0245	0300	Sit Rep B C Recon negative	J, Bde	
5	0345	0400	Sit Rep B C Recon negative	J, Bde	
6	0445	0450	Sit Rep B C Recon negative	J, Bde	
7	0545	0555	Sit Rep B C Recon negative	J, Bde	
8	0615		Recon ambush enroute back CP Location	J	
9	0625	0627	B received incoming mortar rounds believed 82's fell in the vic of left flank, 5 out in the paddy and 2 in the middle front in the direction they are to move today. Came from village vic 715330 Negative casualties	J, Bde	
10	0640		B hasn't received any more incoming rounds since the last report 0625	J	
11	0650	0700	C ambush has closed	J, Bde	
12	0700	0702	B ambush closed	J, Bde	
13	0712		Recon Plt closed back to QD.	J, Bde	
14	0720		Blackwidow 11 arrived this location	J, Bde	
15	0724		B's FO reported a series of secondary ex- plosions vic 727329 where the 4.2 fired a prep for B	J	
16	0725		From 4: 1/501st will backlog A & D	J	

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17	0717	0717	B is on the move	J, Bde	
18	0855		726327 B CO Flame LU 0.4 0.7 say 5 VC/NVA at that location. B is at Flame LU 0.4 0.5 lead 726325 element LU 0.6 0.5. Could not tell if they had weapons or not, and when they approached they seemed to disappear. Continuing into the village with prep fire in front of them.	J, Bde	
19	0910		C at 1-6 665334, 26 664328, 36 673329, CP 673333	J	
20	0920		B has started into the village, received some automatic weapons fire. Vic 726328 heavy auto weapons fire when they started to recon by fire. Pulling back and putting more arty in the area.	J, Bde	
21	0928		B reports one WIA. Slight gun shot wound in side; will let us know when ready for Med evac. WIA is litter. P.Z. requests FAC look over area	J, Bde	
22	0940		B has another WIA hit in hand from single shot fired. Will need Med evac.		
23	0942		B still receiving small arms fire. reports one platoon unable to move back - request LFT to help extract. Will keep trying the		

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artillery but lead plt is 75-100 meters
from village.

J, Bde

24

0950

B is moving 1 plt to the east to cover the

plt that has made contact

J, Bde

25

0953

B still receiving sporadic SA fire

26

0955

B identifies AK-47 fire coming in. Fire is
increasing AK and SA. Estimated reinforced
plt or larger

J, Bde

27

0958

Arty fire now going in on village also

28

0959

B ready for Med evac. Requested Med evac

LZ 725323.

J, Bde

29

1005

B received 5 to 8 60mm rounds on their right
flank. Believed the fire is coming from
727327.

J, Bde

30

1007

Bilk 24 on Station (FAC)

31

1008

Dustoff 64 ETA 10 to 15

J, Bde

32

1015

Doubtful we will get a light fire team; will
have to go through Med Bravo.

J

33

1017

B 26 is pulled back

J

34

1018

B receiving fire 3 locations

35

1020

The AS in requested through the FAC

36

1020

FAC says he has 3 air strikes on the way.

1st at 1040, 2nd 1100 and 3d at 1130.

J, Bde

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37	1021		B still receiving heavy AW fire and more 60mm	J, Bde				
38	1025		Med evac complete for B 2 WIA	J, Bde				
39	1026		From Bde: no fire teams available	J, 3 & 6				
40	1026		B reports still receiving AW fire and 60mm	J, Bde				
41	1030		Col Heiter going to refuel, will be back	J				
42	1035		Col Cushman says D should be released some- time this afternoon.	J, 3				
43	1040		Gen Clay is enroute to B					
44	1042		B at 725324 center of grave yard	J				
45	1045		TOT for the 3 air strikes will be 1100, 1115 and 1130	J				
46	1055		Col Heiter believes enemy size to be a com- pany	J, Bde				
47	1056		B just had a secondary explosion in Target Area. Enemy well dug in.	J				
48	1057		Eagle Eye (Gen Clay) at B position on ground at this time	J, Bde				
49	1058		Gen Clay left B location	J, Bde				
50	1059		Air Strike checked in LTA 04, 500 lb bombs and napalm	J, Bde				
51	1100		From Maj Nicholson					
52	1105		1st Air strike beginnigg	J				

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53	1116		PF Platoon began moving at this time to blocking place	J, Bde		
54	1120		B had another secondary explosion in target area	J		
55	1122		1st AS complete, another set on the way	J, Bde		
56	1125		B had another good secondary in target area	J		
57	1127		2d AS beginning at this time	J, Bde		
58	1128		B drawing fire again	J, Bde		
59	1132		B had very large secondary explosion in target area	J		
60	1135		Received a report of 30 VC in area YD694319- from Col Heiter, send C Co down to police up	J, Bde		
61	1143		Bilk reports 25 VC in area 727327	J		
62	1145		2d AS complete, 3rd in air	J, Bde		
63	1150		3d AS was diverted to another area, trying to get another	J, Bde		
64	1157		3d AS on station for B	J, Bde		
65	1158	5	Col Heiter and Maj Nicholson on the ground with B	J		
66	1200		PF moving toward C location at this time, will move with C element to 694319	J, C		
67	1204		Late entry: 3d AS began at 1159	J, Bde		
68	1210		Sending log bird to Sally for ammo for B	J, BW 11		

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69	1211		2 more sets of AS laid on for B	J, B	
70	1214		Another secondary explosion on target area	J, Bilk	
71	1215		3d AS complete	J, Bde	
72	1220		C sub element moving at this time	Bde	
73	1225		From Col Cushman to Col Heiter - plan on cordoning village tonight	J, 6	
74	1227		Requested all night illumination of village area for Bravo	J, Bde	
75	1235		Maj Nicholson and Col Cushman back at this station	J, Bde	
76	1245		4th AS beginning at this time	J, Bde	
77	1250		PF Platoon in assistance with B Co in place at this time	J, Bde	
78	1254		TadPole 109 at this station for Col Heiter	J, Bde	
79	1305		4th AS complete	J, Bde	
80	1306		Location of C-36 element 693323	J, Bde	
81	1308		Air strike ETA 05 min	J	
82	1311		D location 696288	J	
83	1316		5th AS in progress	J, Bde	
84	1330		Bilk 25 reports getting 4 to 5 bodycount with one bomb, has spotted great deal of movement to the east in trench line	J, S-3	

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85	1335		5th AS complete	J, Bde			
86	1340		Bilk is adjusting Red Leg (Arty) on trench line. 6th AS has been planned	J			
87	1352		C-36 element completed search of village, negative results. Will regroup and move back to C element CP				
88	1400		Bilk 25 returning for smoke, next strike approximately 25 min	J			
89	1410		Bild 25 back on station	J			
90	1412		Bild 25 reports escape routes to the east and north of village	J, S-3			
91	1432		AS number 6 on station	J, S-3, 6			
92	1456		Air Strike number 6 complete	J, Bde			
93	1515		Lift still has not begun. Gun ships are refueling at this time				
94			5 hooks requested for 4.2 mortar class V tomorrow	J, Bde			
95	1543		C Co 3d platoon element closed back to CP at this time	J			
96	1545		Lift birds for D on station	J, Bde			
97	1546		1st lift for D PZ complete	J, Bde			
98	1558		1st lift for D IZ complete	J, Bde			
99	1559		Gun ship killed one NVA 734339	J, Bde			

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100	1610		Alpha released back to our control	J, Bde			
101	1611		2d lift of D LZ complete	J, Bde			
102	1615		3d lift of Kilo airborne	J			
103	1620		3d lift of D LZ Complete	J, Bde			
104	1625		C Co reported 2 Chu Hoi turned themselves in				
			CONFIDENTIAL VC sent advisor after them	J, 3, Bde			
105	1630		Change of mission fr Bde * Do not cordon				
			village tonight, leave A Co OPCON to D 1/501	J, 6			
106	1631		4th airlift of Kilo airborne	J			
107	1645		Sgt Walchek going to pick up indiv (Chu Hoi)				
			from Charlie Co	J			
108	1647		B - calling for Bilk 25 check fire. Possible				
			WIA	J, 6			
109	1650		Late Entry: 7th AS began at 1630-1700	J, Bde			
110	1654		Request Med evac for 1 WIA Bravo. Mark on				
			right side of chest, can't breathe, LZ same				
			as before is green	J, Bde, Med B			
111	1658		Dustoff 64 ETA 10	J, Bde			
112	1658		Chopper will pick up Col Heiter for meeting	J, Bde			
113	1705		8th AS beginning	J, Bde			
114	1707		Dustoff complete at Bravo	J, Bde			
115	1714		8th AS complete, another is on station	J, Bde			
116	1717		9th AS beginning at this time	J, Bde			

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117	1730		9th AS complete	J	
118	1735		TOT on target vic of beginning	J	
119	1740		B reports 3 individuals, possibly wish to surrender, need Psyops team	J, Bde	
120	1745		C location same as last night	J	
121	1750		Psyops team enroute our location - from Bde		
122	1759		D Co RON 728335	J, Bde	
123	1800		Late Entry: Black Widow 26 working 1745	J, Bde	
124	1802		Psyops team in place at Sally ready for pick up - fr Bde	J, 6	
125	1805		B location NDP 726323	J, Bde	
126	1820		Psyops team approved for overnight. Send in on 1st log	J, 3, 6	
127	1821		D CO reports finding 2 rifles 1 SKS and 1 7.62 Russian carbine location 729330	J, 2, Bde	
128	1824		C Tigers located at 666336	J, Bde	
129	1840		D Tigers 724334 732333	J, Bde	
130	1850		B planned are 725328, 729323	J	
130	1841		Black Widow 26 & 11 released at 1834 & 1833	J, Bde	
132	1902		B reports one round of incoming mortar	J, 6, Bde	
133	1904		B had second incoming round, do not know the direction	J, 6, Bde	
134	1909		B now has eight incoming mortar rounds.		

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134	Cont		Waiting more information. Firing back with 81mm mortar				J, Bde		
135	1925		B reports no more incoming this time. Rounds did no damage. Returned fire grid 717320				J, Bde		
136	1935		C Tiger departing				J		
137	1940		PF have ambush at 700344. PF have ambush at 697337. Both are platoon size.				J, 6, map		
138	2000		B Tigers moving				J		
139	2031		C Tiger in position				J		
140	2050		B Tiger to the north has moved south 100 m						
141	2052		Fr Bde: Col Cushman will visit district chief 0930				J, 6, 3		
142	2100		Sit Rep B,C, Recon negative and D				J, Bde		
143	2150		Sit Rep B,C,D and Recon negative				J, Bde		
144	2217		D Co had about eight incoming 60 or 82mm no damage. Do not know direction. Will start red leg (arty) in suspected areas.						
145	2245		Sit Rep B,C,D and Recon negative				J, Bde		
146	2345		Sit Rep B,C,D and Recon negative				J, Bde		
147			CLOSED						
			Statistics for 2 May 68						
			US WIA B-3				3		
			Detainees C-2				2		

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			Statistics 2 May 68 (Cont)		
			Body Count B-8	8	
			SKS D-1	1	
			7.62 Russian D-1	1	
			Co size contact B-1	1	
			Missing M-16 D-1	1	
			TOTALS CARRIED FORWARD		
			US KIA	97	
			US WIA	433	
			Body Count	501	
			Detainees	122	
			Captured Weapons		
			Individual	90	
			Crew served	30	
			US	28	
			Contacts		
			Platoon or smaller	20	
			Co or larger	21	
			Bn or larger	13	
			Commo 2 Radio and 2 Field Phones	4	
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