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S 2/3 2ND BN 501ST INF (ABN)

PINKY.

FROM

TO

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12 MAY 1968

0400

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ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
1	0045		A, B, C, D + RCN : SITREP NEGATIVE	J Bde	DRZ
2	0145		A, B, C, D + RCN : SITREP NEGATIVE	J Bde	DRZ
3	0220		RCN 2 ambush has departed	J Bde	DRZ
4	0245		A B C D + RCN : SITREP NEGATIVE	J Bde	DRZ
5	0315		CONFIDENTIAL The RF will be moved by soon left ship that are working for 1502 so the left Buds will be used to move A of the 1502 + the log Buds will be free and able to perform Daily log as usual.	J	DRZ
6.	0342		AB CD RCN: SITREP NEGATIVE also RCN second Patrol Ambush has closed location 666205	J Bde	DRZ
7	0442		A B C D + RCN: Sit Rep NEGATIVE	J Bde	DRZ
8	0550		A B C D + RCN: Sit Rep Negative	J, BDE	WRP
9	0614		^{sub} B/NK ROUTE THIS LOCATION. SUB ELEMENT 15G 300 METERS OUTSIDE OF PINKY.	J	WRP
10	0620	0657	D TIGERS CLOSED. DOB DIR 5899.10	J, Bde	WRP
11	0622	0657	B TIGERS CLOSED.	J, Bde	WRP

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12	0623	0657	RECON TIGERS CLOSED	J, Bde	WRD
13	0637		B15 departed this location to take Spindover - briefed and went to take check CONFIDENTIAL points ESTABLISHED		WRD
			CHECK POINTS, 1-687260, 2-704253 3-715246		
14	0653	0659	A & C TIGERS CLOSED.	J, Bde	WRD
15	0711		C-36 IS AT LOG POINT 693229	J, Bde	WRD
16	0714		B ELEMENT MOVING TO THIS LOCAT. 10:1	J,	WRD
17	0719		FR. BDE: WILL BE GETTING KINGSMAN 12 AS LOG BIRD.	J, 43,	WRD
18	0729		B-15 AT CHECK POINT #1 (MS.)	J, Bde	WRD
19	0731		C-36 NOW MOVING ON S&D.	J, Bde	WRD
20	0747		Kingsman 12 enroute To Pinky	J, 6,	WRD
21	0750		Kingsman 12 at Pinky	J, 6	WRD
22	0751		C 16 & CP moving toward 2.6 location	J, Bde	WRD
23	0752		B 1.5 (MS) at 704253	J, Bde	WRD
24	0800		C3-6 LOCATION 687237 CONFIDENTIAL	J, Bde	WRD
25	0805		B15 CP #3 715246	J, Bde	WRD
26	0813		B LOCATION 677259	J, Bde	WRD
27	0819		Call Miller - 2 1/2 hr SIX AND MILKER A SIX IN ROUTE THIS LOCATION, B E.T.A. 15 MIN.	J, DO.	WRD

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28	0824		BLACK WIDOW 36 C.C. IN BOUND THIS TIME	J, 43, 51X,	WRP
29	0828		B ELEMENT CLOSING, D ELEMENT DEPARTING THIS LOCATION	J, BDE,	WRD
30	0840		VIRT AIRBORNE UNIT WAS REPLACED BY AIRBORNE UNIT LOCATED 720220 CENTER MASS.	J, D-6, 43	WRD
31	0855		LOCATIONS A-GERONIMO D-PINKY B-PINKY J-SATAN C-693228	J, BDE	WRD
32	0855		PZ753320 1/502 LZ 757211 FIRST LIFT MILKAR A AIRBORNE THIS TIME - 3 SHIPS	J, BDE, 6, 43	WRD
33	0900		MINE SWEEP B COMPLETE. PZ753320 LZ 757211 FIRST LIFT COMPLETE (3 SHIPS)	J, BDE, 6, 43	WRD
34	0906		SECOND LIFT A 1/502 AIRBORNE (3 SHIPS)	J, Bde	N
35	0910		A-26 departed Geronimo for S&D of hamlets center of mass 697205 and 694299.	J, Bde	N
36	0911		SECOND LIFT A 1/502 ON LZ (3 SHIPS)	J, Bde	N
37	0918		THIRD LIFT A 1/502 AIRBORNE (3 SHIPS)	J, Bde	N
38	0923		THIRD LIFT A 1/502 ON LZ (3 SHIPS)	J, Bde	N
39	0929		FOURTH LIFT A 1/502 AIRBORNE (3 SHIPS)	J, Bde	N
40	0935		FOURTH LIFT A 1/502 ON LZ (3 SHIPS)	J, Bde	N

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41	0941		FIFTH LIFT A 1150Z AIRBORNE (3 SHIPS)	J, Bde	N
42	0942		Requested Scout Dog Teams for Recon PT and Co D	J, Bde	N
43	0943		DL- leaving Pinky for AO; DL (2d PT) at 683249	J, Bde	N
44	0946		FIFTH LIFT A 1150Z ON LZ (3 SHIPS)	J, Bde	N
45	0951		SIXTH LIFT A 1150Z AIRBORNE (2 SHIPS)	J, Bde	N
46	0956		SIXTH LIFT A 1150Z ON LZ (2 SHIPS) A 1150Z CLOSED INTO BRIDGE LOCATION THIS TIME	J, Bde	N
47	1011		A-26 695218 ACP GERONIMO B - PINKY D - 672243 C - 693228 J - SATIN C-36 695227	J, BDE	WRD
48	1037		FR. DUTY SIX; ARVN'S WILL BE AT L.2. GERONIMO 11:00 hrs.	J, AG, SIX, S3	WRD
49	1048		A-26 ELEMENT HAS FOUND A SNIPER NEST VIS. 895219. SMALL WOODEN PLATFORM IN A TREE. WILL DESTROY	J, BDE,	WRD
50	1105		C ELEMENT REPORTS P.F. ARE ON LOCATION THIS TIME LATE ENTRY: B M.S. CAMP RETURN THIS LOCATION 10:20	J, S3	WRD

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51	1136		D-G REPORTS FINDING 4 GRAVES IN SAME VIS OF AMBUSH MAY 0130 10 1968 HAS FOUND SO FAR TWO M.V.A BODIES FULLY EQUIPPED IN FIRST GRAVE. ARE MISSING OTHERS AT THIS TIME. VIS 660246 BLANKETS	J, BDE, 53 DUTY G.	TURD
52	1146		D-G REPORTS DIGGING 4 GRAVES CONTAINING 1 BODIES EACH FULLY CLOTHED. ONE BODIES HAD BULLET HOLE IN THE HEAD ALL SEEM TO BE KILLED BY SMALL ARMS. BLANKETS, BED GEAR AND ON TRAIL LEADING TO AMBUSH SITE ALL BLOOD STAINED		
53	1151		A 26 CLOSED GRANIMO. D ALSO FOUND ONE BAG OF RICE. STILL CHECKING THIS TIME.	J, BDE, 53 DUTY G.	TURD
54	1206		DELTA USING LOC BIRD FOR 660241 MED BVAL. SEEM TO BE EXPLOSION OF GRENADE SIZE. BELIEVE TO BE BOOBY TRAP. WAITING MORE INFORMATION	J, BDE	TURD
55	1215		SIX IN ROUTE THIS LOCATION HAS DROPPED ONE M.V.A OFF AT SALLY	J, BDE	TURD

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56	1217		Col Heister Capt Mann Capt Cahill SIX LEFT DUTY 43 AND 2 AT DELTA LOCATION	J, BDE.	WPD
57	1220		D-6 REPORTS FINDING TWO MORE BODIES IN GRAVES BETWEEN AMBUSH SITE AND MARK SET AT GRAVES. BODY THAT WAS IN AMBUSH SITE. GRABWADIE	J, BDE	WPD
58	1230		LATE Entry: 0930 From Bde AO extension about 2 1/2 K's South Enough to circle Hue for operation in that area. AO not in effect, Coordinate with relieving element & PF's in that area for operation. 1145: Scout dog team available for pick up at 1000 Hrs 13 May 68 at 1st Bde VIP pad. Use log book for pick up and notify Bde when team arrives Pinky There will be a company from 5th Bn 2 Reg arrive at Gioung today to relieve A 301. Advise when Arrive arrive and when we decide that they should take control	J 3	WPD

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59	1235		LATE ENTRY, TO BDE; LOCATIONS A-26 CLOSED GERONIMO 11:51 B-26 684255 C-36 692224 D-660242	J, BDE	WUR
60	1245		From Bde area, pack for bird up to CONFIDENTIAL drawings listings E. 57.95 pick up Cpl Capanah bring him to VIP pad at Bde	J K-12	WUR
61	1259		B Co MS closed pickup	J	WUR
62	1310		D Co YD 65224 prepared for log	J Bde	WUR
63	1340		LATE ENTRY, A-1-502 assumed control of bridge ¹¹²⁵ 1125	J Bde	
64	1410		B Co MS departed pickup.	J Bde	
65	1435		A Co Heronemus B Co FSC pickup, 26 YD C Co 697224 D 652246 Room, Sabon, A-1-501		
			CONFIDENTIAL Bridge Security Area.		
66	1515		A reports they believed they heard and saw Rockets being fired in YD 671197.	J Bde	WUR

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67	1520		Col Cushman says think about moving B by truck.	J. 6	SP
68	1536		Notified C to move to this location the possible up by truck.	J. 6	SP
69	1538		C moving toward Pinky 10a-go.	J. 3	SP
70	1538		B26 located 683259 - Beat Pinky - Delta 652255, A Guernica C 693239, Recon - Satan	J	N
71	1620		A reports message from 4501 He may go to another area.	J. Bde	SP
72	1627		A reports sub element at his location this time. (ARVN)	J. Bde	SP
73	1630		Vehicles enroute this location to pick up Charlie. (7m Bde)	J. 3	SP
74	1640		A reports units has 2 element size of his sub. Will start moving off the hill at this time.	J. Bde	SP
75	1655		In Bde, Trucks departed 1640 for our location to pick up C - meeting at 1700 is cancelled.	J. Bde 3	SP

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76	1656		3rd. Miller A - STREET NEAR	J. Bde	JCB
77	1657		C has 6 trucks in loading at this time.	J. Bde	JCB
78	1658		A has 8 birds on the ground is landing at this time. They have cleared CONFIDENTIAL and ARVN's have moved in.	J. Bde	JCB
79	1700		A Co has left our push for 3 mile - OPCON at this time.	J. Bde	JCB
80	1705		In IA: RF will have troops at following locations from Reg: 700 240 694235 693328 LDO. 0.2/0.0, LDO. 0.2/0.5, LDO. 0.7/3.2 703239 704267 702270 RD 0.3/2.1, RU 0.4/0.7, RU 0.2/1.0, 702272 702278 RU 0.2/1.2, RU 0.2/1.7. 702277	J.	JCB
81	1710		Requested 2 DF get from IA - said they were available - rendezvous 6412600 from Reg grants and 5.94 for D and Pinky for B.	J. Bde	JCB
82	1724		C at CONFIDENTIAL	J.	
83	1726		A Y 502 Street Reg	J.	
84	1745		C will be upon to 3/7.	J.	JCB
85	1750		Kingman 17 will complete log for us. (7m Bde)	J. 43	JCB

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86.	1810		D reports finding one more ^{NVP} body wrapped in Hammock in Vic 654245. Believed to be from same ambush reported previous.	J. Bde	SRP
87.	1830		CONFIDENTIAL Late Entry: D glammed NDP and Tigers - NDP-654240 #1-648247 #2-646236 #3-663234 #4-661241 B. Pinky - #1-679245 #2 675243 - Alfa and Charlie upon to 3/7	J. Bde J. Bde	SRP SRP
88.	1845		C will review log by Vehicle.	J. C	SRP
89.	1846		Released Kingman 17	J. Bde	SRP
90.	1907		Bambushes departing	J.	
91.	1920		Job Recon Tigers #1 664219 #2 650224	J. Bde.	SRP.
92.	1935		D at RON location	J. Bde	SRP
93.	1940		Bravo Tigers moving	J.	SRP
94.	2003		Recon West tiger moving	J. K	SRP
95.	2004		W. tigers in position.	J. Bde	SRP
96.	2008		B tigers in position	J. Bde	SRP
97.	2025		B, D, Miller A hit rep negative	J. Bde.	
98.	2034		D Ambush at 648247 645237 in contact,		

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98 (cont)			requested 81mm Sqd at Sotau to fire illumination.	J, Bde	N
99.	2047		1A Reports an NVA co moving SW toward D co via 666265 reported by CONFIDENTIAL from that location received message from PF 2042.	J 3-6-D Bde	DRZ
100	2055		^{1/502} AB + RED Sgt REP NEGATIVE	J Bde	DRZ
101	2104		D ambush searched area found 2 BC MAK47 1-SKS after engaging with SA Auto wps + claymores. the enemy was coming from the mountains (from SW to N.E.) 8 to 10 enemy NVA	J Bde	DRZ
102	2107		D reports 1 of the 2 BC is still alive will try keep him alive till morning.	J Bde	DRZ
103	2114		1A reports another NVA co. moving SW same as last via 666266	J - 3-6 Bde	DRZ
104	2116		RCN instructed to pull back		

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104	(Cont)		ambush located at 649225	J Bde	DKJ
105	2118		D has negative vs. comms	J Bde	DKJ
106	2128		A'502 S. + Rep NEGATIVE:	J	DKJ
107	2134		Big ears picked up 3 individuals moving very slow 648228		
			Reported from A'502	J-3-	DKJ
108	2136		D reports the enemy to be in CONFIDENTIAL shirt + white trousers the other wear black PT's	J-3-Bde	DKJ
109	2137		D's ambush has closed cp.	J Bde	DKJ
110	2145		From Bde there are 500 NVA in contact with RF Co v.c. 671266	J	DKJ
111	2149		1A reports the RF Co at 671266 has Negative Contact.	J	DKJ
112	2152		A'502 B, D, RCN Sit Rep NEGATIVE	J Bde	DKJ
113	2252		A'502 B, D + RCN Sit Rep NEGATIVE also from the ambush closed thru location 2210	J Bde	DKJ
114	2350		A'502 B, D, & RCN Sit Rep NEGATIVE:	J Bde	DKJ
115	2400		CLOSED OUT 12 MAY 1968 CONFIDENTIAL Summary follows.		DKJ

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Summary

A Co. moved their 2/6 element at 0910 on Rif mission of Valle center of Mass 698205 and 694219. They moved north on the west side of the Blue to 693224 crossed Stream and moved back south on East side of Blue to 696200. Then to FSB. Terminated at 1650. An op com to 1501 PZ 753320 LZ 767211 0855/0956 Resumed control 1125

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B Co moved from NDP at 0714 to 677259 and closed Penky at 0828 their 2.6 element made Rif of Del center of Mass 682255 and returned to Penky with neg results. 131.3 element conducted M.S. on Pz 1

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C Co moved from NDP at 0751 to 693228 arrived there at 0800. Their 36 element

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Summary (cont) moved from NDP at 0731 on RIF to 685237 then to 693228. From there 36

~~moved 30 to 700224 then to 693228. At 1516 started moving toward Pinky.~~

for Pick up to move to Anlow Bridge upon to 2/17

DCO conducted rif in grids 6724, 6624 and 6524. They found 6 bodies of NVA in graves in vic. 660241. Recovered 1 WIA in same vic from Booby Trap. At 1810 found 1 more NVA in vic of 654245 believed from same ambush.

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			D NDP 654240		
			AMBUSHES #1 648247		
			#2 646236		
			CONFIDENTIAL		
			B NDP PINKY		
			AMBUSH #1 679245		
			#2 675243		
			RON NDP SATAN		
			AMBUSH #1 679245 664219		
			#2 650224		
			Statistics for 12 May 68		
			US WIA	1	
			Body Count	10	
			Contacts (Phot Small)	1	
			Weapons Captured		
			CONFIDENTIAL		
			Total Carried forward		
			US KIA	102	
			US WIA	445	

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