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	IN	OUT			
01	0001	(U)	Journal Opened.		
02	0030	(C)	Foxhole str rept to Bde.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
03	0100	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
04	0110	(C)	Rec IR sightings fr Bde: BT329169, 334170, & 567179.	CO,S3,S2,M	DKK
05	0200	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
06	0225	(C)	HILL 54, OP 10 & Diem Pho(1) rec est 11 rds mort (type unk), resulting in 6 cas on HILL 54 (Co D) & 1 US WIA on OP 10. All casualties have minor frag wounds. Hvy Mort Plat fired illum for HILL 54 & OP 10. Co B rept mort rds impacting between Co B loc & HILL 54. Arty fired counter mortar fires for Co B.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
07	0250	(C)	Note: During atk (item 06) there was an exceptional amount of radio interference; possibility of VC jamming or monitoring US transmissions.	CO,S3	DKK
08	0300	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
09	0315	(C)	Rec rept fr 4-3 Inf trains that CHU LAI is on YELLOW alert.	CO,S3	DKK
10	0400	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
11	0500	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
12	0530	(C)	Hvy Mort rept to Bde.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK

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13	0600	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
14	0630	(C)	Rec rept fr 26 Engr at FAT CITY: Engr will send element to check area vic GS BT 4407. Fire was rec fr this area.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
15	0630	(C)	Co B 1st plat closed NDP.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
16	0630	(C)	Co C 2d plat 2d sqd closed NDP.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
17	0700	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
18	0710	(C)	Recon amb element closed at 0410 hrs.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
19	0715	(C)	Co C 3d plat rept search of perimeter turned up several dud Chicom grenades. Also, last night a rkt (type unk) hit the observation tower, bounced off, and explo- ded. Tower damaged slightly. More to fol.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
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20	0800	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
21	0810	(C)	Co C 3d plat found fol items on search of OP 10 perimeter: 7 Chicom gren (dud), 6 ea 60mm mort rds (dud), 2 ea B-40 rkts (dud), 2 ea Grass Pack Charges; also found 1 ea 60mm mort charge outside perimeter & blood trails leading away fr OP at AE 120°.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
22	0815	(C)	Co C 1st plat closed NDP.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK

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23	0815	(C)	Co B 3d plat closed NDP.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
24	0820	(C)	Recon Plat loc BT432085.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
25	1842	(C)	Co D 26th Engr found one 82mm mort base plate impression vic BT441081. Approx 25 meters away found evidence of where the mort tube had been hidden in the brush & sand.	Bde,CO,S3,M	DKK
26	0850	(C)	Co D commenced swp of Diem Pho(1) (vic HILL 54).	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
27	0855	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc: Co B(-) BT395134, 1st plat BT397131.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
28	0907	(C)	Co D patrol in Diem Pho(1), E of HILL 54 on hwy #1, found 1 destroyed hut (burned last night). In hut found many expended AK-47 rds and several blood trails leading from hut.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
29	0915	(C)	Co E 26 Engr rept Bkr #13 rec 3 satchel charges last night. Observed & engaged 6 VC. Today in sweep of area found 6 ea Chicom gren, 5 ea 82mm mort rds (dud), & several blood trails.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
30	0915	(C)	Co D patrol completed swp of Diem Pho(1); closed HILL 54.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
31	0920	(C)	CAP MPT req MUSTOFF for 1 VN w/gunshot wnd.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK

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32	0945	(C)	Co D 26 Ingr found fol en losses at BT443-078: 5 VC KIA (in defensive wire); 1 ea 60mm mort, complete, SN 10869; 1 ea AK-47, SN 11049263; 1 ea 9mm sub-MG, SN 374; 25-30 Chicom/homemade hand gren.	Bde, CO, S3, S2	DKK
33	0950	(C)	Co B 2d plat closed HILL 54.	Bde, CO, S3	DKK
34	0959	(C)	Co D ptrol in village found fol: 2 ea 60mm mort ctg fin assy, 1 ea B40 rkt fin assy, 10 ea expended ctg for AK-47, 1 ea oiler for for .45 cal sub-MG; detained 1 ARVN soldier (released).	Bde, CO, S3	DKK
35	1000	(C)	Co D 26 Ingr found fol in def wire around PAT CITY vic BT443078: 1 VC KIA, 3 Chicom gren.	Bde, CO, S3	DKK
36	1000	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc changes: Recon M-1 BT427087, M-2 BT432083, M-3 BT431079, CP BT432085.	Bde, CO, S3	DKK
37	1020	(C)	CAP Tm 125 conducted search of villages along Hwy #1 fr TAM KY Bridge, S to vic BT390160 by order of Bn CO. Dprt 0845 hrs closed CAP Tm 125 CP at this time w/neg results.	CO, S3	DKK
38	1100	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same except: Recon M-1 BT 426089, M-3 BT428083, M-2 now w/CP.	Bde, CO, S3	DKK

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39	1125	(c)	Ref item 32 & 35, 6 VC KIA were killed by 81mm mort fire fr FAT CITY.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
40	1130	(c)	Bn CO, 26th Engr, observed 4 huts built last night by VC at BT430078, 432075, 431077, & 432075. C/C ship destroyed 2 of the huts, causing secondary explosion at hut loc BT432076.	Bde,CO,S3,M	DKK
41	1141	(c)	Ref item 32, found 1 60mm mort round under one en body. Destroyed round.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
42	1150	(c)	Bn SITREP neg, Recon Plat loc BT432085.	Bde,CO,S3,M	DKK
43	1215	(c)	CAP Tm 112 repts rec 1 incoming B-40 rkt & sporadic small arms fire.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
44	1220	(c)	CAP Tm 11 repts Tms 112 & 113 are receiving B-40 rkts & mort fire. Arty called in on BT317178. FAC now on station.	Bde,CO,S3,M	DKK
45	1300	(c)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
46	1355	(c)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
47	1435	(c)	Co B closed on HILL 54.	Bde,CO,S3,M	DKK
48	1435	(c)	Co C 1st plat observed 2 VCS moving SE across rice paddy. Apprehended VCS (no wpns) and found them to be carrying 8,000 to 9,000 \$VN. Coordinates BT403148.	Bde,CO,S3,M	DKK
49	1455	(c)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK

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50	1515	(C)	Resupply helicopter crashed in minefield vic BT325181 w/8 personnel aboard. Neg injuries to personnel. Dustoff helicopter w/hoist will extract personnel. Cause of crash unk.	Bde,CO,S3,M	DKK
51	1540	(C)	Ref item 50, Personnel extracted fr crash site at this time.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
52	1600	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
53	1621	(C)	Rec msg fr 198th LIB (SP4 Hodge): 4-3 Inf will provide 1 Co reaction force for CLDC on standby 1 hr alert (maximum).	CO,S3	DKK
54	1650	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
55	1715	(C)	Co B dort HILL 54 on asg mission.	CO,S3	DKK
56	1740	(C)	Rec msg fr 4-3 Inf trains: CHU LAI under rkt atk.	CO,S3	DKK
57	1745	(C)	Ref item 48, 2 VCS detained by Co C released by Intel Sgt.	CO,S3	DKK
58	1746	(C)	Co B loc BT368176.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
59	1755	(C)	At 1745 Recon req DUSTOFF (Priority) for 1 US w/gunshot wnd in R hand, 2 fingers nearly severed. Indiv shot himself while leaning on M79 GL. Name: Craig, Anthony. Dustoff completed 1752 hrs.	CO,S3	DKK
60	1800	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK

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61	1801	(C)	Msg fr SFC Jex, Bn Intel Sgt, rec at 1717 hrs: Agent repts VC was in village (Dien Pho(1) asking people about effectiveness of mort atk last night. VC was dressed in white shirt & black trousers. VC evaded to S.	CO,S3	DKK		
62	1813	(C)	Rec msg fr Bn Trains: CHU LAI ret to GREEN alert.	CO,S3	DKK		
63	1826	(C)	Co C 3d plat dprt on asg mission.	CO,S3	DKK		
64	1840	(C)	Co B 2d plat in pen: BT379174.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK		
65	1842	(C)	Ref item 56, CHU LAI rec 2 rkts in MAG 13 area; 2 US WHA; neg damage.	CO,S3	DKK		
66	1850	(C)	Co C 3d plat in pen BT430110.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK		
67	1855	(C)	Rec msg fr Co C ref earlier req for info: Co C sustained 1 US WHA, rather than 6. WHA: SGT Harris.	CO,S3	DKK		
68	1900	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK		
69	1901	(C)	Rec msg fr LNO at Bde: Alert tonight 50% until 2400 hrs; 2400-0400 hrs 100%; 0400-daylight 50%.	CO,S3	DKK		
70	1911	(C)	Recon locations; BT42087, 427085.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK		
71	1917	(C)	Rec rept fr CPT Parrish: Obs 3 VC moving SE on ridgeline via BT364104, who appear to be carrying mort tube. Arty fired. Results unk.	Bde,CO,S3 Arty	DKK		

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72	2000	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc: Co B 1st plat BT372-162, 3d plat BT371180; Co C mort plat tm B BT509133.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
73	2001	(C)	Co D rept 2d plat detects much movement in area they are to move into (BT402155).	CO,S3	DKK
74	2005	(C)	CAP Tm 111 & 112 notified of Co B loc.	CO,S3	DKK
75	2025	(C)	Co D 3d plat 2d sqd tm A obs 6 VC in rice paddy vic BT376141. Fired illum BT380140.	CO,S3	
76	2037	(C)	1-82 Arty rept receiving SA fire. Instructed not to ret fire because of frd elements in area.	CO,S3	DKK
77	2045	(C)	Co D 3d plat 2d sqd Tm A amb ret HILL 54 for fol reason: Had obs 6 VC w/wpns at range 100m. Illum rd went off & VC opened fire. Also, rec SA & AW fire fr N & S; neg casualties.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
78	2100	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
79	2125	(C)	At 1945 hrs Co D 2d plat 2d sqd amb obs sqd size VC element vic BT405147. Dogs alerted. Ret to OP.	CO,S3	DKK
80	2145	(C)	Rec msg fr Bde: At BT426063, 424063, 425063 picked up movement of large force towards FAT CITY. Arty fired.	CO,S3,Arty FAT CITY	DKK DKK
81	2155	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same		DKK

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82	2205	(C)	COB rept names of indivs WHA last night: 1. Herdzik, James, PFC. 2. Gress, William, SGT#5 3. Epps, Willie, PFC 4. Rodrigues, Dannels, SP4 5. Smith, Mathew, SP4 6. Jones, Larry, PFC	CO,S3	DKK
83	2210	(C)	SFC Jex, Intel Sgt, rept that agent in Dien Pho(1) signalled him with a flashlight that VC are in village.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
84	2220	(C)	OP 10 rec unk type of fire from village.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
85	2230	(C)	OP 10 rept rec approx 20 rds SA fire fr NE side of perimeter. Fire returned. Neg casualties.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
86	2231	(C)	Bkr 2,3,4, & Bn S5 rept rec incoming rds from the village. Bkr 2 rept that S5, CPT Murphy, engaged & KIA 1 en.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
87	2300	(C)	Msg fr LTC Russell to searchlight tm: illuminate gate; 1 indiv will go out & bring back wounded VN. All elements to check fire and cover the 1 indiv & wounded.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
88	2325	(C)	Rec rept fr Aid Station: 8 VN wounded (frag wounds), ref item 87.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK

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89	2340	(C)	Recept fr OP 10: Rec fire fr est 2 SAW & AW; neg casualties.	Bde, CO, S3	DKK
90	2350	(C)	One interpreter dept HILL 54 to find & bring wounded fr Dien Pho(1) to HILL 54.	Bde, CO, S3	DKK
91	2400	(C)	En SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde, CO, S3	DKK
92	2400	(C)	OP SUMMARY: See attached sheet.		
93	(V)	2400	Journal Closed.		

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