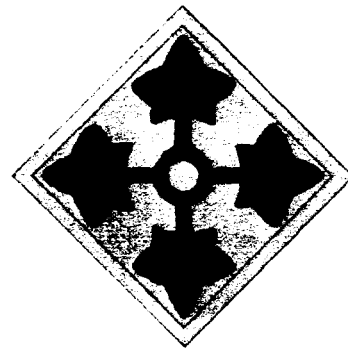


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**“Cacti Blue”**

**2D BN 35TH INF**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division**

**15 June 68**

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Item No	Time		Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.	Action Taken	Inl
	In	Out			
1	0001		Journal Opened.		dr
2	0057		All elements SITREP negative. Element 83's perimeter fairly quiet.	BDE	pb
3	0125		C: Heard movement about 50 to 60 meters in front of their O P.	BDE	pb
4	0140		All elements SITREP negative. Element 83's perimeter once again quiet.	BDE	pb
5	0159		C: C/20 element has movement to their front. They are calling in Red leg.	BDE	pb
6	0230		7/17 CAV: AO will be entire bole AO 15 June and will notify BNs upon entering AO. Will remain on BDE Comd freq. At this time and controlled by BDE.	Relay	pb
7	0301		Relay: All elements SITREP negative. 83 SITREP negative, after Red leg.	BDE	pb
8	0318		C: C/20 element has movements again. Movement stops and starts, off and on. Haven't anything for about 05 minutes. Are going to take time before taking action. Will keep us posted.	BDE	pb
9	0343		Relay: SITREP: No change, commo w/all.	BDE	pb
10	0449		Relay: SITREP: No change, commo w/all.	BDE	pb

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No	*In *Out *			
11	05553	Relay: SITREP: No change, commo w/all units. Except 10X (B Co), they have movement to their front.	BDE	y
12	0604	81 wants us to advise 3 that it is raining at his location & he can't see how low the ceiling is 81 wants to know lift is still set for 0830 hours.	Relay to 3	y
13	0650	2/35: All units, dapsons taken and negative malfunctions on M-16's.	BDE	h
14	0710	C: C/16 & C/36 departed night logger. Immediately found blood trail and are following at this time.	BDE FSC M	h
15	0731	A: A/16 closed Night logger.	BDE	h
16	0731	B: Element moving to the Southeast.	BDE	h
17	0731	D: Element moving to the Northwest.	BDE FSC M	h
18	0732	C: C/16, C/36 have negative findings of last report.	BDE	h
19	0804	C: C/23 closed night logger, 83 Recon & C/26 departing night logger. Heading North to join up with C/16 element.	BDE B/Reply	h
20	0805	BDE: Due to our weather, Bde will run Fox Trot first, then check to see how our weather is.	B/Relay.	h
21	0800	C: Present location is YA896842. C/23's pre-	CON'T	

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			sent location is YA895848.	BDE FSC M	h
22	0814		C: C/32 closed Night logger. 83 Recon & C/26 departing night logger heading South to join up with the 16 element.	BDE FSC M	h
23	0815		D: Present location is YA907825.	BDE FSC M	h
24	0831		B: Location is YA872913.	BDE FSC M	jo
25	0900		D: D/26 YA908828 location. D/36, 16, CP, pre-sent location is YA907826.	BDE FSC M	h
26	0907		A: A/31 LP closed nigh logger. A/13 YA884975.	BDE FSC M	h
27	0920		BN CO: B/CO reports smoke rocket into his vicinity, said it was 01, our six does what's to happen without being advised.	BDE BN CO	h
28	0925		BDE V3: That the only thing they had in area was a 02 not a 01. V3 said it could of been of A0. Well check further on it. B CO said Aircraft was fixed wing, by it's sound they couldn't tell if it was 01, or 02. Grid 872913.	BDE FSC BN CO	h
29		0930	Permission granted to Sky Spot YA808849, TOT 15/1030 hours.	BDE M	h
30	0936		BDE 3: Wants A to stay where they are. We will resupply them there. Request 1 Or 2 additional birds for resupply. Everything still "Go" for D/Co move. A combat assault cancelled.	BDE CO	h
31	0950		BN CO: Any resupply to A will comprmise his	CON'T	

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No		In	Out			
				location. Feels he has enough resupply until	BN CO	h
				he has of the morning of 17 June, but we'll		
				have to extract them at that time. Request		
				confirmation. Cochise sees no problem, and wi		
				ll talk to higher this afternoon.		
32		0953		C: C/16 and C/36 present location is grid	BDE FSC M	h
				897841. C/26 & 83 Recon's present location is		
				grid 897837. C/23 has closed night location.		
33		1005		A: Location remains the same. (Unchanged).	BDE	h
34		1015		B: Present location is YA875915.	BDE FSC M	h
35		1017		D: Present location is Unchanged.	BDE FSC M	h
36		1045		BDE: Due to possible comprmise, the follow-	Commo	dr
				ing changes will be made in the 4th Division		
				SOI 50-6 and will go into effect 0001 16 June		
				68: 4th Div CMDA 6560 wide tack, 4th Div CMDB		
				5800 Darby Piker.		
37		1034		C: Present location YA897836 at last 16 loc-	BDE BDE S2 FSC	dr
				ation 897841 found trail running North to South		
				putting in Artillery in. Found 12-15 fox holes		
				in a circular formation 2 weeks old.		
38		1158		BDE: Cancelled LRRP 63. Leave LRRP 64 on map	BDE FSC S3 M	dr
				and will be using it tomorrow.	Draftsman	
39		1102		B: Location YA875903 on the North side of the		
				stream. There are 12 bunkers with natural over	CON'T	

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No	*In	*Out *			
			head cover dug into the banks and a trail that runs along stream. Found a fish trap basket and NVA sandal. Also found 1-82 mortar round fairly new, 8 long cans of 6 nose faces each, 16 cans of 82 boosters, 3 boosters & powder per can NVA plastic.	BDE S2 S2	dr
40	1135		TOC: 1230 Air Strike will go in at YA846967. Preferred heading 150 with reciprocal heading 330.	BDE AVN OFF S3 M	dr
41	1146		A: 81/13 closed Night logger. 25 departing same direction as 13's location. 31A in position YA887964.	BDE FSC M	dr
42	1155		TOC: Grid for Air Strike at 1330 is YA808972.	BDE AVN OFF S3	dr
43	1209		C: Location is YA879839.	BDE FSC M	dr
44	1211		B: Present location 875905 found 50 bunkers in complex very elaborate facing stream. Tube cover for 82mm mortar bunkers 2 weeks old.	BDE S2 S2 IM	dr
45	1235		BDE TOT: 1230 cancelled at YA846967.	S3 M	dr
46	1251		Relay: A Co location same as last report.	BDE FSC M	dr
47	1257		Dustoff: For Rcn 2/35 for further information see dustoff form.	BDE S3 49	dr
48	1307		B: Is in same area 875903, 25 more mortar 82mm rounds 2 75 mm recoilless rounds, 1 chicon grenade, 1 eplelit with silver star, 1 aiming	CON'T	

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No	*In *Out *			
		stake 1 NVA gas mask, 50 AK rounds, 1NVA can-teen.	BDE S3 M	dr
49	1316	Relay: CA of D co: 1st PZ 1240, 1st LZ 1255. Cold final PZ 1316, final LZ 1319.	BDE FSC S3	dr
50	1316	Relay: 2 DA wounded by a grenade with trip wire. 4 more wounded by booby trapped claymore when they went to help the other two. Wrap-up 898936.	BDE S3	dr
51	1325	C: Patrol in area of Air Stike & Red leg last night found many blood trail. Bloody bandages, alot of foot prints, defintely a large sized unit. 1 AK-47 magazine with 20 rounds. 83 says defintely took casualties, but none have turned up.	BDE S3	dr
52	1340	D: Present location 923803.	BDE FSC M	dr
53	1350	D: Sending out patrol 300 meters to the East.	BDE FSC M	th
54	1400	D: Moved from LZ to 917803.	BDE FSC M	th
55	1410	B: Location IFB 875903, remains the same.	BDE FSC M	th
56	1412	C: Location from C's OP tentative night location 894847.	BDE FSC M	th
57	1428	B: Present location is 869901.	BDE FSC M	th
58	1507	C: From last location which more than likely will be night location. Three sub-elements have gone out. 11 to the South, 35 to the South-	CON'T	

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		east, 25 to the North; will give locations when elements are in position.	BDE FSC M	th
59	1518	A: Locations remain the same.	BDE FSC M	th
60	1519	C: Locations CR enroute to LO.7 DO.6 as a watering party. 25 element 892843, 11 element 894846, 35 element 893044. From Charlies last PO will be temporary OP.	BDE FSC M	th
61	1532	B: Confirmed N.L. 864907, their current loc. 865905. They are presently 1/2 way between last given location and N.L. They have found one bunker on trail and are checking it out.	BDE FSC M	th
62	1551	A: 25 has closed N.L.; In 10 minutes, their 22 element will depart to replace 25.	BDE FSC M	th
63	1551	Bde: Unidentified echelon YA869797, radius 1200 meters, early afternoon.	S2 S3 M	th
64	1603	B: Location given for N.L. incorrect. Tentative location at this time is 869902 will confirm later. On way to night location found well used trail with steps cut right into hill. Trail has been well used since last rain. 82 has subelement checking it out now.	BDE FSC M	th
65	1615	A: 31 has closed N.L., 12 will be departing shortly to replace 31 at 31's last position.	BDE M	th

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No	*In *Out *		*	*
66	1631	A: 12 element has departed N.L. to replace 31 w element.	BDE M	th
67	1727	C: 11 & 25 have closed N.L.; 35 will be closing shortly. Will send out LP at later time. LP's out ATF: 10 - South, 20 - North, 36A - Southwest.	BDE FSC M	th
68	1743	C: 35 element has closed N.L.	BDE M	th
69	1710 <sup>late</sup> entry	A: CP and minus (886968) elements at last location given (N.L.), 12 subelement at ATF 887964, 22 subelement at ATF 883974.	BDE FSC M	th
70	1855	1/35: The 1/35 would like to have the same AO extension for tomorrow effective 16/0730 to 16/1800, permission granted.	BDE BNCC M	h
71	1920	D: LP's as follows: D/25 923802 100 meters out of night logger D/15 923804.	BDE FSC M	h
72	1953	C: LP's and D/Co LP's now in position.	BDE FSC M	h
73	2000	SITREP: No change, commo w/all.	BDE	h
74	2006	B: LP's in position at this time.	BDE FSC M	h
75	2008	Relay: Combat sky spots, YA824904 90 degree heading reciprocal heading authorized. 0515 plus or minus 5 hrs. suspected enemy weight station. VR Bird 14 June air strikes YA858 813, time 1100 plus or minus 3 hrs., air strikes do not want a combat sky spot backup.	BDE	h

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76	2010	Bde: 2 combat sky spots TOT 0430 hrs. grid 808949, 0450, 827835. Air strikes TOT 1040 848934, TOT 1130, 905792, sky spot in case of inclement weather.	S3 FSC M	h
77	2100	SITREP: No change, commo w/all, except 74 LP which has movement.	BDE S3	h
78	2107	Bde: The 7/17 Cav will have same mission and same AO for tomorrow.	S3 Relay FSC	h
79	2200	SITREP: No change, commo w/all.	BDE	h
80	2205	The 74 element is pulling their LP's in at this time. They shot M 79 rds and threw grenades, will check outcome in morning...	BDE Relay	h
81	late entry 2150	Bde: From Bde CO to commanding officers of 3rd Bde 4th Inf Div. Para #1. Present information confirms a visit from the Dept of the Army M 16 Rifle Inspection Team on the afternoon of 17 June. Their interest will focus on EM's serving as 11B and forward elements of maneuver battalions. Para#2 Anticipate that this team will visit several forward firebases inspecting weapons and examining individual soldiers on procedures for cleaning and maintaining the M 16 rifle. Para #3 I expect all commanders to exercise stringent	Con't	
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81	2150		Con't: command supervision in familiarizing personnel in preparation for this visit. Particular attention should be paid to the issue of individual cleaning equipment, review of cleaning schedules, verification of zero, and individual knowledge of approved procedures for maintenance. Para #4 I expect all personnel to be made aware of their responsibility in relation to these matters. Particular attention should be given to newly arrived personnel and those 11B personnel to be present off firebases on the afternoon of 17 June.	BNCO S3	k
82		2300	SITREP: No change, commo w/all.	BDE S3	m
83	2347		84: 84 - 25 has movement to their south and front. They are staying out.	BDE S3	m
84		2400	SITREP: No change, commo w/all.	BDE	k
85			Journal closed.		
			S-2 Wrap Up		
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