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S-2 S-3 1st Battalion 8th Cav. Phuoc Vinh			0001 to 2400 3 May	
ITEM NO.	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	IN
1.	0001	Journal opened.	JS	SH
2.	0002	Base defense reports bunkers 23 and 25 reported a shot fired 600m out at 2000-A shot was fired between sector blue and brown blue sector advised to keep further surveillance.	JS DA	SH
3.	0010	Advised Div Arty of change in grid for E 1-6 PZ for tomorrow CA new PZ grid is 966462.	JS DA	SH
4.	0050	A/co reports that they will have 3 chinooks coming to Phuoc Vinh which will be provided by the Black Horse people. They request to have a ground contact at Phuoc Vinh. At the present time they have no ETA.	JS DA	SH
5.	0100	Base defense report negative.	JS	SH
6.	0100	All units report situation negative.	JS	TB
7.	0125	A/Co reports that the following EM's were evacuated: SP/4 James A West US 52767096-evacuated 020800 from LZ Rita to Quan Loi and then further evacuated to Lai Kai because of lack of x-ray equipment. EM received a pheshet wound in the left forearm. This wound was a ricochet off a tree. SP/4 Thomas J yce US 51985034. On 29 April EM fell and bruised his knee during a firefight and has troubled him ever since and was evacuated from LZ Rita to Quan Loi at 020800.	JS	SH
8.	0130	Black Hawk 65 reported that bunker 42 sighted indiv in wire in front of bunker position 50m out. Request to pop flare. Flare BH65 report possible indiv behind log under observation	JS DA	SH
9.	0145	A/Co reports that their PZ time for tomorrow will be 1000 hrs they will require 3 chinook sorties.	JS DA	SH
10.	0200	Base defense report negative.	JS	SH
11.	0200	All units report situation negative.	JS DA	TB
12.	0300	All units report situation negative.	JS DA	TB
13.	0300	Base defense report negative.	JS	SH
14.	0400	All units report situation negative.	JS	SH
15.	0400	Base defense report negative.	JS	SH
16.	0440	Black Hawk 65 reported that their TN called in and reported 3-4 large fires, 1 klick out at 500 request if friendlies in area. BD advise BH 65 of nearest friendlies 1 1/2 km out at 25-90 degrees BH 65 acknowledged. 0442 BH 65 reported that their TN spotted 2 torches moving towards houses near TN's position BD advise BH 65 to keep torches under observation. 0445 BH 65 TN spotted numerous fires also 2 lights flashing in unison 1 at each end of the field.	JS	WP
17.	0500	All units report situation negative.	JS	SH
18.	0506	0455 reports Black Hawk 65 TN spotted 5 indiv around fire. 1-2 new flames BH 65 request MACV to check out situation. 0500 BH 65 TN reported little flames thought to be on the ground, now moving toward to position. 0506 base defense called BH 65 and advise to use infra red flashlight ground surveillance radar being oved to area. Possibly civilians in area. 0505 reports radar in-operational.	JS	SH
19.	0600	Base defense report negative.	JS	SH
20.	0600	All units up for stand to.	JS	KG
21.	0700	Base defense reports negative.	JS	KG

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22. 0727	Plans sent to B/co, C/co, D/co, E/co, D 1/9 for 3 May 69.	JS	KG	
23. 0800	Base defense reports negative.	JS	JR	
24. 0810	Big Duke C/C will pick up all 6's from each element in approx 20-30 min to bring to Phouc inh for meeting with S3.	JS	KG	
25. 0840	Base defense reports negative.	JS	SA	
26. 0910	Aircraft request sent to Div Arty for 4 May Scout, log bird C/C by 83.	JS DA	GF	
27. 0915	Unit location sent to Div Arty: B/Co CP 2146 Phouc Vinh, 1-6 954569, 3-6 941571; D/co (-) 985486, 16 002475, 26 006490, C/co (-) 975534 16 978524, 36 022508; E/co (-) 955448, 15 966462, D 1/9 red 939470, white PV, blue 950483.	JS DA	RV	
28. 1000	Base defense reports negative.	JS	FR	
29. 1030	Div Arty report known enemy location early morning within 2500m radius of YTO09510.	JS	RV	
30. 1100	Base defense reports negative.	JS	FR	
31. 1115	C/co internal push will change from 52.95 to 46.55 at 31800 they will advise us when change is made.	JS	KG	
32. 1100	Unit locations sent to Div Arty: A/co in process to Phouc Vinh; B/co CP 26 46 PV 16 947557, 15 955557 36 941565; C/co CP 975531 16 978524, 36 022508; D/co CP 983482, 16 002475, 26 006490; E/co CP 966462 13 969452; D 1/9 red 939470 white 906536, blue 944514.	JS DA	RV	
33. 1200	CA for E/co cancelled.	JS	KG	
34. 1200	Base defense reports negative.	JS	FR	
35. 1205	0815 big blast request permission to make shot between 1100 to 1300 also advised to come up on LL PV 161; 1205 refine phantom reports that they will shoot in 30 min.	JS	FR	
36. 1200	A 1/8 discounting op con 11 ACR return to 1/8 control, from to Phouc Vinh (sling out pad): 1030 1st lift complete at PV; 1122 2nd lift complete at PV, 1200 3rd lift complete at PV; A/co complete at 1200 at Phouc Vinh.	JS DA	KG	
37. 1210	Div arty reports that A/co lifted off from 808882 1st lift off ground at 1016.	JS	CW	
38. 1300	A/co PV; B/co CP 26 46 PV 16 947557, 15 955557, 36 942562; C/co CP 975534, 16 978524, 36 022508; D/co CP 983482, 16 002475, 26 006490, E/co 966462 CP, 13 969452, 15 970452; D 1/9 red 939420, white 91 502, blue 915502.	JS DA	RV	
39. 1300	Base defense reports negative.	JS	GM	
40. 1400	Base defense report negative.	JS	GM	
41. 1412	33 lift requirements for CA for 4 May sent to Div Arty.	JS DA	MG	
42. 1415	Divarty request clearnace for 931510 cleared by 3MB closest friendlies passed information.	JS DA	CW	
43. 1500	Base defense report negative.	JS	GM	
44. 1500	Unit locations sent to divarty: A/co 946512; B/co CP PV, 16 947557, 15 955557, 26 PV 36 942562, 46 PV; C/co CP 977547 16 004511, 26 CP 36 022508; D/co CP 983482, 16 002475, 26 006490, 36 46 CP; E/co CP 966462, 13 969452, 15 983448.	JS DA	CW	
45. 1505	Boundary extension: 028550, 034574, 035591, 041598, 060608, 067620, 100620, 100550 for B-52 AS only effective ASAP to 08 2400.	JS	CW	

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46.	1530	Proposed locations: B 942549 36 938561; C CP 991542, 16 978528, 36 022508; D CP 979477, 16 008461, 26 025488; E 16 973452, 46 955455; A CP 945511, 16 943521, 26 973515; D 1/9 White 900535, Blue 939500, Red 933470.	JS DA	CW
47.	1400	Refine Phantom asked to relay to Buck control request to fire in 02 min, also a clearance from VV tower to fire at 3000 ft. there in NE sector 1/8 mile VV refine phantom was given permission, completed mission at 1325 base defense neg.	JS	GM
48.	1600	Base defense report negative.	JS	GM
49.	1600	AS planned for today was diverted to area 0849, reason LOH down in area planned.	JS	CW
50.	1700	Log bird broke station because of malfunction of fuel guage, 2 companies remaining to be backlogged.	JS	CW
51.	1700	Base defense report negative.	JS	GM
52.	1735	Cav reported spotting an animal in vic 964446 information passed to E/co 6.	JS	CW
53.	1800	Base defense report negative.	JS	MG
54.	1830	C/Co is now on their new push 46.55 and have good commo.	JS DA	MG
55.	1915	Base defense report is negative.	JS	MG
56.	1950	Night location sent to Divarty: B 16 942549, 36 938561; D 1/9 red GP 932470, red AP 934470 933465, Blue CP 943502 AP 942500, White CP 902532, AP 899531; C CP 992548, 16 002504 15 009503, 26 990540, 25 987546, 36 987546, 35 028502; ARVN 960514, 947493, 941463, 993515, 992516, 998555, 006569; E CP 967463, 11 980450, 12 991447; 13 963445, 15 987449; D 1/8 CP 982479, 16 006463, 12 003467, 13 009462, 26 024488, 22 013485, 23 018484, 31 984483, 33 985474; A CP 945523, 25 943523, 22 944521, 36 968532, 35 971531.	JS DA	CW
57.	2000	Base defense report negative.	JS	CW
58.	2045	All units are to backlog all trip flares and star clusters, all elements will be backlog ed a specific number of 1 cloor star clusters and appropriate trip flares. All elements are to set up at least 1 arty ambush, utilizing all above mentioned devices. CO's are to supervise the positioning of devices according to known mortar or rocket sites from the overlays they have; also are to place these at 2 avenues of approach or well used trails, do not place where woodcutters or innocent civilians would be most likely set them off during the day. CO will decide according to their knowledge of terrains, locations be sent to 3MB on companies internal.	JS	CW
59.	2100	All units report situation negative.	JS	TB
60.	2120	A/co reports that their 26 had a trip flare go off to their N. They engaged the area with claymores and arty. Neg assessment at this time. A further readout will follow. This action was at 925523.	JS DA	TB
61.	2145	Delayed: Angry Serpent 28 report small arms fire request arty. 3A called MAWV refuse clearance to fire Illum proximity of friendly given as reason.	JS	TB
62.	2146	Angry Serpent reported lights out to the front of Bunker 14- permission to pop flare permiseion granted.	JS	LC

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63. 2147	Angry Serpent 28 reported lights around church to his front on top looks like a person with a flashlight told to keep under observation. Delayed from 2030.	JS	LC	
64. 2148	Angry Serpent 28 reported popping the flare couldn't make out if the lights were human or not they were moving from left to right in front of bunker 13 14 about 75m out.	JS	LC	
65. 2149	Angry Serpent will call Big Dke anytime they will pop a flare so that he can call Savage 6 so they can take cover.	JS	LC	
66. 2150	Base defense report negative.	JS	LC	
67. 2200	All units report situation negative.	JS	TB	
68. 2210	3 to Divarty requested 1 C130 for 0930 5 May for 4/co from PV to TN contact at PV will be 83 telephone 193, contact at TN will be Bn XO. (Savage 5)	JS DA	SH	
69. 2215	C/co reports hearing a tube popping at 400 1500m from thier night loction. The rds are landing at 1200 2km from their location. 0600 divarty reports ARVN firing Hand I were cause of report.	JS DA	TB	
70. 2220	MACV informed base defense that there will be ARVN troops going into PV for cordon and search. action taken report this to Blue Orang and Brown sections.	JS	LC	
71. 2221	Base defense report is negative.	JS	LC	
72. 2225	A/co 10 reports that their 26 needs 500 rds of 60 ammo and 3 claymores. This passed on to 4A.	JS S4	TB	
73. 2228	C 1-6 will be QRF for 4 May after their CA to PV they will search an area at the NNE corner of the PV perimeter. Area as follows: 955505 S to 955500 E to 958500 N to 958504 E to 965504 N to 965505 W to 955505.	JS	SH	
74. 2240	B-52 AS box which may possibly go in on the night of the 4th of May box follows: 070555, 091590, 100583, 078550.	JS S3	SH	
75. 2300	All units report situation negative.	JS	TB	
76. 2300	Base defense report is negative.	JS	LC	
77. 2350	Change in plans sent to Divarty: C (-) and 36 sent as follows: C (-) immediately after morning log move to C 36 location 024507. C 36 will give C (-) the receiver for sensoring devices. C (-) and C 3-6 will then RIF to vic 042516. At this location C (-) will est night location and monitor sensoring devices. On morning of 5 May C (-) will secure an LZ at 042516, for an arty raid, which will be conducted on 5 May C (-) will secure a PZ 042516 for C 3-6. C 3-6 after RIF to vic 042516 with C (-) C 36 will S&C to vic 048526; est night location and conduct massives. On the following morning 5 May C 36 will S&C to 042516 C (-) location and make a secure to CA tovic 085565 and BDA a B-52 AS box. CA will be conducted at 0800.	JS DA	SH	
79. 2350	Air requests for C 36 for 5 May sent to divarty: Request 5+2 5 sorites, PZ time 0800 hrs, PZ 042516, LZ 085565, freq 33.40, secure to CA flight leader briefing at 0730 at the Big Duke TO.	JS DA	SH	
80. 2351	C/co reports tht their 36 can hear a strange noise which sound as if it could be a mortar rd coming out of a bamboo pole. Noise 3000 500m. Engaging with arty.	JS DA	TB	

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81. 2355	All units report situation negative.	JS	TB
82. 2400	Summary: Negative significant findings or happening.	JS	SH
83. 2400	Journal closed.	JS	TB

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