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B. Chronology of Significant Combat Actions.

1 May

Contact with enemy forces throughout the divisional tactical area of operational interest (TAOI) on 1 May was relatively light and scattered. Almost all divisional maneuver elements had completed their redeployment into the southeastern quadrant of the TAOI by this date. Mounting intensive daytime battalion and company size reconnaissance-in-force and air mobile combat assault operations combined with platoon and squad size night stationary and mobile ambush patrols, the division established a virtual 24 hour-a-day screen to the northwest, west and southwest of SAIGON-CHOLON. Despite these blanketing maneuvers, only the 3rd Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry experienced significant encounters with the enemy. The squadron's B Troop flying armed aerial reconnaissance along and east of the ORIENTAL RIVER between the 00 east-west grid line and DUC HOA and C Troop flying similar missions in the southern BOI LOI WOODS (center of mass XT5035) and northeast of TRANG BANG along route 237 detected and engaged small groups of enemy on five separate occasions during the day. The armed helicopters accounted for 15 VC KIA by body count and destroyed one AK-47 and one sampan.

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ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION S3/S2 1st Bn 8th Arty APO SF 96225		LOCATION Hoc Mon XT 737 049	FROM HOUR 0001	TO DATE 1 May 68	HOUR DATE 2400 1 May 68
ITEM NO.	TIME IN	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.			ACTION TAKEN
1.	0001	JOURNAL OPENED.			MJR.
2.	1017	1/27 LNO--D/1/27 No. 2 element in XS709817 has 1 US WIA (litter) due to booby trap.			Ntfy FDC. VC
3.	1025	3/13 Arty--A/1/27 No. 3 element is in XS719831.			Ntfy FDC. JR
4/	1025	3/13 Arty--D/1/27 No. 2 element has 4 US WIA from booby trap in XS710817. WIA's have been dusted off. Ntfy FDC. JR			<i>HOC MON N. SAIGON</i>
5.	1105	C/1/8--B/2/27 elements in XT839057 found 1 safe weighing 4250 lbs. Safe is not open yet.			Ntfy Div Arty. JR
6.	1115	C/1/8--B/2/27 elements in XS769939 are in contact, rcvd RPG fire, have 1 US WIA.			Ntfy Div Arty. JR
7.	1130	C/1/8--B/2/27 elements in XT833051 are in contact, have 1 US KIA, 3 US WIA.			Ntfy Div Arty. JR
8.	1400	3/13 Arty--A/1/27 No. 3 element in XS712832 has VC detainee with faulty ID. 1/27 LNO is taking the detainee to Cu Chi. Time of event: 1345.			Ntfy Div Arty. JR
9.	1445	3/13 Arty--A/1/27 element found and destroyed 6 bunkers and 1 TP size. D/1/27 elements are in XS703820.			Ntfy FDC. JR
10.	1550	2/27 LNO--B/2/27 elements are moving back into the area of contact to retreive a radio and 1 US body, will then return to the NL.			Ntfy FDC. DW
11.	1630	B/2/27 FO--Casualty report: 1 US KIA, 2 US WIA (litter), 5 US WIA (ambulatory), 1 slight WIA due to arty splash 350 meters away. Personnel dusted off.			Ntfy FDC. TG
12.	1655	C/1/8--fired in support of B/2/27, expended 184 HEQ, 4 WPQ, rcvd end-of-mission at 1615. Grid of mission XT835051, replot grid XT8310044. Results: 3 bunkers destroyed.			Ntfy FDC. WM
13.	1655	B/2/27, expended 211 HE, NAME AND GRADE OF OFFICER OR OFFICIAL ON DUTY			NATURE
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13	cont	2 WP, 159 PD, 54 Ti. Grid of mission XT835046, replot grid XT832046. Received end-of-mission at 1615. Negative surveillance.	Ntfy FDC. WM
14.	1815	3/13 Arty—A/1/8 and B/6/77 received March Order at 1740, departed FSB Pike III at 1745, closed FSB Pike VI at 1815, laid and ready to fire at 1840. Ntfy Div Arty. VC	
15.	2350	C/1/8—A/2/27 elements spotted movement near their location and detonated a claymore, resulting in 1 US WIA who was dusted off.	Ntfy FDC. SG
16.	2400	JOURNAL CLOSED.	MJR.
CORRECTIONS TO THE JOURNAL OF 30 APRIL 1968:			
1.		Disregard Item 17. Reason: Incorrect entry.	
2.		In PLANS SUMMARY, change MOVES to read: "A/1/8 moved from FSB Pike VI to FSB Pike III."	
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY			
During the reporting period enemy activity was heavy. C/1/8 firing in support of B/2/27 destroyed 3 VC bunkers. Totals are as follows:			
PERSONNEL:			
VC KIA (BC): 752 VC KIA (POSS): 1630			
1. Weapons DES DAM			
A. Mortars 17 2			
B. MG's 11 2			
2. Buildings 289 116			
3. Bridges 10 0			
4. Trenches 3 0			
5. Bunkers 88 25			
6. Vehicles 3 3			
7. Sampans 108 9			
8. Boats 14 0			
9. Ammo dumps 1 0			
10. Sec Expl 101 UNCLASSIFIED			
PLANS SUMMARY			
MOVES: A/1/8 moved from FSB Pike III to FSB Pike VI.			
PLANNED MOVES FOR 2 March: None.			

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2 May

Divisional maneuver battalions and supporting organic and attached aviation units continued their search for the enemy along suspected avenues of approach in the SAIGON-CHOLON area from the northwest, west and southwest. Again, only the 3rd Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry enjoyed any success in locating the enemy.

B Troop continuing its armed aerial reconnaissance of the area it had overflowed the previous day observed enemy movement north of DUC HOA in the vicinity of XT 5310. Engaging the area with automatic weapons and rockets, the gunships drew intense ground fire. Supporting artillery and Air Force tactical fighter air strikes were placed into the area. Following the lifting of these fires, the air cavalrymen went back into the area on low level reconnaissance and counted 25 enemy dead and four destroyed .50 caliber machine guns. Intelligence sources later identified the enemy as elements of the 271st VC Regiment.

Meanwhile, C Troop had turned its attention to reconnaissance of the IRON TRIANGLE (center of mass XT 7226) and the HO RO WOODS (center of mass XT 6027). At 1700 hours the troop detected approximately 60 VC positioned in a tree line along a canal on an axis from XT 728181 to XT 740178 to XT 737173. The armed helicopters engaged the enemy force with their automatic weapons and rockets and then called in artillery and air strikes. A search of the target area subsequent to these attacks revealed 23 VC dead and numerous blood trails leading out of the area to the north. These dead were identified as being from elements of the 101st NVA Regiment.

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		FROM	TO	HOUR	DATE
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ITEM NO.	TIME IN	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC		ACTION TAKEN	
1.	0001	JOURNAL OPENED.		MJR.	
2.	0730	Div Arty--there will be (air strikes in the following grids: XT7712 at 0800, 0900; XT7616 at 1015.		Ntfy FDC. EW	
3.	0730	Radar--the radar inoperational due to generator trouble.		Ntfy FDC. EW	
4.	0830	C/1/8- B/2/27 elements down in LZ at XT791109. LZ is cold.		Ntfy FDC. WM	
5.	0930	3/13 Arty--D/1/27 elements in XS698902 found 1 set of VC webgear and 1 Chicom grenade.		Ntfy FDC. EW	
6.	1330	3/13 Arty--A/1/27 elements located at XS722896. D/1/27 elements located at XS723892. D/1/27 elements in XS724894 found numerous Chicom boobytraps.		Ntfy FDC. EW	
7.	1330	Opn Sgt--Helicopter for Bn CO requested 0800-1200 for 3 May 68. MAJ Richardson took request.		Ntfy FDC. WM	
8.	1500	1/27 LNO--requests a helicopter to pick up the "KILLER JUNIOR" direct-fire 105mm howitzer at his NL on 3 May.		Ntfy 2d Bde LNO. SG	
9.	1530	3/13 Arty--A/4/23 elements in XT852024 found 1 butterfly bomb, which they plan to destroy in place.		Ntfy Div Arty. SG	
10.	2400	B/3/13--3/4 Cav elements went into the area where the ARVN troops had contact with an estimated VC plt. 3/4 Cav elements said the ARVN's were hit with RPG-2's, and AK-47's. 3/4 Cav elements made no contact. Location of ARVN contact was XT720010.		Ntfy FDC. SR	
11.	2400	JOURNAL CLOSED.		MJR.	
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

During the reporting period enemy activity was light. There was no positive or significant surveillance from 1/8 Arty this date. Totals are as follows.

PERSONNEL:

VC KIA (BC): 752 VC KIA (POSS): 1630

1. Weapons	DES	DAM
A. Mortars	17	2
B. MG's	11	2
2. Buildings	289	116
3. Bridges	10	0
4. Trenches	3	0
5. Bunkers	88	25
6. Vehicles	3	3
7. Sampans	108	9
8. Boats	14	0
9. Ammo dumps	1	0
10. 8 Sec Expl	101	0

PLANS SUMMARY

MOVES: None.

PLANNED MOVES FOR 3 May: None.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 510,870 rounds.

The Bn strength is 18 guns operational.

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WILBURT L. JENKINS, MAJ, Arty, S-3.

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3 May

On 3 May enemy movement within the division TAOI into assault positions for their planned attacks became more apparent, and the division reacted accordingly. At 1000 hours B Troop, 3rd Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry continuing its armed aerial reconnaissance east of the ORIENTAL RIVER sighted an estimated 200 VC at XT 598068. This enemy force was immediately engaged by the gunships and artillery and tactical fighter air strikes were directed into the area. The 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry (Mech) which was maneuvering on a search operation a short distance to the south of the enemy position was directed to engage. By 1040 hours the battalion had moved into blocking positions along an axis from XT 5906 to XT 5904. This maneuver fixed the enemy position and by 1520 hours the fourth of the twenty third was reinforced by the 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor and the

4th Battalion, 9th Infantry. This combined force was designated TASK FORCE DUNLOP. The tank battalion took up blocking positions along an axis in the vicinity XT 5807, and the infantrymen occupied blocking positions from XT 6005 to XT 6105 to XT 6206. The enemy force was thus surrounded on three sides with a vast swamp area to its rear. The fires of four artillery batteries and eight air strikes were placed on the enemy throughout the day. A total of 35 enemy dead and one POW were confirmed by nightfall.

Elsewhere in the TAOI, the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry fixed an estimated enemy platoon in bunker positions at XT 804127. At 1045 the target was struck by helicopter gunships. A subsequent assault on the bunkers revealed six enemy bodies.

An ambush patrol from F Company, 50th Infantry (LRF) at 2215 hours struck several sampans at XT 783105. The following morning six VC KIA were discovered in the vicinity of the ambush.

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ITEM NO.	TIME IN	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
1.	0001	JOURNAL OPENED.	MJR.
2.	0905	3/13 Arty—D/1/27 elements in XS725896 report negative contact, negative findings.	Ntfy FDC. JR
3.	0905	3/13 Arty—1 element of C/2/27 returned to LZ; 2 elements located at XT716080.	Ntfy FDC. JR
4.	0935	3/13 Arty—D/1/27 elements in XS741892 report negative contact, negative findings.	Ntfy FDC. SR
5.	1035	C/1/8—2/27 elements located 2 VC coming out of a bunker in XT802127. Gunships are working over the area.	Ntfy FDC. SR
6.	1100	C/1/8—D/2/27 elements in XT801119 found 3 sets of black pajamas, 1 pistol belt, and 2 notebooks of possible intelligence value.	Ntfy FDC. SR
7.	1135	C/1/8—B/2/27 elements located in XT822102, moving east. D/2/27 elements located in XT818102, moving east.	Ntfy FDC. SR
8.	1155	C/1/8—D/2/27 elements in contact, have 1 US WIA. Negative arty at this time.	Ntfy FDC. SR
9.	1220	C/1/8—D/2/27 FO now believes he has only 1 sniper; they are trying to maneuver around and get him at this time.	Ntfy FDC. SR
10.	1255	Div Arty—There will be an air strike at 1315 in XT8010.	Ntfy FDC. DW
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11.	1330	A/1/8 CO—requests 2 CH-47 aircraft, one to take a howitzer back to Cu Chi to have a tube replaced, one sky-hook to haul a 2½-ton truck with damaged steering to Cu Chi and to bring a replacement. Also wants a water pump for a 3/4-ton truck and spark plugs for a 4-ton truck.	Ntfy Ammo Off. SR
12.	1335	C/1/8—B/2/27 elements located in XT803122. D/2/27 elements	

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12 cont.		have 1 more US WIA; dustoff called in.	Ntfy FDC. SR
13.	1448	C/1/8 D/2/27 FO reports 1 US KIA, 1 US WIA, 6 VC (BC) by gunships in XT805119.	KIA Ntfy Div Arty. SR
14.	1500	C/1/8--B/2/27 elements in XT804123 found a number of documents and a map of Saigon.	Ntfy Div Arty. SR
15.	1610	FDC--Prep for 2/27 Inf from 1550 to 1605 occurred in the grid XT803129. B/1/8 expended 39 HE, 2 WP, 6 35 Ti; C/1/8 expended 114 HE, 2 WP, 80 PD, 36 Ti. B/3/13 expended 34 HE, 3 WP, 37 Q.	Q, Ntfy Div Arty. SG
16.	1710	C/1/8 B/2/27 elements in XT805126 found a heavily bunkered area with bunkers 4x3 ft with 2 ft overhead cover consisting of metal, logs, and packed mud. Also found 1 booby trap; will blow in place.	Also Ntfy Div Arty. SR
17.	1845	2/27 LNO--reports 9 VC KIA (BC) by arty and gunships in XT 803129.	Ntfy Div Arty. VC
18.	1945	C/1/8--2/27 elements in XT803129 found 1 handset for a PRC-10, 300 rds .30 cal ammo, 2 entrenching tools, assorted clothing. Gunships credited with the 9 VC BC found previously.	Ntfy Div Arty. SR
19.	2400	JOURNAL CLOSED. UNCLASSIFIED	MJR.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

During the reporting period enemy activity was moderate. There was no positive or significant surveillance from 1/8 Arty this date. Totals are as follows:
PERSONNEL:

VC KIA (BC):	752	VC KIA (POSS):	1630
1. Weapons	DES	DAM	
A. Mortars	17	2	
B. MG's	11	2	
2. Buildings	289	116	
3. Bridges	10	0	
4. Trenches	3	0	
5. Bunkers	82	25	

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PLANS SUMMARY																						
MOVES: None.																						
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OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION																						
The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 512,093 rounds.																						
The Bn strength is 18 guns operational. A/1/8 has 1 gun which will need tube replacement.																						
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4 May

TASK FORCE DUNLOP continued with its mission of reducing the enemy force which it had backed up to a swamp. Taking the enemy under heavy fire with supporting artillery, helicopter gunships and air strikes, the ground units slowly tightened the vice on the besieged VC. By the end of daylight activities the task force had recovered an additional 26 enemy dead and three prisoners of war. Elements of the task force remained in their blocking positions during the night as supporting fires continued to pound at the enemy positions.

As TASK FORCE DUNLOP continued its operations, other divisional units engaged in light and widely scattered contacts with the enemy. Helicopters from B Company, 25th Aviation Battalion flying armed aerial reconnaissance along the ORIENTAL RIVER between GO DAU HA and TAY NINH observed and engaged an unknown size enemy force at XS 291335. The action resulted in 33 enemy dead and two POW's. The enemy force was later identified as a local force VC company from TAY NINH Province.

At 1730, A Company, 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry (Mech) sweeping approximately four kilometers northeast of DUC HOA received fire from an unknown number of enemy at XS 623987. The company attacked into the position and accounted for 15 enemy dead and one POW. This enemy force was determined to be an element of the 273rd VC Regiment.

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ITEM NO.	TIME IN	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
1.	0001	JOURNAL OPENED.	MJR.
2.	1025	C/1/8 A/2/27 A-16 element located in XT807074. The other A/2/27 element is in the NL.	Ntfy FDC. WM
3.	1055	Div Arty—Photo mission in XT7732 from 1115 to 1215. Ntfy 3/13 SG	
4.	1150	C/1/8 D/2/27 located in XT747033; A/2/27 located in XT829073. B/2/27 elements in XT779063 found 1 bunker less than 24 hours old.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM
5.	1200	2/27 LNO—D/2/27 in XT776036 found 1 VC AK-47 ammo pouch and 1 US 81mm rd. B/2/27 is sweeping south to their NL.	Ntfy FDC. WM
6.	1200	1/5 Mech LNO—1/5 Mech S2 and 1/5 Mech LNO rcvd 1 possible sniper rd while in the air; will check out the area in the afternoon. Many people reported in the area.	Ntfy FDC. WM
7.	1410	3/13 Arty—B/1/27 elements in XS719845 have 1 detainee.	SG
8.	1700	FDC—B/3/13 expended 750 rds from 040600 My to 041600 May.	Ntfy Div Arty. JR
9.	1730	Div Arty—there will be a RED HAZE mission 3007 Hank from 2130 to 2200 in XT6005, XT6410, XT5310, and 5715.	Ntfy FDC. JR
10.	2400	JOURNAL CLOSED. UNCLASSIFIED	MJR.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

During the reporting period enemy activity was light. There was no positive or significant surveillance from 1/8 Arty this date. Totals are as follows:

PERSONNEL:

VC KIA (BC):	752	VC KIA (POSS):	1630
1. Weapons		DES	DAM
A. Mortars	17		2
B. MG's	11		2
2. Buildings	289		116
3. Bridges	10		0
4. Trenches	3		0
5. Bunkers	88		25

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	DES	DAM
6. Vehicles	33	3
7. Sampans	108	9
8. Boats	14	0
9. Ammo dumps	1	0
10. Sec Expl	101	0

PLANS SUMMARY

MOVES: None.

PLANNED MOVES FOR 5 May: None.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 512,558 rounds.

The Bn strength is 17 guns operational. aA/1/8 has 1 gun deadlined due to end of tube life.

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WILBURT L. JENKINS, MAJ, Arty, S-3.	<i>W. L. Jenkins</i>

5 May

TASK FORCE DUNLOP was redesignated TASK FORCE DARE'S at 1223 and continued its operations in the vicinity of XT 5906 - XT 5915. As ground forces swept into the enemy positions they discovered an additional forty enemy dead, most of whom had been killed by artillery and air strikes. Additionally large numbers of abandoned individual and crew served weapons along with ammunition, supplies and food were discovered. Contact was maintained with the enemy and supporting fires from helicopters, artillery and tactical air continued to be used in heavy volume.

At 1245, C Company, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry (Mech) sweeping along route 1 at a location approximately three kilometers southeast of the CU CHI Base Camp (XT 637120) engaged an estimated VC platoon. In a contact that continued until 1800 hours, the company supported by helicopter gunships accounted for 23 VC KIA. The enemy force was identified as a unit of the 7th VC local force battalion.

Also on the afternoon of 5 May, D Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry searching approximately three kilometers southwest of the SAIGON RIVER town of PHU CONG discovered a large enemy ammunition cache at XT 794117. In addition to large numbers of RPG rounds and hand grenades, the company captured 72 complete 122mm rockets and 21,500 rounds of small arms ammunition.

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1.	0001	JOURNAL OPENED.	MJR.
2.	0305	C/1/8 D/2/27 AP sprang an ambush on 1 VC that walked into ambush location, in grid XT815055. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC).	Ntfy FDC. WM
3.	0800	C/1/8 D/2/27 elements down in LZ in XT796122. LZ is cold.	Ntfy FDC. JR
4.	0845	C/1/8 A STINGER aircraft reports 3 VC BC in XT793117. Ntfy Div Arty.	JR
5.	1000	C/1/8 fired on grid XT792113, replot grid XT7931184, expending 113 HEQ, 2 WPQ, with negative surveillance.	Ntfy FDC. DW
6.	1440	C/1/8 D/2/27 elements vic XT7911 found a heavily fortified bunker 4x6x4 ft containing 2 sets VC clothing, 1 US canteen, 20 lbs polished rice, 5 ponchos, and 50 rds AK-47. Reported 1 bldg partially destroyed by prep this morning. Also found 28 122mm rockets. N	Ntfy Div Arty. SR
7.	1615	C/1/8 D/2/27 elements report 1 VC BC in XT7911, also reports a total of 37 122mm rockets found.	Ntfy Div Arty. SR
8.	1630	C/1/8 D/2/27 elements in XT683177 found 84 boxes .51 cal ammo, 4 boxes Chicom carbine ammo, 15 cases AK-47 rds, 2 cases B-40 RPG's, and 37 122mm rockets.	Ntfy FDC. SR
9.	1650	C/1/8 had 1 rd land 200 meters outside their perimeter, resulting in negative casualties, negative damage. Are checking on origin of rd.	Ntfy Div Arty. VC
10.	2400	JOURNAL CLOSED.	MJR.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

During the reporting period enemy activity was light. C/1/8 fired a prep resulting in 1 building damaged. Totals are as follows:

PERSONNEL:

	VC KIA (BC): 752 753	VC KIA (POSS): 1630
1. Weapons	DES	DAM
A. Mortars	17	2
B. MG's	11	2
2. Buildings	289	117
3. Bridges	10	0

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ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION S3/S2 1st Bn 8th Arty APO SF 96225	LOCATION Hoc Mon UNCLASSIFIED	TIME TO 737 049	HOUR	DATE	HOUR	DATE
		0001	5 May 68	2400	5 May 68	

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY, CONT.

	DES	DAM
4. Trenches	3	0
5. Bunkers	88	25
6. Vehicles	3	3
7. Sampans	108	9
8. Boats	14	0
9. Sec Expl	101	0
10. Ammo dumps	1	0

PLANS SUMMARY

MOVES: None.

PLANNED MOVES FOR 6 May: None.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 513,864 rounds.

The Bn strength is 18 guns operational.

CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS JOURNALS

1. For the journal of 3 May 1968, change total rounds expended to 512,279.
2. For the journal of 4 May 1968, change total rounds expended to 512,658.

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WILBURT L. JENKINS, MAJ, Arty, S-3.

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6 May

TASK FORCE DAEMS completed its operations against the enemy force in the general vicinity of XT 6005, XT 6006, XT 6105 and XT 5907. The 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry and 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry (Mech) swept through the area during the day and discovered 113 additional enemy dead and substantial numbers of enemy weapons, ammunition and supplies. The total enemy casualties by body count in the four day engagement was 213 dead. From five prisoners taken in the battle, it was learned that the enemy force intercepted and blocked by TASK FORCE DUNLOP. - DAEMS consisted of a battalion of the 271st VC Regiment and that the survivors of the engagement, many of them wounded, had fled north through the swamp.

As the 4th of the 9th and 1st of the 5th prepared for their mopping up activities for the day, TASK FORCE DAEMS sent the 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry and 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor south into the vicinity of BOA TRAI to reinforce the ARVN - RF-PF garrison of that town which was attacked by a three battalion enemy force (the 247B, 247 and D-16 VC battalions) in the early morning hours. At XT 4805 the 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry (Mech) closed with an enemy unit at 0730. Supported by helicopters and artillery, the battalion accounted for 44 enemy dead and captured one prisoner in an all day running battle to the west of BOA TRAI.

B Company, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry in a sweep one kilometer north of Route 1 midway between CU CHI and TRANG BANG (XT 548175) engaged an estimated VC platoon at 0815 and inflicted 18 KIA and one POW on the enemy before he broke contact and retreated to the west. The 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry (Mech) maneuvering near CU CHI in the vicinity of its C Company's contact of the previous day established contact with an enemy force of unknown size and claimed 12 VC KIA in the ensuing fire fight. At 1435, B Troop, 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry following up on the 4th of the 23rd's contact earlier in the day near BOA TRAI, spotted 50 VC moving west away from the area of contact. The helicopters engaged the fleeing enemy and killed an additional 15 VC.

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1.	0001	JOURNAL OPENED.	MJR.
2.	0800	FDC—1 VC BC reported in grid XT793118 due to prep for 2/27 Inf.	Ntfy Div Arty. DW
3.	0930	C/1/8—expended 168 Ti, 48 Q, 216 HE for prep for 2/27 Inf; B/1/8 expended 168 Ti, 48 Q, 216 HE.	2/27 Ntfy Div Arty. WM
4.	0950	3/13 Arty—B/3/13 expended 66 HE, 42 VT, 24 PD in prep for 2/27 Inf. Rcvd end-of-mission at 0945.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM
5.	1043	C/1/8—D/2/27 Inf found 1 homemade booby trap grenade, believes it was overlooked in search yesterday. Location XT794117.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM
6.	1100	C/1/8—D/2/27 elements in XT793117 found 200 lbs of Chicom explosives. 9	Ntfy Div Arty. WM
7.	1200	3/13 S3—A/1/8 expended 58 rds on grid XS720954; B/6/77 expended 316 rds on the same grid.	Ntfy FDC. WM
8.	1330	C/1/8—D/2/27 elements in XT791113 found 1900 lbs of rice; they will destroy in place.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM
9.	2400	JOURNAL CLOSED.	MJR.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

During the reporting period enemy activity was light. There was no positive or significant surveillance from 1/8 Arty this date. Totals are as follows:

PERSONNEL:

	VC KIA (BC): 752	VC KIA (POSS): 1630
1. Weapons	DES	DAM
A. Mortars	17	2
B. MG's	11	2
2. Buildings	289	117
3. Bridges	10	11
4. Trenches	3	0
5. Bunkers	88	25
6. Vehicles	3	3
7. Sampan	108	9

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ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION
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HQ, 1st Bn 8th Arty
APO SF 96225

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY CONT.

	DES	DAM
8. Boats	14	0
9. Ammo dumps	1	0
10. Sec Expl	101	0

PLANS SUMMARY

MOVES: None.
PLANNED MOVES FOR 7 May: None.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 514,793 rounds.

The Bn strength is 18 guns operational.

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WILBUR L. JENKINS, MAJ, Arty, S-3.

7 May

In the predawn hours of 7 May, A and B Companies of the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry and C Troop, 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry commenced a reconnaissance-in-force operation in the vicinity of KT 7303 approximately ten kilometers northwest of SAIGON-CHOLON. At 1115 hours this force ran into a large number of enemy: a force that was later identified as the 3rd Battalion, 88th NVA Regiment. After a heated encounter that lasted through the day and the night and into the following day, the US force supported by helicopter gunships, artillery and tactical air inflicted 199 dead on this enemy battalion. The survivors of the NVA battalion fled to the west.

Contact throughout the division TAOI became increasingly more frequent throughout the day, but most actions were with small infiltrating units.

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S3/S2 1st Bn 8th Arty APO SF 96225	UNCLASSIFIED	Hoc Mon XT 737 049	HOUR	DATE	HOUR	DATE

ITEM NO.	TIME IN	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
1.	0001	JOURNAL OPENED.	MJR.
2.	0845	C/1/8-B/2/27 element in XT835047 found 5 expended 122mm rocket boosters, which they threw into the canal.	Ntfy FDC. SR
3.	1030	1/27 LNO-6/77 Arty 33 element in contact in XT735025, resulting in 1 US KIA, 1 US WIA. Does not need arty at this time.	Ntfy FDC. SR
4.	1255	3/13 Arty-C/1/27 elements in XS756907 found 1 105mm shell, 1 VC flag, 1 VC gas mask, and 2 60mm rds.	Ntfy FDC. SR
5.	1400	1/27 LNO-A/1/27 is in contact in XT725035 and is receiving RPG-2 rds, resulting in 1 US KIA, 3 US WIA. Arty firing on grid XT730033.	Ntfy FDC. SR
6.	1400	2/27 LNO-C/2/27 in XT837047 found 2 VC bodies credited to C/1/8. Also found 3 US and 3 Chicom grenades, 3 pistol belts, and 5 ponchos.	Ntfy FDC. SR
7.	2045	C/1/8-A/2/27 AP in XT786024 is in contact, resulting in 3 NVA KIA (BC). 1 NVA inside AP; fully uniformed with web gear, had 1 AK-50. B/1/8 and C/1/8 fired in support. Arty. WM	Ntfy Div
8.	2345	1/27 LNO-C/1/5 Mech has 1 Chieu Hoi in XT730028, who reports that 2 Co's of VC suffered heavily with many casualties during contact with C/1/5 today. Also reported that more VC were willing to Chieu Hoi but were afraid to.	Ntfy FDC. EW
9.	2400	JOURNAL CLOSED.	MJR.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

During the reporting period enemy activity was heavy. C/1/8 is credited with 2 VC KIA (BC). Totals are as follows:

PERSONNEL:

VC KIA (BC):	754-756	VC KIA (POSS):	1630
1. Weapons	DES	DAM	
a. Mortars	17	2	
b. MG's	11	2	
2. Buildings	289	117	
3. Bridges	10/11	0	
4. Trenches	3	0	
5. Bunkers	88	25	
6. Vehicles	3	2	

NAME AND GRADE OF SIGNER: **JOHN R. COOPER** OFFICIAL ON DUTY GRADED AT SIGNATURE INTERVALS;
DRAFTS: **JOHN R. COOPER** RELEASED AFTER 12 LISTS
DRAFT NUMBER: **1**

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S3/S2	1st Bn 8th Arty	Hoc Mon	KT 737 049	HOUR	DATE	HOUR	DATE
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY, CONT.

	DES	DAM	
7. Sampans	108	9	
8. Boats	14	0	
9. Ammo dumps	1	0	
10. Sec Expl	101	0	

PLANS SUMMARY

MOVES: None.

PLANNED MOVES FOR 8 May: None.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 516,933 rounds.

The Bn strength is 18 guns operational.

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WILBURT L. JENKINS, MAJ., Arty, S-3.

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8 May

At 0934 Company C, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry was sweeping at XS 743925 when it ran into an unknown size enemy force. Engaging the enemy with organic weapons the company accounted for 32 VC KIA and two prisoners before contact was lost. Later in the day at 1155 five kilometers to the northwest (XS 703962), the 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry night defensive location engaged an unknown size VC force that moved into its position. In the fire fight that took place, 32 VC KIA were recorded and two POWs were taken. The two actions are believed to have involved the same enemy battalion of the 271st VC Regiment; the later fight taking place as the VC sought to evade the first US unit which took it under fire.

Meanwhile, a short distance to the northeast of where the VC battalion was fighting its second battle of the day, D Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry was engaging a VC company. With the support of armed helicopters, the US troops drove off the advancing enemy who left 24 dead and two prisoners behind.

Further to the north, the 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor was sweeping Route 1 south of HOC MON (XT 751020) in an area where it had a light contact the previous day. At 1245 the tankers came under fire. Returning fire with organic weapons and supported by armed helicopters, artillery and air strikes, the 2nd of the 34th Armor pursued the enemy all day and into the night. Contact was lost at 0200 on the 9th. Forty-four enemy dead were recovered and one prisoner was taken.

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ITEM NO.	TIME IN	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.				ACTION TAKEN	
1.	0001	JOURNAL OPENED.				MJR.	
2.	0030	3/13 Arty—radar pickup. 4 or 5 moving personnel in XS71589444. B/6/77 expended 25 HE Ti; A/1/8 expended 25 HE Ti.				Ntfy FDC. EW	
3.	0330	3/13 Arty—4/9 Inf AP is in contact in XS713935.				Ntfy Div Arty. SR	
4.	0525	B/3/13—B/1/27 elements have 1 confirmed VC KIA (BC) and captured 1 AK-47.				Ntfy FDC. JR	
5.	0730	2/27 LNO—A/2/27 AP, while returning to their NL, engaged 2 VC, resulting in 1 US KIA, 1 VC KIA (BC). A/2/27 element withdrew, gunships going into the area; prep will be delayed. Location of contact: XT806075.				Ntfy FDC. DW	
6.	0900	7/11 Arty (70) LNO—C/4/23 in XT740011 has 4 VC POW, 1 VC KIA (BC), captured 3 AK-47.				Ntfy Div Arty. VC	
7.	0910	C/1/8—D/2/27 elements down, LZ cold.				Ntfy FDC. WM	
8.	0915	ARVN Agency (Gummy Cobra 22A)—2 suspected VC Co's in XS635975. 4/23 Mech elements are working along 64 gridline; VN clearance to fire is given.				Ntfy FDC. WM	
9.	0920	1/27 LNO—ARVN element in XT729039 have 3 VC WIA, believed to be NVA. WIA's will be taken to the compound dispensary.				Ntfy FDC. WM	
10.	0955	1/27 LNO—1/27 elements in XT729028 found 1 VC radio, 15 RPG rds, and some NVA uniforms.				Ntfy FDC. WM	
11.	1005	2/34 Armor LNO—2/34 elements located in XT757007.				Ntfy FDC. WM	
12.	1005	C/1/8—B/2/27 elements in XT715014; D/2/27 elements in XT733026, XT743009. B/2/27 elements found 2 fresh bunkers at their LZ; STINGER aircraft spotted 2 VC in a hedgerow, will engage.				Ntfy Div Arty. WM	
13.	1010	C/1/8—B/2/27 elements found 2 RPG rds, boobytrapped; will blow in place. D/2/27 elements found 1 live VC in a bunker 50 meters north of LZ, also 81mm rd.				Ntfy Div Arty. WM	

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		EXT 737 049	0001	8 May 68
ITEM NO.	TIME IN	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.		ACTION TAKEN
14. 1029		B/13 Arty S3—3/4 Cav in XS743925 has 6 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC POW; are pulling back so that Arty can be fired.		Ntfy Div Arty. VC
15. 1030		B/2/27 EG—B/2/27 elements in XS743924 found 2 RPG-2 rds, unk no. AK-47's, 12 VC KIA (BC), 6 of them by Arty.		Ntfy Div Arty. TSW
16. 1030		2/27 LNO—reports a VC Bn CO from a Heavy Weapons Unit was killed by Arty.		Ntfy Div Arty. TSW
17. 1040		C/1/8—D/2/27 elements located in XT793095, XT804078, B/2/27 elements located in XT775085. A/2/27 elements are in NL except for 1 subelement located in XT772063. A STINGER aircraft in XT793096 destroyed 1 bunker. D/2/27 element found 1 AK-47, 1 AK-47 magazine, and 1 entrenching tool.		Ntfy FDC. WM
18. 1055		C/1/8—D/2/27 in XT793095 has 2 VC BC.		Ntfy Div Arty. VC
19. 1100		B/1/8—requests 3 55-gal drums mogas, 2 cases BA-30. Ntfy B/1/8 rear.		VC
20. 1100		B/1/27 reports 21 VC KIA (BC), 4 VC POW, 1 WIA dusted off. Captured 6 AK-47, medical supplies, and food. Location XS743925.		Ntfy Div Arty. VC
21. 1115		B/3/13—2/27 elements in XT730020 found 12 VC bodies credited to arty; 1 body assumed to be a Bn CO.		Ntfy Div Arty. VC
22. 1245		B/3/13—B/1/27 in XT729033 found 4 Chicom grenades, 1 Russian rifle, 1 RPG-7 rd, 1 RPG launcher, and 3 VC bodies.		Ntfy Div Arty. VC
23. 1350		C/1/8—B/2/27 elements LZ in XT800066 is cold.		Ntfy FDC. VC
24. 1350		C/1/8—D/2/27 elements in XT792098 receiving sniper fire from 30 meters to their north. Gunships are working over the area. Results so far: 1 VC KIA (BC).		Ntfy Div Arty. WM
25. 1430		B/13 Arty—As of 1430 hr, C/1/27 has 33 total VC KIA (BC) in grid XS743925.		Ntfy Div Arty. VC
26. 1430		B/2/27 LNO—2/27 elements have 15 total VC KIA (BC), 5 credited		
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26 cont.		to STINGER aircraft, 10 to D/2/27 elements. D/2/27 has 1 US KIA.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM
27.	1630	Div Arty--there will be an airstrike at 1640 hr in XS6398.	Ntfy FDC. WM
28.	1900	C/1/8--reports expending 240 rds for 1/27 on 7 May. Ntfy FDC. VC	
29.	1910	B/1/8--3/4 Cav in heavy contact, receiving RPG and auto weapons fire in XS789918.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM
30.	1915	3/13 Arty--3/4 Cav had 36 VC KIA (BC) yesterday. Captured 10 RPG-7's, 1 US M-1 Garand rifle, 2 US M-2 Carbines, 20 lbs medical supplies, and 15 lbs documents.	Ntfy Div Arty. JR
31.	2130	3/13 Arty--D/4/9 Inf elements report unknown size VC force to their front; C/4/9 in XS690967 report receiving small arms and mortar fire, with negative damage or casualties.	Ntfy Div Arty. JR
32.	2400	JOURNAL CLOSED.	MJR.
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY			
During the reporting period enemy activity was heavy. There was no positive or significant surveillance from 1/8 Arty this date. Totals are as follows:			
PERSONNEL:			
	VC KIA (BC): 254 174	VC KIA (POSS): 1630	
1.	Weapons	DES	DAM
	A. Mortars	17	2
	B. MG's	11	2
2.	Buildings	289	117
3.	Bridges	10 11	0
4.	Trenches	3	0
5.	Bunkers	88	25
6.	Vehicles	3	3
7.	Sampans	108-109	9
8.	Boats	14	0
9.	Ammo dumps	1	0
10.	Sec Expl	101	0

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ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION		LOCATION		FROM		TO	
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ITEM NO.	TIME IN	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.		ACTION TAKEN			
1.	0001	JOURNAL OPENED.		MJR.			
2.	0102	Div Arty--Cu Chi is receiving incoming rds at this time; 3/13 Arty to start firing their DARMA program.		Ntfy Bn CO, S3. VC			
3.	0930	2/34 Armor LNO--C/4/23 element vic. XT752019 found 12 VC bodies.		Ntfy FDC. SR			
4.	0955	3/13 Arty--A/1/27 element in XS678995 found 4 VC KIA (BC) by arty, 4 AK-47's, 1 AK-50, and fresh graves. D/1/27 in XS703972 found 2 VC KIA (BC) by arty.		Ntfy FDC. SR			
5.	1000	Div Arty S3--1 section from B/3/13 assigned to A/3/13 permanently; will move today.		Ntfy 1/8 S3. SR			
6.	1300	C/1/27 FO--100 VC reported in village vic. XS735972 by village chief of Xom Go May.		Ntfy FDC. VC			
7.	1305	B/3/13--D/1/27 elements moving to their NL. C/3/4 Cav destroyed 1 bunker at 1300 in XS657966; is now under attack and has 1 US WIA.		Ntfy FDC. VC			
8.	1310	2/34 LNO--element in XT753016 is receiving heavy sniper fire from a heavy hedgrows, resulting in 1 US WIA. Friendly forces are within 100 meters, therefore negative arty.		Ntfy FDC. DW			
9.	1330	2/34 LNO--Arty requested on XT753016 at 1315. Results of action: 8 VC KIA (BC), 4 US KIA.		Ntfy Div Arty. DW			
10.	1400	3/13 Arty--3/4 Cav is sweeping village near contact; negative knowledge of casualties. A/4/9 reports 6 VC KIA (BC); B/4/9 reports negative activity; D/4/9 reports negative casualties or damage.		Ntfy FDC. VC			
11.	1410	C/3/4 Cav--and C/4/23 elements receiving RPG and AK-47 fire. C/3/4 has 1 US KIA, C/4/23 has 3 US KIA. No arty is requested.		Ntfy FDC. SR			

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		XT 737 049	0001	9 May 68	2400	9 May 68

ITEM NO.	TIME IN	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
12.	1545	3/13 Arty--A/1/8 supporting 1/27 Inf is credited with 5 VC KIA (BC). 1/27 elements found 1 RPG-2 with launcher and has 2 VC POW. B/3/13 Arty is supporting R/3/4 Cav in grid XS795906; 3/4 Cav element received 2 RPG rds and sniper fire. B/1/27 also found 4 122mm rockets.	Ntfy FDC. VC
13.	1700	A/1/8--1/27 Inf has 1 supporting gunship shot down. A/1/8 is credited with 6 VC KIA and 1 VC WIA. A/1/8 is still firing in support on grid XS664953.	Ntfy Div Arty. SG
14.	1700	B/3/13--A and B/1/27 have 24 VC KIA (BC) in XS6594.	Ntfy Div Arty. SG
15.	1830	B/1/8--3/4 Cav element hit a mine in XT756027, resulting in 1 track blown off, and a hole, 6x7x5 ft deep in the road. Negative casualties.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM
16.	1830	2/34 LNO--6 NVA KIA (BC) today, divided between B/3/13, B/1/8, and C/1/8. Numerous bunkers hit by arty in XT755018.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM
17.	2045	B/1/8--C/3/4 Cav elements have 12 VC KIA (BC), 6 credited to 1/8 Arty. (C/3/4 Recon Sgt ran over a bunker with an APC resulting in 2 VC BC.) 20 weapons including AK-47's and machine guns captured.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM
18.	2155	A/1/8--Radar sighting in grid XS73509280: D/2/35 Arty fired 24 HE, 4 PD, 20 Ti; A/1/8 Arty fired 20 HE, 2 PD, 18 Ti.	Ntfy FDC. WM
19.	2215	B/1/8--B/1/8 expended 26 rds 111 for ARVN agency Micro Sunset on grid XT752055.	Ntfy FDC. WM
20.	2245	C/1/8--A/2/27 AP spotted 3 VC, engaged with M-16 and 60mm fire; results negative.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM
21.	2400	JOURNAL CLOSED.	MJR.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

During the reporting period enemy activity was heavy. All 3 batteries of 1st Bn 8th Arty fired missions resulting in 25 VC KIA (BC). Totals are as follows:

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ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION

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1st Bn 8th Arty
APO SF 96225

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		PERSONNEL: 794	
		VC KIA (BC): 777	VC KIA (POSS): 1630
	1.	Weapons	DES DAM
		A. Mortars	17 2
		B. MG's	11 2
	2.	Buildings	289 117
	3.	Bridges	10 11 0
	4.	Trenches	3 0
	5.	Bunkers	88-113 25
	6.	Vehicles	3 3
	7.	Sampans	108 9
	8.	Boats	14 0
	9.	Ammo dumps	1 0
	10.	Sec Expl	101 0
		PLANS SUMMARY	
		MOVES: None.	
		PLANNED MOVES FOR 10 May: None.	
		OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION	
		The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 521,111 rounds.	
		The Bn strength is 18 guns operational.	
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NAME AND GRADE OF OFFICER OR OFFICIAL ON DUTY
WILBURT L. JENKINS, MAJ, Arty. S-3.

SIGNATURE

10 May

Continuing their wide spread search for enemy units west of SAIGON, the maneuver battalions of the 25th Infantry Division established numerous small contacts on 10 May. The most significant of these involved C Company, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry which located an enemy force approximately nine kilometers west of SAIGON at XS 700914 at 1035. Pursuing the enemy which was later learned to be elements of the 271st VC Regiment to the north, C Company claimed 26 enemy dead and one prisoner in an all day fight which broke at 2118 hours.

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1.	0001	JOURNAL OPENED.	MJR.
2.	0820	C/1/8-B/2/27 elements in XT790065 found a rocket site that was used last night.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM
3.	0900	C/1/8-B/2/27 elements in XT790066 found 3 bunkers 2x3x4 ft with 2 ft overhead cover, will destroy bunkers.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM
4.	0915	C/1/8-B/2/27 elements in XT790065 found 4 aiming stakes; further north they found 1 camouflaged sampan stuck in the mud; sampan was destroyed.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM
5.	0930	B/3/13-A/1/27 elements down in XS655953; LZ cold.	Ntfy Div Arty. SG
6.	0950	C/1/8-A/2/27 located in NL; B/2/27 located in XT822066; C/2/27 located in XT772058; D/2/27 located in XT759066.	Ntfy FDC. WM
7.	1055	2/34 Armor--The bunker which C/1/5 Mech FO and C/1/5 Mech Recon Sgt ran over contained 1 VC, and had 1 VC beside it. Found were 1 RPG-2 launcher with 16 rds, 1 AK-47, 1 Russian assault rifle, and 1 machine gun.	Ntfy FDC. WM
8.	1110	4/9 Inf LNO-B/4/9 and C/4/9 in XS705916 spotted 7 or 8 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC), and 3 weapons captured. A/1/8 is now firing in support.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM
9.	1120	3/13 Arty-C/4/9 Inf in XS705916 has 1 VC KIA (BC), engaging 6 to 8 VC with gunships and auto weapons.	Ntfy FDC. SR
10.	1155	C/1/8-A/2/27 elements located in NL; B/2/27 is located in XT837068, they found several 122mm rocket cannisters and carrying cases in XT783068; C/2/27 located in NL except for 1 subelement in XT773065; D/2/27 is located in XT806066.	Ntfy FDC. WM
11.	1220	B/3/13-D/1/27 is approaching the Hoc Mon bridge; A/1/27 in XS662947 found 2 VC bodies, and have 2 VC POW's; also found unk number hand grenades, 1 AK-47, and 4 bunkers. B/1/27 in XS662945 reports negative findings.	Ntfy Div Arty. VC

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12.	1310	4/9 Inf LNO--D/4/9 chased 3 VC into a river and are now working arty along the river bank, vic XS7292.	Ntfy FDC. JR
13.	1315	B/1/8--2/34 Armor and C/1/5 Mech elements in XT751017 captured a bunker and found 2 dead VC, 7 RPG-2 rds, and 1 AK-47.	Ntfy Div Arty. VC
14.	1400	1/27 LNO--reports an unknown size enemy force in XS666943, and 3 snipers; results so far 2 slight US WIA's; B/6/77 is firing in support.	Ntfy FDC. VC
15.	1455	B/1/8--C/4/23 FO reports 25 VC KIA (BC) in grid XT755018; where arty was fired yesterday. 24 of the VC are credited to arty.	Ntfy FDC. WM
16.	2045	AN/TPS-33 radar sightings--grid XS73889293, A/1/8 expended 30 HE, 6 PD, 24 Ti; B/6/77 expended 40 HE, 8 PD, 32 Ti. Grid XS72189250, A/1/8 expended 24 HE, 8 PD, 16 VT; B/6/77 expended 40 HE, 8 PD, 32 Ti. Grid XS74259292, A/1/8 expended 24 HE, 4 PD, 20 VT; B/6/77 expended 40 HE, 8 PD, 32 VT.	Ntfy Div Arty. VC
17.	2400	JOURNAL CLOSED.	MJR.
CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS JOURNALS			
1.	On the Journal of 7 May 1968, change the Intelligence Summary to read: "During the reporting period enemy activity was heavy. C/1/8 fired a prep resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC), fired on a contact mission resulting in 10 VC KIA (BC)...." Change Totals to read "VC KIA (BC): 763."		
2.	On the Journal of 8 May 1968, change the Intelligence summary to read: "A/1/8 fired a contact mission resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC), B/1/8 fired a contact mission resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC), C/1/8 fired a contact mission resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC)." Change Totals to read "VC KIA (BC): 767."		
3.	On the Journal of 9 May 1968, change the Intelligence Summary to read: "A/1/8 fired contact missions resulting in 16 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC WIA.		
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ITEM NO.	TIME IN	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
C/3 cont.		B/1/8 fired contact missions resulting in 12 VC KIA (BC). C/1/8 fired contact missions resulting in 12 VC KIA (BC). "Change Totals to read: "VC KIA (BC): 807"	

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

During the reporting period enemy activity was heavy. A/1/8 fired on a suspected VC location resulting in 5 VC KIA (BC). Totals are as follows.

PERSONNEL	VC KIA (BC):	VC KIA (POSS):
818	812	1630
1. Weapons	DES	DAM
A. Mortars	17	2
B. MG's	11	2
2. Buildings	289	117
3. Bridges	10	0
4. Trenches	3	0
5. Bunkers	88	25
6. Vehicles	13	3
7. Sampans	108	9
8. Boats	109	0
9. Ammo dumps	1	0
10. Sec Expl	101	103

PLANS SUMMARY

MOVES: None.

PLANNED MOVES FOR 11 May: None.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 523,464 rounds.

The Bn strength is 18 guns operational.

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11 May

Significant contact with the enemy west of SAIGON continued light and scattered throughout 11 May. At 1445 C Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry fixed an estimated VC platoon in a hedgerow at VT 835050 approximately three kilometers west of the SAIGON RIVER. After calling in helicopter gunships and artillery to engage the entrenched VC, the company assaulted the hedgerow at 2000 hours and discovered 15 enemy dead and numerous weapons, equipment and supplies.

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ITEM NO.	TIME IN	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.					ACTION TAKEN	
1.	0001	JOURNAL OPENED.					MJR.	
2.	0840	4/9 Inf LNO--between the hours of 0400 and 0430, 4/9 NL received 10 incoming rockets, either 107mm or 122mm. The first volley came in on an azimuth of 260°, the second volley on an azimuth of 310°.					Ntfy Div Arty. VC	
3.	0950	2d Bde LNO--50 VC reported dug in in grid XS492990.					Ntfy FDC. SR	
4.	1030	C/1/8--D/2/27 elements in XT817064 found 4 bunkers with overhead cover; report 1 bunker destroyed, credit to C/1/8.					Ntfy FDC. SR	
5.	1135	Div Arty--there will be an air strike at 1145 hr in XT7808.					Ntfy FDC. DW	
6.	1245	B/7/11--closed FSB Harrison at 1245 hr. Btry center is XT73510485, azimuth of fire 2600°. Btry laid and ready to fire at 1309 hr.					Ntfy Div Arty. SR	
7.	1430	C/1/8--C/2/27 elements received small arms fire from grid XT825045, resulting in 1 US WIA. A dustoff has been called.					Ntfy Div Arty. SR	
8.	1600	2/27 LNO--C/2/27 elements in XT826045 have 1 US WIA which they are unable to extract. C/1/27 elements have 1 US WIA in serious condition; a dustoff is en route. Gunships are in the area. C/1/27 location is XT838032.					Ntfy Div Arty. SR	
9.	1630	C/1/8--C/1/27 elements have gone into area of contact in XT838032. They have 2 US WIA, one of which has been dusted off.					Ntfy FDC. WM	
10.	1700	B/3/13--5 VC KIA are credited to B/3/13 while firing in support of D/4/9 from 092330 Apr to 100400 Apr in grid XS708974.					Ntfy FDC. SG	
11.	1730	2d Bde LNO--reports confirmed location of the 58th VC Arty Bn in XT808082.					Ntfy FDC. SG	
12.	1925	C/1/8--B/2/27 elements have 4 US WIA in XT845042.					Ntfy Div Arty. VC	
13.	2000	B/1/8--C/3/4 Cav elements in XT712026 encountered NAME AND GRADE OF OFFICER AND OFFICIAL ON DUTY DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS					NO SIGNATURE	

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13 cont.		6 sampans at 1745 hr. Results: 3 sampans destroyed, captured 3 sampans and 12 rifle grenades.			Ntfy FDC. WM	
14.	2400	JOURNAL CLOSED.			MJR.	
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY						
<p>During the reporting period enemy activity was moderate. C/1/8 firing in support of D/2/27 is credited with the destruction of 1 bunker. Totals are as follows:</p>						
PERSONNEL:						
VC KIA (BC): 812 818		VC KIA (POSS): 1630				
1. Weapons		DES	DAM			
A. Mortars		17	2			
B. MG's		11	2			
2. Buildings		289	117			
3. Bridges		10-11	0			
4. Trenches		3	0			
5. Bunkers		89. 113	25			
6. Vehicles		3	3			
7. Sampans		108. 109	9			
8. Boats		14	0			
9. Ammo dumps		1	0			
10. Sec Expl		404. 103	0			
PLANS SUMMARY						
MOVES: None.						
PLANNED MOVES FOR 12 May: None.						
OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION						
<p>The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 525,669 rounds.</p> <p>The Bn strength is 17 guns operational.</p> <p>B/1/8 has 1 gun deadlined due to end of tube life.</p>						
NAME AND GRADE OF OFFICER OR OFFICIAL ON DUTY					SIGNATURE	
WILBURT L. JENKINS, MAJ, Arty, S-3.						

12 May

The enemy stepped up the tempo of his activities west of SAIGON in the early morning hours of 12 May, he staged a battalion size attack on artillery Fire Support Base PIKE VI at XS 735940. Beginning at 0138 with a mass mortar barrage, the enemy staged several human wave assaults on the fire support base perimeter. Defended by personnel of the 3rd Battalion, 13th Artillery, 6th Battalion, 77th Artillery and 1st Battalion, 8th Artillery and elements of the 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry, the fire support base perimeter turned back all assaults. By 0407, the enemy attack was broken. At daylight, 98 enemy bodies were counted outside the perimeter wire and numerous weapons, ammunition and supplies were found abandoned.

The attacking force later was determined to be a battalion of the 272nd VC Regiment.

Later in the day, C Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry (Mech) searching for the enemy in the vicinity of XS 7097 discovered an estimated platoon hiding in bunkers. Supported by artillery and air strikes, the company moved into the enemy positions and claimed 17 VC KIA and one POW in the action.

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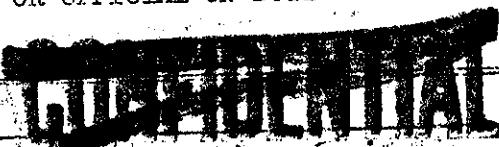
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ITEM NO.	TIME IN	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	
1.	0001	JOURNAL OPENED.	MJR.	
2.	0130	3/4 Cav LNO* - D/3/4 Cav element in XS758987 is in contact with estimated VC platoon.	Ntfy FDC. SR	
3.	0140	3/13 Arty--FSB Pike VI is under mortar and ground attack at this time. US units are using direct-fire 105mm howitzers to return fire.	Ntfy Div Arty. SR	
4.	0250	C/1/8--fired in grid XT773086 at unknown size VC force, resulting in unknown number of VC KIA (BC). Also fired at 4 VC moving towards their location resulting in 2 VC WIA; expended 2 WP, 54 HE Q.	Ntfy FDC. DW	
5.	0340	B/3/13--expended 1 WP, 16 HE on grid XS745985 on a contact mission against 1 VC Co. Contact was immediately broken upon detonation of arty. resulting in unknown number of VC KIA (BC).	Ntfy Div Arty. SR	
6.	0700	Div Arty--There will be (airstrikes) at 0715 in grid XT8008, and at 1530 on grid XT8012.	Ntfy FDC. VC	
7.	0820	C/1/8--D/2/27 elements located in XT812051.	Ntfy FDC. WM	
8.	0840	C/1/8, B/2/27, 26, 36, and CP elements are moving to a new location; the 16 element remains at the old NL to cover the extraction. Negative knowledge of the new location at this time.	Ntfy FDC. WM	
9.	0850	B/3/13--B/1/27 elements are now departing their NL.	Ntfy FDC. VC	
10.	0900	C/2/27 FO--C/2/27 elements in XT823051 found 1 bag of supplies, unknown quantity of AK-47 rds, 50 lbs rice, 8 Chicom grenades, and 1 VC body credited to arty.	Ntfy Div Arty. VC	
11.	0915	Div Arty--A/1/8 will be displacing to Duo Hoa to provide direct support to 4/23 Mech. The move downgraded to be accompanied with 1/23 elements.	Ntfy Bn CO. VC	

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12.	0920	Bn CO contacted Div Arty, requested the move be changed from A/1/8 to B/6/77; Div Arty gave a negative answer. Coordination with 3/13 Arty on move has been arranged.			Ntfy FDC. VC	
13.	0930	B/7/11-B/3/4 Cav elements in XT744047 found 2 ARVN bodies, which had been dead for some time. D/3/4 Cav elements found 4 VC bodies at 3/4 Cav LNO's NL, also captured 1 VC POW in XT743022.			Ntfy FDC. SG	
14.	1030	C/1/8-D/2/27 elements in XT816050 has 2 US WIA; C/1/8 fired on XT820046 on 1 VC sniper with auto weapon.			Ntfy Div Arty. WM	
15.	1115	B/3/13-B/1/27 elements in XT808084 found 1000 .30 cal rds. A/1/27 elements in XT725092 found 30 100-lb bags of rice.			Ntfy FDC. VC	
16.	1130	B/7/11-3/4 Cav LNO and D/3/4 Cav are in their NL. C/3/4 and R/3/4 are located in XT742005, and report negative findings.			Ntfy FDC. SG	
17.	1325	C/1/8-D/2/27 elements received 1 US WIA due to an arty rd which exploded 250 meters away. The WIA was lying down at time of injury; received a leg wound and was dusted off. It is believed that the arty rd hit a tree. Location of the incident is XT818050.			Ntfy FDC. WM	
18.	1330	3/13 Arty-B/1/27 elements are on the ground in XT788111; LZ is cold.			Ntfy FDC. VC	
19.	1430	Div Arty-There will be an airstrike at 1430 in XT8204.			Ntfy FDC. SG	
20.	2140	C/1/8 C/2/27 elements in XT815050 found 1 AK-47, 4 AK-50, 4000 rds AK-47, 35 AK-47 magazines, 1 Vietnamese medic's handbook, 5 sets Vietnamese clothing, 10 Chicom grenades, and 100 rds. .51 cal MG ammo.			Ntfy Div Arty. SR	
21.	2205	B/3/13-A/1/27 AP in XT715028 reported movement to	NAME AND GRADE OF OFFICER OR OFFICIAL ON DUTY		SIGNATURE	



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		HOUR 2400	DATE 12 May 68

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21 cont.		their front: engaged target.	Ntfy FDC. JR
22.	2250	B/3/13-A/1/27 elements in XT715028 have 1 US KIA 3 US WIA. B/3/13 fired 13 HE Q, 2 WP in support.	Ntfy Div Arty. SR
23.	2305	B/3/13-A/1/27 reports contact broken at 2305.	Ntfy Div Arty. JR
24.	2400	JOURNAL CLOSED.	MJR.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

During the reporting period enemy activity was heavy. C/1/8 fired a mission resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). A/1/8 firing in defense of its position killed an unknown number of VC. Totals are as follows:

PERSONNEL:

VC KIA (BC):	813 818	VC KIA (POSS):	1630
DES		DAM	
1. Weapons			
A. Mortars	17	2	
B. MG's	11	2	
2. Buildings	289	117	
3. Bridges	10 11	0	
4. Trenches	3	0	
5. Bunkers	89 113	25	
6. Vehicles	3	3	
7. S Sampans	108 109	9	
8. Boats	14	0	
9. Sec Expl	101 103	0	
10. Ammo dumps	1	0	

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PLANS SUMMARY

MOVES: None.

PLANNED MOVES FOR 13 May: A/1/8 to move from FSB Pike VI to Duc Hoa.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 526,690 rounds.

The Bn strength is 17 guns green. B/1/8 has 1 gun deadlined due to end of tube life.

NAME AND GRADE OF OFFICER OR OFFICIAL ON DUTY
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13 May

The 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry (Mech) which had for several days had the mission of clearing the MSR (route 1) from GO DAU HA to the HOC MON Bridge (XT 712071) was again performing this operation when at 0850 it came into contact with an unknown size enemy force in the village of AP BAU DIEU (XT 563167) midway between TRANG BANG and CU CHI. In a running house to house battle that lasted throughout the day, the battalion accounted for 19 enemy dead and one prisoner. The prisoner identified his unit as a TRANG BANG local force company.

At about the same time that the "Triple Deuces" were initiating their contact, Company D of the 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry was conducting a sweep through an area approximately five kilometers south of PHU CONG (XT 795095). During the previous night, artillery had engaged a target in this area detected by radar. The infantrymen in their search discovered 15 VC KIA killed by artillery.

Again about the same time, elements of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade which had become OFCON (operational control) on 12 May to the Tropic Lightning Division located the enemy in the vicinity of XS 7283. With initial contact made at 0820 by the Reconnaissance Platoon of the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry, Companies A and D of the 5th Battalion, 12th Infantry quickly moved to reinforce. Supported by armed helicopters, artillery and air strikes, these units pursued the estimated VC battalion until 2200 when contact was lost. Enemy losses for the encounter were established at 65 KIA by body count.

Far to the north in TAY NINH Province, the communications relay complex operated at the summit of NUI BA DTN (XT 281582) was attacked by enemy sapper forces at 2145 hours. Successful in their effort to breach the perimeter of the mountain top compound, the enemy destroyed the communications relay facilities with mortars and satchel charges. Although the enemy lost 25 KIA in the fight which transpired, 19 US troops died in the fight.

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ITEM NO.	TIME IN	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN
1.	0001	JOURNAL OPENED.	MJR.
2.	0920	2/77 Arty. In the vicinity of XT7909 D/4/23 elements found 14 VC bodies, 3 to 7 days old, credited to 1/8 Arty. Also found 1 sight box for a 122mm rocket, 1 set of web gear. B/4/23 elements in XT795097 down; LZ is cold.	Ntfy Div Arty. VC
3.	0920	2/77 Arty—D/4/23 elements in XT7909 found 2 AK*50 and 1 122mm rocket bipod.	Ntfy Div Arty. VC
4.	1025	C/1/8—C/2/27 and D/2/27 elements receiving sporadic auto weapons fire from XT82670462. C/1/8 expended 205 HE on this grid, with unknown results. Ntfy Div Arty. SR	
5.	1150	C/1/8—D/2/27 elements in XT830046 sustained 2 US KIA from VC auto weapons fire.	Ntfy Div Arty. SR
6.	1240	B/3/13—expended 32 HE Q on grids for Div Arty.	Ntfy Div Arty. EW
7.	1320	C/1/8—B/2/27 element at 0800 in XT842049 found 1 60mm mortar tube, base plate, sight, and bipod. Also found 1 box of medical supplies, 2 ponchos, 1 set fatigues, eating utensels, a tool kit for a 60mm mortar, and unknown quantity of M-79 rds.	Ntfy Div Arty. EW
8.	1750	Ammo Off—rcvd 4 rds sniper fire from XT721050. Bn CO will investigate. Negative casualties or damage.	Ntfy FDC. WM
9.	2210	C/1/8—B/2/27 elements in XT842049 found 1 60mm mortar tube, base plate, sight, and bipod. Also found 1 box medical supplies, 1 tool kit for 60mm mortar, and 1 set VC fatigues.	Ntfy FDC. WM
10.	2400	JOURNAL CLOSED.	MJR.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

During the reporting period enemy activity was light. There was no positive or significant

14 VC KIA (3c)

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY CONT.

surveillance from 1/8 Arty this date. Totals
are as follows:

PERSONNEL	VC KIA (BC): 827 832	VC KIA (POSS): 1630	1631
1. Weapons	DES	DAM	
A. Mortars	17	2	
B. MG's	11	2	
2. Buildings	289	11	117
3. Bridges	10		0
4. Trenches	3		0
5. Bunkers	89	113	25
6. Vehicles	3		3
7. Sampans	108	109	9
8. Boats	14		0
9. Ammo dumps	1		0
10. Sec Expl	101	103	0

PLANS SUMMARY

MOVES: None.

PLANNED MOVES FOR 14 May: None.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

The total amount of ammunition expended
since arrival in country is 528,881 rounds.

The Bn strength is 17 guns operational.

B/1/8 has 1 gun deadlined due to end of tube life.

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WILBURT L. JENKINS, MAJ, Arty, S-3.

14 May

The 199th contact with the enemy in the vicinity of the previous day's encounter continued intense. Establishing a night defensive position at XS 720843, Company A, 9th of the 12th and Companies B and D

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of the 2nd of the 3rd, came under attack at 0255 hours. In a battle that ran to until 0430, these infantry units supported by armed helicopters and artillery accounted for another 60 enemy dead. At about the same time (0300), C Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry was attacked in its night defensive position at XS 573837. In the ensuing fire fight, the company aided by helicopter gunships, artillery and air strikes killed 31 of the attacking enemy. Intelligence gained from documents captured by the 199th in these three engagements revealed that the enemy force in each case was an element of the 273rd VC Regiment.

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1st Bn 8th Arty
APO SF 96225

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737 049

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14 May 68

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ITEM NO.	TIME IN	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
1.	0001	JOURNAL OPENED.	MJR
2.	0740	2/3 Armor LNO--2/34 elements moving to northeast Request to know elements available from FSB Pulao- ki II, FSB Harrison, and Cu Chi.	Ntfy FDC. WM
3.	0745	B/3/13--D/1/27 elements AP is returning to their NL.	Ntfy FDC. EW
4.	0930	FDC--B/6/77 expended 160 HE PD on prep for 1/27. B/7/11 expended 81 HE PD on prep. B/3/13 expended 36 HE PD on prep. Grid of prep XS6894.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM
5.	1000	B/6/77--C/4/9 elements down in XS686942; LZ cold.	Ntfy FDC. WM
6.	2400	JOURNAL CLOSED.	MJR.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

During the reporting period enemy activity
was light. There was no positive or significant
surveillance from 1/8 Arty this date. Totals are
as follows:

PERSONNEL:

VC KIA (BC): 827 832 VC KIA (POSS): 1631

	DES	DAM
1. Weapons		
a. mortars	17	2
b. MG's	11	2
2. Buildings	289	117
3. Bridges	40-11	0
4. Trenches	3	0
5. Bunkers	89-113	25
6. Vehicles	3	3
7. Sampans	108-109	9
8. Boats	14	0
9. Ammo dumps	1	0
10. Sec expl	101-103	0

PLANS SUMMARY

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MOVES: None.

PLANNED MOVES FOR 15 May: None.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

The total amount of ammunition expended since
arrival in country is 529,410 rounds.

The Bn strength is 18 guns operational.

NAME AND GRADE OF OFFICER OR OFFICIAL ON DUTY
WILBURT L. JENKINS, MAJ, Arty, S-3.

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15 May

On the 13th and 14th of May intelligence sources indicated that enemy units which had moved towards SAIGON beginning on the 3rd of May were now exfiltrating the area on movements back to their sanctuary areas. Divisional units were now employed to pursue the fleeing enemy. The A Troop, 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry screening for the enemy in the northern Ho Bo 'OODS intercepted a large enemy unit moving north at XT 560308. In an all day battle, A Troop reinforced by the Squadron's C Troop and supported by gunships, artillery and air strikes accounted for 82 VC KIA and captured three prisoners. The PS's identified their unit as the 7th Battalion, SR-1, local force and reported that the battalion had been in constant contact for ten days with US and ARVN forces and had lost 400 of its 500 personnel either killed, wounded or missing. The survivors were pulling back into 'VAR ZONE C in northern TAY NINH Province.

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1.	0001	JOURNAL OPENED.	MJR.
2.	0945	B/7/11-A/4/9 elements in XS742928 found 1 VC body killed by arty. Body was about 1 day old.	Ntfy FDC. SR
3.	1115	C/1/8-C/1/5 Mech elements in XT733019 found and destroyed 3 bunkers 2x3x4 ft.	Ntfy FDC. SR
4.	1415	B/1/8-Gunships supporting 1/27 elements in grid XT800129 engaged 3 VC wearing fatigues and armed with AK weapons. VC did not return fire.	Ntfy Div Arty. EW
5.	1430	C/1/8-C/2/27 elements in XT820054 destroyed 21 bunkers each 3x4x8 ft.	Ntfy Div Arty. SR
6.	1532	C/1/8-C/2/27 elements in XT821055 found 1 VC body dressed in a NVA uniform. VC was killed by small arms about 1 day ago.	Ntfy Div Arty. SR
7.	1540	B/1/8-B/1/27 elements in XT782067 destroyed 1 rocket site containing 10 122mm rocket carrying cases, many aiming stakes made of bamboo, and some VC webgear.	Ntfy Div Arty. EW
8.	2230	B/1/8-A/1/27 elements LP in XT832063 engaged 1 VC with small arms. VC was about 25 meters from their position. The VC returned fire with 1 burst of AK-47 fire. LP moved back and called in mortar fire which resulted in 1 VC KIA (BC) and capture of 1 destroyed AK-47.	Ntfy Div Arty. VC
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9.	2400	JOURNAL CLOSED.	MJR.

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PERSONNEL: 832

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10. Sec Expl	101 103	0

PLANS SUMMARY

MOVES: None.

PLANNED MOVES FOR 16 May: None.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 530,124 rounds.

The Bn strength is 18 guns operational.

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16 May

On 16 May the pattern of contact with enemy forces throughout the division TAOI continued to move away from SAIGON further indicating the exfiltration of enemy units which had attempted to close on the city early in the month. At 1725 hours B Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry (199th Light Infantry Brigade) searching for enemy forces approximately one kilometer north of the KING SANG Canal (XS 448878) engaged an unknown enemy force. Attacking the enemy force as it moved west, the company killed 20 VC before the enemy unit was able to break contact. Flying late afternoon armed aerial reconnaissance missions over the HO BO WOODS and IRON TRIANGLE, C Troop, 3rd Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry detected 150 to 200 VC at XT732193. The enemy were engaged by the armed helicopters in addition to artillery and air strikes that were called in. A check of the area following the engagement revealed the bodies of 21 VC.