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S 2/3 2nd Bn 501 ABN INF

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J

Blu

2 0045

A B C D + Ren: Sit Rep Negative

J Blu

Blu

3 0059

Bde-3 gives 9 check points and 3 phase lines that will be used in 1/501 's operation tomorrow; In case one of our elements are committed

CP# 1 - 825 245

2 - 836 234

3 - 832 238

4 - 788 252

5 - 810 247

6 - 812 252

7 - 828 229

8 - 813 227

9 - 838 242

Phase line PETE: starts at 794259 - follow stream south to 800240 then record 800235

Phase line Joe: starts 805259 - follow road south to 804244 then south to 805234

DECLASSIFIED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
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3	cont.		Have line MIKE: starts at 823254 follows stream south to 819243 then to grid 822241 then to grid 818232	J # 6, 3	JJP
4	0140		A, B, C, D + REN: S. + Rep NEGATIVE	J Bde	JKZ
5	0145		From ARTY RADAR picked up a pit. SIZE ELE. MOVING SE vic 653251	J Do, B, + D	DRZ
6	0245		A, C, D + REN: S. + Rep NEGATIVE	T Bde	JKZ
7	0250		D-6 reports TIGER #2 FEEL 660245 to LD 4015 sprung on one VC/NVA he's not dead but shot as a little VC/NVA was carrying a M-16 Ambush still in location	J Bde	DRZ
8	0345		A, B, C, D, + REN — S. + Rep NEGATIVE	J Bde	JKZ
9	0350		From Bde Radar has picked up a vehicle moving SW vic 632268 stops moves stops move + so on.	J, Do, B,	DRZ
10	0351		B. Co Ambush reports no sound or movement	J Bde	JKZ
11	0425		From ARTY at Sally Radar picked up 8 personnel moving SE from vic 664266 (veg down) Plummer		

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11	(Cont)		to fire arty in that location	JAL	RLZ
12	0447		ABCD + Recon: Sit Rep NEGATIVE	J Bde	RLZ
13	0555		ABCD + Recon Situp negative	J Bde	JAL
14	0615		B Co signs closed		
15	0620		B Co to element reports 15 (55f) prop moving around in vic of Radar sighting (664266).	J Bde	JAL
16	0630		A Co, Ambush (SN 807 784) M16 6 mag. 1 grenade (chicora) 1 bag of rice Est 4 to 5 lbs, cludiv had no documents.	J Bde	JAL
17	0655		81 mm element 400 meters from the chg 1	J Bde	JAL
18	0715		A Co. Tigers waiting for Company to join (2 km) just outside perimeter.	J Bde	JAL
19	0715		A Co. Tigers closed	J Bde	JAL
20	0724		Maj Moulton instructed CO to release PFIS work ing within.	J	JAL
21	0721		the log laid for today	J EWLE 8996	JAL

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22	0730		<p>824000 KC 201142 201142 201142 708 253 MS to [unclear]</p>	J - Bde	EM
23	0840		<p>Rec'd one of his elements reports coming across one dead body NVA seem to have been dead for three days showed in the upper parts of his body. found at the grave site was numerous picks + shovels and 150 rounds AK47, one RPG rounds and one chlorine grenade. the dead man was in white uniform, action taken destroy the equipment and bury the body. FM Fe'd BDO 9257-629223 J. Bde</p>	J. Bde	EM
24.	0757		Alpha Lead Elements moving this [unclear]	J. Bde	AP
25.	0759		LATE ENTRY: Delta moving 0720	J. Bde	AP
26	0759		B element 1.6 element moving.	J. Bde	AP
27	0823		D Co FM Fech 203110-669270 wants to be pick up at this	J.	EM

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27	Cont		location by truck		
28	0823		Duty Co to make a recon of the area airborne at this time		EM
29	0835		B Co negative contact with this element at this time	J-Bde	EM
30	0837		Recon element FM RD 1125-631225	J-Bde	EM
31	0841		A Co - FM Fecl LU 2414 676274	J-Bde	EM
32	0844		K3 81 element. MS Team mission c/p 732337	J-Bde	EM
33	0851		From Bde - Forward Air Control Freq. changed to 50.20	J. 3.43,	EM
34	0856		D Co have received this info are leading at this time		EM
35	0859		Fm A6 one more a boat case		EM
36	0900		FIA 5TBikes FIA have change to 49.50		EM
37	0905		B 16 element FM Fecl RV 4007-660257 on the way did pass check point RV 3409-654259		EM

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38	0925		C Co replacement have arrived and C Co is standing by for installation, D Co and C Co are changing plans at this time		
39	0935		A Co (-) 1 element FM Fecl LU 2518-675278 FM Fecl LU 2117-675275 sub sib element LU 2515-679277	J-Bde	EM
40	0936		B 16 FM Fecl BU 4409-665259	J-Bde	EM
41	0937		C Co & D Co change over at this time, D Co check with C Co.	J-Bde	EM
42	0938		Person sub element FM Fecl AD 2225-642225	J-Bde	EM
43	0945		A Co sub element are moving in to the village this time FM Fecl LU 1820-682280	J-Bde	EM
43	0950		Area clear for ARVN Fire Grid 6121 to 6421 to 6418 to 6118 FM Fecl LI D4 to R204 to R207 to LI D7	J-Recon	EM

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44	1007		A Co has the log book to to make a record of this area		EM
45	1010		81 M S Team chose this J-Bake location Pinky		EM
46	1010		43 is making a recon at this ^{area} late entry		EM
47	1015		FM 43 on his recon the village at 675287 will be populated when a chopper fly low nearby seem to empty, at 682285 the village is burned out, but a few huts still standing. There are some Troops FM Feet L25027- 675290 they are US + some PF Type		EM
48	1018		A Co reported 200 meters in the village the little people found a hole or mines & booby traps, A Co is being the whole book with them		EM

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49	1025		CONFIDENTIAL B Co element FM Feck BU 4009-660259 B Co sub elements BU-4606-666256	J-Bde	EM
50	1026		A Co Feck 2 U 1724- 683284 going thru the village with a fine comb	J-Bde	EM
51	1032		D Co has just about CP the change over it should take about 10 more minutes, at this time they have the ramps and the CP in about 10 they should be CP	J	EM
52	1050		A Co (D) FM Feck 2 U 1928- 681288	J-Bde	EM
53	1100		43 is airborne on a recon and reports bunkers in the location of 675290, at the present time A Co is check it out. He reports the the bunker are on the other side of the wire	J-Bde	EM

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53	CONT		they are going to try to locate them with the 2 AW and destroy them 664259		
54	1102		B 16 Fm Feed RU4009 B Sub-Sub Fm Feed RU4202 662-252	J-Bde	EM
55	1115		A Co wants the Deno-Terra to be done at Fm Feed L25U30-675290		EM
56	1117		43 is now back at this location		EM
57	1126		A Co location CP Fm Feed LU2515-675275 Left flank LU2924-671284 Right flank LU1716-683276	J-Bde	EM
58	1127		Late entry D Co computer change over at light at 1034	J-Bde	EM
59	1145		B Co 16 out-post elements has done back in gear now located at Fm Feed RU4009-660259	J-Bde	EM
60	1146		All location A Co, CP Fm Feed LU2515-675275 Left flank	J-Bde	EM

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60	CONT		LU 2924-671284 Night Blank LU1716-683276 B Co 16 element BU 4009-660259 C+D Co at bridge		
61	1157		B Co is now enroute to B16 location	J-Bde	EM
62	1209		Recon Sub element FM Feck AD 3535-655215	J-Bde	EM
63	1214		A2G element FM Feck LU 2525-675285	J-Bde	EM
64	1245		Ref #48 the book turned out to be a school book no value, also they found one block of dynamite	J-Bde	EM
65	1302		A6 say that there is about 25 or 30 bunkers to be destroyed	J	EM
66	1303		Recon Sub element has close look into this CP	J-Bde	EM
67	1310		B Co close on this 16 element at 1245- 675275 675255	J-Bde	EM

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68.	1343		<p style="text-align: center;">CONFIDENTIAL</p> <p>Demo Team en route to Seronimo Pad #2 - Alpha ready for Back Haul.</p>	J. 43.	JSP
69.	1400		LATE ENTRY: Alpha Closed CP		
70.	1400		Alpha has had Evac on log hind. Heat Exhaustion happened at 1300 in vic 675280	J. Bde	JSP
71.	1402		Made Coordination with CPO Jones 4 th MCD to park 3 TD20 and 2 front loaders in perimeter to cut down travel time.	J. 6.	JSP
72	1418		A-36 element moving back into Vill, will be disturbing Bunkers with News Team.	J. Bde	JSP
73	1420		RCN reports fresh mortar Position vic from FEED RD		
			1.901.4 639 236		JSP
74.	1435		<p style="text-align: center;">CONFIDENTIAL</p> <p>Capt Cahill reports Rice Cache from FEW 146304 L D 0.41.6. PF are going to pick it up.</p>	J. 3, 6.	JSP
75	1455		A 36 Element now at From Feal LU 2.72.6 (673284)	J. Bde	JSP

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76	1510		C element will not be needed		
			Random 3 from Bde CO	J. 3.6	MP
78	1520		A-3.6 673 284 (575) to Pinky	J. Bde	MP
79	1530		B(-) has closed Pinky.		
80	1545		S-2 recommends following locations for HI: 613233, 629225, 604245 6001, 257, 546, 265, 600277.	J.	
81	1550		MSGM Stillwell arrived this location	J, Bde.	
82	1551		B-16 element present location from Feed RDG-50.2 (685248)	J Bde	MP
83	1556		Col Steeter is presently at D location will make a ground recon and then will return to Pinky	J. 3	MP
84	1605		40 says trucks are on the way to CC locations	J. 3	MP
85	1607		MSGM Stillwell departs this location	J. Bde	MP
86	1608		B-16 element closes in CP	J. Bde	MP
87	1623		A6 says Demo team is placing charges in hot bunker new should be his location in 15 min	J. 3	MP

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88	1644		C Co moves up with trucks at 748214. Vehicles will move them to 673266 from where they will move to their NDP.	Bde	JJP
89	1650		A Co present position from fuel L 2.5 U 1.5 (675275). 36 element has closed on CP and Company has just begun to move into NDP.	J. Bde	JJP
90	1652		Col Hunter on way back PINKY	J. 3	JJP
91	1654		Col Hunter arrives at Pinky	J. 3	JJP
92	1658		C Co arrives at dismount point. 673266 are beginning to move to NDP.	J. Bde	JJP
93	1730		New RON and ambush locations: A - RON -> 660245 Signs: 643243 651236 661234 673236 B - RON -> PINKY Signs: 681258 679254 689245 C - RON -> 693226 Signs: 690238 683331 693223 695210 698216		
94	1821		Col Hunter enroute this station (Pinky)	J. 3	JJP

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93	(cont)		D - no change		
94	1800		<p>CONFIDENTIAL</p> <p>REN - RON SATAN Tiger 639235 5:15 on HP out to meet A Co at 1700 general via feed 21.0 U1.0 - one PFF get to meet C at 1700 general via feed 23.0 - time</p>	J	
95	1821		Col Hecker enroute this location	J. 3	JJP
96	1842		Log Bird Released	J. Bde	JJP
97	1845		all elements closed NDP C Co.	J. Bde	JJP
98	1853		A Co Tigers moving to position	J. Bde	JJP
99	1930		A Co reports one US WIA by ^{bobby trick} grenade at coord 661244 (Feed RD 4106). Man is a little case not serious	J. 6 Bde	JJP
100	1941		Medevac - Dust off 91; ETA 15 minutes on Medevac Pad	J. A6	JJP
101	1956		C Co 15 Tiger moving out	J. Bde	JJP
102	1958		LATE ENTRY: EFF TIME 1945 HRS B Co's Tigers have moved out	J. Bde	JJP
103	1959		arty radar reports squad size unit moving at 631259		
104	2002		Recon Tiger in Position at		

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104	CONT		From Feed RD 1617 (636233)	J. Bole	LP
105	2010		All Charlie tags on the move	J. Bole	LP
106	2011		Med Evac complete 2009	J. Bole	LP
107	2055		A Co tags disposed as follows: 344 in position, 2 closing, 1 misoriented - firing marking round from 81mm - advised CO to make sure it did not illuminate tags - said it was 1 K away.		
108	2058		C Co tags as follows: from Jul 15: LD0927 691237 25: 0837 692223 26: 0590 695210 16: 1528 685232	J. Bole	
109	2100		1st Bde: vehicle pulled 635256 moving NE.	J. DO,	Dez.
110	2105		A's west Ambush is moved to new location ⁽⁶⁴⁶²⁴⁴⁾ RD 2606	J. Bole	Dez.
111	2118		at 2024 B Ambush in local from FEEL RD 1101 LD 1903 LD 1213 LD 1510 LD 0812	J. Bole	Dez.
112	2138		P Co ambusher cloud location	J. Bole	Dez.

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113	2150		ABCD + Ren Sit Rep Negative	Bde	DRZ
114	2152		A's NDP (FEED)	Bde	DRZ
			RD 4105 661 245		
			#1" 2606 646 244		
			#2" 3414 654 236		
	2245		#3" 5215 672 235	Bde	
	2320		#4" 4315 663 235	Bde	
115	2200		Ren will say away from vic 638 236 a 1000 meters away. time 1800 19 May 68 to 0600 20 May 68.	Bde ARTY	DRZ
116	2225		From Bde the frequency of ^{non} secure radios will change to 42.75 at 22:30		
117	2242		ABCD + Ren Sit Rep Negative	Bde	DRZ
118	2243		at 2230 changed Bde non secure push to 4275	Bde	DRZ
119	2320		Bde Tac push changed to 40.40 at 2230 18 May 68		DRZ
120	2345		ABCD + Ren Sit Rep Negative	Bde	DRZ
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		A Co.	<p>CONFIDENTIAL</p> <p>Pinky had Ambushes at 683276, 676205, + 671283. Had 63 PRs attacked and one U.S. Plat occupying ambushes. Began moving at 0757 from Pinky to Join Ambushes. Established CP at 675275. From there conducted S&D with 3.6 pl. 675278 on left flank and 26-679277 on right flank. 16 element moving through village center mass 683285 and 676287. Destroyed 20 to 30 Bunkers then moved to NDP.</p>		
		B Co.	<p>CONFIDENTIAL</p> <p>NDP 646252 Ambushes at 632256, 642258, 634249, + 638237. 0759 16 element moved on R.P. North east to 660259. B CP moved at 1157 and closed 16 position. From there B(-) moved East to Pinky closed at 1530-16</p>		

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			<p>moved 685250 from there to Panky & closed 1608.</p>		
			<p>C Co occupied Hue Bridges, I was relieved by Delta at 1030 - was shuttled back toward Panky by vehicle at 1644 Complete at 1658 in Vic 673266</p>		
			<p>D Co. NOP at 668247 Ambushed at 660245, 669254, 675244 and 660252 Began moving to road at 0730. Took over Hue Bridges (Hue) at 1030 hrs. at 0250 sprung ambush on NVA carrying m-16.</p>		
			<p>Rcv Saton.</p>		

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US WIA *P-1* 1

Body Count D-1 PCN-1 2

US WPOW M-16 D-1 1

Totals Carried Forward

US KIA 102

US WIA 446

Body Count 531

Detainees 146

Captured WPOW

Individuals 106

Crew Severed 30

U.S. 29

Contacts

Plat or Smaller 22

Co or larger 21

Br or larger 13

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