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1st Bn 46th Inf
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ITEM NO.	IN	OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIAL
1	0001		Opened journal.	J	DRW
2	0100		Sitrep from all elements no change.	Notif Bde	DRW
3	0200		Sitrep from all elements no change.	Notif Bde	DRW
4	0300		Sitrep from all elements no change.	Notif Bde	DRW
5	0400		Sitrep from all elements no change.	Notif Bde	DRW
6	0500		Sitrep from all elements no change.	Notif Bde	DRW
7	0530		OP9. Spotted sampans moving back and fourth across Sona Cho River. Phoned Bde and requested MP river patrol boat to check it out.	SF	DRW
8	0600		Sitrep from all elements no change.	Notif Bde	DRW
9		0610	Foxhole report sent to Bde.	SF	DRW
10	0700		HK Road is clear.	SF	DRW
11	0705		R6. Now at BT450988. All other units are in same locations.	Notif Bde	DRW
12	0705		R6 leaving night logger, proceeding to A2 location. Co B Co A 2nd PTH	SF	DRW
13	0903		Co D. D2 returned from Hill 54.	Notif Bde	DRW
14	0915		R6. Now closed with A2 at BT443993 and ready for extraction.	Notif SA	DRW
15	0930		Helix 25. Have A/S at BT346071. 2 bunkers destroyed, 2 uncovered.	SF	DRW
16	1010		Unit locations remain the same minus A6 now at BT428023 and Recon with A2. Co A 2nd PTH	SFM	DRW
17		1100	Passed unit locations to Bde.	SF	DRW
18		1159	Passed unit locations to Bde.	SF	DRW

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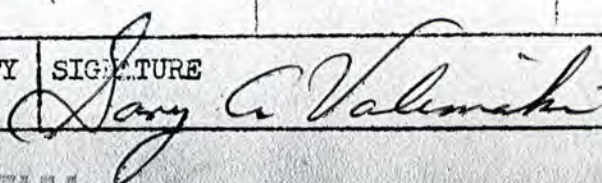
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19	1230		Helix 22. Had 1 secondary explosion and 1 bunker or spider hole uncovered at BT346071	SF	JEH
20		1305	Passed unit locations to Bde. All remain the same except for A6 at BT451025. <i>Co A</i>	SF	JEH
21	1314		Recon closed Hill 69 at 1313 hrs from PZ.	SF	JEH
22		1400	Passed unit locations to Bde.	SF	JEH
23		1500	Passed unit locations and plans for tomorrow to Bde	SF	JEH
24		1540	Passed CLDC RF to Bde. 1 Plt (30), BT396145, 1 Plt BT462072. <i>Co A 2nd Plt</i>	SF	JEH
25	1615		Ly Tin, S2. C2 rating. VC Bn 3/7, Son Pho Cmdr, Thai located BT394046, 391042, 399043, intention to attack Ky Sahn. PF & RD 15, mortar Chu Lai, Ly Tin. Strength-300, weapons, 1 57 RR, 1 82mm, 2 60mm, 2 30, 4 B&O rockets. Chu Lai Cmdr report aid station at BS424984.	Notif S2	JEH
26	1	1630	Lt Mosebrook to Bde FAC. Request Airstrike at BT258103.	SF	JEH
27	1730		III. Dust Off at BT342190 for US with fever. Called 1730, completed 1739 hrs.	Notif Bde	JEH
28	1	1840	Passed unit locations to Bde. A(6) BT451024, A1 BT414054, A2 BT453989. <i>Co A 1st plr Co A 2nd plr</i>	Notif Bde	JEH
29		1845	PF ambushes passed to Bde.	SF	JE
30	8855		1/17 locations; Tam Ky 17, 12, 13, Ly Tin 14, 15, An Tan 10, 16.	SF	JEH
31	1918		Bde. Area of operations for Extension approved until 091800 hrs.	Notif S3	JEH

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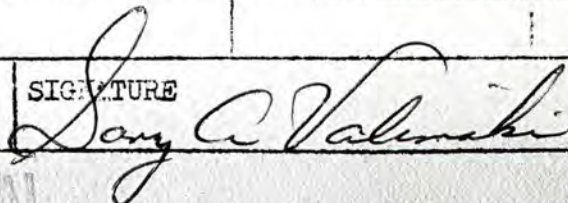
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32	1955		US ambushes; D31 BT507076, D3 BT516071, B31 BT51126, B12 BT410134, B21 BT388157. <i>Co D 2nd plt 1st Sqd Co D 3rd plt Co B 3rd plt 1st Sqd Co B 1st plt 2nd Sqd Co B 2nd plt 1st Sqd</i>	Notif Bde	JEH
33	2000		Sitrep from all elements no change.	Notif Bde	JEH
34	2035		Go B. 3 VC known to occupy at BT396154 every night. 50 VC suspected at BT358151. 50 VC suspected at BT365145. VC suspected to attack at BT388172 within the next 48 hrs.	Notif S2	JEH
35	2100		Sitrep from all elements no change.	Notif Bde	JEH
36	2200		Sitrep from all elements no change.	Notif Bde	JEH
37	2300		Sitrep from all elements no change.	Notif Bde	JEH
38	2400		Sitrep from all elements no change.	Notif Bde	JEH
39		2400	Journal closed.	J	JEH

Summary: Through the period of 0001 6 Apr to 2400 6 Apr all activities were of a routine nature with negative significant results.

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IN	OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIAL
			SF	
4	0425	CA. The PF's are planning on sending element to vic of rocket site.		JEH
15	0427	Bde. Plan on a CA in morning and also using interpreter, Hellcat, Helix and OH23.	SF	JEH
16	0430	CA. Hear a mortar bike at AZ of 5900 mills and range of 1500 meters.	SF	JEH
17	0500	Sitrep from all elements no change.	Notif Bde	JEH
18	0505	Bde. You will get 5 buds at 0700 and 1 more at approx 0715. Also gunships will be on station.	Notif Co A to have A1 ready ASAP	JEH
19	0508	Notified Bde would be A1 with 31 packs for CA to rocket site.	Bde rogered	JEH
20	0510	Bde. Hellcat 16 will join your elements once they are on the ground and will return to base camp in evening.	SF	JEH
21	0530	Notified Co A to alert Lt Tavinihier about CA to rocket site.	Co A will wake him at 0545	JEH
22	0550	Passed Fox Hole report to Bde.	SF	JEH
23	0600	Sitrep from all elements no change.	Notif Bde	JEH
24	0625	17th Cav. Hellcat 14 entering your base camp with 4 tracks.	Notif Bde	JEH
25	0658	Road opened.	SF	JEH
26	0710	CA. Now leaving Hill 76 and going to rocket site.	SF	JEH
27	0730	CA. Entering village and continuing to sweep.	SF	JEH
28	0745	Hellcat 14 moved out.	Notif Bde	JEH
29	0750	Indulge 113. Made contact at BT309176. Using artillery.	Notif Bde	JEH

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30	0753	<i>C Co 4 plt</i>	C4A. At BT442028.	SF	GW
31	0801	<i>R Co 1st plt</i>	A1. CA complete. At BT442022. PZ 0754, LZ 0800.	Notif Bde	GW
32	0839	<i>A Co</i>	Alpha. You have clearance to destroy huts, BT4402.	SF	GW
33	0850	<i>D Co</i>	Sabor 77 in route to 66.	SF	GW
34	0851	<i>B Co 33</i>	Lightning 3 to doughboy 3. Keep H Trp with A1 tonight. Another element will join them tomorrow.	SF	GW
35	0918	<i>C Co 4 plt</i>	C4. Swept through village with negative results. Returning to Hill 76.	Notif Bde	GW
36	0920	<i>H Co 1st plt</i>	Hellcat 6. Stepping up operation for tomorrow to this afternoon. Will have the large element replace the element in the field at the location where they are at the time the larger element can marry up with them.	SF	GW
37	0928	<i>A Co 1st plt</i>	A1. Found blood stains at BT435028.	Notif Bde	GW
38	0930	<i>R Co</i>	Lightning 65. Switch to Primary on Bde.	SF	GW
39	0937	<i>H Co 1st plt</i>	Minuteman 13. 6 slit trenches at BT445037.	SF	GW
40	0949	<i>C Co 4 plt</i>	C4. Closed Hill 76.	Notif Bde	GW
41	1020		Unit locations: R1 BT411063, R2 BT424993, Hellcat BT440054.	Notif Bde	GW
42	1120		Unit locations: A1 BT438023, R2 BT422994. <i>Accor</i>	Notif Bde	GW
43	1300		Unit locations: R1 BT411063, R2 BT420995. <i>Accor</i>	Notif Bde	GW
44	1300	<i>A Co 1st plt</i>	A1 at BT44035.	Notif Bde	GW
45	1331	<i>C Co 3 plt</i>	C3. Started sweep on Lam Site.	Notif Bde	GW
46	1410	<i>MARINES</i>	Indulge India 1. Dust Off at BT342190 for 2 ambulatory. One US, One VN. Called 1345 and complete 1410.	Notif Bde	GW

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47	1412		C31. Closed at Lam Site.	Notif Bde	GW
48	1505		Tracks have linked and now returning home.	SF	GW
49	1515		Gen. Koster inbound at our location in 04 minutes.	SF	GW
50	1530		CLDC. Co A., Hill 54, A push.	Notif Bde	GW
51	1600		Unit locations; R2 at BT411063, R2 BT420995, A1 and Hellicat at BT444045.	Notif Bde	DRW
52	1730		Ltc Owens. Told Bde reason why rocket site wasn't destroyed.	SF	DRW
53	1825		A1 and Hellicat night logger is BT449058.	Notif Bde	DRW
54	1905		PF ambushes sent to Bde.	SF	DRW
55	1920		Indulge 113. Patrol for tomorrow at 1300 hrs, BT325163.	SF	DRW
56	2000		Sitrep from all elements no change.	Notif Bde	DRW
57	2005		Agent Report. D-Too. 2000 hrs, 1 VC Regiment. 21 VC Reg. located at BT4005, 4000, 4505, 4500, Intention to attack Ly Tin and Chu Lai, 23 Apr 68.	SF	DRW
58	2030		CLDC Ambushes; C33 at BT504129, C11 BT514081, C12 BT518101.	Notif Bde	DRW
59	2035		OP5. Reported a lot of movement in RD zone.	Asked Ly Tin to check out	DRW
60	2143		Hill 707. Saw flashlight or some kind of light on AZ 12 degrees between Fat City and Hill 76. Approx at BT480059.	Notif R1 and A1	DRW
61	2200		Sitrep from all elements no change.	Notif Bde	DRW
62	2215		From Kansas 3. Request Doughboy 3 to bring Co C, Co A CO to his location with him tomorrow to discuss operation plans for 1/6th AO.	SF	DRW

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3	0200		Sitrep from all elements no change.	Notif Bde	DRW
4	0300		Sitrep from all elements no change.	Notif Bde	JEH
5	0400		Sitrep from all elements no change.	Notif Bde	JEH
6	0500		Sitrep from all elements no change.	Notif Bde	JEH
7	0600		Sitrep from all elements no change.	Notif Bde	JEH
8		0610	Foxhole report passed to Bde.	SF	JEH
9	0620		Helicat 36. 200 meters north of NDP, BT445045 we found 2 RPG rounds complete. 1 Chicom grenade, 1 slipper and a claymore wire. Was cut about 10' from grenades location. Notif Bde JE		
10	0710		Road clear.	SF	JEH
11	0840		17th Cav. at BT441050.	Notif Bde	JEH
12	0845		Requested grader ASAP from Bde.	SF	GW
13	0855		Co C. Now at Hill 54, 20 packs.	Notif Bde	GW
14	0900		Road grader on way to Hill 69.	SF	GW
15	1000		Co A. 1st lift PZ BT396145, 0915, 2nd lift 0917 3rd lift 0937. 2nd lift received small arms fire at LZ. No injuries. Co D now at Hill 69, 0945.	Notif Bde	GW
16	1020		Requested hook from Bde for 2 sorties at BT2611001.	SF	GW
17	1040		Brmistone 6 informed.	SF	GW
18	1045		R2 inbound to Hill 707 for exchange of packs. Now complete at 1100.	Notif Bde	GW
19	1200		R1 at BT402058.	Notif Bde	GW
20	1250		17th Cav. at BT431041.	Notif Bde	GW

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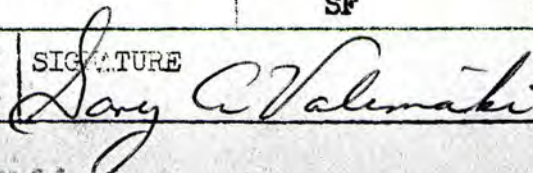
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21	1340		H42. H/S on 2408.	SF	GW
22	1400		CLDC, Co D, 60 packs, BT462072 58.30	SF Notif Bde	GW
23	1415		D2 inroute to Laam Site by truck.	Notif Bde	GW
24	1500		Sitrep from all elements no change.	Notif Bde	GW
25	1540		Hellicat 36. Called for fire mission on SW side of Hill 270, BT4204. Will adjust.	Notif Arty	GW
26	1545		Hellicat 36. Completing sweep. Now going past Hill 270. We started receiving sniper fire, 20-25 rounds. Returned fire with organic weapons. No results. Artillery checked fired.	Notif Bde	GW
27	1550		Saber 66 inbound to our location.	SF	GW
28	1550		Hellicat 34. Received 2 rounds of either artillery or mortar fire. One man wounded. Calling dust off.	Notif Bde	GW
29	1550		Hellicat 34. Called dust off for 1 US litter. 1600, at BT414026.	Complete Notif Bde	DRW
30	1605		From Bde. Helix found 1 250 lb bomb, BT402080.	NOTIF Bde	DRW
31	1605		Hellicat 34. Man hurt was Hellicat 36. Face blown away.	Notif Bde	DRW
32	1610		Hellicat 34. Pretty sure it was a 105 round.	Notif Bde	DRW
33	1620		Had Hellicat stay at BT414026. Artillery team on way to determine size of shell.	Notif Hellicat	DRW
34	1625		Lightening 6. Cancel mission on 250 Lb bomb. Just a 250 lb tiger running around.	Notif Bde	DRW
35	1635		Hellicat 34. One man from D36, 5/46 element with a hurt lim not sure if broken. May send in with resupply chopper.	SF	DRW

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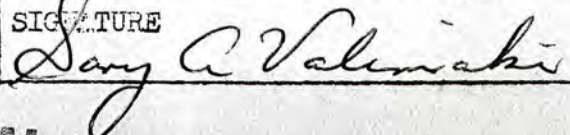
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36		1800	Passed PF locations to Bde.	SF	DRW
37	1900		Agent Report, Ly Tin. 3 VC threw grenades at tracks, BT445045. VC from Hamlet 8, Ky Shan Valley, 706th VC Co. Cmdr Doan Hoanh. Location BT396114. Intention to attack Ky Shan, PF's. 1 VC recon camp V14 - A14, BT349134.	Notif S2	DRW
38	1900		Agent Report, Ly Tin. VC have moved to safe place to stay. Intention to attack Ly Tin, mortar Hill 69, attack Ong Bo Bridge and attack PF's and RD teams. 1 May to 19 May. VC will attack with poisonous gas and rockets and hit Chu Lai airfield and outposts.	Notif S2	DRW
39	1900		Agent Report, Ly Tin. 1 VC Plt, Cmdr Nguyen Kim Phoung, BT418068. Intention to mine Highway 1. VC general attack expected 24-27 April. VC squad moved into Dong Xuan area last night. Land line out at Laam Site. Believed to be VC recon element out there.	Notif S2	DRW
40	1950		CLDC ambushes; C11 BT507077, C12 BT516108, D BT503129.	Notif Bde	DRW
41	1955		Agent Report. Americal MID. One VC Main Force, BT434050. Have 2 mortars, 2 MG's, 3 anti weapons, and individual weapons. Intention to mortar Ly Tin Hq's. Time unknown. One NVA company, BT471021, Ky Sahn valley have rockets launcher, 3 automatic weapons. Intentions; Rocket Chu Lai, Ky Lan village. Plan to kidnap village official from Ky Lan.	Notif S2	DRW
42	1955		Agent report. Americal MID. F-6 rating. VC squad moved from Ky Hunng village to Ky Xuan, BT485115 on night of 24 April. Transported 3 bamboo baskets. Contents unknown. Have 3 crew served weapons, cannon type. Buried somewhere near BT485115. VC squad scattered around sand rasp area and scouting to get information to attack the Sand Rasp.	S2	DRW
43	2030		From Hellcat 34. 8 RPG rounds were fired the night of 24 April 68.	SF	DRW
44	2100		Sitrep from all elements no change.	Notif Bde	DRW

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45	2105		Co C element at Hill 54. OP spotted 3 lights at BT405152 moving toward OP. Called in mortar fire. Got two secondary explosions.	Notif Bde	DRW
46	2129		Delayed Report, from Kansas 3. Co A has 2 casualties taken to 2nd surgery. Hit while receiving sniper fire in LZ. Co B had contact today. Killed 4 VC, but the other is a small boy. Sent to hill 69. Also spotted 20 to 30 personnel wearing OD uniforms and packs. Called in air strike.	Notif 3	DRW
47	2200		Sitrep from all elements no change.	Notif Bde	DRW
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Summary: At 0620 Hellcat 36 found 200 meters from north of their NDP 2 RPG rounds complete, 1 Chicom grenade, 1 slipper, and claymore wire was cut 70* from grenades location. At 1550 Hellcat 34 received 2 rounds either of artillery fire or mortar fire. One man wounded. Called for dust off, at BT44026. Called 1550 and complete 1600 hrs. Man had face blown away. At 2030 hrs, Hellcat 34 reported that 7 RPG rounds were fired the night of 24 April. Co C element at Hill 54, OP spotted 3 lights at BT405152 at 2105 hrs. Called in mortar fire and got 2 secondary explosions. At 2120 Kansas 3 reported that Co A had 2 casualties taken to 2nd surgery. Were hit while receiving sniper fire at LZ. Co B had contact and killed 4 VC. All other activities were of a routine nature with negative significant results.

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