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B3, 5th Bn, 46th Infantry

LZ Gator
BS575963

(2)

FROM

TO

HOUR

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0001

3 May 68

2400

3 May 1968

ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
1	0001		JOURNAL OPENED:		
2	0615		D Co to TOC: OP5 received approx 20-25 rds of auto wpns fire from 554969, a 7 man patrol is searching area. 4 VC were reported to have left Tri Binh #5 going SW, at 0730 patrol found place at school house from where VC fired approx 30 M16 casings and foot prints were also found.		
3	0812		A6 to TOC: A6 found approx 450 lbs of corn at 720947.	S2, Bde notified	
4	0825		D Co to TOC: D16 located and BBT at 523921 is checking area then will investigate BBT and blow it.	S2, Bde notified.	
4A	0955		SM3 to A6: On closure of LZ Paradise release 3 hellocats to ^{elcat} Hotel 6. Be prepared to send remaining 4 to B6 on order.		
5	0955		A6 to TOC: Found tunnel complex at 719929 wide enough for 5 men to sit abreast, it is 30 ft long with a room at the end. Request permission to have tunnel team to blow it. Tunnel was blown at 1120 with 3 lbs of TNT. Results: Roof caved in.	S2, Bde notified.	

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6	1015	✓	A6 to TOC: A26 and Hellcat found suspected VC female age 25 who has no ID papers, had 100 birth certificates in her possession. Found at 720948. 1300: Detainee is located at A6 ROH: 718944.	Bde notified.			
7	1117		C10 to TOC: Request routine dustoff for 1 US with fractured leg located at 508999.	Called at 1120 completed at 1149.			
8	1130		A6 to TOC: Requests status on corn movement. Told by 33 to either secure or transport by track. A6 says not satisfactory requests to blow it. Request denied.	S3, Bde notified.			
9	1200		B6 to TOC: B16 element picked up 1 VC sympathizer vic 629938 who says his son is a VC. Will hold him till chopper arrives to pick him up.	S2, Bde notified.			
10	1215		A10 to TOC: A26 has located 2 tunnels at 716928 but his elements are without demo and are to spread out to go to Hellcats location and get demo. 1 is 100' long and other is 40' long.	A10 told to secure corn first, if possible have tunnels blown.			
11	1240		D26 to TOC: D26 reports numerous tunnels vic 522927. Tunnels are to numerous to blow request demo be sent.	S2, Bde notified.			

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12	1303		D26 to TOC: One tunnel found at 522927.	Bde informed.			
			It is 15' long. At the same time six farmers				
			in field ran from D16 toward Du An 1, 2, 3				
			hamlets. Did not pursue nor fire at them.				
13	1310		A6K to TOC: Helicat is securing PZ. Elements				
			are ready to lift out.				
14	1312		C10 to TOC: C33 found a white box 4" X 8"	Bde notified.			
			which appears to have housed a weather				
			device. It was half buried in ground. Box				
			was blown with a 1/2 lb block of TNT. Location:				
			507003.				
15	1320		A6K to TOC: Received sniper fire when	Bde informed.			
			helicopters landed. It came from the West.				
			Enemy used 1 automatic weapon. A returned				
			fire, is investigating.				
16	1348		C10 to TOC: C31 blew a 105mm dud located at	Bde informed.			
			503995. They used a 1/2 lb block of TNT to				
			blow it. Were there any secondary explosions?				
			Negative.				
17	1353		TOC to A6: What time did you start extraction?				
			ANS: 1345. Also need to know time of PZs				
			and LZs on extractions as they happen.				
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18		1415	SM3 to A6: Be advised gunships are not available. How many snipers were there?				
			ANS: Estimate a squad with 1 auto wpn and several semi-auto fire came from SW. Can A26 and Hellicat secure LZ? ANS: They already have, 3 are securing rice. Ships have gone back to Chu Lai for fuel, will try and get slicks to come in using Hellicat suppressive fire as cover for ships.				
19	1420		Units to TOC: Locations: C31 503995, 32 502997, 33 506997, 26 474997, A6 718944, 26 728947, D26 525925 moving SE to Hill 57.	Bde informed			
20		1420	TOC to Dustoff: Request routine dustoff at Gator for VN girl with suspected plague.	Completed 1435			
21		1422	TOC to C10: Did dud round have secondary explosion also did it have a booby trap?				
			ANS: Affirm on explosion, neg on booby trap.				
22		1426	SM6 to A6: Can you police up any of squad firing on you? ANS: Neg, believe none are left also patrols are with Hellicat element. Will send Hellicats to check after extraction is completed.				

Secondary or explosion just preceding

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23	1440		D6 to TOC: D26 searched Binh Yen (2) Cata- combed with tunnel, villagers state not used for a year, 60% of tunnels were searched with negative results. Numerous medical supplies and a picture of Ho Chi Minh were found. D16 reported men running. Villagers confirm through D26 they are definitely VC, approx 6, villagers state are part of local guerrilla company.	No tunnels destroyed. D26 plans to complete search tomorrow. 83, S2 informed				
24	1455		A6K to TOC: PZ 3rd lift 1454.	Bde informed.				
25	1501		A6K to TOC: PZ 4th lift 1500.	Bde informed.				
26	1503		A6 to TOC: LZ time for lift is 1 minute plus PZ.					
27	1505		A6K to TOC: PZ last lift 1505.	Bde informed.				
28	1512		A10 to TOC: Prisoners enroute to Gator from Paradise.					
29	1513		32 to Rattler 19: Can you bring detainee to Americal Center? ANS: Will bring her to Americal.	Bde informed.				
30	1524		A10 to TOC: A26 completed extraction of grain. A26 and Helicat are heading back to LZ Paradise.					

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31	1543	A6 to TOC: After extraction Hellocat investi- gated Hill at 713943 from where sniper fire was coming with negative results.	Bde notified.		
32	1549	SM6 to A6: What is location of A26 and Hellocat? ANS: A26 718955, Hellocat 34 is midway between Cap 135 and LZ Paradise.			
33	1609	SM3 to B10: B6 tomorrow will get Hellocat, recommend he use these with B16 and be prepared to use these with B26.			
34	1620	Hellocat 34 to TOC: We will leave Paradise down Thunder Road toward Cap 134 will cross ferry then into Gm Led would like to know if there are any friendlies besides Cap along the route. ANS: B26 is at 624990.			
35	1630	Bde TOC to TOC: Reference mortar attack on C elements 2 May. Has C6 checked location of mortar impact and suspected firing loca- tion? ANS: Neg on both.			
36	1655	A10 to TOC: A26 and Hellocat 36 have marched to LZ Paradise.	Bde notified.		
37	1709	TOC to Dustoff: Need routine dustoff for 1 VN women with apparent appendicitis.	Completed 1725 Bde informed 1735		
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38		1730	TOC to Bde: A26 and Halloats closed Paradise Bde informed.					
			1655, B16 & 26 both in vic of their bush					
			locations, C26 & 36 in RON locations, D26					
			moving into RON.					
39	1842		A10 to TOC: This afternoon A12 caught 1 man				S2, Bde notified.	
			VC suspect while on rice patrol. He was					
			brought to CP Black. He is a VC helper,					
			found on him were 7 packets (20,000 dong)					
			equals 57.90 in US currency. Suspect stated					
			he was not VC nor that were any VC in village					
			at 723941, his story conflicts with Intel					
			report. He is in village jail. He will					
			be brought to Gator tomorrow. He was					
			detained at 1245.					
40	1855		Hallicat 3 to TOC: We have elements at				Bde notified.	
			bridge to support you, but there is nobody					
			there. What is the story? ANS: We have					
			no elements going to the bridge.					
41	1950		C6 to TOC: For Tomorrow: My 26 element				S3 notified.	
			will move 200 meters Northwest and send small					
			element or patrol to the Northeast. 36 will					
			also move North and LZ also. They will cover					
			the two Northern grids of their area.					

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42	1959		Cap. 135 to TOC: H&I at grid 702937, 1 Co VC with 2 82mm, 2 30 cal MG with assorted small weapons 1 squad VC from grid 708954 they are a threat to 135. US eval-CJ. 135 request H&I on these two grids. ANS: TOT on 1st grid, H&I on second.		Arty, Bde notified.	
43	2000		A6 to TOC: For Tomorrow: My 36 will patrol in grids recommended by 3 and set up bushes at night where previously planned. 16 will patrol from Paradise up to 6599 to observe possible night positions and set up 3 bushes. He will remain in that area with limited rations and supplies to be unnoticable as possible. He will patrol by day and bush at night. He will be resupplied by ground patrols. A36 will conduct those patrols to resupply A16. Reply: Conduct combat sweep in grids 6997, 6897, 6797, and 6798 logger vic 6898. A36 okay: as relayed by 3 and fed back by A6. Prepare to detach 16 to B on order.			
44	2032		EBS to TOC: We will not have any patrols tonight.			

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SUMMARY PLANS: For 3 May 1968
GENERAL: 5-46 continues Ops in AO.

- ✓ A/5/46: A36 and det A46 conduct daytime patrols and final extraction from night logger vic 7194 and return to LZ Paradise. A26(-) with Hellcat elements will sweep from night logger vic 7194 through grids 6997, 6897, 6898 and logger vic 6898.
- B/5/46: B(-) secure LZ Arm. B26 will conduct combat sweep from night logger vic 6499 through grids 6301, 6401, 6400 and will logger vic 6201. B16 from night logger 6493 will conduct combat sweep along 6493, 6492.
- C/5/46: C(-) secure LZ Chippewa. C26 conducts day patrolling and night OPs in grids 4601 and 4701 and logger vic 4899. C36 conducts day patrolling on night OPs in grids 4901 and 5001 and logger vic 5000. C12 detached to D6.
- D/5/46: D(-) secure LZ Gator and mans Nuoc Man OPs. D36 opoon to 1-46. D16 will be extracted and return to Gator, D26 will be inserted from Gator to ground location of D16, and conduct sweep SW along rice denial line in grids 5392, 5292, 5191 and will logger vic 5191.
- E/5/46: Mortars: 1 section at LZ Gator, 1 section at BAP 136. Ground Surveillance: 1 section at LZ Gator, 1 section at LZ Arm. Recon continues daytime patrols from night logger vic 5597 N in grids 5497, 5398, 5498 and 5597, and 5696 and returns to LZ Gator.
- Hellcats: 2 tracks opoon to Bn daily 1800-0700. 7 tracks opoon to A6.
2 X M106 (4.2) opoon to Bn at LZ Paradise: GS.
- Rice Denial Summary: D16, FR6, B26.

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