

ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION

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1st Bn 8th Arty

APO SF 96225

Hoc Mon

XT 737 049

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16 May 68

2400

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ITEM NO.	TIME IN	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
1.	0001	JOURNAL OPENED.	MJR
2.	0930	B/1/8—C/1/27 elements down in XT801102; LZ cold.	Ntfy FDC. WM
3.	0930	FDC—C/1/8 expended from 0900 to 0920 on grids XT803106 and XT80101045, 67 HE, 51 Q, 16 VT. Surveillance negative. B/1/8 from 0900 to 0915 expended on grids XT803106 and XT80561036 282 HE PD. Surveillance negative.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM
4.	0930	C/1/8—C/2/27 elements in XT813046 engaged 2 VC. VC did not return fire. Surveillance negative. B/2/27 elements returning to NL.	Ntfy FDC. WM
5.	0940	C/1/8—D/2/27 elements in XT823063; all other 2/27 elements are in NL.	Ntfy FDC. WM
6.	0940	B/1/8—1/27 elements down in XT795098; LZ cold.	Ntfy FDC. WM
7.	1055	7/11 Arty—C/4/23 elements in XS743995 engaged 4 armed VC. Negative surveillance.	Ntfy FDC. VC
8.	1250	C/1/8—A/2/27 elements in XT817048 found 3 bunkers 5 AK-47 magazines, 40 rds AK-47, and 1 VC body in XT820047 credited to arty.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM
9.	1415	FDC—B/2/27 60mm mortar plt will sweep from grid XT874035 to XT862039 and return to XT874035.	Ntfy Div Arty
10.	1530	C/1/8—Arty destroyed 4 bunkers in XT820047.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM
11.	2400	JOURNAL CLOSED.	MJR.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

During the reporting period enemy activity was light. C/1/8 killed 1 VC and destroyed 4 bunkers. Totals are as follows:

PERSONNEL:

1631

VC KIA (BC): 828 832

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	

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		DES	DAM
4.	Trenches	3	0
5.	Bunkers	92-113	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 17 May: None.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 531,380 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.

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Wilbur Jenkins

17 May

Searching for suspected enemy ammunition caches along the banks of the RACH TRAI Canal north of SAIGON and west of the SAIGON RIVER, C Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry at XT 789073 located and evacuated 98 rounds of 75mm ammo, 40 anti-tank mines, 120 rounds of RPG-2 ammo, 24 rounds of 60mm ammo, 5 complete 122mm rockets, two AK-47 rifles and 20 pounds of medical supplies. The company also destroyed in place 162 rounds of 82mm mortar ammo. At 1555 while flying the CU CHI Base Camp "rocket belt" the Division Artillery Command and Control helicopter detected an enemy rocket position in the northern FILHOL PLANTATION (XT 648225). Earlier in the day, at 1220 hours B Troop, 3rd Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry flying reconnaissance in the same general area engaged another rocket site at XT 620207 resulting in two VC KIA and eight 122mm rockets destroyed. Engaging the position with its automatic weapons and calling in artillery, ten 122mm rockets were destroyed and ten VC KIA were accounted for. The 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry conducted reconnaissance in force operations eight kilometers north of DUC HOA located 22 VC killed by artillery and air strikes and located and destroyed in place 43 82mm mortar rounds.

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1.	0001	JOURNAL OPENED.	MTR.
2.	0800	C/1/8 - C/2/27 elements in XT786071 engaged 3 VC with negative results.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM
3.	0810	C/1/8 - C/2/27 elements in XT786071 found 1 well-camouflaged sampan containing 20 lbs medical supplies, 2 AK-47's, and 1000 lbs polished rice. Will destroy sampan.	Ntfy Div Arty; WM
4.	0945	C/1/8 - A/2/27 elements at 0830 in XT776085 engaged and killed 1 VC in a cave. They found 20 lbs of medical supplies in the cave.	Ntfy Div Arty. SR
5.	0945	C/1/8 - C/2/27 elements at 0900 in XT789072 found 24 60mm rds, 162 82mm rds, 120 RPG rds, 98 75mm recoilless rds, 40 antitank mines and 5 122mm rockets.	Ntfy Div Arty. SR
6.	1120	B/6/77 - C/1/27 elements in XT727075 found and destroyed 7 fighting positions 3x2 ft with 6 inches of overhead cover.	Ntfy Div Arty. SR
7.	1335	C/1/8 - A/2/27 elements in XT782073 engaged 2 VC. Contact is now broken; one of the VC is believed to be wounded. C/1/8 is firing a mission, is presently credited with 1 VC KIA (BC). This VC had on his body 1 AK-50, 1 .38 cal pistol, 3 RPG-7 rds, 2 Chicom grenades, 1 map with VC locations on it, and some AK-47 ammo.	Ntfy Div Arty. SR
8.	1445	C/1/8 - C/2/27 elements in XT788074 found 4 complete 122mm rockets.	Ntfy Div Arty. SR
9.	1650	C/1/8 - fire mission for B/2/27 elements from 1415 to 1615 hr on grid XT827048, replot grid XT82390491, expended 82 HE Q, 1 WP.	Ntfy FDC. WM
10.	2105	C/1/8 - C/2/27 elements in XT817081, moving down the river in 4 boats, had 1 boat sunk by RPG, resulting in 4 US WIA, 3 US MIA. US elements receiving fire from both sides of the river. C/1/8 firing in support at this time.	Ntfy Div Arty. VC

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11.	2215	C/1/8 - C/2/27 AP sprung an ambush on 4 VC, resulting in 4 VC KIA (BC). Grid of AP is XT792068.			Ntfy Div Arty. V
12.	2305	C/1/8 - D/2/27 Elements in XT817081 had 3 boats going down the river. The first boat took RPG fire from both sides of the river, resulting in 4 US WIA's which were dusted off by 2nd Bde CO. When the helicopter returned to area of contact to dust off more US troops the boat which had been hit exploded, resulting in 3 US MIA. 500 to 600 meters further down the river remaining boats took fire from both sides of the river, most of the fire coming from the east side. C/1/8 fired 76 HE in this area with negative results.			Ntfy Div Arty. WM
13.	2400	JOURNAL CLOSED.			MJR.
CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS JOURNALS					
1.	On the Journal of 12 May 68, change total rounds expended to 527,631.				
2.	On the Journal of 13 May 68, change total rounds expended to 529,822.				
3.	On the Journal of 14 May 68, change total rounds expended to 530,569.				
4.	On the Journal of 15 May 68, change total rounds expended to 531,418.				
5.	On the Journal of 16 May, change total rounds to 532,674.				
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY					
During the reporting period enemy activity was moderate. C/1/8 is credited with 1 VC KIA (BC) while firing in support of A/2/27. Totals are as follows:					
PERSONNEL: 833 VC KIA (BC): 829 VC KIA (POSS): 1630					
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY CONT.					
DES DAM					
1. Weapons					
a. Mortars	17	2			
b. MG's	11	2			
2. Buildings	289	117			
3. Bridges	1011	0			
4. Trenches	3	0			
5. Bunkers	93125	25			
6. Vehicles	3	3			
7. Sampans	108-109	9			
8. Boats	14	0			
9. Ammo dumps	1	0			
10. Sec Expl	101103	0			
PLANS SUMMARY					
MOVES: None.					
PLANNED MOVES FOR 18 May: None.					
OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION					
The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 533,376 rounds. The Bn strength is 18 guns operational.					
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WILBURT L. JENKINS, MAJ, Arty, S-3.				<i>Wilbur Jenkins</i>	

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18 May

Pressing the search for enemy forces and equipment, D Company, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry located and evacuated the following from XT 754167: six light machine guns, 20 AK-47 rifles, two 75mm recoilless rifles, five 82mm mortar, one 60mm mortar, one .51 cal machine gun, one 12.7 mm anti-aircraft machine gun, five PRC-10 radios, two anti-tank mines and 600 rounds of small arms ammo.

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1. 0001		JOURNAL OPENED	MJR.
2. 0120	0120	C/1/8 B/2/27 AP in XT803081 engaged 3 VC, with results of 1 VC KIA (BC), 2 VC KIA (POSS).	Ntfy Div Arty. VC
3. 0815		C/1/8 1/27 elements in XT808075 found unknown quantity expended RPG rds, expended 75mm recoilless rds, and expended AK-47 rds.	Ntfy FDC. SR
4. 0900		C/1/8 B/2/27 elements vic XT817081 found 3 US KIA aboard the boat that was hit last night. All bodies were unrecognizable.	Ntfy Div Arty. SR
5. 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: 833	VC KIA (BC): 829	VC KIA (POSS): 1630
1. Weapons DES		DAM
A. Mortars 17		2
B. MG's 11		2
2. Buildings 289		117
3. Bridges 10 1/		0
4. Trenches 3		0
5. Bunkers 93 1/25		25
6. Vehicles 3		3
7. Sampans 108 1/09		9
8. Boats 14		0
9. Ammo dumps 1		0
10. Sec Expl 101 1/03		0

PLANS SUMMARY

MOVES: None. **UNCLASSIFIED**
PLANNED MOVES FOR 19 May: None.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 533,733 rounds.

The Bn strength is 18 guns operational.

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

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19 May

Continuing to search for enemy forces north of DUC HOA, the 8th Battalion, 9th Infantry engaged an unknown size force at XT 631042 at 0840. The contact was initiated when D Company made an air mobile combat assault into a "hot" landing zone. D Company was reinforced during the day by A and C Companies as well as supported by artillery, armed helicopters and air strikes. A total of 18 VC KIA were located after contact was broken late in the day. Documents found on the enemy dead identified the enemy unit in contact as the 3rd Battalion, 272nd VC Regiment.

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1.	0001	JOURNAL OPENED.	MJR.
2.	0830	FDC--B/3/13 expended 28 HE, 16 VT, 12 Q on a prep for 2/27 Inf. B/3/13 expended 32 HE, 16 VT, 16 Q on a second prep for 2/27 Inf; C/1/8 expended 96 HE VT on this prep. Prep 1 lasted from 0755 to 0800 in XT795071; Prep 2 lasted from 0810 to 0815 in XT802075.	Ntfy Div Arty. VC
3.	0930	B/6/77--A/1/27 elements in XT757044 located and destroyed two 2.75-inch rockets.	Ntfy Div Arty. SR
4.	1020	C/1/8--C/2/27 elements in XT804079 found and destroyed 1 VC sampan.	Ntfy Div Arty. SR
5.	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: 433	163/	
VC KIA (BC): 829	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	93-120	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 20 May: None.

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OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 534,205 rounds.

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

20 May

The 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry following up on its contact of the previous day searched the area surrounding the battle area. At 0955 at XS 634993 Company B took a small VC force under fire and accounted for nine VC KIA as well as capturing numerous individual weapons and ammunition. Meanwhile, at a location seven kilometers north of TAN SON NHUT Air Base, C Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry on a search and destroy operation ran into an estimated VC platoon hiding in bunkers along a canal bank. Engaging the enemy with organic weapons, artillery and armed helicopters, C Company destroyed the enemy platoon in place accounting for 25 VC KIA.

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1.	0001	JOURNAL OPENED.	MJR.
2.	0940	B/6/77--1/27 elements in XT773023 found 1 AK-50, 2 AK-47, and 1 9mm pistol.	Ntfy Div Arty. VC
3.	1010	B/6/77--D/1/27 elements in XT775070 found 2 bunkers 4x6 ft with 2 ft overhead cover.	Ntfy Div Arty. VC
4.	1024	B/6/77--1/27 elements in XT778076 found 1 bunker.	Ntfy Div Arty. VC
5.	1030	B/6/77--1/27 elements in XT782082 found 2 VC dead bodies, 2 days old. Also found 50 RPG-7 rds, 3 RPG-2 rds, 30 60mm mortar rds, 1 107mm rocket warhead, and 1000 rds AK-47 ammo.	Ntfy Div Arty. VC
6.	1055	B/6/77--A/1/27 element in XT775026 found 1 watch bearing today's date, 1 carbine, and 1 AK-47 in a bunker.	Ntfy Div Arty. VC
7.	1100	B/6/77--A/1/27 elements in XT775076 found 2 Chi-com grenades (boobytrapped), and 1 French-made bicycle.	Ntfy Div Arty. VC
8.	1200	C/1/8--A/2/27 elements report 1 VC body credited to 2/12 Inf in XT803125.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM
9.	1300	C/1/8--C/2/27 elements down in XT800118; LZ cold.	Ntfy FDC. WM
10.	1315	C/1/8--A/2/27 elements in XT804125 found 2 VC bodies.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM
11.	1325	B/6/77--A/1/27 elements in XT776074 found 2 bunkers 2x2x4 ft with 2 ft overhead cover.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM
12.	1400	B/6/77--A/1/27 elements in XT773065 report negative contact, negative findings. A/1/27 D2 element in XT772069 report finding 20 destroyed bunkers in what used to be an ARVN compound.	Ntfy Div Arty. VC
13.	1410	B/7/11--A/2/34 Armor element is located in grid	

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13 cont.		XS675885. B/1/27 elements located in XS692970.	Ntfy FDC. WM
14.	1600	C/1/8-A/2/27 elements are in XT804125. B/2/27 elements are in the NL. C/2/27 elements are in XT803117. D/2/27 elements are in the NL.	Ntfy FDC. WM
15.	1610	B/6/77-A/1/27 elements in XT781068 found 1 VC dead body about 3 weeks old, and several bunkers with overhead cover.	Ntfy FDC. SG
16.	1745	1/27 LNO-A/1/27 elements in XT773088 found 1 8-inch dud rd which had been fired with the shipping plug still on it, on an approximate azimuth of 180°. In XT774079 found 1 105mm dud rd also fired with shipping plug on an azimuth of 180°.	Ntfy Div Arty. SR.
17.	2300	B/6/77-D/1/27 elements in XT686076 spotted and sank 2 sampans, killing 4 VC (BC).	Ntfy Div Arty. SR
18.	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: 838	VC KIA (BC): 829	VC KIA (POSS): 1630
1. Weapons	DES	DAM
A. Mortars	17	2
B. MG's	11	2
2. Buildings	289	117
3. Bridges	101	0
4. Trenches	3	0
5. Bunkers	93 125	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 21 May: None.

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OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

The Bn strength is 18 guns operational.

The total amount of ammunition expended
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WILBURT L. JENKINS, MAJ, Arty, S-3.

Wilbur L. Jenkins

21 May

The 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry which had been stalking the 3rd Battalion, 272nd VC Regiment for several days north of D'IC HQA found their prey at 0318 when the enemy battalion attacked the 4th of the 9th night location at XS 634993. Turning back the enemy assault with the aid of supporting artillery and air strikes, the infantry pursued the enemy as they pulled back. In heavy fighting which ended late in the afternoon of the 21st several kilometers to the north of the night defensive position, the 4th of the 9th accounted for 44 VC bodies and two POW's. Air Force tactical air strikes flown in support of the battalion were credited with an additional 25 VC bodies that were located.

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1.	0001	JOURNAL OPENED.	MJR.
2.	0840	C/1/8--2/27 elements in XT833045 found 1 bunker 2x2x4 ft with 1 ft overhead cover.	Ntfy Div Arty. VC
3.	0840	B/1/8--A/1/27 elements in XT832041 found 1 bunker 6x4x3 ft with 2 ft overhead cover.	Ntfy Div Arty. VC
4.	0840	S3--is airborne en route to Cu Chi at this time.	Ntfy FDC. MJR.
5.	1015	Div Arty Aircraft--S3 is en route to FSB Harrison at this time, will arrive in 5 minutes.	Ntfy FDC. MJR.
6.	1025	B/1/8--C/1/27 elements in XT840042 found 1 carbine 8 RPG-2 rds, and 20 60mm mortar rds.	Ntfy Div Arty. SR
7.	1025	C/1/8--D/2/27 elements in XT816078 found and destroyed 6 bunkers of unreported size.	Ntfy Div Arty. SR
8.	1025	B/1/8--A/1/27 elements are receiving fire from grid XT839046, resulting in 1 US KIA. Grid has been cleared for arty.	Ntfy Div Arty. SR
9.	1400	B/1/8--A/1/27 elements report 1 VC in a bunker with a machine gun in XT838045.	Ntfy Div Arty. SR
10.	1440	B/1/8--1/27 elements in XT840050 report 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 bunker destroyed, another bunker 50 ft to the south. Also report 2 US WIA.	Ntfy Div Arty. SR
11.	1530	C/1/8--D/2/27 elements in XT822071 found 1 Star lite scope. <i>where the hell were they always coming up with equipment?</i>	Ntfy Div Arty. SR
12.	1610	C/1/8--D/2/27 elements in XT818068 found 200 AK-47 rds, 35 82mm mortar rds, and 10 B-40 rds.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM
13.	1625	C/1/8--A/2/27 and B/2/27 elements preparing to return to NL. C/2/27 elements are in the NL.	Ntfy FDC. WM

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14.	1630	C/1/8--D/2/27 elements are still destroying their findings in XT818068.	Ntfy FDC. WM
15.	1915	B/1/8--A/1/27 elements have 1 US WIA. VC and bunker in XT840050 are neutralized. Bunker was 5x5x6 ft with 3 to 4 ft overhead cover. Found in the bunker were heroin, hypodermic needles, and other medical supplies.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM
16.	2000	1/27 LNO--reports the following in XT837045: 14 VC KIA (BC) for 1/27 Inf, 5 VC KIA (BC) for 1/8 Arty, 2 VC KIA (BC) for Stinger aircraft.	Ntfy Div Arty. VC
17.	2045	B/1/8--1/27 elements in XT834045 have 2 US KIA, 4 US WIA. Report 9 VC KIA (BC) due to 1/8 Arty, 5 VC POSS for 1/8 Arty, 5 VC KIA (BC) for 1/27 Inf, 2 VC KIA (BC) due to gunships.	Ntfy Div Arty. VC
18.	2400	JOURNAL CLOSED.	MJR.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

During the reporting period enemy activity was moderate. B/1/8 firing in support of 1/27 Inf is credited with 14 VC KIA (BC), and 5 VC KIA (POSS). Totals are as follows:

PERSONNEL: 853

VC KIA (BC): 843.

VC KIA (POSS): 1636

	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	93 12 4	25
6. Vehicles	3	3
7. Sampans	408 109	9
8. Boats	14	0
9. Ammo dumps	1	0
10. Sec Expl	404 104	0

PLANS SUMMARY

MOVES: None.

PLANNED MOVES FOR 22 May: None.

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OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

The total amount of ammunition expended
 since arrival in country is 535,893.
 The Bn strength is 18 guns operational.

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1.	0001	JOURNAL OPENED.	MJR.
2.	0950	B/1/8-C/1/27 elements in XT688032 found 1 sunken sampan, camouflaged. Also found a VC roster thought to contain the names of a VC squad.	Ntfy Div Arty. VC
3.	1510	B/1/8-C/1/27 elements in XS695959 found unknown amount of AK-47 ammo, unknown quantity of Chicom C-4 type plastic explosive.	Ntfy Div Arty. VC
4.	2220	C/1/8-C/2/27 elements in XT802069 reported a brief contact with unknown number of VC. C/1/8 fired illumination.	Ntfy Div Arty. VC
5.	2240	C/1/8-C/2/27 AP in XT802069 had movement near their position, engaged with small arms, resulting in 3 VC KIA (BC). (C/1/8 fired illumination. AP is moving to new location.)	Ntfy Div Arty. VC
6.	2250	C/1/8-C/2/27 elements in XT802069 report the 3 VC killed by the AP consisted of 2 males, 1 female. Also captured 1 AK-47. New location of the AP is XT797068.	Ntfy Div Arty. VC.
7.	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: 856	VC KIA (BC): 843	VC KIA (POSS): 1635	1636
1. Weapons	DES	DAM	
A. Mortars	17	2	
B. MG's	11	2	
2. Buildings	289	117	
3. Bridges	1011	0	
4. Trenches	3	0	
5. Bunkers	93126	25	
6. Vehicles	3	3	
7. Sampans	108109	9	
8. Boats	14	0	
9. Ammo dumps	1	0	
10. Sec. Expl	101104	0	

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PLANS SUMMARY

MOVES: None.

PLANNED MOVES FOR 23 May: None.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

The total amount of ammunition expended
since arrival in country is 536,184 rounds.

The Bn strength is 18 guns operational.

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22 May

The 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry (Mech) searching for enemy forces had moved in the Southern BOI LOI WOODS north of TRANG BANG, received an attack on its night defensive position at XT 533290 at approximately 0005 hours. The enemy assault was repulsed and broken by 0345 when the enemy withdrew leaving 29 dead around the perimeter wire and two POW's. The enemy also left behind two machine guns, six RPG rocket launchers, six AK-47 rifles, 34 hand grenades and 57 RPG rounds.

Later in the morning (0840), Troops A and B of the 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry searching in an area a short distance to the northeast of the 1st of the 5th's contact (XT 574278) came into contact with an unknown size enemy force. In a running battle which lasted all day, the cavalrymen supported by helicopter gunships, artillery and air strikes accounted for another 29 VC dead. Far to the north of these actions, at the TAY NINH Base Camp, an enemy sapper unit at 0500 attacked and overran four gun positions of the 2nd Battalion, 32nd Artillery on the base camp perimeter. Seven VC KIA were accounted for by the defending artillerymen, but the enemy succeeded in destroying one 175mm gun and one 8" Howitzer.

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Meanwhile the Vietcong had mounted a long awaited 2nd offensive against Saigon. Meeting much less success than had come their way during Tet. In what battalion was probably their do or die final push on the capital city a VC _____ locked horns with the 4th of the 23d on May 27th. The infantrymen night defensive position a little over a mile west of the city limits came under attack before midnight. Supporting by division artillery men and gunships and an airforce spookhealy managed to keep the VC pinned down over night. In the morning the 3th of the 4th calvary joined the 23rd infantry in an advance which carried thru the enemy position. By late afternoon all resistance had ceased - 218 vietcong lay dead on the battlefield their second offensive having died with them. American casualties were 6 dead. 4 days later Tointanwan came to a close.

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1.	0001	JOURNAL OPENED.	MJR.
2.	0406	2d Bde--C/2/27 AP in XT801069 engaged 2 VC with small arms and automatic weapons. VC did not return fire. Results: 2 VC KIA (BC).	Ntfy Opn Sgt. GK
3.	0545	2d Bde--B/2/27 AP in XT807058 apprehended 5 male detainees while returning to the US NL. The 5 male detainees were turned over to ARVN control.	Ntfy Opn Sgt. GK
4.	0744	2d Bde--C/2/27 elements departed their NL by aircraft on a combat assault.	Ntfy Opn Sgt. GK
5.	0748	2d Bde--C/2/27 elements landed in D/2/27 NL.	Ntfy Opn Sgt. GK
6.	0755	2d Bde--HQ/2/27 and C/2/27 elements departed their NL by aircraft.	Ntfy Opn Sgt. GK
7.	0800	2d Bde--HQ/2/27 and C/2/27 elements landed in the D/2/27 NL.	Ntfy Opn Sgt. GK
8.	0800	2d Bde--A/2/27 elements departed their NL by aircraft.	Ntfy Opn Sgt. GK
9.	0810	2d Bde--A/2/27 elements landed at C/2/27 NL in XT780057.	Ntfy Opn Sgt. GK
10.	0812	C/1/8--The contact involving C/2/27 AP in grid XT801069 last night about 2130 hours resulted in 5 VC KIA (BC), capture of 4 AK-47's, 2 AK-50's, 1 M-16 numerous papers and documents, 5 sets of web gear, and 1 wallet containing a picture of Ho Chi Minh.	Ntfy Div Arty. SR
11.	0837	2d Bde--New NL for 2/27 is XS718978.	Ntfy FDC. GK
12.	0905	2d Bde--B/2/27 elements departed their NL by air.	Ntfy Opn Sgt. GK
13.	0917	2d Bde--B/2/27 elements landed in XS718978.	Ntfy Opn Sgt. GK
14.	0925	2d Bde--C/2/27 elements departed their NL by air.	Ntfy Opn Sgt. GK

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15.	0933	2d Bde--C/2/27 elements landed in XS718978.	Ntfy Opn Sgt. GK
16.	0941	2d Bde--A/2/27 elements departed their NL by air.	Ntfy Opn Sgt. GK
17.	0950	2d Bde--A/2/27 elements landed in XS718978.	Ntfy Opn Sgt. GK
18.	1020	S3--departed FDC to visit C/2/40 Arty and A/7/11 Arty.	Ntfy FDC. MJR.
19.	1043	A/7/11--reports battery is laid and ready to fire at 1040 hours. Battery center is reported to be XS76009005. Azimuth of lay is reported to be 4800 yd.	Ntfy FDC. JR
20.	1130	S3--returned to the FDC.	Ntfy FDC. MJR.
21.	1132	2d Bde--B/1/27 elements departed their old NL by aircraft.	Ntfy Opn Sgt. GK
22.	1137	2d Bde--B/1/27 elements arrived at their new NL.	Ntfy Opn Sgt. GK
23.	1220	2d Bde--D/1/27 elements received fire from across the river vic XT700050. Negative US casualties reported at this time. Source of fire has been determined to be ARVN's recon by fire; the rounds have been going across the river.	Ntfy Opn Sgt. GK
24.	1315	2d Bde--A/4/12 elements departed their NL by air.	Ntfy Opn Sgt. GK
25.	1330	2d Bde--A/4/12 elements arrived at XS714844.	Ntfy Opn Sgt. GK
26.	1338	2d Bde--D/4/12 elements departed their NL by air.	Ntfy Opn Sgt. GK
27.	1345	2d Bde--D/4/12 elements landed in XS710843.	Ntfy Opn Sgt. GK
28.	1520	2d Bde--D/1/27 elements in XT700050 report 1 US WIA due to fire from across the river.	Ntfy Opn Sgt. GK
29.	1320	S3--B/7/11 and B/6/77 Arty are now attached to 7/11 Arty. A/7/11 is DS to 1/27 Inf. B/3/13 is DS to 4/23 Mech. B/1/8 is DS to 2/27 Inf. 199 Light Inf Bde Arty is DS to 4/12 Inf, which is OPCON to 25 Inf Div 2nd Bde. C/1/8 reinforces	

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29 cont.	1/8 Arty.					Ntfy FDC. SR.
30. 1631	2d Bde--A/4/12 elements departed their location at XS710857 by air. PZ reported cold.					Ntfy Opn Sgt. GK
31. 1640	2d Bde--A/4/12 elements landed at their NL.					Ntfy Opn Sgt. GK
32. 1650	2d Bde--D/4/12 elements departed their location at XS700855 by air. PZ reported cold.					Ntfy Opn Sgt. GK
33. 1655	2d Bde--D/4/12 elements landed at their NL.					Ntfy Opn Sgt. GK
34. 1745	2d Bde--4/23 Mech S3 reported that at 1745 hr in XT719046 his elements spotted 4 or 5 personnel presumed to be VC. Gunships apr on station and are maneuvering a US company to the location of the 5 VC.					Ntfy Opn Sgt. GK
35. 1800	FDC--Status of forces: At FSB Harrison, there are 5 tubes of 155mm belonging to B/3/13; the battery center is XT73830539. At FSB Pulaski, there are 6 tubes of 105mm belonging to B/1/8; the battery center is XT80390512; also 6 tubes of 105mm belonging to C/1/8; the battery center is grid XT80440499. At FSB Breckenridge, there are 5 tubes of 105mm belonging to B/6/77; the battery center is XT70770024; also 5 tubes of 105mm belonging to B/7/11; the battery center is grid XT70780014. At FSB Bishop, there are 6 tubes of 105mm belonging to A/7/11; battery center is grid XS758902; also 6 tubes of 105mm belonging to C/2/40; the battery center is XS760900.					Ntfy FDC. WM
36. 2000	2d Bde CO--notified 2d Bde S3 section that the acting CO for D/1/27 is LT Caldwell.					Ntfy Opn Sgt. GK
37. 2230	4/23 Mech--notified 2d Bde S3 section concerning the following Multi Affairs reports to C/4/23: (1) Children throwing grenades into trucks. (2) Propaganda leaflets. (3) Blowing up of bridges in XS7395.					Ntfy Opn Sgt. GK
38. 2400	JOURNAL CLOSED.					
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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: 856	1636
VC KIA (BC): 843	VC KIA (POSS): 1635
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 93-126	25
6. Vehicles 3	3
7. Sampans 108-109	9
8. Boats 14	0
9. Ammo dumps 1	0
10. Sec Expl 101-104	0

PLANS SUMMARY

MOVES: None.

PLANNED MOVES FOR 24 May: None.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 536,486 rounds.

The Bn strength is 18 guns operational.

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24 May

The 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry continuing their pursuit of the 3rd Battalion, 272nd VC Regiment in the DUC NOA area located an estimated enemy company three kilometers south of the town at XS 425995. The battalion's A Company engaged the VC force with organic weapons, artillery, armed helicopters and air strikes between 0830 and 1915 hours. After contact with the enemy was broken, A Company discovered 19 VC KIA. To the north, the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry continued its search for enemy forces and weapons and ammunition caches immediately north of TAN SON NHUT Air Base. At 1045 hours B Company came across an estimated VC platoon at VT 824046. After a fire fight which included support from armed helicopters and artillery, 12 VC KIA were accounted for and two POW's were taken.

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1.	0001	JOURNAL OPENED.			MJR.
2.	0704	2d Bde--MSR has been cleared from Tan Son Nhut to the Hoc Mon Bridge.			Ntfy S3. GK
3.	0720	2d Bde--B/1/27 elements departed their NL at this time for today's activities.			Ntfy S3. GK
4.	0730	2d Bde--A/4/23 elements departed their NL at this time for today's activities.			Ntfy S3. GK
5.	0730	2d Bde--1 VC Co heavy weapons type reported in XT777066. US rating F6. 1 VC Bn reported in XT760045. US rating F6.			Ntfy S3. SR
6.	0740	Bn CO returned to Cu Chi from FSB Harrison at Hoc Mon at this time.			Ntfy FDC. VC
7.	0748	2d Bde--C/4/23 elements closed their NL.			Ntfy S3. GK
8.	0757	2d Bde--D/1/27 elements departed their NL at this time to take part in today's activities.			Ntfy S3. GK
9.	0800	2d Bde--B/4/23 elements departed for their objective area at 0752. R/4/23 elements are on a re-supply mission beginning at 0752.			Ntfy S3. GK
10.	0808	2d Bde--A/2/27 road sweeping elements closed the NL at this time.			Ntfy S3. GK
11.	0823	2d Bde--A/1/27 elements in XT776065 destroyed 7 bunkers 2x4x4 ft, 10 lbs polished rice, and 10 fighting positions 2x3x6 ft.			Ntfy S3. MJR.
12.	0858	2d Bde S3--Notice to all elements: (1) all personnel will have gas mask. (2) All units will make maximum use of all available flame in the field. (3) Make use of dogs whenever possible.			Ntfy S3. GK
13.	0945	2d Bde--D/1/27 elements in XT812070 destroyed 33			
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13. cont		bunkers 2x2x4 ft and 1 122mm rocket carrying case				Ntfy S3. GK
14. 10950		2d Bde--D/4/12 elements in XS672856 destroyed 2 fighting positions 4x4x6 ft.				Ntfy S3. MJR
15. 0950		2d Bde--C/4/23 elements departed their NL.				Ntfy S3. GK
16. 0950		B/1/8--D/1/27 elements in XT811071 found many 2-man bunkers				Ntfy Div Arty. WM
17. 1000		2d Bde--C/4/23 elements found 10 uniformed Vietnamese in XS721999; will check out the area.				Ntfy S3. GK
18. 1002		2d Bde--1/27 elements in XT820046 received fire from 2 VC positions, resulting in 1 US WIA.				Ntfy S3. GK
19. 1007		2d Bde--A/1/27 elements in XT820069 destroyed 1 bunker 6x4x3 ft, 30 empty 60mm rd containers, and 18 122mm rocket carrying cases.				Ntfy S3. GK
20. 1015		2d Bde--C/4/23 elements received sniper fire from XS721999 with negative US casualties.				Ntfy S3. GK
21. 1025		2d Bde--C/1/5 Mech elements are receiving sniper fire from a village in XS721998.				Ntfy FDC. SG
22. 1025		B/1/8--D/1/27 elements in XT814068 found about 100 bunkers of unknown size.				Ntfy Div Arty. WM
23. 1040		2d Bde--A/4/12 elements in XS673857 found on the ground and destroyed 1 RPG-2 launcher with a rd and 3 sampans.				Ntfy S3. MJR
24. 1045		2d Bde--B/1/27 elements in XT824046 received small arms fire from an unknown size VC force, and returned fire with all organic weapons, arty, and LFT. Still in contact at this time.				Ntfy S3. MJR.
25. 1050		B/1/8--D/1/27 elements in XT820046 found one badly NAME AND GRADE OF OFFICER OR OFFICIAL ON DUTY				SIGNATURE

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25. cont.		decomposed Vietnamese body.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM
26. 1103		B/1/8—A/1/27 elements have 1 US WIA and require a dustoff. Grid is XT825042.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM
27. 1110		2d Bde—B/1/27 elements in XT822045 have 1 US WIA and request a routine dustoff.	Ntfy S3. GK
28. 1115		2d Bde—B/1/27 elements in XT821045 engaged 2 VC with small arms, and are now pulling back for arty.	Ntfy S3. GK
29. 1205		2d Bde—B/1/27 elements in XT821045 report VC broke contact at this time. The 116th LFT is en route from Cu Chi to support 1/27 at this time.	Ntfy S3. GK
30. 1225		2d Bde—R/4/23 elements closed their NL.	Ntfy S3. GK
31. 1228		2d Bde—Cu Chi is under a rocket attack at this time.	Ntfy S3. GK
32. 1235		2d Bde—D/1/27 elements closed their NL at 1205.	Ntfy S3. GK
33. 1245		2d Bde—A/1/27 elements in XT785061 destroyed 6 fighting positions 3x3x4.	Ntfy S3. GK
34. 1315		2d Bde—A/1/27 elements in XT783060 found 10 complete 122mm rds in a camouflaged hole.	Ntfy S3. GK
35. 1320		C/1/8—1/27 LNO spotted 4 NVA in the open in grid XT825040. The VC ran to bunkers. B/1/8 and C/1/8 are awaiting firing clearance.	Ntfy FDC. VC
36. 1317		2d Bde—A/1/27 elements in XT783062 found 4 complete 122mm rockets ready to fire.	Ntfy S3. GK
37. 1330		2d Bde—B/1/27 elements returned to area of contact in XT821045, and flushed out 3 VC, which were engaged by gunships, with negative results.	

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37 cont.		Arty is also being fired into the area.	Ntfy S3. GK	
38.	1350	2d Bde--A/1/27 and B/1/27 elements are holding their positions.	Ntfy S3. GK	
39.	1430	B/1/8--fired in support of B/1/27 Inf, expending 263 HEQ, 1 WP from 1130 to 1305 hr, destroying 4 bunkers, damaging 2 more, and causing 1 secondary explosion. From 1330 to 1440 they fired 133 HEQ and 1 WP on grids XT825043 and XT823044, destroying 2 bunkers.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM	
40.	1447	2d Bde--A/1/27 elements closed their NL.	Ntfy S3. GK	
41.	1450	B/1/8--D/1/27 elements have 1 VC KIA (BC) in grid XT825045.	Ntfy Div Arty. SG	
42.	1450	C/1/8--A/1/27 elements in XT782060 found 10 complete 122mm rockets without launchers.	Ntfy Div Arty. SG	
43.	1505	2d Bde--A/4/23 elements closed their NL.	Ntfy S3. GK	
44.	1505	2d Bde--B/1/27 elements sweeping the area of contact found 1 VC body wearing webgear.	Ntfy S3. GK	
45.	1545	2d Bde--B/1/27 elements received fire from grid XT823043.	Ntfy S3. GK	
46.	1600	B/1/8--B/1/27 elements are in contact in XT823044. They are too close for arty to be fired at this time. Arty will be fired if they pull back.	Ntfy FDC. WM	
47.	1602	2d Bde--B/1/27 elements receiving negative fire at this time; are planning to engage 1 VC bunker containing 1 VC.	Ntfy S3. GK	
48.	1645	2d Bde--B/1/27 elements are moving in on the bunker.	Ntfy S3. GK	
49.	1645	2d Bde--B/4/23 elements closed Tan Son Nhut.	Ntfy S3. GK	
50.	1705	2d Bde--R/4/23 element closed their NL.	Ntfy S3. GK	

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51.	1735	2d Bde--B/1/27 elements blew up the VC bunker, and are presently digging around it. They think that there are 2 VC still inside it.			Ntfy S3. GK
52.	1737	2d Bde--B/1/27 elements are receiving more VC fire at this time.			Ntfy S3. GK
53.	1744	2d Bde--B/1/27 has 4 VC body count at this time.			Ntfy S3. GK
54.	1755	2d Bde--B/1/27 has 10 total VC KIA (BC) now.			Ntfy S3. GK
55.	1800	2d Bde--Contact involving B/1/27 elements in XT824040 was broken at this time. Results: 1 US WIA, 12 VC KIA (BC), 6 AK-47, 4 RPG-2 rds, 1 set webgear, and 1 122mm carrying case.			Ntfy S3. MJR.
56.	1808	2d Bde--B/1/27 elements are returning to the NL.			Ntfy S3. GK
57.	1900	2d Bde--1/27 elements released their Command and Control aircraft for the day.			Ntfy S3. GK
58.	1920	2d Bde--B/1/27 elements have arrived at the NL.			Ntfy S3. GK
59.	2130	2d Bde--4/23 Armor has 5 fully operational tanks, 1/5 Mech has 2.			Ntfy S3. GK
60.	2230	Div CO--1/5 Mech has a mission to return to the Filhol Plantation to pick up the rest of the bridge they removed today.			Ntfy S3. GK
61.	2335	2d Bde--B/1/27 LP element engaged 1 VC with M-79, did not receive return fire. Arty is firing illumination at this time.			Ntfy S3. GK
62.	2400	JOURNAL CLOSED.			MJR.
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY					
Enemy activity during the reporting period was light. B/1/8 firing in support of B/1/27 Inf destroyed 6 bunkers, damaged 2 more, and caused 1 secondary explosion. Totals are as follows:					
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY CONT.

PERSONNEL: 857 1636

VC KIA (BC): 843 VC KIA (POSS): 1635

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	99-126	27
6. Vehicles	3	3
7. Sampans	108-109	9
8. Boats	14	0
9. Ammo dumps	1	0
10. Sec expl	102-105	0

PLANS SUMMARY

MOVES: None.

PLANNED MOVES FOR 25 May: None.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 537,438 rounds.

The Bn strength is 18 guns operational.

LTC A.M. Robert Dean transfers command to LTC Forney tomorrow.

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1.	0001	JOURNAL OPENED.	MJR.
2.	0015	2d Bde--message to 4/23 Mech: will provide security for movement of 1 arty btry from 4/23 locn to Duc Hoa, and will return with them in the afternoon. Movement will begin at first light; be in position not later than 0830.	Ntfy S3. GK
3.	0145	B/1/8--arty is credited with 6 VC KIA (BC) due to fires in support of 1/27 Inf 1130 to 1440 on 24 May in XT825042 and XT825040. B/1/8 expended 396 HEQ.	Ntfy Div Arty. VC
4.	0655	4/23 S3--to 2d Bde--4/23 elements departed NL.	Ntfy S3. GK
5.	0700	2d Bde--MSR is clear from the Hoc Mon bridge to Tan Son Nhut.	Ntfy S3. GK
6.	0705	B/6/77--departed FSB Bishop at 0650 and is now en route to Duc Hoa.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM
7.	0725	2d Bde--R/4/23 Mech and accompanying arty btry closed Duc Hoa. B/4/23 elements departed Tan Son Nhut.	Ntfy S3. GK
8.	0730	B/1/8--B/1/27 elements landed in XT833043; LZ is cold.	Ntfy FDC. SG
9.	0745	2d Bde--1/27 Bn CO released transporting helicopters at this time.	Ntfy S3. GK
10.	0755	2d Bde--B/2/27 elements are departing their NL.	Ntfy S3. GK
11.	0755	2d Bde--A/4/23 and C/4/23 Mech elements departed their NL at this time.	Ntfy S3. GK
12.	0757	2d Bde--A/1/27 elements are departing their NL now; D/1/27 elements are departing their NL now; Recon 1/27 elements are departing their NL now for road clearing operations.	Ntfy S3. GK

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13.	0810	2d Bde--A/2/27 elements departed their NL.				Ntfy S3. GK	
14.	0811	2d Bde--All 2/27 elements operating today will have 20 RF/PF forces with each unit. The VN troops are from ARVN agency Rainy Towels 24.				Ntfy S3. GK	
15.	0830	S1--LTC L.R. Forney Jr. assumed command of the 1st Bn 8th Arty from LTC A.M. Robert Dean at a Change Of Command ceremony held at Cu Chi in the Bn area. Visitors included MG Mearns, 25th Inf Div CG, and COL Sumner, 25th Inf Div Arty CO.				Ntfy S3. GK	
16.	0832	B/6/77--closed Duc Hoa at 0800 hr. reports btry laid and ready to fire at 0825. Btry center is XS59269678.				Ntfy FDC. SR	
17.	0840	C/1/8 B/1/27 elements in XT834044 found 200 rds of M-60 MG ammo, 600 rds M-16 ammo, 2 LAW, 1 demolition kit, and 1 105mm dud rd. D/1/27 elements in XT830075 report negative contact, negative findings.				Ntfy Div Arty. DW	
18.	0841	2d Bde--A/4/23 and C/4/23 elements are moving into position at this time. B/4/23 closed the NL at 0840.				Ntfy S3. GK	
19.	0842	2d Bde--A/4/23 is in position at Objective 1 in XS73998; C/4/23 is in position at Objective 2 in XS745996.				Ntfy S3. GK	
19.	0850	2d Bde--A/2/27 is in XS734984; B/2/27 is in XS733969; C/2/27 is in XS722959. All units report negative contact, negative findings at this time.				Ntfy S3. GK	
20.	0855	2d Bde--C/4/23 elements in XT742002 hit a tree with a log in it; appeared to be a booby trap. Negative casualties, negative damage.				Ntfy S3. GK	
21.	0900	2d Bde--D/1/27 elements are in XT819076; B/1/27 elements are in XT834044. Both units report negative contact, negative findings.				Ntfy S3. GK	
22.	0915	B/1/8 B/1/27 elements in XT836056 found 1 VC radio.				Ntfy Div Arty. SR	
23.	0925	2d Bde--A/1/27 elements are in XT798066. B/1/27					
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23 cont.		elements are located in XT839046; D/1/27 elements are located in XT822074. All units report negative contact, negative findings.	Ntfy S3. GK
24. 0928		2d Bde—C/4/23 elements are in XT741003; A/4/23 elements are located in XT744002. B/4/23 elements are in the NL, preparing to move out in 20 minutes. R6/4/23 elements are in Duc Hoa; R5/4/23 elements are in Cu Chi for resupply.	Ntfy S3. GK
25. 1000		2d Bde—A/2/27 elements are in XS741975; B/2/27 elements are in XS742956; C/2/27 elements are in XS717947.	Ntfy S3. GK
26. 1000		2d Bde—A/4/12 elements are located in XS709917 and XS729939. B/4/12 elements have closed NL.	Ntfy S3. GK
27. 1001		2d Bde—B/1/27 elements in XT838048 are receiving fire from their right front. Recon/1/27 is receiving AK-type fire from 3 different positions. Total estimated 10 VC.	Ntfy S3. GK
28. 1015		B/1/8—B/1/27 elements in XT837049 are in contact with an estimated VC squad. They have 1 US WIA, arty is on call. A dustoff for the WIA is being attempted at this time.	Ntfy Div Arty. SR
29. 1040		2d Bde—A/4/23 and C/4/23 elements have completed sweep of Objectives 3 and 4, are headed for Objectives 5 and 6. B/4/23 is at Objective 7 in XT725043. Objectives 3 and 4 are in vic grid XT741015.	Ntfy S3. GK
30. 1045		2d Bde—A/2/27 elements are in XS752965; B/2/27 elements are in XS742953; C/2/27 elements are in XS715947. All units report negative contact, negative surveillance at this time.	Ntfy S3. GK
31. 1045		FDC—B/6/77 expended 6 rds on XS5890 for a prep for 4/12 Inf. C/1/27 Arty expended 6 rds on each of the following grids for the same prep: XS588902, XS588905, XS588908, XS585902, XS585905, and XS585908.	Ntfy Div Arty. SR

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32.	1045	B/1/8—A/1/27 elements in XT792067 found 1 bunker with 4 VC bodies about 4 days old. VC were killed by small arms.	Ntfy Div Arty. SR
33.	1052	2d Bde—A/4/12 and D/4/12 elements closed their NL at 1050 hr.	Ntfy S3. GK
34.	1100	C/1/8—A/1/5 is located in XT732023; C/1/5 is located in XT730021. Both units report negative contact.	Ntfy Div Arty. EW
35.	1105	A/7/11—A/2/27 elements are in XS752965; B/2/27 elements are in XS742965; C/2/27 elements are in XS716958.	Ntfy FDC. EW
36.	1125	2d Bde—A/4/23 and C/4/23 are setting up blocks for Objectives 5 and 6 vic XT725015. B/4/23 was not able to set up a blocking force due to the numerous RF/PF outposts in the area. All units are now breaking for chow.	Ntfy S3. GK
37.	1125	2d Bde CO—message to 2d Bde S3—(1) see if all troops have drawn waterproof bags for their protective masks. (2) Do all troops have replacement cannisters for their masks?	Ntfy S3. GK
38.	1130	2d Bde—A/1/27 elements in XT793068; B/1/27 and Recon/1/27 elements are in XT838047. Gunships in XT817072 were taking fire from VC positions, and have now returned to Cu Chi to refuel.	Ntfy S3. GK
39.	1132	2d Bde—A/2/27 elements are in XS739970; B/2/27 elements are in XS743950; C/2/27 elements are in XS712948.	Ntfy S3. GK
40.	1158	2d Bde—A/4/12 and Recon/4/12 elements departed their NL at 1230.	Ntfy S3. GK
41.	1205	2d Bde—Rules Of Engagement for the Kinh Cau An Ha Canal: (1) all sampans must be flying a VN flag during the day. (2) All sampan traffic is forbidden after 1800 hours.	Ntfy S3. GK

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42.	1215	2d Bde--4/23 Recon 5 element closed the NL.			Ntfy S3. GK	
43.	1230	2d Bde--4/12 Inf will be prepared to extract 2 companies to return to home base as soon as possible. 2d Bde will also be prepared to give up an airmobile Co.			Ntfy S3. GK	
44.	1230	2d Bde--C/4/12 is in XS585914.			Ntfy S3. GK	
45.	1230	B/1/8--expended 489 HE, 1 WP on 15 to 20 NVA in XT841049 for 1/27 Inf. Replot grid XT84550466. Results: 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 secondary explosion. There may be more VC credited upon sweep of the area.			Ntfy Div Arty. JR	
46.	1235	2d Bde CO--message to 2d Bde S3. (There are indications that a new enemy offensive against Tan Son Nhut and Saigon will begin tonight or tomorrow. Our defense will be against infiltration, rockets, and ground attacks. Rockets are suspected in the Hoc Mon area. 2d Bde is responsible for Hwy 1 from Hoc Mon District to Hoc Mon along the road southwest out of Hoc Mon to the Capitol Military District to Tan Son Nhut. 1/27 Inf, 4/9 Inf, 3/22 Inf, 2/27 Inf will support. Operations will be without a specific AO.			Ntfy S3. GK	
47.	1245	2d Bde--B/1/27 elements are in XT840050. They have airstrikes going into area of contact: 2 now, 3 more coming. Arty has also been used. Unit is still pulled back and holding; will move into area of contact when airstrikes complete.			Ntfy S3. GK	
48.	1252	2d Bde--A/1/27 elements closed the NL at 1247. D/1/27 is in XT817076, will close NL in 10 min.			Ntfy S3. GK	
49.	1300	2d Bde--D/1/27 elements closed the NL.			Ntfy S3. GK	
50.	1309	2d Bde--All 4/23 elements closed the NL by 1308.			Ntfy S3. GK	
51.	1338	2d Bde--Recon/4/23 elements departed their NL for Gu Chi at 1337.			Ntfy S3. GK	
52.	1340	2d Bde--1/27 Inf requests aircraft to pick up 3				
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52 cont.		dogs and return them to Cu Chi, and return to 1/27 with 5 new dogs for 5 days.				Ntfy S3. GK					
53.	1344	2d Bde--A/2/27 elements are in XS734956; B/2/27 elements are in XS732950; C/2/27 elements are in XS704954.				Ntfy S3. GK					
54.	1400	C/1/8 A/2/27 elements are in XS740960; B/2/27 elements are in XS733955; C/2/27 elements are in XS704954.				Ntfy S3. GK					
55.	1413	B/1/8 B/1/27 elements in XT843058 are receiving sniper fire, and have 2 US WIA.				Ntfy Div Arty. SR					
56.	1441	2d Bde--B/1/27 elements are still receiving fire; from XT842048. Estimate 1 VC.				Ntfy S3. GK					
57.	1444	2d Bde--A/4/12 elements closed their NL.				Ntfy S3. GK					
58.	1444	2d Bde--A/2/27 and B/2/27 elements closed the NL at 1443; C/2/27 elements are en route to the NL.				Ntfy S3. GK					
59.	1500	2d Bde--B/1/27 elements in XT842048 request a LFT One from 25th Div is on the way; no ETA at this time. Unit is receiving fire from what sounds like a M-60 MG. There are several bunkers in the area.				Ntfy S3. GK					
60.	1505	B/6/77--received March Order from FSB at Duc Hoa, is now enroute to FSB Breckenridge II at XT707010.				Ntfy Div Arty. SR					
61.	1507	2d Bde--D/2/27 elements closed their NL after a local cloverleaf.				Ntfy S3. GK					
62.	1520	2d Bde--4/23 Recon 6 element departed Duc Hoa for the 4/23 NL at this time.				Ntfy S3. GK					
63.	1530	2d Bde--3/22 new NL is XS818990. 1/27 Inf requested a dustoff at 1510. Dustoff completed at 1530.				Ntfy S3. GK					
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64.	1530	2d Bde--1/27 elements request a smoke ship in order to get out another WIA. The WIA is between 2 bunkers across the stream; he is the only friendly across the stream now. 1/27 elements are receiving effective fire from 1 main bunker, and are unable to return fire effectively at this time. Gunships are on station. Everything is waiting for the smoke ship to see if the man is dead or alive. 1/27 elements have total so far of 1 MIA, 2 WIA.	Ntfy S3. GK
65.	1530	C/1/27 Arty--departed FSB Harrison at Hoc Mon for the Tan Son Nhut runway at this time.	Ntfy Div Arty. VC
66.	1605	2d Bde--The earliest that the smoke ship for 1/27 Inf can be made available is 1640 hr. 1/27 has been informed of this. 2d Bde lost OPCON of 4/23 Inf at 1600, gained OPCON of 3/22 Inf at 1600.	Ntfy S3. GK
67.	1605	B/6/77--closed FSB Breckenridge II at this time.	Ntfy Div Arty. JR
68.	1610	B/1/80-B/1/27 elements in XT843048 received 3 US WIA, 1 US KIA. Received 1 more US WIA while trying to extract the WIA trapped across the stream.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM/SG
69.	1620	2d Bde--D/2/27 is temporarily under 2d Bde control.	Ntfy S3. GK
70.	1625	B/6/77--is laid and ready to fire at FSB Breckenridge II.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM
71.	1625	2d Bde--B/1/27 has 1 KIA and 4 WIA; the man who was listed as MIA is classified as KIA now. Request a LFT; 1 element is pinned down.	Ntfy S3. GK
72.	1630	2d Bde--Airstrikes in support of 1/27 Inf are going in at this time.	Ntfy S3. GK
73.	1637	2d Bde--B/1/27 has 3 more WIA: 1 litter, 2 ambulatory.	Ntfy S3. GK

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74.	1655	2d Bde--Centaur aircraft in XT783073 spotted 1 VC sampan, well camouflaged. Aircraft destroyed same.	Ntfy S3. GK
75.	1700	2d Bde--1/27 elements have pulled back a little and are calling in air strikes, with arty between the air strikes. They will be staying tonight in the area of contact.	Ntfy S3. GK
76.	1738	2d Bde--B/1/27 elements have recovered the body* of the US KIA.	Ntfy S3. GK
77.	1745	2d Bde--B/1/27 has pulled back while arty and air strikes are going in. Location now is XT832047. B/4/9 elements are in XT823043.	Ntfy S3. GK
78.	1821	2d Bde--All 3/22 elements except D/3/22 have closed the NL at XS811989.	Ntfy S3. GK
79.	1906	2d Bde--D/4/9 and CP/4/9 are located in XT767032.	Ntfy S3. GK
80.	1907	2d Bde--B/1/27 is moving into the area of contact in XT832048. (Captured 1 AK-50, 2 aiming sights.) <i>In all the KIA + WIAS</i>	Ntfy S3. GK
81.	1910	2d Bde--B/1/27 elements going into the area of contact received small arms fire, resulting in 1 US WIA.	Ntfy S3. GK
82.	1950	2d Bde LNO--wants all available arty to fire on XT735072. Nature of target: large number of VC in the Hoc Mon area.	Ntfy S3. TSW
83.	2000	FDC--On fire mission for 2d Bde LNO: B/3/13 expended 6 HE VT; B/1/8 expended 12 HE VT; C/1/8 expended 12 HE VT.	Ntfy Div Arty. TW
84.	2000	B/1/8--1/27 LNO reports 4 VC BC for 1/8 Arty: 2 in grid XT846046, 2 in XT846044.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM
85.	2030	2d Bde--5th ARVN units will be operating assault boats from 252400 May until completion of their mission. All civilian boats from XT755205 to the	

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85 cont.		CMD. All US elements will be notified.	Ntfy S3. GK
86.	2045	2d Bde—B/1/27 elements closed their NL.	Ntfy S3. GK
87.	2045	2d Bde—The contact involving B/1/27 was with an estimated VC platoon. Contact was broken at 2000	Ntfy S3. GK
88.	2045	2d Bde—D/1/27 reports that 4 82mm rds landed in XT708078.	Ntfy S3. GK
89.	2100	2d Bde— informed D/2/27 elements to have their AP in XT707077 displace to the Hoc Mon bridge.	Ntfy S3. GK
90.	2120	2d Bde—flares are being dropped by a Spooky flare aircraft over A/1/27's NL.	Ntfy S3. GK
91.	2310	2d Bde—3/4 Cav elements passed through D/1/27's location at 2330 to 0110 (26 May).	Ntfy S3. GK
92.	2345	B/7/11—Radar pickup in XS71979958 has negative ARVN clearance.	Ntfy FDC. WM
93.	2400	JOURNAL CLOSED.	mMJR.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

During the reporting period enemy activity was heavy. B/1/8 firing in support of 1/27 Inf is credited with 6 VC KIA (BC) and 1 secondary explosion. Totals are as follows:

PERSONNEL: 876 1636

VC KIA (BC): 849 VC KIA (POSS): 4635

	1. Weapons	DES	DAM
	A. Mortars	17	2
	B. MG'S	11	2
	2. Buildings	289	117
	3. Bridges	40-11	0
	4. Trenches	3	0

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		DES	DAM
5.	Bunkers	99-126	27
6.	Vehicles	3	3
7.	Sampans	108-109	9
8.	Boats	14	0
9.	Ammo dumps	1	0
10.	Sec Expl	103-105	0

PLANS SUMMARY

MOVES: None.

PLANNED MOVES FOR 26 May: None.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

The total amount of ammunition expended
since arrival in country is 538,760 rounds.

The Bn strength is 18 guns operational.

LTC L.R. Forney, Jr., assumed command today
at 0830.

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

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26 May

On 25 May, the 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry was relocated from the DUC HOA area to a new battalion area of operations northeast of MON where it established a new base camp at XT 778035. Conducting a company size combat assault and sweep to the northwest of the battalion base camp, A Company engaged an unknown number of VC between 1005 and 1430 hours at XT 784084. Supported by artillery, armed helicopters and air strikes, the infantry accounted for 23 VC KIA in the engagement.

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1.	0001	JOURNAL OPENED.	MJR.
2.	0330	2d Bde--B/4/9 elements at 0330 spotted and engaged 1 VC approximately 300 meters west of their NL. The VC was moving from the south to the north. Noises were also heard to the west. Illumination was fired by arty. Results: VC losses unknown.	Ntfy S3. GK
3.	0610	2d Bde--A/3/22 and B/3/22 elements closed their NL at 0610.	Ntfy S3. GK
4.	0630	2d Bde--A/1/27 elements departed AP sites at 0610, closed their NL at 0630.	Ntfy S3. GK
5.	0710	B/1/8--B/1/27 elements at 0700 in XT845046 found 3 VC bodies killed by arty from yesterday's prep. Also found 1 Russian assault weapon, 2 Russian gunner's quadrants.	Ntfy Div Arty. VC
6.	0710	2d Bde--4/9 Inf requests 4 Scout Dogs.	Ntfy S3. GK
7.	0730	2d Bde--Change in activities for 3/22 Inf: Starting time will be delayed until at least 0800 as the ARVNs have not yet arrived yet. The elements will extend from XS818980 to XS817986 to XS822986 to XS821995.	Ntfy S3. GK
8.	0755	2d Bde--Assault is starting at this time and will be followed by a 1/8 Arty prep.	Ntfy S3. GK
9.	0755	C/6/77--First 3 guns closed FSB Harrison at 0700, were laid and ready to fire at 0750. Last 1 gun closed at 0755. Btry center is XT73640485.	Ntfy Div Arty. EW
10.	0804	2d Bde--1/27 elements are in XT849046.	Ntfy S3. GK
11.	0815	2d Bde--MSR is clear in the 2d Bde AO as of 0730.	Ntfy S3. GK
12.	0820	FDC--Prep for 1/27 Inf was fired from 0800 to 0820 on grid XT8404. B/3/13 expended 6 HEQ; B/1/8 expended 76 HEQ. S/1/8 expended 119 HEQ.	Ntfy Div Arty. MC

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13.	0820	2d Bde--D/1/27 elements departed their NL at 0804. B/1/27 elements will start moving into the assault area when the arty is completed.	Ntfy S3. GK
14.	0825	2d Bde--D/4/9 elements have departed their NL for a local cloverleaf sweep.	Ntfy S3, GK
15.	0840	2d Bde--B/3/22 elements departed their NL.	Ntfy S3. GK
16.	0900	2d Bde--3/22 elements will have airmobile capability today. B/4/9 is in XT823043, while one element of B/4/9 is in XT826042. B/1/27 elements are in XT841047; C/1/27 elements are in XT814046; D/1/27 elements are in XT814074.	Ntfy S3. GK
17.	0900	2d Bde--A/3/22 elements departed their NL.	Ntfy S3. GK
18.	0910	2d Bde--B/3/22 elements have married up with the ARVN elements furnished by Multi Affairs.	Ntfy S3. GK
19.	0920	2d Bde--4/9 elements are remaining in locations previously reported. A/4/9 and C/4/9 elements are remaining in their LZ's to check out the area.	Ntfy S3. GK
20.	0923	2d Bde--ARVN Airborne elements in XT868013 are receiving sniper fire from the north of their Objective 1.	Ntfy S3. GK
21.	1000	2d Bde--Air Warning Control Command reports that road blocks were found in XS703922 to XS702944. Road blocks consisted of mounds of dirt.	Ntfy S3. GK
22.	1000	2d Bde--A/1/27 elements are in XT778068; B/1/27 elements are in XT842047; C/1/27 elements are in XT811070; D/1/27 elements are in XT815052.	Ntfy S3. GK
23.	1000	2d Bde--Elements of B/4/9 are in XT828042. A/3/22 elements are in XS814988; B/3/22 elements are in XS814994.	Ntfy S3. GK
24.	1018	2d Bde--ARVN Airborne elements are in contact in XT838043. Have captured 3 POW, 1 of which was a 1LT of the 101st NVA Regt; also have 3 AK-47's.	Ntfy S3. GK
25.	1030	2d Bde--D/4/9 elements are in XT748039.	Ntfy S3. GK

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26.	1038	2d Bde--A/3/22 elements are in XS825994; B/3/22 elements are in XS818996.	Ntfy S3. GK
27.	1045	2d Bde--A/4/9 elements at LZ-3 in XT784084 are engaged with VC in bunkers, and are using LFT's to engage the VC.	Ntfy S3. GK
28.	1045	2d Bde--RF/PF elements will have a funeral procession from XT736029 to XT734017. A VN flag will be flying from the lead element of the procession.	Ntfy S3. GK
29.	1045	2d Bde--ARVN Airborne elements are receiving fire from XT838043.	Ntfy S3. GK
30.	1053	2d Bde--A/4/9 elements in XT784084 spotted 5 VC in black trousers and white shirts.	Ntfy S3. GK
31.	1100	2d Bde--B/1/27 elements are in XT842046. They are receiving fire from XT844048. Negative US casualties at this time.	Ntfy S3. GK
32.	1103	2d Bde--Stinger aircraft is in the area of 4/9 contact vic XT801092.	Ntfy S3. GK
33.	1115	2d Bde--A/4/9 elements in XT784084 spotted VC armed with AK weapons go into a bunker. They fired 2 90mm rds at the bunker. They also spotted various gear around the bunker and think it might be a small base camp. They do not estimate a large VC force at this time.	Ntfy S3. GK
34.	1115	2d Bde--A/4/9 elements have pulled back to grid XT783088. Arty is being fired with an air strike to follow.	Ntfy S3. GK
35.	1120	B/1/8--A/1/27 elements in XT793063 found 19 empty cannisters from a 122mm rocket, some documents, 3 rocket sites, 3 bundles of aiming stakes, and 1 122mm rocket bipod.	Ntfy Div Arty. WM

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36.	1120	B/1/8--B/1/27 elements in XT847045 have 2 US KIA.			Ntfy Div Arty. WM
37.	1126	2d Bde--Air strike in support of A/4/9 Inf is on station and will hit in XT784082.			Ntfy S3. GK
38.	1130	2d Bde--A/4/9 is in XT783088; C/4/9 is in XT800103; D/4/9 is in XT757035.			Ntfy S3. GK
39.	1140	2d Bde--ARVN Airborne elements are in XT837039, are receiving sporadic sniper fire. They have 1 NVA POW.			Ntfy S3. GK
40.	1140	B/3/13--fired in support of 4/9 Inf at 2200 on 25 May, expending 1 WP, 102 HE, 103 PD on VC in a bunker in XS626977. Results: 14 VC KIA (BC).			Ntfy FDC. BL
41.	1140	B/1/8--B/1/27 elements in XT846046 captured 1 RPG-2 launcher.			Ntfy Div Arty. WM
42.	1200	2d Bde--B/1/27 elements are in XT841045; D/1/27 elements are in XT819071. B/4/9 elements are in XT830046.			Ntfy S3. GK
43.	1235	2d Bde--B/1/27 elements are in contact with unk size VC force. VC are also being engaged by the ARVN Airborne elements to their south in XT837039.			Ntfy S3. GK
44.	1235	2d Bde--D/1/27 has 1 US heat casualty (litter) in XT813066; dustoff is requested. A/3/22 elements are in XS833989; B/3/22 elements are in XS809985.			Ntfy S3. GK
45.	1250	2d Bde--Air strike in support of A/4/9 is going in at this time, hitting in XT784082. B/1/27 elements are in XT838046; D/1/27 elements are in XT813066, and have found a cache of 82mm mortar rds. B/4/9 elements in XT831046 have found more bunkers.			Ntfy S3. GK
46.	1300	2d Bde--A/4/9 elements are in XT784082 and are checking out the area of the air strike. C/4/9 elements are moving to their PZ; D/4/9 elements are in XT762033. A/1/27 elements are in XT777068. C/1/27 elements have closed their NL.			Ntfy S3. GK
47.	1325	2d Bde--C/4/9 will act as a blocking force for NAME AND GRADE OF OFFICER OR OTHER PERSON IN CHARGE SIGNATURE			

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47 cont		A/4/9 while it searches out the area of the air strike. C/4/9 will check out the area to the north and west of XT780081. A/4/9 is receiving occasional sniper fire now, and has 3 VC KIA (BC) which were killed by a 90mm RR rd in a bunker.		Ntfy S3. GK
48.	1330	2d Bde--D/4/9 elements closed their NL.		Ntfy S3. GK
49.	1336	2d Bde--A/3/22 elements are in XS833987; B/3/22 elements are in XS803987.		Ntfy S3. GK
50.	1345	2d Bde--B/4/9 elements are in XT832047. A/1/27 elements are in XT791067; B/1/27 elements are in XT841046; D/1/27 elements are in XT818076.		Ntfy S3. GK
51.	1355	2d Bde--B/4/9 elements will check out the area of contact when the air strikes have finished.		Ntfy S3. GK
52.	1405	2d Bde--D/1/27 elements closed their NL at 1400. B/1/27 elements have put in a 5th air strike, followed by an arty prep. They will go back into the area of contact vic XT844048 after the prep is over.		Ntfy S3. GK
53.	1500	B/1/8--fired a prep for B/1/27 elements from 1145 to 1455 in XT845046, expending 355 HEQ. The prep mission resulted in 1 secondary explosion and 2 bunkers damaged.		Ntfy Div Arty. WM
54.	1515	B/1/8--A/1/27 elements found 1 bunker 2x4x3 in XS703984.		Ntfy Div Arty. WM
55.	1815	Div Arty--There will be a Red Haze mission from 2030 to 2130 in XT6409, XT7009, XS6494, and XS7094.		Ntfy FDC. WM
56.	1930	C/6/77--closed FSB Harrison at 1930 hr.		Ntfy FDC. SR
57.	2000	Bn CO--notified A/1/8, B/1/8, C/1/8, B/3/13, and C/6/77 of the following policy: no powder or bags will be carried out of btry areas in a truck. Trailers will be used.		Ntfy indicated Btrys. LRF
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58.	2400	JOURNAL CLOSED.	MJR.
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

During the reporting period enemy activity was heavy. B/1/8 firing in support is credited with 1 secondary explosion and damage to 2 bunkers. Totals are as follows:

PERSONNEL: 885	1636
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VC KIA (BC): 849	VC KIA (POSS): 4635
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1. Weapons	DES	DAM
A. Mortars	17	2
B. MG's	11	2
2. Buildings	289	117
3. Bridges	1011	0
4. Trenches	3	0
5. Bunkers	99127	29-29
6. Vehicles	3	3
7. Sampans	108-109	9
8. Boats	14	0
9. Ammo dumps	1	0
10. Sec expl	104-105	0

PLANS SUMMARY

MOVES: None.

PLANNED MOVES FOR 27 May: None.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 539,349 rounds.

The Bn strength is 18 guns operational.

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