

main train running east to west. It runs southwest from My Luu (3) then cutting due west along the southern edge of Hill 143 into Phuoc Son and runs into the French Road (534). The Phuoc Son area is fairly open and thinly vegetated.

### 3. Enemy Situation

A. During the month of May enemy activity throughout the 4/31 area of operation has increased greatly. The 1st M.F. Regt and parts of the 31st Regt along with supporting units (GK-31, A.A., GK-32 R.R., GK-33 M.M., GK-35 Sapper) all part of the 2nd NVA Division, are believed to be operating in the A.O. As of the 20th May, the 40 Battalion, 1 MF Regt is believed to be located at vic AT 840240. The 60 Battalion, 1 MF Regt at AT 880280, the 90 Battalion, 1 MF Regt at AT 900290, the 7th Battalion, 31 Regt at AT 970285 and the 9 Battalion, 31st Regt vic 875218. During the past week contact with the enemy has been light and sporadic. All enemy elements are believed to be evading to the west and northwest. LZ Siberia has been receiving R.R. fire from vic AT 890230 and 82mm fire from vic AT 879234. Bunkers and fortified positions have been spotted in vic AT 843209 also AT 845206. Several Blue Ghosts gunships FAC have received fire from these areas. Since then arty and airstrikes have been processed in the area and they are believed to be destroyed.

B. The enemy is capable in conducting counter attacks within the area with elements as large as a reinforced Company. Delaying tactics using snipers and small ambushes have been used frequently by the enemy.

C. There have been no reported incidents of mining and booby trapping in the area in the past 60 days. Although the enemy still has this capability.

### 4. Coordinating Instructions

A. All buildings identified as military structures will be destroyed. Civilian dwellings of the indigenous population will be thoroughly searched, but will not be destroyed except as an unavoidable consequence of combat actions. Food caches over and above the needs of the local population will be reported to this Headquarters and extracted if feasible. Captured or abandoned medical supplies will also be extracted if feasible. They will not be destroyed.

#### B. Reports

(1) Report all contacts by location of enemy force size of unit, type of weapons, uniform activity, results of contact and direction of withdrawal.

(2) Report all recently used areas and trails.

#### C. POS's and Detainees

(1) All military age males and females, and suspicious individuals will

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4<sup>TH</sup> BN, 31<sup>ST</sup> INF  
BOX 9

THESE ARE PROBABLY THE MOST  
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ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN		INITIALS	
	IN	OUT					
1.	0001		(U) Journal opened by SPl Earl Eickelberger (EE) RTO.			EE	
2.	0323		(C) Recon Plat Ldr (LT Brandon): 2d squad closed Night Defensive Position (NDP) at AT 912271.	S M		EE	
3.	0630		(U) CO D Co (CPT Whittecar): LP's and 3d plat closed IZ West.	S M		EE	
4.	0634		(U) CO B Co (CPT Gayler): 1st and 3d plat on the move.	S		EE	
5.	0640		(U) Recon Plat: CP element and 4th squad on the move.	S		EE	
6.	0718		(U) CO A Co (CPT Yates): 2d plat on the move.	S		EE	
7.	0720		(C) Recon Plat: CP & 4th Sqd location AT 964283.	S M		EE	
8.	0800		(U) SPl Terold Graves relieved SPl Earl Eickelberger as RTO. (Initials TG)			TG	
9.	0805		(U) Forward Air Control (FAC): Helix 11A on station with two fighters on hand, and he wants to know if we have available target.	S S3 Air (CPT Murphy) informed Helix we have negative target. Helix departing Fire Control Area (FCA).		TG	
10.	0820		(U) CO D Co: A squad from 1st plat departed to north on sweep, and one squad from 1st plat departed south.	S		TG	
11.	0820		(C) CO A Co: 2d plat location AT 912210.	S M		TG	
12.	0902		(U) CO A Co: Co (-) Moving.	S		TG	
13.	0908		(C) CO A Co: 2d plat location AT 915200.	S M		TG	
14.	0920		(C) CO D Co: 1st plat location is one squad at AT 985263, and one squad at AT 993235.	S M		TG	
15.	0935		(U) CO C Co (CPT Long): Airlift of Co C and Co E (-) is complete 1st lift at 0755 hours from Chu Lai and completed at IZ Siberia at 0935 hours.	S Bde S3		TG	
16.	1013		(C) CO A Co: 2d plat location AT 912220, Co (-) location AT 925195.	S M		TG	

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17.	1015		(C) Sniffer Mission in FCA complete; Read Out follows: MAX: AT 866166, AT 868112, AT 872109, AT 921059, AT 921056, AT 927054, AT 933048; SUB: AT 858132, AT 861192, AT 865117, AT 866113, AT 861112, AT 869111, AT 899068, AT 900066, AT 919063, AT 922062, AT 923061, AT 935048, AT 937048, AT 928053, AT 927054, AT 923056, AT 924053.		S M	TG
18.	1022		(C) CO D Co: 1st plat locations: Sqd at AT 986266, sqd at AT 988230.		S M	TG
19.	1026		(U) CO C Co: 3d plat departing LZ Siberia.		S	TG
20.		1030	(C) S2 (LT Dolan) to Bde S2: Aerial Photo Request - Request high and low angle aerial photo of following grids Upper left AT 8317, Lower right AT 8714; request point target coverage with 500 meter radius of grid AT 845152; request results MIA 10 May 69.		S M Bde S2 (Received LT Hansen)	TG
21.	1100		(C) CO B Co: 3d plat closed Day Defensive Position (DDP) AT 933807.		S M	TG
22.	1108		(C) CO A Co: Co (-) at AT 925196, 2d plat engaged 2 Vietnamese males in black PJ's with negative packs or weapons at 200 meters at 1015 hours; they evaded to the northeast; one possible KIA.		S M Bde S2	TG
23.	1108		(C) Bde S3 (LT Hughes): Artillery wants recon LZ Larch this afternoon at 1500 hours and request a security element there from Hiep Duc.		S Sr Advisor Hiep Duc (CPT Brown); advisors will secure LZ Larch; information passed to Bde S3.	TG
24.	1115		(C) CO D Co: 1st plat locations: Squad at AT 980267 and Squad at AT 993273.		S M	TG
25.	1128		(C) CO A Co: 2d plat location AT 922192.		S M	TG
26.	1140		(C) Bde S3: Division Chemical request clearance to run a defoliation mission; time on target 020930H May 69; area to be covered AT 8120 to AT 8811 to AT 9306 to AT 9505; request nearest friendlies and call signs and frequency for contact prior to mission; controlled by Americal PAC.		S M Cleared by S3 Air; information requested was passed on.	TG

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27.	1145		(U) CO B Co: Co (-) moving.	S	TG	
28.	1217		(C) CO D Co: 1st plat locations: Squad at AT 974263, Squad at AT 996230.	S M	TG	
29.	1218		(C) CO C Co: 3d plat location AT 870215.	S M	TG	
30.	1222		(C) Recon Plat: Picked up trail at AT 966-281, followed it to grid AT 958282 where they engaged 5 personnel, one KIA engaged at 50 meters, 30 years old approximately; also 3 detainees, ages 17, 45, 48; 2 evaded into a hut where they were detained, another was wounded and then detained; 3 were clad in black PJ's; one had on OD green shirt, khaki shorts, homemade pack containing canteen, clothing, accessories and documents; one escaped to the West.	S M Bde S2	TG	
31.	1229		(C) CO B Co: 1st plat location AT 918275; sending 4th Squad to AT 920277 for ambush.	S M	TG	
32.	1230		(C) CO A Co: Co (-) location AT 927195.	S M	TG	
33.	1234		(C) CO A Co: 2d plat location AT 930183.	S M	TG	
34.	1255		(C) CO B Co: Co (-) in IDP AT 940278.	S M	TG	
35.	1335		(C) S3 A1r to Bde S3: Request 1 CH-47 to move 80 civilians; 1 PF plat, and rice from a field location AT 9319 to Hiep Duc at 021630H May 69. Waive Seat Belt requirement. Total PAX 120. Sorties 1 and 2 from field location to Hiep Duc. P2/LZ Secure; ground contact AT 9319 - Base Uniform 91; Ground Contact Hiep Duc - Base 7 B; frequency Admin/Log 43.35.	S M Bde S3 (Received by SPl Trogdon).	TG	
36.	1343		(C) CO D Co: 1st plat locations: Squad at AT 985263, Squad at AT 988236.	S M	TG	
37.	1355		(U) CO C Co: 3d plat closed LZ Siberia.	S M	TG	
38.	1400		(C) Recon Plat: All elements closed DDP AT 972271.	S M	TG	
39.	1400		(C) CO A Co: Co (-) location AT 938197; 2d plat location AT 932179.	S M	TG	

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40.	1405	(C) CO A Co: Reports finding one bear trap at AT 938197 near hut, not camouflaged; also reports one sampan on north side of river they will try to destroy; appears that huts that were occupied a month ago are now evacuated.		0001	01 May 69	2400 01 May 69
41.	1415	(C) S3 (MAJ Kvederas) to Bde S3: Activities for 02 May 69 are as follows: Co A will continue search and clear operations in assigned area (AT 910176, AT 910200, AT 921-200, along river to AT 921173, along smaller river to AT 910176) with emphasis placed on hamlet located at AT 913179, and stream, ridgeline in vic AT 9119, AT 9219, AT 935-190; provide outer security for PF elements and civilians harvesting rice in area I (AT 949187, AT 946192, AT 940196, AT 933195, AT 922193, AT 923196, along river to AT 949187); Co B will continue search and clear operations in assigned area (AT 910-265, AT 910290, AT 950290, AT 950264, AT 910265); conduct platoon night raid on hamlet vic AT 946278. Co C continue to secure LZ Siberia; conduct platoon search and clear operations in assigned area (grid square AT 8720). Co D will continue to secure LZ West; conduct detail search operations in area (AT 990230, AT 990245, BT 005245, BT 005230, AT 990230) with emphasis on evacuation of local civilians vic AT 9924 to Hiep Duc. Recon Platoon will conduct reconnaissance and search operations in assigned area (AT 960266, AT 960289, AT 980287, AT 990287, AT 990274, along road to AT 960266).	S M Bde S3 (Received by SP4 Trogdon).	TG		
42.	1415	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night activities for 01 May 69 are as follows: Co A will NDP AT 949189; 2d platoon ambush AT 943195. Co B will NDP AT 940278; 3d platoon will night patrol to the northeast 1,000 meters of NDP and return to NDP. Co C will NDP LZ Siberia; 1st platoon will night patrol and raid in box AT 878224, AT 880220, AT 899242, AT 894237; 2d platoon reinforced squad night patrol and raid AT 883220, AT 883213, AT 900226, AT 901218 and return to LZ Siberia.	S M Bde S3 (Received by SP4 Trogdon).	TG		

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42.	(Continued)	(C) Co D will NDP IZ West with LP's at AT 985225 and AT 991253; 3d plat squad ambush at AT 996254. Recon Plat will NDP AT 972271; reinforce squad raid high ground AT 9728, AT 9828, depart EBNT Hours and return at the completion of the mission.			
43.	1425	(U) CO D Co: Squad that moved south closed IZ West. (Refer Entry 10)	S M		TG
44.	1510	(U) Bde S3: Bulldozer will be airlifted by crane to IZ West in about four days depending on the availability of cranes.	S		TG
45.	1600	(U) SP4 Michael Wilson (MW) relieved SP4 Terald Graves as RTO.			MW
46.	1605	(C) ITC Longino (Command and Control Helicopter): At AT 937201, AT 942202, AT 945-201, destroyed 3 sampans; 2 were camouflaged and 1 was not; they were all on a bank partially in water.	S M Bde S2		MW
47.	1605	(U) CO D Co: Squad of 1st plat that moved north (refer entry 10) closed IZ West.	S M		MW
48.	1635	(U) CO B Co: 2d plat moving.	S		MW
49.	1715	(C) CO B Co: 1st plat AT 918275; 2d plat at AT 943285.	S M		MW
50.	1720	(C) CO E Co (LT Knoff): Line 9 Report 1-11, 2-1, 3-10, 4-20, 5-9, 6-29, 7-29, 8-0, 9-0.	S Bde S3		MW
51.	1850	(C) CO B Co: All elements have closed NDP AT 940278.	S M		MW
52.	1935	(U) CO D Co: Night activities in position.	S M		MW
53.	1955	(U) CO C Co: 1st plat moving.	S		MW
54.	2008	(U) CO C Co: 2d plat moving.	S		MW
55.	2055	(U) CO B Co: 3d plat moving.	S		MW
56.	2220	(C) CO C Co: 1st plat location AT 886229; 3d plat location AT 898222.	S M		MW
57.	2400	(C) Summary: Co A secured IZ Siberia until Co C returned from Stand Down. Upon Co C's return, Co A moved off to conduct operations			
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1555	1620	1	4 Hr	Refuel
1635	1720	4	4 Hr 45 Min	Milk Run
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