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			Hour 2400	Date 23 Jul 68	
ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INI- TIALS
	IN	OUT			
01	0001	(U)	Journal Opened.		
02	0002	(C)	Gunships arr 2355 hrs.	CO,S3	DMD
03	0004	(C)	Radar picked up large mvment vic AT 94062146. Also movement vic AT93962139. Arty fired.	Bde,CO,S3	DMD
04	0035	(C)	Ref item #73 dtd 22 Jul 68: No longer re- ceiving hand gren. OP rept seeing en set up mort tube and then observed arty rds landing in area. At 0020 hrs SPOOKY req. At 0052 hrs SPOOKY arr. At 0058 hrs radar rept no movement.	Bde,CO,S3	DMD
05	0100	(C)	Bn SITREP neg except as above; loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	DMD
06	0120	(C)	Alerted Co A to have 1 plat ready to assist D/5-46 Inf on LZ POLAR BEAR.	CO,S3	DMD
07	0140	(C)	Radar picked up movement at range 570m, vic AT93362281. Also movement at AT9420- 2185.	CO,S3,Co A	DMD
08	0200	(C)	Bn SIREP neg, loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	DMD
09	0215	(C)	SPOOKY rept rec AW fire fr vic tgt area. Neg direct hits.	CO,S3	DMD
10	0225	(C)	Radar observed lights vic AT946227.	CO,S3	DMD
11	0236	(C)	SPOOKY dprt location.	Bde,CO,S3	DMD
12	0257	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	DMD
13	0300	(C)	Ref item 71 dtd 22 Jul 68, nature of	Cont.	

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13	Cont		wounds of US WHA: 1 SSG rec shrapnel	CO	DMD
			wounds in back of head, hand & back; 1 EM		
			rec frag wounds in ankle, L leg, upper		
			thigh; 1 EM rec frag wounds in back & arm.		
			None evacuated.		
14	0400	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	DMD
15	0500	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	DMD
16	0555	(C)	Req DUSTOFF for 3 US WHA ref item 13.	CO,S3	DMD
17	0600	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	DMD
18	0603	(C)	Co C rept stand-to complete 0500 hrs.	CO,S3	DMD
19	0612	(C)	Co D OP closed NDP 0610 hrs.	CO,S3	DMD
20	0633	(C)	Airstrike commenced on AT882302.	CO,S3	DMD
21	0638	(C)	Co B OP closed NDP.	Bde,CO,S3	DMD
22	0640	(C)	Co C OP closed NDP 0625 hrs.	Bde,CO,S3	DMD
23	0652	(C)	DUSTOFF complete, ref item 16.	CO,S3	DMD
24	0657	(C)	Airstrike completed 0650 hrs, ref item 20.	CO,S3	DMD
25	0700	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde	DMD
26	0726	(C)	3/D/5-46 dprt NDP on perimeter sweep.	CO,S3	DMD
27	0735	(C)	Co D 3d plat found 6 Chicom hand gren	Bde,CO,S3	DMD
			and cptr 1 NVA WIA vic AT936213. (D/5-46).		
28	0742	(C)	Airstrike commenced on AT888292.	CO,S3	DMD
29	0755	(C)	Airstrike completed ref item 28.	CO,S3	DMD
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30	0800	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	JRS	
31	0820	(C)	Ref item 27: NVA was wearing green uniform steel helmet, and carrying a basket used to hold grenades.	Bde,CO,S3	JRS	
32	0830	(C)	Ref item 16, US evacuated were: Phillips, Toomer, Toomer, Reynolds.	CO,S3,5-46 Inf	JRS	
33	0847	(C)	Ref item 27, NVA WIA/CIA evacuated by C&C ship.	Bde	JRS	
34	0900	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, Loc: M-Force patrol AT 926247; Co D 2d plat dprt LZ KAREN 0840 hrs on perimeter sweep.			
35	0940	(C)	Co D 2d plat loc AT911234.	CO,S3,M	JRS	
36	0950	(C)	Co A 3d plat obs fr LZ O'CONNOR a .50 cal AW psn firing at aircraft vic AT8929.	Bde,CO,S3,M	JRS	
37	0955	(C)	Co D 5-46 Inf 3d plat dprt Hill 210 peri- meter on perimeter sweep.	CO,S3	JRS	
38	1000	(C)	Bn SITREP neg,loc: CIDG patrol AT923257; M-Force patrol AT918246.	CO,S3,M	JRS	
39	1020	(C)	CIDG patrol, AT923266, cptr 1 VC. Evaded fr hamlet & hid in spider hole. Dressed in faded brown PJs. w/o wpn. Mil age.	Bde,CO,S3,M	JRS	
40	1100	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc: Co B 1st plat AT 895275, 3d plat AT894284; CIDG patrol AT 912245. M-Force patrol AT912243.	Bde,CO,S3,M	JRS	
41	1115	(C)	Co C, AT907296, found 45 ea M-79 ctgs, 8	Cont		
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41	Cont		metal canteens (US), 1 PRC-25 battery (burned).	Bde, CO, S3, M	JRS		
42	1155	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc: M-Force patrol AT 922233; Co D 5-46 Inf 3d plat closed on Hill 210 at 1150 hrs; Co B 1st plat closed on CP at 1130 hrs, 2d plat closed on LZ KAREN at 1105 hrs; CIDG patrol AT920255.	CO, S3, M	JRS		
43	1159	(C)	CIDG patrol, AT920255, cptr 1 VCS who evaded out of spider hole. Was wearing blk PJs; possessed documents & money; also carrying a map (sketch type). Individ is 57 yrs old.	Bde, CO, S3	JRS		
44	1212	(C)	CIDG patrol rec fire fr AT914253; CIDG loc AT916252. VC in khaki uniforms evading to W: Est size of en force: 6 pers, 1 w/AW.	Bde, CO, S3, M Req Gunships Fired 4.2 mort	JRS		
45	1225	(C)	CIDG rept, ref item 43, interrogation of VCS indicates he is VC cadre.	Bde, CO, S3	JRS		
46	1310	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc: Co B 3d plat closed on CP at 1220 hrs; M-Force patrol AT925231; CIDG patrol AT903261.				
47	1325	(C)	Ref item 44, at 1238 hrs CIDG patrol heard screaming fr AT916253 where 4.2 fired HE. At 1243 hrs CIDG rept pursuing 6 VC thru the woods. Gunships started working	Cont			
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47	Cont		over area at 1245 hrs. At 1251 hrs, CIDG moved into area and conducted sweep/w neg findings. At 1255 hrs CIDG rec AW fire, nr of rds unk. At 1303 hrs CIDG rec sporadic SA fire. Continuing to search.	Bde,CO,S3,M	JRS		
48	1326	(C)	At 1325 hrs engr element dprt LZ KAREN to construct road to LZ LURCH.	CO,S3	JRS		
49	1340	(C)	CIDG found several fresh blood trails vic AT903261.	Bde,CO,S3,M	JRS		
50	1342	(C)	Gunships dprt CIDG loc.	Bde,CO,S3	JRS		
51	1351	(C)	CIDG rept VCS (ref item 43) possessed 100 piastres.	Bde,CO,S3	JRS		
52	1356	(C)	COL Kroesen, Bde Cmdr, arr LZ O'CONNOR 1255 hrs; met & briefed by LTC Russell; dprt at this time.	CO,S3	JRS		
53	1400	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc: CIDG patrol AT908252. Do not have communications w/ M-Force.	Bde,CO,S3,M	JRS		
54	1500	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same. Still no commo w/M-Force patrol.	Bde,CO,S3	JRS		
55	1515	(C)	Msg fr TF COOKSEY: Firefly mission 24 2200 H Jul 68 fr AT919030, S along SONG TRANH to 155929.	CO,S3	JRS		
56	1525	(C)	CIDG patrol closed on CO.	Bde,CO,S3,M	JRS		
57	1535	(C)	At 1005 hrs Co D 5-46 Inf 3d plat found	Cont			

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57	Cont		1 NVA shirt (green). Appeared to have been worn by indiv wounded by arty.	Bde, CO, S3, S2	JRS
58	1600	(C)	Msg fr CPT Leach, S3, TF COOKSEY: Sky Spot AT906218. Time to follow.	CO, S3	JRS
59	1601	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same. Still no comms w/M-Force patrol element.	CO, S3	JRS
60	1604	(C)	M-Force patrol closed on LZ LURCH; Commo established at this time.	CO, S3, M	JRS
61	1700	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde, CO, S3	JRS
62	1734	(C)	At 1650 hrs & 1711 hrs Co D FO obs 3 VC/ NVA w/o wpns, wearing blk PJs in a rice paddy vic AT907266. Req 15-20 rds .50 cal ammo both times w/neg results.	CO, S3	JRS
63	1800	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	CO, S3	JRS
64	1801	(C)	CIDG rept having observed 2 VC, mil age male w/o wpns. Fired .50 cal vic AT915 253.	Bde, CO, S3	JRS
65	1830	(C)	Req DUSTOFF for 1 US burned by trip flare. Location: LZ KAREN, Precedence: Priority Complete 1855 hrs.	Bde, CO, S3	JRS
66	1834	(C)	At 1815 hrs M-Force ambush element loc AT927231.	CO, S3	JRS
67	1840	(C)	Co B OPs loc: AT900281 & AT897280.	Bde, CO, S3	JRS
68	1858	(C)	CIDG loc: amb - AT916255, 911255, OPs - Cont	Cont	
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68	Cont		AT913258, 916267, 923260.	Bde, CO, S3	DMD
69	1900	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde, CO, S3	DMD
70	1906	(C)	Ref item 65, US line nr 186, name: Ogas.	CO, S3, S1	DMD
71	1915	(C)	Co C loc: 1st plat 2d sqd AT907297, 2d plat 1st sqd AT908298, 3d plat 2d sqd Tm B AT907296, mort plat tm B AT905296.	Bde, CO, S3, M	DMD
72	1953	(C)	Co C CO req water cans be evac ASAP 24 Jul.	CO, S3	DMD
73	2000	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde, CO, S3	DMD
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74	2010	(C)	Co A OPs in psn at this time.	CO, S3	DMD
75	2020	(C)	Msg fr Bde S2: At AT993221 Bde Aerial Observer obs hvy trail leading to river at AT993221. Intel rept's indicate 2 NVA Cos moving N in this area and this may have been where they crossed.	CO, S3, S2	DMD
76	2100	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde, CO, S3	DMD
77	2255	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde, CO, S3	DMD
78	2257	(C)	Radar picked up movement of 6-7 indiv in file at 640m range & moving SE. (AT9331- 2280) Arty fired zone sweep.	CO, S3	DMD
79	2300	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde	DMD
80	2400	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde	DMD
81	(U)	2400	Journal Closed.		
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LZ O'CONNOR (AT934243) RVN
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Reference: Maps, S Vietnam 1:50,000; Series L7014; Sheets 6640 III & 6639 IV.

Task Org: No change

1. MISSION: 4-3 Inf conducts offensive operations in AO; maintains cordon in assigned sector; secures LZ KAREN (AT913288), LZ LURCH (AT926238), LZ O'CONNOR (AT934243) & Hill 210 (AT938212); prepares to conduct Co Size CA, vic AT885298.
2. Co A secures LZ O'CONNOR; improves defensive positions; establishes minimum of 3 night OPs; conducts plat daylight combat patrol out to range of 400 meters from FSB perimeter, commencing 240630 H Jul 68; assumes mission 4-3 Inf reaction force effective 231200 H Jul 68.
3. Co B maintains cordon and conducts reconnaissance patrol in assigned sector; effects coordination with ARVN unit on left flank; establishes minimum of 4 night OPs; prepares to conduct CA, on order, vic AT885298.
4. Co C maintains cordon and conducts reconnaissance patrols in assigned sector; effects coordination with plat patrol from D/4-21 Inf; establishes minimum 4-night OPs; prepares to conduct CA, on order, vic AT885298.
5. Co D secures LZ KAREN; improves defensive positions; establishes minimum 3 night OPs; conducts plat combat patrol out to range of 500 meters from perimeter, commencing 240630 H Jul 68.
6. Co E.
 - a. Recon Plat maintains cordon and conducts reconnaissance patrols in assigned sector; establishes night OPs; prepares to move, on order, by UH-1D to Hill 210, OPCON to D/5-46 effective closing time.
 - b. Hvy Mort Plat: No change.

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7. Co D 5-46 Inf secures Hill 210 vic AT938212; improves defensive positions; establishes minimum of 3 night OPs; conducts plat combat patrol out to range of 500 meters from perimeter, commencing 230645 H Jul 68.

8. 15th Mike Force Co secures LZ LURCH; improves defensive positions; establishes minimum 3 night OPs and 1 plat ambush vic AT933231; conducts plat reconnaissance in force in assigned AO, commencing 240700 H Jul 68.

9. CIDG Co secures Hill 118 (AT910259); improves defensive positions; establishes minimum 3 night OPs and 1 plat ambush vic AT920271; conducts combat patrol in assigned AO, commencing 230730 H Jul 68.

10. GS Tn (PPS-5), 196th Inf Bde, GS vic LZ O'CONNOR.

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Annex A (Operations Overlay)

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