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S-2 S-3 1st Battalion 8th Cav. Phong Vinh			0001 to 2400 6 May	
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1.	0001	Journal opened.	JS	KG
2.	0100	Base defense report negative.	JS	MM
3.	0050	B/co star cluster went off approx 800m NW of B/co (-) loc. This was arty ambush at 932547. Engaged with arty. Took approx 10-15 min to receive arty support.	JS DA	SH
4.	0100	All units report situation negative.	JS	KG
5.	0140	D 1/9 Blue team reports movement to the E of their night location approx 150m area to be kept under observation.	JS DA	SH
6.	0150	D 1/9 further readout on Blue team movement was from the N to S. Movement has stopped at this time, checked the area a SS with negative findings.	JS	SH
7.	0200	All units report situation negative.	JS	SH
8.	0200	Base defense report negative.	JS	SH
9.	0220	Lost commo with 3-6 will fire marking rd around their loc. Report to follow this is B (-).	JS	TR
10.	0300	Base defense report negative.	JS	SH
11.	0325	B CP regained commo with B 3-6 all units report situation negative at this time.	JS	SH
12.	0400	All units report situation negative.	JS	SH
13.	0400	Base defense report negative.	JS	SH
14.	0500	All units report situation negative.	JS	SH
15.	0500	Base defense report negative.	JS	SH
16.	0515	Buckshot 65 receiving small arms fire at bunker 28 azimuth 4000 65m out. Black Hawk 65 spotted tracer rds at MP 2260 Az 700m. Buckshot 65 small arms fire at bunker 22 2500 az. 200m. Informed that it was RF's or PF's.	JS	MM
17.	0525	Divarty requested clearnace for a sniffer mission, through Trail Spike 18N, between 0900-1300 today. The entire area cannot be cleared because 1/8 troops will be working in the northern portion of the box. Advised Divarty that it is all right to run sniffer mission S of 1/8 southern AO (Song Be River). Grid coordinates for the box on back. 9843, 9543, 9137, 9527, 0330, 0335, 0735, 0736, 0439, 0444, 0144.	JS DA	SH
18.	0530	Bn 83M correction on #16. Advised Divarty that the following grid squares are not clear for sniffer mission. All other grid squares in out AO, N of the Saong Be river and S of our permanent southern boundary, clear for a sniffer mission to be run between 0900-1300 today. Grid squares that are not clear are: 9740, 9840, 9641, 9741, 9642, and 9543. 1/8 cav troops will be working in these grid squares today.	JS DA	SH
19.	0600	Base defense report negative.	JS	MM
20.	0600	All units report up for stand to.	JS	TB
21.	0605	Change in plans sent to Div Arty.	JS DA	TB
22.	0645	Advised D/co of spot reports received yesterday pertaining to the general area they will be entering. At 980406, 0756 spotted a 50 cal position 4x4 ft tunnel entrance recently used. Also spotted 2 bunkers 8x10 ft. At 993412, 0800 hrs, spotted an 18" NE-SW trail used by 15 indiv in last 24 hours. Also spotted 25m of trenchline and several spider holes. At 0802 spotted a 5x8 bunker used in the last 10 hrs.		

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(Cont'd)	993409 0805 hrs spotted a new tunnel entrance 18"x24" and fresh diggings in the area.	JS	SH
23. 0753	C/co requests clearance on grid 050504 to fire mortars for training purposed. Grid was not clear because it was to close to friendlies. We did clear 050510 which they will use instead, 0900 mils max rq 770 meters, max ord 3000 ft.	JS	TB
24. 0700	Base defense report negative.	JS	SA
25. 0710	Yellow 1 reports on station. He is the flight leader for todays CA's. He is coming in for a flight briefing.	JS	TB
26. 0720	Plans sent to the companies by Lt. Farrington.	JS	TB
27. 0730	C/co requests that the new grid for their 36 PZ be 049526. Request granted by 83.	JS	TB
28. 0732	Bandit 813 C/C reports on station. He will be dropping off pax, going to POL and returning to pad.	JS	TB
29. 0750	Cav 18 reports on station instructed by Duke 2.	JS	TB
30. 0800	Base defense report negative.	JS	WP
31. 0820	D 2-6 CA from PZ 018473 to 976408, at 0806 hrs lift off PZ 0819 lift on LZ, LZ green.	JS DA	TB
32. 0850	D (-) CA from PZ 009501 to vic 976408: At 0830 lift off PZ 3 sorties, 0835 lift on LZ 3 sorties, 0844 lift off PZ remaining 6 sorties, 0849 lift on LZ remaining 6 sorties.	JS DA	TB
33. 0900	Base defense report negative.	JS	WP
34. 0912	D 1-6 CA from PZ 984471 to 963415, 0908 lift off PZ at 0912 lift on LZ, LZ Green.	JS DA	TB
35. 0922	D/co reports finding 1 NVA shovel at 975405. The shovel was rusty but still in good condition. It was just laying in the grass. There were no signs of recent movement.	JS	TB
36. 0924	Yellow 1 spotted 10-12 bunkers at 968394 while dropping off D (-). These bunkers were old and had already been destroyed.	JS DA	TB
37. 0935	E/co artillery ambush grids: red 963437-from 961439 to 968436; red 965436- 9 green 100 meters apart; green 969436, red 968435, 971436, 959439.	JS DA	RV
38. 0941	C 1-6 CA from assualt strip to vic 014518 at 0935 lift off PZ, 0941 lift on LZ LZ green.	JS DA	TB
39. 1000	Base defense report negative.	JS	WP
40. 1010	B/co reports that they clected out the arty ambush area where a starcluster went off last night. There was negative significant findings. They did find animal tracks.	JS DA	TB
41. 1011	C 3-6 extraction from 047521 to assualt strip; at 0948 lift off PZ, at 0955 lift on assualt strip.	JS DA	TB
42. 1012	Unit locations sent to Divarty: A/co Tay Ninh; B/co CP 940540, 2-6 976528, 3-6 938581; C/co CP 044505, 1-6 015538, 2-6 038504, 3-6 047521; D/co CP 975405, 1-6 963415; E/co CP 968457; D 1/9 red 985483, blue 914508, white 947490.	JS DA	RV
43. 1015	Air request for 07 May have been sent in by Duke 83.	JS DA	GF
44. 1015	Informed D/co of E/co's findings on 23 April which were 10 bunkers and work area and booby trap making equipment.	JS	TB
45. 1016	D 1/9 working at 045522 100 hours 6 May (call sign Cav Blue 6-5, 58.25 push).	JS	RV
	requests clearance for possible fire mission and	JS DA	RV
	vised of friendlies 2 km S. South.	JS DA	RV

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47.	1100	Base defense report negative.	JS	WP
48.	1100	Unit locations sent to Divarty: A/co Tay Ninh; B/co CP 940540 2-6 973530, 3-6 938581; C/co CP 044505, 1-6 013536, 3-6 PV D/co CP 977409, 1-6 967418, 2-6 976414; E/co CP 968457; D 1/9 red 985483, blue 915506, white A 922470 white B 935474.	JS DA	RV
49.	1114	D/co reports that their 1-6 found 70 fighting positions with no overhead cover approx 1/3 of which are 1 man positions. The remaining are 2 man positions this is at 967418. They also found a cut out area by the river bank for better access to the river. There was also 1 old pot and 1 old pan at this location. Because of the rain, they could not determine any recent use in the area.	JS S3	TB
50.	1200	Base defense report negative.	JS	WP
51.	1220	LRRP team 3-2 extracted.	JS	RV
52.	1220	C/co reports 2-5 patrol receiving fire from scout team in area-rounds came within 10 feet of friendlies neg casualties neg commo with birds on any net under our control 045505.	JS DA	RV
53.	1259	Bn 3 plans for 7 May have been taken to the companies except A/co by Bn 3.	JS	TB
54.	1300	3MI plans taken to Divarty by Bn 3MI.	JS DA	CW
55.	1300	Unit locations sent to Div Arty: A/co Tay Ninh; B/co CP 940540, 2-6 973530, 3-6 938581; C/co CP 044505, 1-6 013536, 3-6 PV; D/co CP 978418, 1-6 967418, 2-6 976417; E/co 968452, D 1/9 red 985483, blue 915506, white 935474.	JS DA	RV
56.	1300	Base defense report negative.	JS	RE
57.	1320	Divarty reports that 5th ARVN's are putting in an AS in vic 967418 on 7 May between 0600 to 1900 hrs.	JS DA	CW
58.	1400	Base defense report negative.	JS	RE
59.	1400	From Red Cross PFC David B. Justice US 53814985 D/co 1/8 roster #244 his brother William Justice request emergency leave because father Talmage Justice suffered strike and also has inoperable gangrene of the leg. Life expectancy from 4t. Howard 2 weeks.	JS	CW
60.	1500	Base defense report negative.	JS	RE
61.	1517	Aircraft request sent to Divarty for 7 May 1969 by 83.	JS DA	CW
62.	1510	Stepladder 76I reported uncontrollable brush fire between Bravo 38 and Bravo 39, set off by helicopter setting off trip flares. Fire truck was dispatched to extinguish fire.	JS	RE
63.	1555	D/co CP 6 birds PZ 1502 LZ 1510 green, clear 3 birds PZ 1517 LZ 1523 complete; PZ 976406 LZ 999502; D/co 2-6 5 birds PZ 1530 LZ 1539 Green; LZ 018473 PZ 976408.	JS DA	CW
64.	1400	Delayed: Base defense report negative.	JS	RE
65.	1620	Divarty request clearance on following grids; 984401-006411-955410-960420-981420-00420-994431 grids cleared by Bn 3MB.	JS DA	CW
66.	1625	D/co 1-6 2 shipper; PZ 2 ships 1613 LZ 1624 Green, PZ 1644 LZ complete, PZ 1616 PZ complete.	JS	MG
67.	1634	LRRP team 41 inserted in box 0454 at 6 May 1610 hrs.	JS	CW
68.	1615	C/co requested to fire 1 rd of 81mm mortar to settle base Div arty gave clearnace.	JS DA	CW
		report negative.	JS	GM

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70.	1800	Cav 2-2 at 039451 4 bunkers varing 8x8 to 10x20, 200m of trenchline and 18" trail running E to W traveled by 15 to 20 personnel within last 24 hours. 061481 on E to W trail traveled by 20-30 personnel within last 6 hrs. Followed trails to 030471 trails branded out into smaller ones running NS to EW. 033469 was an open field which could be used for a rocket site. 030476 a marshy area, could be used for rocket site. 002471 E to W trail 8" wide est 50 personnel traveled within last 24 hrs.	JS DA	CW
71.	1900	Base defense report negative.	JS	GM
72.	1913	D 1/9 redleg massive 924473 white, 921478, white, 912524 green.	JS	MG
73.	1925	Night locations sent to Div Arty: D 1/9 red CP 938495 AP 938492, White CP 933468, AP 929469, AP 934474, Blue CP 912512 AP 910509; C 1/8 CP 037505, 16 014532, 15 011539, 25 041506, 36 QRF; ARVN ambushes 962514, 947501, 953468, 993515, 992517, 999565, 006561; B 1/8 CP 942546, 26 970530, 36 937580; D 1/8 CP 003504, 16 982481, 13 984473, 26 014488, 21 018485, 23 013482, 31 997504, 33 010502; E 1/8 CP 957445, 12 963445, 13 962440, 26 981452; 15 squad sized 9 platoon sized.	JS DA	CW
74.	1930	MACV said they will clear S gate at 1930, moving from 963483 along road E to 970483 then leave road moving S green line informed 962478.	JS	CW
75.	1745	TPS-25 reports 15 indiv at 97405114. They are not moving. Requested clearance, granted by 3MB. Passed to B 26 D 31.	JS	CW
76.	2000	1930 Black Hawk 65 reported several indiv moving outside perimeter in front of B-42 130 500m. Flare was fired no indiv were sighted in area. Base defense report negative.	JS	GM
77.	2025	Duke 3 Have to have N gate guard no later than 0730 8 May.	JS	MG
78.	2010	11th AVN Grp spotted several 15 indiv thur radar at T-B. Searchlight and quad 50 were sent to investigate situation. T-B fired 30 M-79 rd and shot hand flares. 8th Eng report T-F spotted 7 indiv flares were fired neg contact. 150 out left front was B-12 reading.	JS	GM
79.	2100	Base defense report negative.	JS	GM
80.	2200	Base defense report negative.	JS	GM
81.	2200	All units report situation negative.	JS	KG
82.	2155	C/co Delayed: requested medevac for EM bitten by poisonous snake at 15 massive location. Medevac 7 on station at 2210. Medevac complete at 2235. Willis, Jerry D US 53759060 E-4 Snake was put on board medevac for identification.	JS DA	KG
83.	2300	All units report situation negative.	JS	KG
84.	2300	Base defense report negative.	JS	GM
85.	2315	D 1-6 at 971421 found a bunker complex. Complex was built in a circular pattern with a diameter of approx 150m. There were 10 bunkers in the complex; 1 30x5; the rest varied from 3x7 to 4x12. The complex was on the side of a hill facing the river. It is estimated there were 10 to 15 individuals in the complex prior to D 1-6 entry. An arty recon-by-fire the area prior to entry. (Cont'd on next page)		

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(Cont'd)		There were two trails: 1 leading to the E, out of the complex toward the river, approx 2 wide; 1 leading to the W, into the complex from the river, approx 1 wide. Both trails have fresh use and blood trails leading away from the complex. Also found was a small kitchen area with bamboo and leaf overhead cover, and a hole in the ground used as a stove. Findings in the complex included: various cooking utensils; 5 hypodermic needles; 50 throw away hypodermic needles; 1 pr of black p.j.'s; 1 US claymore wire with bl sting cap; 25 AK-47 rds; 1 US grenade, boobytrapped with trip wire; 5 chi com grenades; 1 wallet with \$1.20 NVA money; 2 small notebooks and 6 additional sheets of paper with writing on them; 1 pr GI glasses; 1 pr of civilian glasses; 1 s ny radio; 50 lbs of C-3; 1 nursing cap; numerous old bandages; 25 assorted US and NVA canteens; and various cooking oils and powders; also 1 very old knife. All findings were very new and in good conditions. Documents were sent to 1/8 Cav S-2. Complex was found at 1445 hrs. Report sent to Div Arty at 1730 hrs.	JS DA	SH
86.	2320	Change of plans for E/co 26 sent to Divarty; cloverleaf in area and relocate night location.	JS DA	KG
87.	2350	D 1/9 Blue team reports movement to the W of CP location, approx 200m area will be kept under observation movement was from N to S.	JS DA	KG
88.	2355	All units report situation negative.	JS	KG
89.	2400	Base defense report negative.	JS	GM
90.	2400	Summary: At 1445 971421 D 1-6 discovered a bunker complex consisting of 10 bunkers of various sizes. There were 2 trails leading in and out of the complex (E out W into) with fresh use and blood trails leading out. It is estimated that 10-15 indiv were in the complex prior to D 1-6 entry. Findings can be found under entry # 85 in this journal. There were no significant actions during the days operations.	JS	SH
91.	2400	Journal closed.	JS	SH

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