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| 1. | 0001 | | All Units/Bn NCS: Journal Open. | JS | DQ |
| 2. | 0030 | | A Co/Bn NCS: A Co report movement off Snuffy to the north. Would like to request a Night Hawk(A/C). | JS | DQ |
| 3. | 0040 | | S-3 Off Asst/S-2 Air NCO: Request Night Hawk for A Co. | JS | DQ |
| 4. | 0040 | | Bde S-3 Asst/S-3: On 19 May a company from the 1/5 Cav will arrive at Snuffy along with a large firebase Kit and they will be OPCON to the 1/8 Cavalry. On 19 May Colonel Kingston will come to 1/8 Cav (FSB) for a liaison meeting. Also on 20 May the 1st Bde will be moving into Snuffy and at that time the 1/8 Cavalry will be OPCON to the 1st Bde. | JS | DQ |
| 5. | 0100 | | All Units/Bn NCS: Negative Sit Rep. | JS | DQ |
| 6. | 0105 | | Bde S-3 Off Asst/Bn S-3: Although it's Buddha's birthday, if A Co's Commander feels troops are in danger, artillery is clear to fire. Also will get Night Hawk and shadow up as soon as possible. | JS | DQ |
| 7. | 0140 | | S-2 Air NCO/Bn NCS: Infrared Readings; TOT 1750H to 2037H; 255308/a, 259309/1, 296475/1 near stream, 298484/1. | JS | DQ |

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| 8. | 0145 | | Bde NCS/Bn NCS: 5/7 Cav, A Co-149472. A2-152472. B Co-192516. B4-199517. B3-188515. C Co-159493. D Co-Neal. E Co-Neal. 2/12, A Co-054394. B Co-089421. C Co-984443. D Co-Myron. E(-)-Myron. E Co Recon-077415. 5/12, A Co-092417. B Co-Brown. C Co-147415. D Co-Buttons. E Co-Buttons. E Co Recon-084364. I Troop(-)-Brown. E/1-094417. | JS | DQ |
| 9. | 0200 | | All Units/Bn NCS: Negative Sit Rep. | JS | JM |
| 10. | 0300 | | Night Hawk/Bn NCS: Sheild night hawk TOS 0300H to work with A Co. Had to break because of weather. | JS | DG |
| 11. | 0300 | | All Units/Bn NCS: Negative Sit Rep. | JS | DQ |
| 12. | 0400 | | All Units/Bn NCS: Negative Sit Rep. | JS | DQ |
| 13. | 0500 | | All Units/Bn NCS: Negative Sit Rep. | JS | DQ |
| 14. | 0550 | | Bn NCS/Bn NCS: Informed Bde/Radar is non-operational. Gave list of required items needed for operational status list as follows: (1) power converted cable (2) power converter (3) control indicator (4) ear phones (5) receive/transmitter tripod. | JS | DQ |
| 15. | 0600 | | All Units/Bn NCS: Negative Sit Rep. | JS | DQ |
| 16. | 0600 | | Bde NCS/Bn NCS: Negative Significant events for last 12 hours. | JS | DQ |

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| 17. | 0730 | | All Units/Bn NCS: Upon the pill (A, B, C, D, E). Trips and claymores in at 0730H. | JS | DG |
| 18. | 0735 | | C Co/Bn NCS: YU 206457; 02 hootches (6'x10') and 4' deep with ponchos over the top for protection with a small bunker like in back with 2' OHC, 01 hootch with tin roof put up on sticks (seen to be used for cooking), 04 large rifle grenade possible for SKS, 02 small rifle grenade possibly for SKS, 01 pith helmet. Also has some rice. Negative knowledge as to how much, but bags have "China National Cereals and Food Stuff Import-Export Corporation". Note the rice bags are brand new and the bamboo is still green. Yesterday they also had 01 truck in area destroyed about 1 month. Also assorted truck parts in area (they were old). Also had a grenade adapter for a AK47. Further readout to follow. | JS | DQ |
| 19. | 0800 | | Bde NCS/Bn NCS: All grids YU; Pacific Reconnaissance Plan; 1A-Bde reconnaissance mission to assist to find cache sites. 1B-Bde recon zone located the road between YU 159449 and 225479 north portion of road between YU 293541 and 339588. 1C Bde reconnaissance located north road YU 220500 | | |

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| 19. | 0800 | | Continuation from page 3: north east to highway 14. 2B 1/8 Recon some Box 1, 1546, 1542, 1846, 1842. Box 2-1848, 1843, 2148, 2143. Box 3-3041, 3037, 2837, 341. Box 4-2242, 2239, 2742, 2739. A C conducted recon for cache sites Box 2959, 3459, 3454, 2954. Sniffer Box; Box 5-1854, 2154, 2147, 1847, Box 6-2155, 2855, 2851, 2151. Box 7-1646, 2046, 2040, 1640. | JS | JM |
| 20. | 0839 | | Bde S-3/Bn NCS: Effective on order, release B Co, 1/8 Cav OPCON to 5/7. Extension from 1848 to 1842 to 152420 point of conjunction 5/7, 5/12, 1/8 YU 152423. | JS | KB |
| 21. | 0900 | | Bde S-2 Asst/Bn NCS: Shadowbox; 2000 19 May to 0600H 20 May; Box YU 2353, YU 2853, YU 2848, YU 2348. Cleared by Bn S-2. | JS | KB |
| 22. | 1025 | | Bde NCS/Bn NCS: All Yu; 5/7 request AO extension from YU 2253 south to 2249 west to border extension. Have been approved by 1/8 Cav CO. | JS | K B |
| 23. | 1030 | | All Units/Bn NCS: All YU; Current Locations A Co-Snuffy. B Co-164442. C Co-204456. D Co-FSB Mo. E Co-FSB Mo. Recon-235437. | JS | JM |
| 24. | 1100 | | A Co/Bn NCS: FSB Snuffy; A Co has 12 individuals that have Chieu Hoi at FSB Snuffy. These in- | | |

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| 24. | 1100 | | Continuation from page 4: individuals have turned over to A Co-02 weapons. Transportation is requested to take these individuals to Song Be. | | | | JS | JM |
| 25. | 1125 | | Bde S-2 Shop/ n NCS: YU 182306; enemy elements 1300 late morning | | | | JS | KB |
| 26. | 1150 | | B Co/Bn NCS: YU 166439; Has found 04 hootches with negative recent use (10'20') with negative trails in the area. | | | | JS | JM |
| 27. | 1200 | | Hovel 24/Bn NCS: YU 164442; A Hunter Killer Team (A/C) to assist B Co in finding the cache site. | | | | JS | JM |
| 28. | 1205 | | C Co/Bn NCS: YU 204456; Has found 597-100K bags of rice on 02 platforms (10'x15') 2' off the ground. C Co is still discovering more bags and the rice will be covered with persistent CS. Total for the last 2 days makes 823/100K bags rice and 9/100K bags of corn, and C Co is still finding more. (LATE ENTRY) | | | | JS | JM |
| 29. | 1235 | | Bn CO/C Co: YU 204456; Destroy the rice as best as possible, when you run out of CS spread all rice on ground and do your best to destroy. Bags are brand new, the rice was moved in no more than 48 hours. "China Rice National Cereal Co" written on bags. | | | | JS | JM |
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| 30. | 1304 | | Bn S-3/Bde S-3: YU 16544; Bn S-3 requested pink team for B Co to help find the cache sites in area. Bde S-3 will try to get pink team to 1/8 AO ASAP./ Negative pink team at time 5/7 and a LRRP Team hit heavy contact. | | | | JS | KB |
| 31. | 1320 | | Bde S-3/Bn S-3: Wants to retrograde as much of the C Co rice cache as soon as possible. Also see if we can get an LZ out at C Co location. | | | | JS | JM |
| 32. | 1343 | | Bde NCS/Bn NCS: Heavy artillery box; PU 33093 YU 155487, YU 157455, YU 165484, YU 147458. NOT 20 1729H. Cleared by/not clear, too close to friendlies. | | | | JS | KB |
| 33. | 1400 | | All Units/Bn NCS: Current locations; A Co-Smf-fy. B Co-YU 165442. C Co-YU 204456. D Co-FSB Mo. E Co-FSB Mo. E Co Recon-YU 235435. | | | | JS | JM |
| 34. | 1405 | | Bde S-2 Air/Bn NCS: Night Hawk Boxes; (1) YU 3160, 3660, 3653, 3153. (2) YU 2353, 3053, 3048, 2948. (3) YU 1439, 2639, 2635, 1435. | | | | JS | JM |
| 35. | 1500H | | Bde S-2/Bn NCS: YU 293612; LRRP Team 574; LRRP Team 74 inserted 1447H, LZ green. | | | | JS | JM |
| 36. | 1517 | | Hovel 28/Bn NCS: YU 165442; A hunter killer team to assist B Co in finding their cache. Broke station at 1545H, negative findings. | | | | JS | JM |
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| 37. | 1530 | | C Co/Bn NCS: YU 206457; 50 machetes (Diamond Co) brand new, 03 files to sharpen them, 20 bags of salt (100 lbs per bag). This was found along with the rice findings. | JS | JM |
| 38. | 1535 | | Bde S-2 Air/Bn NCS: 1/8 log bird to refuel and report to yellow 1 for RF ASAP. | JS | JM |
| 39. | 1546 | | C Co/Bn S-2: Make sure all ruck sacks are searched, there are samples for S-2 in almost all of them. | JS | JM |
| 40. | 1600 | | Bde S-2/Bn NCS: YU 176305; URS 750 meter radius early afternoon. | JS | JM |
| 41. | 1605 | | Rash 28/Bn NCS: Air strike for our AO is requested to be diverted by Bde. Permission granted and air strike will go in north of O Range out of our AO. | JS | JM |
| 42. | 1610 | | Bde Arty LNO/Bde NCS: Heavy artillery box request; YU 265565; YU 265535, YU 275565, YU 275535, YU 275535, YU 275550, YU 285550, YU 275520, YU 285520, cleared. | JS | JM |
| 43. | 1712 | | B Co/Bn NCS: YU 166443; B Co found at YU 166443 an east west trail 02' wide with recent use in the last 02 days. Also found 25 meters of commo wire strung through trees. | JS | OR |
| 44. | 1612 | | A Co/Bn NCS: Bu Gia Map air strip; A Co informed | | |

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| 44. | 1612 | | Continuation from page 6. Battalion that advance element of 1/5, 1st Bde have arrived at FSB Snuffy at 1602H. 01 hook of packs, 01 hook packs in at 1635H, 03 hook pack at 1644H. Steel Belfry 52 family completed at Snuffy at 1750H, they are A Co of the Right Packer Family. | | | | JS | OR |
| 45. | 1740 | | Bde S-3 NCO/Bn NCS: Request we pass on to Bde that 03 C310 sorties have closed at Snuffy totaling 125 packs of canteen element also have 02 3/4 ton vehicles. | | | | JS | OR |
| 46. | 1900 | | Bde S-2/Bn NCS: YU 256475; URS 500 meters radius/early evening. | | | | JS | JM |
| 47. | 1915 | | Bde S-2/Bn NCS: FY # 1323, YU 307352 medium activated 1906H, 26 rounds of 105 fired. | | | | JS | JM |
| 48. | 1930 | | All Units/Bn NCS: Night Locations; A Co-Bu Gia Map. B Co-YU 165444. C Co-YU 206457. D Co-FSB Mo. E Co-FSB Mo. Recon-YU 233434. Units OPCON 1/5 Cav B Co, Bu Gia Map air strip, C Co FSB Snuffy. | | | | JS | JM |
| 49. | 2002 | | All Units/Bn NCS: PDS All Units; A Co-103,02,11. B Co-103,04,07. C Co-96,04,10. D Co-109,04,12. E Co Mortar-34,02. E Co Recon-22,01,02. | | | | JS | JM |
| 50. | 2108 | | Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Finals for 20 May 70; A Co(+)-Base Defense Bu Gia Map air strip. B Cowill | | | | | |
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| 50. | 2108 | | Continuation from page 6: ground recon to the north, then establish NDP at vicinity grid YU 165449. C Co - same area as today, exploit cache site, then establish NDP at vicinity grid YU 206457. D Co - Base Defense FSB Mo, E(-)-Base FSB Mo. Recon will ground recon to southwest along river, then establish NDP at vicinity grid YU 237431. B Co 1/5 Cav - Base Defense Bu Gia Map air strip. C/5 Base Defense FSB Snuffy. A Co 1/5 and E Co 1/5 Base Defense Bu Gia Map air strip. | JS | JM |
| 51. | 2109 | | Bn NCS/Bde NCS: PDS FSB Mo: HHC & E Co-59,29, 12. Base Defense-100,19,04. 155-30,08,03. 105-46,12,04. Black hats-02. Engineers-11,01,01. | JS | OR |
| 52 | 2110 | | All Units/Bn NCS: Ambush Report; Negative day ambushes. Negative night ambushes for A Co. 04 automatic ambushes for B Co at night. 06 automatic ambushes for C Co at night, and 03 squad size ambushes for C Co at night. 06 automatic ambushes for D Co at night. 02 automatic ambushes for E Co recon at night. | JS | OR |
| 53. | 2115 | | C Co/Bn NCS: Exposure Report; C Co first sortie at 1355H, last sortie at 1520H, started at 1330H, ended at 1535H, number of sorties-06, remarks-log. | JS | JM |
| 54. | 2112 | | All Units/Bn NCS: Sniper Report; A Co-02 in the field | | |

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| <u>54</u> | <u>2211</u> | <u>12</u> | <u>All Units/Bn NCS; Continuation from page 7: B Co 01 in the field. C Co-negative. D Co-01 FSB Mo. E Co Recon-Negative, 01 R&R, 01 Medical/Song Bn. B Co-01 scout dog. C Co-01 scout dog.</u> | <u>JS</u> | <u>OR</u> |
| <u>55</u> | <u>2120</u> | | <u>Bn S-3 A/Ede S-3 A; A/C request; (1) A/C for log-report to Buttons MLT 0700H and contact 44C on 56.95, and pick up 01 sortie and report to FSB Mo and contact Lumber 14 on 49.15. Shut down and come in for briefing. (2) CC A/C same as Log/CC-please bring VTR word.</u> | <u>JS</u> | <u>JM</u> |
| <u>56</u> | <u>2137</u> | | <u>C Co/Bn NCS; YU 206457; Further up date of C Co findings: C Co all totaled has found and destroyed 1048 bags of rice and 36 bags of corn. Also today C Co found 08 100K bags of canned sweet milk, 30 cans of smoked fish, 200 50K bags of salt, 01 5 lb bag of peanuts, 04 shovels, 03 hoes, 01 NVA canteen, 15 empty 55 gallon drum, 07 palates with 75-90 bags (100K) of rice on each, 10 empty palates size 10'x15', 03 small bottles, one had ink, one had pinicillan, one had snake bite pills. also found fresh bike tracks in area 24 to 48 hours old. Bike tracks were on trail paralleling NE-SW road C Co had been trainling. (LATE REPORT)</u> | <u>JS</u> | <u>JM</u> |

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| 57. | 2140 | | Bn S-3A/B de S-3 A: Air strike request; (1) YU 165445, LZ construct D.C. 05 K north north. (2) YU 169452, LZ construct D.C. 1K northeast. (3) YU 179446, LZ construct DC. 1.5K west. (4) YU 220471 750 B1 Drag 2K northwest. (5) YU 239475 750 hidrag. 4K north west. | | |
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| 58. | 2143 | | Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Tentatives for 21 May 70; (1) A Co(+)-Bu Gia Map air strip. (2) B Co will ground recon to south, then establish NDP YU 164440. (3) C Co same area exploit cache site, then establish NDP at vicinity grid YU 206457. (4) D Co-Base Defense FSB MO. E Co(-)-Base Defense FSB Mo. Recon will ground recon alone in NDP vicinity grid YU 229421. B Co 1/5 -Base Defense FSB Bu Gia Map air strip. (7) C Co 1/5-Base Defense FSB Snuffy. (8) A Co 1/5 Cav-Bu Gia Map (Secure). | | |
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| 59. | 2215 | | Bde S-3/Bn NCS: General plans rice extraction early morning 20th 08 to 10 minutes and 01 officer will come to FSB Mo. Their assets will be 01 UH1H, 50 cases of G-4 plus assorted power saws and hand tools, plus 02 3/4 ton trucks. The personnel will | | |
| | | | repell to C co location and cut a pad large | | |

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| 59. | 2215 | | Continuation from page 9: enough to bring in trucks. They expect to finish by late afternoon. | JS | JM |
| 60. | 2300 | | Bde S-3 Asst/Bn NCS: Effective 20 May at 0600H, new 1st Bde Battery, YU 1375 to 2850 to 2/3 Corps order (4250). Effective on order, 1st Cav tactical operation area will be extended to include the area within the YU 0365 to 2081 to 4881 to 4662 and west along Cambodian Border to 2/3 Corps boundaries. One Battalion of the 2nd Bde will be OPCOM to the 1st Bde on order. Not sure if it will be 1/8 Cav or another 2nd Bde want. | JS | DQ |
| 61. | 2359 | | Daily Summary: YU 206451, C Co captured 06 rifle grenades. An unknow amount of rice captured. A Co-Base D fence at Bu Gia Map air strip has 12 individuals with 02 weapons. Individuals have surrendered. C Co at YU 204456-597 bags (100K) rice. C Co at YU 206457-50 machetes, 03 files, 70 bags of salt(100 lb bags), 838 bags of rice (100K), 36nbags corn(100K bafs), 08 bags(100K bags) canned milk, 30 cans smoked fish, 5# peanuts, 04 shovels, 03 hoes, 07 plates with 75 to 90 bags of rice on each. | JS | BG |
| 62. | 2400 | | Bn NCS/Log: Journal Closed. | JS | JM |

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