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ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION	LOCATION	PERIOD COVERED	
S2/S3 1st Bn 8th Cav	LZ Sharon 334495	FROM	TO
		HOUR DATE	HOUR DATE
		0001 18 May 68	2400 18 May 68

NO	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC	INITIALS		INT
	IN	OUT				
1	0001		Journal Opened	J S		er
2	0100		Situation Report Negative	J S	Ble	er
3	0200		Situation Report Negative	J S	Ble	er
4	0250		B/Co is receiving heavy small arms fire from the west at coordinates 352455, B/Co 3-1 ambush element has observed 10-15 enemy from coordinates 355453	J S	Ble	sl
5	0259		Brigade request that all 1/8 element be put on 100% alert	J S	S-3	sl
6	0300		B/Co 1-6 element and most of the 2-1 element have closed CP the 2-6 element is enroute to CP. artillery DF's are being ARA is being scrambled (OP's have closed)	J S	Ble	sl
6	0315		ARA is on station at this time.	J S		
7	0316		All 1/8 elements are on 100% alert.	J S		sl
8	0320		B/Co has received fire from 360 degrees small arms. They were also hit with 15 or more satchel charges.			
9	0345		There are three known casualties at this time. B/Co hasn't received any fire or satchel charges for the last 10 minutes.	J S	Ble	sl
10	0350		B/Co 3-1 element at coordinates 355453 observed enemy moving along a road to the southwest into the high ground. ARA will make a pass on the area	J S	Ble	sl
11	0435		B/Co has 1 US KIA and 4 US WIA, none are very serious. There are 5 US MIA still not accounted for from the 3-1 ambush element. Will request med-evac at first light.	J S	Ble	sl
12	0453		A, C and D/Co's have been ordered by BN CO. to stand down from 100% alert to 50% alert.	J S	Ble	sl
13	0500		Situation Report Negative	J S	Ble	sl
14	0503		Summary of B/Co action: At about 0245hrs the B/Co 3-1 element at coordinates 355453 was shifting positions when they were hit by 15 to 20 enemy in dark clothing with AK-47, grenades and satchel charges, enemy was within ten to fifteen meters. The patrol leader was wounded in initial contact and lost control of the element, which split at at this time part of the element making it back to the main perimeter and the 3-1 element cut off on a small hill mass. The main perimeter and OP were hit with 10 to 15 satchel charges grenades and small arm and auto-matic weapons fire. The enemy strength estimated total 40-50 moved undetected believe element was a snapper unit. ARA was called in effectively and engaged the area south of the main perimeter and between the cut of 3-1 element. Artillery was called and B/Co			

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14	Con't	engaged with hand grenades, M-99, M-60 and small arms contact was broken at 0330, enemy moved out to the southwest. LUS KIA 4 US WIA, slight wounds and 4 US MIA all from the 3-1 element. A search of the area and for the 4 MIA will go at first light, also brigade scout team has been requested.			J S Bde sk
15	0600	Situation Report Negative			J S Bde sk
16	0610	B/Co has spotted several wounded VC and 4 VC KIA armed with satchel charges and blocks of TNT, 1 US M-60 machine gun and 1 B-40 rocket launcher loaded. 1 former MIA has been recovered, individual is in severe shock and will be evacuated by CG, Med-evac has requested for 4 WIA.			J S Bde sk
17	0615	all OP's and ambush elements have closed their perimeter with negative findings.			J S Bde sk
18	0624	Mortar expenditures, A/Co 5 Ill. B/Co negative C/Co 120 HE, 35 ILL. 15 WP, D/Co 25 HE, 5WP and 15 Ill.			J S Bde sk
19	0630	Scout teams are on station with B/Co.			J S Bde sk
20	0631	Med-evac complete at B/Co 4 WIA have been med-evac roster # B47, B 82, B 88, and a new E-6 to the company that does not have a roster #.			J S Bde sk
21	0645	B/Co has 1 VC POW, 26 years old, green uniform wounded in the foot. There are confirmed VC KIA and numerous individual weapons, AK 47, RPG, POW reports his unit was definitely hurt and returned to their base			J S Bde sk
22	0727	Weapons B/Co found, serial No. 1 RPG-MG 218791, one RPG-MG # 221366, three SKS serial # 10079367, 9185668, 10080174, three AK 47's # 10050634, 9476912, and 9474223, one B/40 rocket launcher, # 309617, one 9mm pistol # N1200533, 10 hand grenades, three B-40 rockets, three B/40 rocket charges, four satchel charges, nine AK 47 clips, one RPG magazine, one RPG belt, one pistol belt with ammo pouch, two sleeping hammocks, one ruck sack, one RPG Magazine carrier, one Medical Kit with sissors and bandages.			J S Bde bw
23	0810	Final readout on B/Co casualties, 2 HS KIA, 1 had no roster#, new in country, individual was formerly MIA, the other KIA # B 18. Five US WIA's (refer to item # 20) the fifth WIA was formerly MIA was found is a state of shock and med-evaced by Charlie-Charlie # B 126 (refer item # 16) all MIA's have been accounted for, there were negative MIA's, 2 KIA's and 5 WIA's			J S sk
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24	0830	From coordinates 316447 D/Co (-) moving south. Leaving their 4-6 element back to get out their back log.	J S	Bde		bw
25	0830	A/Co coordinates 309457, B/Co at 352454, C/Co coordinates 289459, D/Co at 316447	J S	Bde		sk
26	0935	B/Co reports they have found three more NVA KIA, it brings the total to eleven NVA KIA coordinates vicinity 355453	J S	Bde		bw
27	1000	Situation Report Negative	J S	Bde		bw
28	1005	At this time all enemy KIA from B/Co have confirmed to be NVA by the SPW team.	J S	Bde		bw
29	1035	C/Co requested a med-evac for one BM suffering from heat stroke coordinates vicinity 289459	J S	Bde		bw
30	1040	B/Co reports their POW and SPW team has been picked up and is enroute to Brigade at this time	J S	B		bw
31	1044	Brigade has granted a boundry extension effective from 18100 May to 191100 May, From coordinates 360440 north and west to the current boundry. D/Co 2/12 is currently the closest friendly element to the south at coordinates 359415	J S	S-3		sk
32	1055	C/Co reports med-evac complete at this time.	J S	Bde		bw
33	1139	From Brigade, 1/9 cav received information from a civilian that LZ Betty and Sharon would be attacked between 1200 to 2400 hrs today.	J S			rs
34	1150	From S-2: POW captured by B/Co vicinity coordinates 352455, was a corporal and assistance squad leader in the 9th Squad 3rd Platoon, 4th Co of the K-4 812 Reg. K-4 Bn located at coordinates 340430 other Bns located same area, not known what specific units	J S	Bde		rs
35	1300	B/Co reports that their tracker team has found 3 trails leading south from their area of contact this morning. On 2 of the trails there were believed to be 5 or 6 people using it recently. The other trail was believed to have been used by 10-15 people carrying heavy loads. They are waiting for an air strike to go in before they follow the trail. The location of the trails were approximately 350440	J S	Bde		er
36	1400	Unit locations: A/Co 309457, B/Co 352452, C/Co 277477, D/Co 315452.	J S	Bde		er
37	1535	Div. 613 is at D/Co's location for ceremony. Coordinates 315452.	J S	Bde		er
38	1545	C/Co 1-6, 2-6 and CP moving west C/Co 3-6 and 4-6 staying at 277477 for back log	J S	Bde		er
39	1546	Unit locations remain the same.	J S	Bde		er

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40 1618	A/Co moving south from 309457	J S	Bde	er	
41 1619	E/Co moving west from 352454	J S	Bde	er	
42 1620	D/Co moving east from 315452	J S	Bde	er	
43 1631	E/Co requested log bird to pick up 1 EM Heat Casualty	J S	Bde	er	
44 1655	A/Co at final location grid 309446	J S	Bde	bdw	
45 1707	E/Co heat casualty picked up by Charlie-Charlie at 352454	J S	Bde	er	
46 1755	B/Co at final location 343456	J S	Bde	er	
47 1800	Anti-malaria steps taken	J S	Bde	er	
48 1810	D/Co reports seeing 1 individual evading at 329481 calling artillery	J S	Bde	er	
49 1928	C/Co request med-evac for 1 EM bitten on hand by lizard (swollen hand) at grid 275455, Roster C124	J S	Bde	bdw	
50 1948	C/Co reports med-evac complete	J S	Bde	bdw	
51 1950	Situation Report Negative	J S	Bde	bdw	
52 2010	Unit locations: A/Co 309448, A 12A 309450, A 21A 309446, A 31A 306446, B/Co 343456, B 12 200 meters north, B 33 200 meters west, B 23 344460, C/Co 275445, C CPL 100 meters east, D/Co 322446, D/Co's 3 OP's 50 meters south, northwest, and east D/Co #1 331446, D/#2 315441 #3 319444 PDS: A/Co 104-5-1, B/Co 127-5-9, C/Co 133-5-6, D/Co 121-4-7, Report from B/Co at 2045 hrs 3 individuals were	J S	Bde	er	
53 2040	observed from the East moving north in a rich paddy 160 to 500 meters from perimeter, engaged with M-79 fire and redleg. Negative assessment	J S	Bde	bdw	
54 2058	Situation Report Negative	J S	Bde	bdw	
55 2158	Situation Report Negative	J S	Bde	bdw	
56 2200	Spot Report from Brigade: B/Co POW name, DOAN-VAN-BANG, Rank cpl, NVA, unit 9th sqd. 3rd platoon, 4th Co K-4 Bn. 812 Reg. 324B Div. He was wounded mission to pick up rice at unknown location, motor helipad on American LZ, also chopper can't get in air. Unit Strength: 7 Officers, 73 EM. Weapons carried, AK-47, SKS, 4-IMG, 1 HMG, 4-B 40 grenade launchers, G-4 explosives, Chicom grenades, and 2 82mm mortars. Present location vicinity coordinates YD 312434 future operations unknown, His job was to carry explosives. Infiltration route was through jungle of Loas during Feb. as a replacement. Unit last seen the 17th of May at location YD 312434 POW doesn't know of any replacements, moral is poor because most of the men are new, because American artillery has hit and killed some of them. The unit has enough rice which is stored in Cache				

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