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S2/S3 1st Bn, 82d Fld Arty

LZ Vandergrift
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1	0001		Journal Opened.		KLE
2	0100		Person using call sign of Tiles 59 came up on Fire direction net and tried to get information about SOI changes. BN FDC called 3/187 They were monitoring and said the individual was not authentic.	Commo Officer notified	KLE
3		0505	Daily Ammo status report submitted to 5/4 Arty.	MFR	KLE
4	0700		Staff Call.		KLE
5		1200	AO Status report submitted to 5/4 Arty.	MFR	KLE
6		1510	Equipment status report submitted to XXIV Corps.	MFR	KLE
7	2000		Received word that individual on FDA early this morning was a Japanese short wave operator.	MFR	GS
8	2100		Received information that B 5/4 was now occupying a position in the vicinity of 828443.	notified S3	KLE
9			SUMMARY: A Japanese short wave operator caused a stir during the early morning hours when no one could identify the caller. The BN had an extremely slow day.		
10	2400		Journal Closed.		HGH

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1	0001		Journal Opened.		KLE
2		0130	Sent operations report to 101st Airborne FSE.	MFR	KLE
3	0800		Information through S3 from CO 5/4 Arty (1) Arty approved move of C 1/82 to vicinity Ham Nghi op-con 5/4 arty. Move battery 7 March guides meet the battery at XD 862398. (2) 1/82 is requested to advise CO 6 1/82 of new status to move. and coordinate with S3 101st Div Arty for move from C-2. (3) CO C1/82 should prepare advance party ASAP and advise 5/4 Arty of ETA.	BN CO Briefed CO Btry C notified	KLE
4	1000		1/501 Inf established TOC in Ca Lu and LNO began coordination with operations section of 1/82 Arty.	Suggested coordination be effected w/CO HHB	KLE
5	1200		Received warning order for prep from LNO 1/501 for tomorrow.	Alerted FDC & briefed CO	LBO
6	1700		LNO 1/501 advised BN FDC that prep for tomorrow had been postponed.	Notified BN CO of Change.	LBO
7			SUMMARY: C Btry alerted to prepare for movement. 1/501st Inf established TOC in CA LU		LBO
8	2400		Journal Closed.		HGH

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1	0001		Journal Opened.		KIE
2		0120	Sent operations report to FSE (101st ABN DIV)	MFR	KIE
3		0530	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carroll.	MFR	KIE
4	0730		Message from COL Ridgeway: Notified all moves for today have been temporarily cancelled. Have C Btry stand by. They may move to Khe Sahn later this afternoon.	S3 notified	KIE
5	1015		From 2/319th Arty: 101st will clear grids east of 02 gride line and 5/4 Arty will clear grids west of 02 gridd line.	S3 notified	KIE
6	1530		Location of 2/319 Arty Units A 2/319 09289.7/51787.1 ALT 116 B 2/319 28906.0/40158.0 ALT 275 C 2/319 06202.3/54977.9 ALT 256 G 2/11 09296.1/51705.3 ALT 106	Locations posted in BN FDC and operation maps.	LBO
7	1600		C Btry moved from C-2 to vicinity Khe Sahn as directed. C Btry arrived at new location about 1600 and became op-con to 5/4 arty.	S3 notified CO of completion of move.	LBO
8			SUMMARY: C Btry completed move from C-2 to vicinity of Khe Sahn and is op con to 5/4 Arty.		LBO
9	2400		Journal Closed.		HGH

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1	0001		Journal Opened.				KIE
2	0015		Surveillance on contact mission for 1/501 Inf on grid 930575 and grid 940578: 1 KBA or seriously wounded enemy. Observer said infantry would try and confirm in the morning. Expended 2WP and 37 HE. Shot by A 1/82.	Prepared msg for BN CO briefing in the morning			KIE
3		0100	Sent operations report to 101 ABN DIV.	MFR			KIE
4		0505	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carroll.	MFR			KIE
5	0700		INFO from 1/501 will personally contact 1/82 S3 before noon.	S3 notified			KIE
6	1400		FSB Vandergrift received 23 rockets (122MM). The first incoming came about 1300. Back azimuth were 6100 and 6400. A 1/82 fired 160 HE on counter rocket grids and BPLT 1/82 fire 140 HE.	Spot report sent			KIE
7	1400		Radar sent grid 015559 and 007551 as active rocket locations while FSB Vandergrift was taking incoming.	Div. A Btry designated to fire CR fires Grids sent to BN FDC			LBO
8	1430		Received report that a bird took fire at 004568.	MFR			LBO
9	1445		CO from 2/319 Arty will come to 1/82 Arty location sometime this afternoon to talk with CO 1/82.	BN CO notified			LBO
10	1700		1/501 Inf requested representative of 1/82 Arty at their CO briefing at 1800.	S2 designated to attend briefing			KIE
11			SUMMARY: A Btry credited with 1 KBA (not				KIE

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2		0100	Sent operations report to 101st ABN Div FSE.		MFR	KLE
3		0500	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carrol.		MFR	KLE
4	0800		1/501st Inf LNO reported rounds impacting within 200 meters of friendlies when firing on thoroughly grid 898551. BN FDC received check fire about 0230 and at that time BN FDC rounds were about 700 meters from friendlies. FO and Inf Company Informed Inf CO reported flash to bang time of two or three seconds. 1/501 gave the blocking fires EOM and check would be their CO wanted to know if 1/82 could conduct sheaf checks.		Add data was checked in FDC. No errors found.	
5	0835		LNO from 1/501 now reports no rounds impacted close to 600 to 700 meters.		Passed Info to FDC	KLE
6	0850		Prep for 1/501 Inf temporarily cancelled.		MFR	LNO
7	1730		A Btry reported tube #12263 had only 635 EFC remaining.		S4 Notified	LBO
8	2115		A Btry given EOM on TGT # 0414 when 1 WPQ impacted extremely close to friendlies. Firing out of action data was rechecked by both FDCs and was found for faulty site correct. A Btry froze guns and checked all data and lay of pieces. All were correct, how, ever tube #13670 was found to have a faulty		Tube 13670 called BN CO notified	LBO

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1	0001		Journal Opened.		KIE		
2		0130	Sent operations report to 101st ABN DIV FSE.	MFR	KIE		
3		0600	New AO extension for 1/501 is now in effect.	Traced on Op map	KIE		
4		0600	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carrol.	MFR	KIE		
5	1015		Was informed 2/319 would request pink team when FSB Vandergrift reports taking incoming.	MFR	LNO		
6	1340		1/501st Inf reported suspect rocket location at 895563.	Grid posted & firing data worked up	LBO		
7	1530		1/82 Arty S2 informed BN FDC of known mortar at 004573.	Grid posted & firing data worked up	LBO		
8	1950		Message from MAJ DeWitt: Pick out prominent terrain feature around grid 94086117 for sheaf check by A Battery tomorrow.	Message posted in FDC	LBO		
9	2015		Message from MAJ DeWitt: B PLT will always keep MSG sent to one gun up on speed jack to facilitate swinging B PLT the plt quicker during rainy weather.		LBO		
10	2150		SSG Brown CS at B PLT requested hot box for sites. S4 notified		KIE		
11	2200		Prep for 1/501 will be 0900 tomorrow.	FDC notified	KIE		
12			SUMMARY: 1/501st Inf extended their AO today. Suspect rocket and mortar locations were reported to the BN FDC who subsequently worked of firing data and obtained clearance to fire. Targets were fired on (no surveillance).		LBO		
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1	0001		Journal Opened.		KLE
2		0130	Sent operations report to 101st ABN DIV FSE.	MFR	KLE
3		0500	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carrol.	MFR	KLE
4	0900		Extract from RTT Messages:	notified BN CO	KLE
			UNIT GRID	& FDC	
			A 5/4 829 443		
			B 5/4 803 370		
			C 5/4 808 367		
			B 1/82 932 411		
			C 1/82 828 444		
			A 2/94 715 376		
			B 2/94 716 371		
			C 2/94 714 375		
			A 8/4 712 373		
			B 8/4 (C-) 823 447		
			B 8/4 (C-) 71154450		
			C 8/4 828 442		
			A 1/39 32 33		
			B 1/39 721 369		
			C 1/39 A-4		
5	1120		LT Black reported 1/82 Arty could get AC bird at 1230 for about 1 hours.	MFR	KLE
6	1210		Operations section received new LT vehicle	MFR	LBO

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1		0001	Journal Opened.		KIE
2		0100	Sent operations report to 101st ABN Div FSE.	MFR	KIE
3		0500	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carrol.	MFR	KIE
4	1200		Khe Sahn took 180 rockets (122 MM) last night There were negative casualties or damage to C Btry 1/82. Suspect enemy locations were 1/82 out of range for the other units.	MFR	
5	1420		1/501 requested prep for tomorrow TOT at 0700 with 9 guns putting about 400 rounds onto the razorback in 1/2 hour.	FDO preparing firing data. alerted firing Batteries	LBO
6			SUMMARY: Khe Sanh was hit with 180 rockets (122MM) last night. C Btry located in vicinity of Khe Sanh suffered negative casualties and and negative equipment damage. The BN is preparing to fire a TOT prep at 0700 his tomorrow morning using 9 guns and firing approximately 400 rounds.		
7	2400		Journal Closed.		LBO

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to Long Vei area. 1/506 Inf replaced 1/77
 Inf in AO Alley. During the hours of darkness
 enemy sapers attempted to infiltrate the perimeter.
 1/82 Artillerymen killed two sapers in the
 wire. Self-illum mission fired by A Btry
 B Plat was most effective.

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2		0100	Sent operations report to 101st ABN DIV FSE.	MFR	KIE
3		0515	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carrel.	MFR	KIE
4	0800		Defensive fires for 14th Engineer positions were planned and coordinated by S-3.	Submitted final plans to FSE	KIE
5	0900		QL 9 defensive fireplan was developed and coordinated by S3.	Submitted final plans to FSE	KIE
6	1000		Illum plan for FSB Vandergrift was finalized ^a by S-3, BN FDC, and LNO from 1/506 Inf.	MFR	ALA
7	1030		Requested push change for FDA.	MFR	ALA
8	1500		Mission by A Btry on a cave entrance produced two KBA's and 1 large explosion (secondary) accompanied by a great amount of yellow smoke coming from the area of the cave.	notified S3 and Bn CO	ALA
9	2000		A Btry and B PLT began adjusting their self illum targets.	MFR	ALA
10	2100		Self illum adjustments completed with good results.	MFR	ALA
11			Summary: The Bn planned and coordinated defensive fire plans for 14 Eng psn and QL9. A coordinated illum plan was established between 1/506 Inf and 1/82 Arty utilizing 155mm howitzers and mortars. A Btry fired		

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KBA and 1 large secondary explosion.

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rounds, 24 WP rounds and 50 FC rounds expended
during CR firing.

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2		0100	Sent operations report to 101st ABN DIV FSE.	MFR	KLE
3		0500	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carrol.	MFR	KLE
4	0800		B Plt departed FSB Vandergrift for Khe Sahn.	MFR	KLE
5	1100		B Btry has all elements closed at Khe Sahn and became opcon to 5/4 Arty.	MFR	KLE
6	1200		S-3 from 2/319th Arty requested 1/82 ammo section obtain 600 M 564 fuzes for 2/319th Arty because they are having problems getting them.	Notified S4	KLE
7	1400		1/506 Inf informed BN FDC that three squads of NVA were killed approximately 5 Kilometers SW of FSB Vandergrift.	Info to Bn CO and S3	ALA
8	1500		LT Bickett went up in AO bird.		ALA
9	1600		LT Bickett returned.		ALA
10	1610		Requested another frequency change for A Btry.	MFR	ALA
11			Summary: Btry B became op-con to 5/4 Arty upon completion of move to Khe Sahn. Info received that 3 squads of NVA were killed approx 5 kilometers SW of Vandergrift.		
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2		0100	Sent operations report to 101st ABN DIV FSE.	MFR	KLE
3		0600	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carrel.	MFR	KLE
4	0900		MAJ DeWitt left HQ area to inspect 1/82 Arty position of perimeter and also to inspect 1/82 commo installations and equipment.	MFR	KLE
5	1130		Maj DeWitt returned to HQ area.	Briefed Bn CO	KLE
6	1230		LT Black arrived from Camp Carrel to coordinate with S-3.	MFR	KLE
7	1400		LT Black left by road to return to Camp Carrel.		ALA
8	1700		A Btry will have gun #2 out of the pit for about 30 minutes.		ALA
9	1735		Gun #2 at A Btry is back in pit & operational.		ALA
10	1800		Liaison and land line communication have been completed with 2/94 Arty (-) now in position with two batteries on FSB Vandergrift.	MFR	ALA
11			Summary: S3 inspected 1/82 perimeter and communications installations and equipment. Land line communications are complete to 2/94 Arty. Liaison established with 2/94 Arty located in vicinity of Vandergrift.		
12	2400		Journal closed.		ALA

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LOCATION

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Neg casualties and neg equipment damage.

Tentative plans for preps on razorback 270900

Mar 71 have been completed. Radar will move tomorrow.

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2400

Journal closed.

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selected for Btry B which is scheduled to
return to Vandergrift location tomorrow.

11

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LZ Vandergrift
 XD 999 484

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ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
1	0001		Journal Opened.		KIE
2		0100	Sent operation report to 101st ABN DIV FSE.	MFR	KIE
3		0500	Sent 0500 report to Camp Carrel.	MFR	KIE
4	1000		New Survey coordinates for B Btry center 99982.14 48572.55 alt 75	Data sent to FDC	ALA
5	1100		Checkfire 978585 and two Kilometer radius around that point (Check fire from 2/319)		ALA
6	1100		B Btry closed Lang Vae enroute to FSB Vandergrift.	Notified Bn CO	ALA
7	1400		B(-) Btry closed at FSB Vandergrift. Convey was ambushed at 1300. Two howitzer sections will arrive later. One howitzer will remain on road and secured by 1/1 cav until it can be evacuated. Essentially one howitzer section was evacuated from ambush site with 7 WIA and 1 KIA.	Info on ambush furnished FSE, 23d Div Ln and Bn S4	ALA
8	1700		Last two howitzers sections from B Btry closed at FSB Vandergrift. All of B Btry is now at Vandergrift except for 1 howitzer and casual- ties. Also individual listed as KIA is now listed at Missing In Action.	Follow up re- port to all sect- ions as item 7	ALA
9	1830		B Btry laid and ready to fire, FDC operational at 1500.	Reported to FSE	ALA
10	2300		After shooting several missions with A Btry		ALA

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