

NOTES.MAY

1 MAY

1055 - B TRP LOH shot down (67-16607)
Crew rescued and injuries unknown.
at ZH 175995 A/C was destroyed

1145 - Guns diverted from CRID to LZ
English - 1050 extracting people from
LZ. are supporting 41st Reg T
aircraft and Binh Dinh Prov.
Have extracted U.S. personnel
from LZ English.

1205 - WTRM taking rockets.

2 MAY

1035 - Hawk's claw got 3 direct hits
on 3 dead tanks.

1315 - B Tryp gunship #67-15626 was
hit by C-130 while parked and
with blades turned down, damage
to main rotor blade.

1440 - CH-47 took two hits out of
Dak Seang.

1530 - Bgd called VC VANER reports
A/C in Quang Tri area were
being hit by heat seeking
rockets.

3 MAY

NOTHING significant

4 MAY

1615 - B try reports two OH-6A shot
down by B-40's. Crews extracted
and negative injuries. Location
ZB 210 000 - tail # 998 and 304.

(LOH's flew into FSB pad Saturday out)
VNAFL-123 has flat tire on active
airfield closed to fixed wing
traffic.

5 MAY

1000 -

5 May (cont) 1410 - BT rep reports that COH #263 hit with small arms down at AR 809915. Crew extracted observer injured. (A/C recovered)

1530 - Scrambled the Hawk's Claw to position just N. of Poley Klong - spotted two tanks.

6 May 0320 - CTOC stated that FSO 42 is under attack and we may have to support with gunships.

1214. - launch a set of guns to Poley Klong.

1510 - "Sage Street" reports every 558 was called by "Gladiator 715". He states he is part of the crew from an A/C shot down in Apr. He has 2 US and one wounded ARVN with them. Also he knows the location of 3 U.S. wounded.

1640 - BT troop Gun shot down crew extracted

1700 - Two U.S. were successfully extracted from Vic ZB 059182

1800 - three U.S. extracted from Vic ZB 002220.

1840 - "minor" Khe "Crust" defenders of Poley Klong are breaking out the the South.

1920 - U.S. advisors at Poley Klong extracted.

7 MAY 1720 - CTC requests troops at Ben Het revolted. They have killed a company commander (originally sent as BN CO.) and are holding hostages. (72nd ~~Inf~~ Regt BN)

1815 - Ben Het situation somewhat stabilized. U.S. advisors to disarmed troops at opposite ends of the compound.

8 MAY 0800 - CTC requests set of guns scrambled to Polai Klong.

1610 - Sgt Vesce BTry reports BH-6A #837 shot down at ZA 115999. The crew is out ok.

9 MAY 0450 - Rec'd word that the Polai Klong mission (reassigned) had to be scrubbed due to WX.

0500 - Rec'd call from CTC - have second Hawk's claw on stby.

0720 - get second claw ready plus another set of guns. Hawk 5 will take charge of the team.

1015 - PK4 AB taking rockets.

1030 - Ben Het, one Panther gun down on the ground and only one pilot observed getting out. Monitored Panther 26 (Bob Gamber) say his back seat had been hit and that he was heading south along the road (see Allen).

- 9 May Cont - 1325 - Rec'd call from CTOC - VNAF
A1 pilot is down at ZA100905
- (Cannon capper) 2115 - Gladiator 38 reports he dropped
a small. Convex container about
1K East of QL14 and 2K North
of Arty. Hill vic. Lake Ben Ho.
- 10 May 1800 - Request guns to support ARVN
in area West of FSB Lima.
- 2107 - a 129th A/C hit by
mortar after precautionary
landing - Pilot wounded.
- 11 May 0830 - F61A gun is hit by indirect
fire at Kontum Airfield and
is burning at this time.
Aircraft appears to be a
total loss however the crew
is reported to be ok.
- 12 May 0405 - PH U air base taking rockets.
1035 - BTRP had a LOH shot down
observer shot and at hospital
now; pilot ok. (ZB187064)
- 13 May 0810 - KTRM Sector called and reports
MACV pad closed due to two
rounds on pad. Divert
hook to soccer field.
- 1055 - S-2 Rpts a new high AA Threat
Area NW of KTRM AT YB860250,
2300M site.
- 1300 - Claw hit an APC at ZB 202059

14 May 0605 - CTOC said scramble the TOW package. Notified Gpt Sudeck, 361st FTM and crew for 925. They will be going to FS November ZA 2192 / This from MA. VANN.

1000 - 57th (LT Adams) repts A/C 553 received 4 hits coming through KTM pass.

1510 - Claw dest. 2 tanks at ZA 196 925, time was 0730 2 slots 2 hits.

1715 - AF Maj. Smith was in a O-1 that was forced down by a set of Cobras today.

15 May 1730 - CTOC repts Hawk's claw to have a confirmed kill on a half-track and was presently after a tank.

2015 - Gpt Quick CTOC repts - spotted 4-6 Tanks 2K NW of ATM - Specter and FAC is out there.

2025 - Claw launched.

16 May 1530 - 57th Ops repts KTM taking rockets. Cougar guns reported to have taken shrapnel and one pilot Macholy. Took shrapnel in upper right arm. - B Top A/C also received shrapnel at same time. Three people were wounded 2 are observer.

- 17 May 10400 ARVN ASP received a supper
ath.
- 1155 Maj. Harris of CTOL repts a
Panther pilot wounded by
stray shot at KTRM - he is ok.
- 1415 Maj Harris CTOL - repts
C-130 crashed on end
of KTRM a/c -
- 1537 KTRM airfield is closed.
- 18 May 1038 - Eagle 3 repts KTRM airfield
open however POL still
down.
- 1235 - Chew fired four rounds
and dest. on T54 tank
at ZA108986.
- 19 May 0300 - CTOL repts 5 tanks reyt
AT ZA 205517 either stuck
in mud or waiting for
infantry.
- 0420 - Hawk 5 repts there have been
11 C-130's into KTRM.
Tonight two more on the way.
- 0550 - CTOL - BAR VANN wants two
sets of guns to push NV's
back into an AKC light.
- 1215 - CTOL called to have no
reply to guerrillas to stop
firing on the Bird Dogs.
- 1250 - Chew repts dest. one 2 1/2
ton truck at ZB145147
- 2359 - From Bde - Gen Madda will
arrive tomorrow.

- 20 MAY 1115 - ⁸⁶ Gen Maddox, Chief of Army Aviation arrived this location.
- 1730 - 180th CH-47 hit by shrapnel at FOB Red - Flying back PHU OK.
- 21 MAY 0945 - Big Windy 29 reports 1/2 mile East of Plei Dong an airburst at 6000 indicated; grayish black in color.
- 0955 - launched two Panther guns to support 53rd Rgt.
- 1525 - Sage Street reports a confirmed 37 mm position at ZA 189 755
- 22 MAY 0820 - Sage Street North reports that a C-130 took a round 15 meters from J.
- 0835 - S.S.N. reports C-130 is burning
- 0910 - aircraft at KTM appears to be on fire. The left wing tip is on fire. S.S. feels that the fire can be contained by fire fighting personnel but no one is attempting to put it out.
- 0935 - S.S.N. reports KTM POL is closed - took a round and all points are closed.
- 23 MAY 0650 - S.S.N. reports no more POL at KTM approx 1000 gal left.
- 1000 - C-130 that was on fire yesterday is burning again.
- 1300 - 180th report having difficulty at the ARVN ASP - loads not ready.

- 24 May 0915 - Sage Street (S.S.) reported an air burst at ZA 100915.
- 1110 - SS reports relatively quiet around UTM
- 1348 - Gladiator 16 reports that Covey 553 on O-2 U.S. FAC crashed and apparently 2 people were killed. Crashed outside Plei 19 camp in minefield.
- 1545 - Rec'd call from S.S. to launch Hawk's Claw to go vic. ZA 158934 for a large caliber gun (suspect 130mm) found by B Troop.
- 1730 - 57th MH-14 had collective lock had hard landing at UTM MACV Min. Pad. Split the skids and some damage.
- 1815 - Rec'd. call from CTOC to have all flyable guns on a minimum of 15 min. stby for engagement at Kontum. Enemy activity and attack.
- 25 May 0645 - Sappers are inside UTM City and airfield taking ABF. 23rd ARVN Senior Advisor has closed the airfield to all traffic.
- 0845 - S.S. called to launch Hawk's Claw. Spotted 3 tanks at AR 810910 -

25 cont

0850 - Big Windy 840 took small arms fire 2 blocks S of runway and they punched load off.

0945 - SS. sent the hooks back to Pleiku to STBY until the Tactical situation changes.

1108 - 105 ammo exploding at FOB pad. Passed from SS. to CTC

1110 - BTRY p.u. 4 VNAR AT ZB 137 086 and took them to Konton MACV.

1115 - Rocket launcher site rptd by BTRY out of ZA 173 560 approx 3 rounds from this loc.

1350 - Eagle 5 reports A/C crashed and burned 500 meters W of MACV Pad. One man was taken out of A/C by S.S. being brought back to hospital.

1355 - BG Hill has declared a general TAC-E for KTM.

1700 - Yellow Scarf OH-6A (CTRY) shot down by B-40 round. Suspect all aboard killed at AR 772 872.

1705 - MA. VARR is evacuating all KTM airfield personnel.

26 MAY

- 0445 - Rec'd call from Maj Harris CTOC
a large enemy force has
infiltrated through friendly
lines from the N. also 9
Tanks have been sighted to the
North.
- 0612 - CTOC - scramble Hawk's
Claw to KTM; contact S.S.
Have 2 tanks East of FB
Nov. in the open.
- 0615 - Hawk's Claw off at this time
- 0635 - Panther 20 says there are
tanks on the KTM Sector Pad
and Claw 3 says they are
"having a turkey shoot."
- 0719 - MR. VANN declared a TAC-E
at KTM
- 0740 - Claw destroyed 4 T-54 tanks
(0646) ZA 781903, (0649) ZA 780902
(0653) ZA 779903, (0700) ZA 778902
- 0920 - Claw 3 repts 4 - T-45 Tanks, 3
PT-76 TANKS, 2 M41 TANKS
and 1 MG position in Watertown Dist.
- 1000 - CTOC rept 4 arms off P.U.
yesterday were from 42nd Regt
from Tan Camb.
- 1050 - CTOC repts another tank
neutralized by Hawk's Claw.
They got it inside a house.
- 1115 - Latest rept by Sage Street
was that there are 11 tanks
neutralized.

- 26 May (Cont.) 1800 - A-1E crashed at KTM 785865
- 27 May 0500 - Rec'd call from CTOC. KTM is under attack again this morning. Four hrs and one RFCo. are in contact. The WX is bad in the area with clouds and rain.
- 0535 - CTOC rept that there are tanks on the eastern side of the runway.
- 0603 - S.S. rept. that the NE part of KTM is taking heavy mortar fire, small arms, and direct arty fire. There appears to be a ground ath. Fire seems to be coming from the same area as yesterday.
- 0650 - S.S. rept penetration 24 HE corner of KTM. Two tanks plus infantry, penetrated forward element, Snapper 12.
- 0655 - Claw is off.
- 0740 - Claw reports two T-54's killed.
- 0937 - Negra 47 in contact Chu Xang Mountain - request guns.
- 0956 - CTR rept bodies from yesterday's COH recovered.
- 1200 - 57th AH-1H coming back from Chu Xang Mt. He took several hits. Gunner wounded plus ARVN troops on board.

27 May Cont'd 1610 - A1-E shot down S. of Kontum.
Pilot rescued by S.S.

1645. - SS rept US advisor
Snapper 12 wounded in shin.

28 MAY WX getting bad.

0700 - S.S. repts KTM quiet.

1003 - S.S. repts Hawk's claw
hit water tower and got
secondary explosion. MG post.

1110 - B Troop repts that an AH-1G
had received 7 hits 6 KM
NW of arty Hill vis ZAB56
No injuries.

1815 - CTOC wants all guns on
standby all night

delayed. 1670 - Rec'd call from tower
that Cougar 490 was lashing
with an electrical fire.
Requests fire truck.

1830 - Rec'd mission from CTOC
for tomorrow to move
1100 Troops from Camp
Enari to KTM Socher Field.

29 MAY 0820 - S.S. Repts Gladiator 14 took
intense fire going into
KTM MACV - will set down
at FOB to check it out.

1004 - BTRp LOH shot down,
on fire; recovery not
complete, ship going in took
hits - 1 WIA on ship.
LOH C66-17771 had 1001

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Spradlin, Gerald D. pilot
and SP/4 Morrow, Larry W.

1045 - CTRP repts spotted 2 NVA
Companies in new uniforms
near Plei Diereng moving
on road toward KTRM

YA 812532, YA 843615.

1110 - Gpt Bell reports that one of
his A/C received incoming at
FOB also received hits from
WE.

1150 - CTry repts under water
bridge YA 755520.

1420 - ARPS shot out of LOH
crash site.

1800 - CTC reg. CE 300
ARVN Troops to Soccer
Field.

30 MAY 0725 - S.S. repts ammo dump
at KTRM blowing up and
a good sized ground probe.

0955 - Big Windy 848 - civilians
at Soccer Field were threaten-
ing to shoot at A/C if we
don't start hauling them out.

1130 - VVIP mission called down from
CTOC. Rept 1230 TI Corps
UNAF stick and OH-58 (MR. VANN)
and Minor Role. Chase - need
one set of gms report
TI Corps lower HLT 1230.
Norm S.S. Frey. lead on.

30 cont.

OH-6A on sth - cover sth
to perform extraction. Also
need C+B team on sth between
1130 and 1400 around UTM
continuously. VVIP (President
Thien) will go in at 23rd
area. Minor Rob wants
Hawk 5 on station during
this time.

1510 - S.S. reports that a VNAF UH-1H
is down 1 Km SW of UTM.

1620 - Rec'd report from 180th
that CH-47 went into Lower
Pad at UTM to P/U 18
engineers. It was mobbed
and approx 40 troops got
on board. They were
mostly deserters.

1640 - CH-47 landed at II Corps
Lower and all deserters
surrendered to QC's

1701 - S.S. reports that FOB
just took 12 rounds of arty.

31 May.

1120 - S.S. reports enemy PR in building

1718 - Monitored Eagle 5 who
said FOB took a round
and that an AH-1G took
shrapnel holes.