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ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
01	0001	(U)	Journal Opened.		
02	0100	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde	DMD
03	0200	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde	DMD
04	0205	(C)	At AT924221 & AT930220 radar spotted 2 very large objects moving to NE. Observed for 2 hrs. Possibly Co size. Also spotted 3-6 pers at AT927231, 911230, 911227, 912- 230. Cleared to fire 4.2 mort. Arty fired zone sweep on first 2 tgts & 4.2 mort fired on other sightings. Results unk at this time.	Bde	DMD
05	0300	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde	DMD
06	0400	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde	DMD
07	0500	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde	DMD
08	0530	(C)	Co A stand-to at 0500 hrs.		
09	0545	(C)	Co B moving at this time.		
10	0648	(C)	Co C moving at this time.		
11	0635	(C)	Co D 1st plat moving fr LZ KAREN at this time; also, wpons plat is moving fr LZ LURCH to LZ KAREN at this time.		
12	0659	(C)	Recon Plat PZ time 0715 hrs at AT904289; LZ cold.		
13	0700	(C)	CIDG amb & OPs closed NDP at AT920259.		
14	0710	(C)	LATE ENTRY: Air Strike at AT887274, time	Cont	
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14	Cont		0635 hrs. Arty prep of LZ term at this time.		
15	0725	(C)	Co B & C SITREP neg; loc: Co B AT901274; Co C AT912283.		
16	0746	(C)	Co C found 5 ea 1-man foxholes at approx 3 ft deep, vic AT905285.		
17	0759	(C)	COL Kroesen, Bde Cmdr, arr LZ O'CONNOR at this time; met & briefed by MAJ McAnaw, Bn S3; dprt 0820 hrs.	Bde,CO,S3	JRS
18	0800	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	CO,S3	JRS
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19	0830	(C)	Air Strike at AT913214 completed 0845 hrs; 5 hootches destroyed.	Bde,CO,S3	JRS
20	0900	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc: Co B AT900279; Co C AT904292; Recon Plat AT906293.	CO,S3,M	JRS
21	1000	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc: Co B AT900284; Recon Plat AT910299.	CO,S3,M	JRS
22	1015	(C)	Msg fr 196th Bde: Hel Chanh cptr by 5-46 Inf states NVA force of unk size is loc vic Hill 204, AT904206, and in 2 hamlets to N. Arty Aerial FO will be on station TBA to adjust arty. Clearance for arty appr by CPT Sam, SDO. Will call when	Cont	
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22	Cont		entering & dprting AO.					
23	1020	(C)	Co B loc AT899283.	CO,S3,M	JRS			
24	1040	(C)	Rec VRs fr TF COOKSEY: AT857227.	CO,S3,S2	JRS			
25	1048	(C)	Co C, AT906294, found 10 ea mines, M1-A, ea covered w/piece of poncho, located 2- 3 ft to side of trail. Appear to be in clusters of 3 ea. Beside ea was soda can packed w/explosives w/pressure fuze.					
26	1105	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc: Co A, AT899283; Co B AT906294; Recon Plat AT909299.	Bde,CO,S3,M	JRS			
27	1110	(C)	At 1100 hrs util helicopter obs movement at AT927235 of unk nr of pers. Co D 2d plat alerted and dispatched patrol. Re- sults neg.	Bde,CO,S3,M	JRS			
28	1111	(C)	At 1105 hrs C&C ship rec 5-6 rds fr AK-47 vic AT918198 fr a bunker. Neg hits. Alt 1500 ft.	Bde,CO,S3,M	JRS			
29	1130	(C)	Co C loc: AT905284; Recon Plat AT905290.	CO,S3,M	JRS			
30	1200	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	CO,S3	JRS			
31	1203	(C)	Airstrike vic AT920193 completed. Result: 1 secondary explosion.	Bde,CO,S3,M	JRS			
32	1240	(C)	Rec VRs fr TF COOKSEY: BT109200, BT086- 315, BT097274, BT116242, BT138228, BT 061241.	CO,S3,S2	JRS			
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33	1241	(C)	Bn CO in C&C ship spotted trenches & 1 AW psn vic AT919202.	Bde,CO,S3,M	JRS
34	1300	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	JRS
35	1301	(C)	4-3 Inf assumes responsibility for new AO eff 1000 hrs today.	CO,S3,M	JRS
36	1335	(C)	BG Cooksey, TF Cmdr, and COL Kroesen, Bde Cmdr, arr LZ O'CONNOR at this time; met & briefed by LTC Russell; dprt 1430 hrs.	CO,S3	JRS
37	1340	(C)	Co C rept mines are homemade type - 10 clusters of 3. Detonator is piece of bam- boo and wire, pressure type. Wire is 3 ft long & goes to soda can of explosive with blasting cap.	CO,S3	JRS
38	1400	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc: CIDG patrol AT918268. Co D 5-46 Inf, OPCON 4-3 Inf, is on Hill 210.	CO,S3,M	JRS
39	1420	(C)	1st lift of M-Force landed on LZ WURCH.	Bde,CO,S3	JRS
40	1430	(C)	Unit loc: Co C AT907296; Recon plat AT 909299.	CO,S3,M	JRS
41	1432	(C)	2d lift of M-Force landed on LZ WURCH.		
42	1435	(C)	Rec VRs fr TF COOKSEY: BT102235.	CO,S3,S2	JRS
43	1500	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same except CIDG patrol AT911268.	Bde,CO,S3,M	JRS
44	1530	(C)	Rec VR fr TF COOKSEY: AT989241.	CO,S3,S2	JRS
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45	1600	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc: Recon Plat AT907296; CIDG patrol AT924270.		
46	1620	(C)	Recon Plat loc: AT905290.	CO,S3,M	JRS
47	1658	(C)	Rec VRs fr TF COOKSEY: AT901145.	CO,S3,S2	JRS
48	1700	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc: CIDG patrol AT926228.	Bde,CO,S3,M	JRS
49	1735	(C)	Final rept fr Co C on mines, ref item 25 & 37: Destroyed 9 mines. Engr will evac 1.	Bde,CO,S3	JRS
50	1740	(C)	CIDG patrol closed on CP. At AT920267 patrol found a piece of grey-black canvas approx 24 in by 20 ft. 4.2 mort fired on this loc last night.	Bde,CO,S3	JRS
51	1800	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	CO,S3	JRS
52	1840	(C)	Co D spotted 5-8 VC in the open vic AT 903253; arty called in w/results unk.	Bde,CO,S3,M	JRS
53	1858	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	JRS
54	1985	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	JRS
55	2000	(C)	Notified all units that present KAC codes have been compromised and could not be used.		
56	2025	(C)	Co A 3 OPs in psn less than 100m out.	CO,S3	JRS
57	2030	(C)	As of 2000 hrs unit locations are as fol: Co A LZ O'CONNOR; Co B CP AT899283, OP AT897280; Co C CP AT907296, 2d plat 1st sqd AT908297, 1st plat 2d sqd AT907295;	Cont	
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57	Cont		Co D LZ KAREN; Recon AT905290; CIDG OP loc AT914268, 917263, 925261, ambs loc AT916264, 919261.		Bde, CO, S3	DMD
58	2038	(C)	Co C rept that at AT882302 they heard dog barking; Arty called.		Bde, CO, S3	DMD
59	2100	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.		Bde, CO, S3	DMD
60	2120	(C)	Radar picked up large group moving W at range 1640m vic AT95432316. Arty fired zone sweep. On target. Group dispersed.		Bde, CO, S3 Co A	DMD DMD
61	2125	(C)	LZ KAREN rec 4 rds 82mm mort inside peri- meter. No casualties. Arty called. Mort flashes observed at AT908232. Counter- mortar fired. Enemy fire ceased.		Bde, CO, S3	DMD
62	2145	(C)	Radar picked up second tgt moving SW at range 2600m vic AT916218. Arty fired on tgt. Group dispersed.		Bde, CO, S3	DMD
63	2203	(C)	4.2 mort plat granted permission to fire counter mortar vic AT937231.		CO, S3	DMD
64	2204	(C)	Lost communications with CIDG loc Hill 118 vic AT920259.		CO, S3	DMD
65	2210	(C)	Msg fr Bde: Airstrike scheduled for vic AT883287. Time of 1st strike 0810 hrs; vic AT882302 time TBA.		CO, S3	DMD
66	2219	(C)	Permission granted to fire arty on sus-		Cont	
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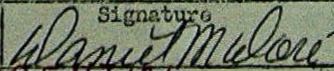
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66	Cont		pected mort psns loc vic AT932260, 942- 251. Observed 2 secondary explosions.	Bde,CO,S3	DMD
67	2227	(C)	Co B obs several moving lights (possible patrol) vic AT903275. Arty fired; lights went out.	CO,S3	DMD
68	2300	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	DMD
69	2301	(C)	At 2256 hrs regained communications with CIDG.	CO,S3	DMD
70	2302	(C)	At 2257 hrs CIDG obs moving lights vic AT926274. 4.2 mort fired; lights went out.	CO,S3	DMD
71	2340	(C)	D/5-46 Inf at LZ POLAR BEAR rec hand gren atk w/some enemy penetrating the perimeter. Atk came fr SW. Arty fired; gunship and flareship enroute to location. 3 US WHA(M).	Bde,CO,M	DMD
72	2400	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, except as in item #71.	Bde	DMD
73	(U)	2400	Journal Closed.		

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References: Maps, S Vietnam; Series L7011; Sheets: 6640 III & 6639 IV.  
Task Org: 4-3 Inf

D/5-46 (OPCON eff 221300 H Jul 68) by LZ KAREN; secures FSB; improves defensive positions; establishes minimum 3 night OPs; prepares to conduct CIDG Co in assigned AO.

15th Mike Force Co (OPCON eff closing time LZ LURCH) dismount minimum of 3 night OPs and plat combat patrol in assigned AO.  
GS Th (PPS-5), 196th Inf Bde

1. MISSION: 4-3 Inf conducts offensive operations in new AO, boundary change eff 221000 H Jul 68; maintains cordon in assigned sector; secures LZ KAREN (AT913288), LZ LURCH (AT926238), and LZ O'CONNOR (AT934243).

2. Co A secures LZ O'CONNOR; improves defensive positions; establishes minimum of 3 night OPs; conducts plat daylight combat patrol out to a range of 400 meters from FSB perimeter, commencing 230630H Jul 68; moves on order to conduct CA vic AT885298.

3. Co B maintains cordon in assigned sector; effects coordination with ARVN unit on left flank and Recon Plat on right; establishes minimum of 4 night OPs; prepares to conduct CA, on order, vic AT885298.

4. Co C maintains cordon in assigned sector; effects coordination with Co 4-21 Inf; establishes minimum 4 night OPs; prepares to conduct CA, on order, vic AT885298.

5. Co D secures LZ KAREN and LZ LURCH; improves defensive positions; prepares to move 2 plats(-) from LZ LURCH to LZ KAREN after effecting coordination with 15th Mike Force Co with FO team and one (1) rifle squad; establishes minimum of 3 night OPs; prepares to conduct CA, on order, vic AT885298; conducts plat combat patrol out to a range of 400 meters from perimeter, commencing 220630 H Jul 68.

6. Co E.

a. Recon Plat maintains cordon in assigned sector; effects coordination with Co C; establishes night OPs

b. Hvy Mort Plat: No change.

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7. Co D 5-46 Inf secures Hill 210 vic AT936212; improves defensive positions; establishes minimum 3 night OPs; conducts plat combat patrol out to a range of 400 meters from perimeter, commencing 220645 H Jul 68.

8. 15th Mike Force Co OPCON 4-3 Inf upon closing LZ LURCH; secures FSB; improves defensive positions; establishes minimum 3 night OPs; prepares to conduct offensive operations in assigned AO.

9. CIDG Co secures Hill 118; improves defensive positions; establishes minimum of 3 night OPs and 1 plat ambush vic AT913264; conducts combat patrol in assigned AO, commencing 230730 H Jul 68.

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Annex A (Operation Overlay)

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