DAILY SUMMARIES FROM 1-50th DAILY STAFF JOURNAL (DA Form 1594)

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NOTE: Boxes show selected detailed expanded details.

- 1 May 1969. Sky sweep started at 2136 1 May 69. The area worked was BR999804 and CR003812. Both LZs were cold. Units involved in the sky sweep included B/1-503d, and the SRAP /1-50th. At 1335 BR926789 CC detained one male, no ID. At 1405 loc BR908803 4 more personnel were detained. At 1437 loc BR914815 got 2 more detainees. All seven were taken to 172MI. At 1510 CO B had 10 detainees. By 1540 Co B had 3 more detainees. Five of the 13 were taken to Phu My.
- 2 May 1969. At 0705 B/1-503 rec'd approx 100 rds of AW fire from Br997821. Gunships were called for. B/1-503 found an SKS, 1 VC PW who was wounded during fire fight. Also a blood trail was found leading SSE. The trail was lost at BR997821. Punji stakes wee found at CR014813. This was the original LZ for B/1-503. The combined mission was ended (Sky Sweep) at 1045. Frequency was changed t 2100. At 1930 15-20 people were spotted by 2/B/1-503. they seemed to be carrying rucksacks. Arty and swift boats were called in with neg results. BR998850.
- 3 May 1969. At 0830 B/1-503 initiated contact with 5 VC at a distance of 200 meters. The enemy was dressed in assorted civilian clothing. Armed with carbines and M1 rifles. They fled to the north. Neg friendly or enemy cas. BR935854. At 1747 hours 12 VC spotted at CR014810, had rucksacks and weapons, heading for the village. At 1750 3 slicks and 3 gunships were scrambled for CA. 1st plat from B/1-503, 21 men from the Scouts and of the SRAP were CA at CR018810 and CR018804. One VC KIA, 1 carbine CIA and 4 males detained. At 2050 end of mission. Units to be extracted in morning. At 2115 Bridge 3 got 10 sniper rds from SE of Bridge. Illum was fired neg results. At 2230 hrs Bridge 2 hd movement inside perimeter and engaged neg findings.
- 4 May 1969. At 0830 B/1-503 at CR009805 got 1 male detainee age 25 yrs. He was hiding in a rice paddy. He was wounded in the arm by a warning shot from 3d plat B/1-503. He was not wounded seriously. At 1010 Hawkeye spotted some rockets and movement in BR990778. Rockets were 2.75 US gunship rockets. At 2040 B/1-503 3d plat spotted 4 VC were carrying wpns. Friendly initiated from about 250 meters. VC were carrying lumber and wpns. Unk results neg friendly cas. At 2200 Bridge 2 reported hearing explosions and SA firing about 250-300 meters south of Bridge 2 Bridge rec'd no fire. MACV doesn't know what it is.
- 5 May 1969. At 0930 an ARVN soldier in a jeep ran over a VN civilian. The civilian died. B/1-503 (0915) the 2d plat was checking some boats and saw two VN civilians in boats. One started to paddle away. They yelled for him to stop. The VN fired back and the plat returned fire killing the man. The man dropped his weapon and it fell into the lake. They also detained 1 man. At 1830 while moving into ambush loc 3 VC were spotted. One had a wpn looking like a carbine. They were moving NE on a trail, contact was initiated from 350 meters away. 1 VC WIA and CIA, the others took off to the NE. At 1905 the element got sniper fire, neg cas.
- 6 May 1969. At 0620 B/1-503 had 3 men wounded by a M26 booby trap. Men were wounded in face, back, and arm respectfully. Also found anti personnel mine at BR934867 (0830) US MADE. A MEDCAP opn was conducted. At 0955 they were inserted. MEDCAP treated 50-60 people. The villages told them VC in village planting booby traps and punji sticks.
- 7 May 1969. At 1150 Co B had 6 detainees including a 5yr old child. The women had no IDs and they were taken to Uplift. At 1410 at BR980840 Co B had 3 detainees. Two were in their 20s and one in 30s. They had children with them. All were taken to Uplift. At 1545 Co B's OPCON element, 1/B/1-503 sent a small element to check out some booby traps and punji pit area at CR022795. They rec'd 30-40 rds of AK and other SA fire. Neg cas.
- 8 May 1969. At 0700 2d plat B/1-503 spotted 2 VC. They killed 1 and the other got away. The one that got away had a wpn. The two were moving from east to west at BR932842. At 0830 B/1-50th spotted 1 VC with rucksack. Warning shots were fired, the VC ran, stopped and threw a frag., he was dropped by a bullet in the back. Dust off was called.

9 May 1969. At 0712 to 0810 B/1-50th (1st plat) while checking out a village at CR042790 herd an explosion and spotted 4 VC. VC were attempting to set up a booby trap. The 1st plat opened fired resulting in 2 VC KIA and 1 PW. Action resulted in 7 US WIA. At 1055 BR990834 1/B/1-503 were hit by a command detonated mine. 3 WIA not serious, dusted off. At 115 BR998844 2d plat B/1-50th killed one VC who was fleeing the site of the command detonated mine. At 1838 B/1-503 made contact with 3 VC who were heading east at BR932863. 2 Enemy KIA, 1 WIA, one MI CIA. At 1900 B/1-503 rec'd fire from 7 VC, SA and M79 from about 200 meters BR957864. Neg res.

10 May 1969. At 0911 B/1-50th had 5 detainees, 1 man 40 yrs old no ID, 1 man 43 was detained before and came back and was made village chief, two 13 yr old, one 12 yr old kids. At 0955 B/1-503d detained 1 man, no ID BR928842. At 1015 B/1-50th had 2 detainees at BR983857. Both were males 42 & 43 yr old, no IDs. One had detainee card from last year when he was found in a fox hole with a dead NVA. AT 1140 B/1-50th had 7 detainees, two men 40 yr old no ID, 3 men 16 yr old, 2 women 18-20. NP said to bring them in. At 1432 B/1-50th had 6 detainees all in their 40s. They had no IDs, found hiding in hooch BR978897.

11 May 1969. At 0805 B/1-50 at BR977896 had 2 detainees, one male age 37, 1 female 16 yrs old. At 0925 1/B/1-50 found punji stakes in 8 in of water tied down to rocks. BR978897. At 1105 B/1-50th had 1 detainee age 35-40, no ID, extracted to Uplift. At 1430 B/1-503 had 1 detainee 29 yrs old. At 1640 B/1-50 stopped 16 women carrying rice, beer, whiskey, and potatoes into the mountains. BR964903. Extracted to Phu My.

12 May 1969. At about 0100 LZ Uplift started receiving rds. About 0105 our loc at Phu My started receiving rds. It was reported that M79 fired landed near the perimeter. Also 20-25 rds of SA fire was reported coming from 100 meters N of Phu My. Arty was fired on suspected enemy movement. The village itself was hit. District Hqs had neg cas or neg dam. There were 10 KIAs, 20 WIAs, 87 homes destroyed, 2 damaged and 50% of a school damaged. At 0645 3d plat B/1-503 while coming from night loc to CP engaged VC element and wounded 1 VC. At 1600 7/17 had a 2 ton truck rolled over on a man. Man was dusted off. At 1610 young VN boy showed a patrol from B/1-503 where a 20 lb satchel charge and 2 five lb satchel charges were. The boy was paid from VIP fund. AT 1855 3/B/1-503 engaged VC at 100 meters. VC had no wpns, VC dressed in assorted clothing. The enemy fled to the south. At 2155 Co A Bridge 5 reported 2 green star clusters went up 200 meters west of Bridge 5 (BR921855). Scouts and Co A dispatched reaction elements. A village 200 meters west of the bridge rec'd AW fire from all sides. Two tracks from Co A went to the scene, while 8 scout racks remained at Bridge 4. Neg cas or results. Reaction released at 2310.

13 May 1969. At 0720 BR965871, 2d plat B/1-503 rec'd one M79 rd from SE. Neg cas. At 0920 B/1-503 had a man killed US type when a friendly M26 grenade went off BR948840. At 1245 B/1-503 2d plat spotted 4 VC. One had a wpn BR972879. Engaged VC and the tricky enemy fled into bushes. They were engaged from 400 meters way. They wore assorted civilian clothing.

14 May 1969. At 1103 children in vic of bridge 3 showed loc of 155mm HE at BR938812. Also found four M33 frag grenades and bandoliers of ammo at BR945817. They wee engaged with 50 cal. At 1920 B/1-503 rec'd SA fire from est 3 VC at BRE960868. Neg cas. At 2130 movement near B#3 illum was fired neg results.

15 May 1969. At 0820 B/1-503 found an area 100 meters in diameter with 10 cooking fires 5-10 days old, and 3 high speed trials BR918868. At 0942 B/1-503 2d plat rec'd SA fire from 150 meters west of their location BR957863, neg cas. At 0950 bunker 1 at LZ Uplift rec'd SA fire from unk direction neg cas. At 1420 1st plat B/1-503 found an SKS rifle in a hedge row BR918866. At 1500 the plat 1dr of Scouts was accidentally wounded while attempting to blow some dud M79 rds. The M79 rds may have been booby trapped. At 1555 one sqd of VC entered a village and fragged a RF hut. One RF KIA, 4WIA. One man was detained believed to be VC who threw the grenade. VC were armed with AK47, and carbines and frag grenades. At 1710 B/1-503 at BR955865 chased and caught one male. After catching the personnel the 3d plat rec'd SA fire from the NE. At 1755 3d plat B/1-503 made contact with 3 VC, results 1 KIA, 1 WIA (enemy). One got away with a carbine BR953864. At 1930 B/1-50th reported that the QM element at his loc had 20 of the 28 people assigned went AWOL. Apparently they were afraid of something. At 2155 B/1-50th reported that RF Co 972 picked up 1 VC at BR967813. Other fled towards lake. PW was taken to a compound at BR953817.

16 May 1969. At 0755 bridge 3 bought under the VIP program two 60mm HE, two 81mm illum, one 155 HE. At Bridge ???one 105HE, and three M79 rds. At 0930 two people from B/1-50th 2nd plat stepped on a M26 booby trap they were dustoff. At 1210 a small boy (8 yrs old) set off a booby trapped 175 rd. The booby trap consisted of wood boards and C ration cans with batteries. Pressure type mine. Mine was set near a loc where APCs cross a stream BR944831. At 1808 a ¾ ton truck from B37/11 arty (VN) was ambushed 1 klicks south of Uplift. 3 friendly KIA, 3 WIA. Scouts reacted from Uplift. Neg results. At 1946 BR920725 the QM element working with B/1-50th had contact with unknown VC force. B/1-50th reacted and detained 4 males. At 2210 Bridge 3 reported that a green star cluster was popped SE of Bridge 3. A/1-50th had a reaction force from Bridge 3&4 sent to the scene. RF compound (BR936813) rec'd 3-4 sniper rds. RFs thought star cluster mean for everyone to wake up. Neg results. At 2255 B/1-50th 2d plat rec'd 4 RR rds. Arty was fired atBR995795. 51 81mm rds fired, 105 105mm rds fired. At 2256 Bunker 17 at Uplift engaged 2 people walking towards the perimeter. Results unknown.

17 May 1969. At 0900 at BR916802 there is a village which had 15 VC with a mortar tube on the night of 16 May. Info was gathered from the village chief. At 1255 a small boy at bridge 3 stated he knew whereabouts of a crate of rockets and a downed helicopter. Further report stated 5 2.75 rocket were found. At 1441 a man on bridge 7 was wounded by some dud M79 rds. bought to the bridge under the VIP program. At 1600 B/1-50th captured a sampan which contained black PJ and civilian clothes, eggs and cigarettes t BR959829. At 1830 RF compound rec'd 10 sniper rds from BR9777. B.1-50th fired 48 81mm rds in response.

18 May 1969. At 0908 B/1-50 2d plat patrol at BR982801 detained 1 female who is on NP blacklist. Also spotted 1 male VC who escaped in a sampan across the lake. He was picked up by a LOH and taken to Uplift. At 0933 A/1-50 detained 1 young male at BR943791. He said he was going to sell a 105 rd to VC. At 1035 B/1-503 1st plat in vic of BR917874 found a trail with fresh cut human hair and foot prints which were rubbed with a palm leaf. At 1145 B/1-503 at BR922868 found the front of a claymore mine, also rigging for a 155 rd which was 1 x5 bamboo piece and a paper with 14 names. Also detained 1 male who was without an ID at same loc. At 1235 BR922720 PF co 266 spotted 2 VC plat. Scouts plat was alerted as a reaction force and moved out. At 1330 Scouts 1-50th rec'd info from detainee that 405 gook stopped and camped at a certain group of trees everynight BR927715. At 1845 SRAP picked up 1 detainee at BR946758. Has released 2 men to take the detainee to Bridge 1. At 2055 B/1-50 reported observing SA fire and what sounded like M79 rds BR955818. A reaction force was sent and found out that the RD team had small contact with neg res. At 2210 Uplift reported ??? - ??? gooks coming into the perimeter opened up with 50 cal & M60 machine guns. Unknown result.

19 May 1969. At 0120 village outside LZ Salem started receiving SA fire and Salem rec'd satchel charges. One man at Salem (US) rec'd frags in leg, 3 ARVN KIA, 1 woman dustoff due to wounds. At 0700 200 meters west of Bridge 4 a fire fight was spotted. 2 APC from Salem was sent to check out the area. A VC company was supposed to be at BR901824. A/1-50th checked out a village at BR901824 with neg findings. At 1745 B/1-503 found a base camp at BR908875 with 1 large shelter with large bed. Also green uniforms also 1 ammo can, 1 sand bag of rice, 4 bottles of kerosene. At 2007 B/1-50th 2d plat element while moving into position heard movement and voices at BR958812. They engaged with neg results. At 2315 SRAP reported movement between themselves and Uplift.

20 May 1969. At 0745 Scouts took control of the bridges and road security from Co A. At 0945 Co A assumed control of AO Coron. At 1025 B/1-503 at BR970965 found a tunnel complex large enough for 50 people. It was 5'10" x 3' and 100 meters long. In the tunnel they found 2 lbs of C4 and 2 blasting caps. At 1345 B/1-50th assumed control of the bridges and road security from the Scouts. At 1413 on Bridge 8 a person was run over by a truck resulting in a broken leg. At 1447 B/1-503 heard some firing and went to investigate resulting in 2 men running away. They were engaged from 400 meters resulting in 1 VC KIA and 1 detainee BR937839. At 2300 Hawk 52B Co A rec'd frag grenades and SA fire from the NE about 30 meters away. There 2 KHA, 1 WIA and 1 man in shock (friendly). A patrol was sent out into contract area, neg results. BR968799.

21 May 1969. At 0710 B/1-503 engaged 1 VC at BR969855. Results 1 VC KIA, 1 SKS and 6 rds CIA. At 0725 approx 15 VC opened up on 2 tracks from Co A at BR974797 then fled to village at BR975790. Neg cas. At 0930 B/1-503 engaged 1 VC at BR967853. He was hiding in a tunnel. The VC was carrying a Thompson submachine gun and was dusted off. At 2053 Hawk 52B of Co A spotted 1 VC 75-100 meters in front of their ambush. Did not engage BR968797.

22 May 1969. At 0010 Hawk 52A of Co A sprang ambush on 4 indiv. Area was checked with neg results. Neg cas. At 0845 hamlet chief says 1 plat VC at BR957792. Chief stated it was same plat that ambushed the ARVN 34 ton 5-7 days ago. Scouts alerted to move to area. LOHs requested. Co set up a blocking force at BR9558798 SE to BR961790. At 1000 people stated in village at BR957792 said VC were in village last night. Also found a base plate for a 60mm. At 1145 three 105 rds were found in sand at BR985899. EOD requested. At 2030 3d plat hawk Co A spotted 3 indiv at 300 meters weest of them. A hasty ambush was set up and waited for further readouts. Neg results.

23 May 1969. At 0550 Co A ambush opened fire on 1 man moving in front of their position. Neg results. At 0710 picked up 1 detainee male 30-35 BR975745. At 0820 Hawkeye 2M spotted personnel moving along trail toward village BR982786. Told to keep under observation. At 1250 Co A picked female detainee (26 yrs old) carrying 1 qt blood plasma. Said she got it from her husband. Sent to LZ Uplift. At 1500 Co A picked up 3 detainees, 1 carrying documents indicating she was a supply point for VC. Other 2 suspected VC wives. At 2105 Co A 1st plat hawk spotted 3 people moving up in their area (BR966800). Sprung ambush at 2115 and followed up with company reaction force. Cleared area, neg results. Hawk stayed in original position. Reaction force returned to CP.

24 May 1969. At 0410 Co A initiated ambush on 1 man 50 meters NE from their position. Swept area and found blood stains. Support 20 illum 81mm, 1 illum 105mm. Res: neg cas. At 0615 3/B/1-503 made contact 3 VC at 300 meters moving north. Fled in all directions. Spotted 1 unk wpn. All were wearing black PJs. After making sweep found 2 ½ gal water, 4 bowls cooked rice, Female detainee 20-25 no ID BR953867. Only adult in village. Believed to be VC. At 0900 A/1-50th picked up 2 boys age 11 & 14 were uncooperative. Parents ran from village at approach of US troops BR990789. At 0930 A/1-50th had 1 female detainee. Admitted working for the VC. Also says VC plat loc at BR990789. Age 40. At 1015 picked up 4 more female detainees, no Ids. At 1330 EOD completed destroying of tunnel BR... loc. 100% destroyed. At 1400 A/1-50th had 1 detainee, muscular sweating, no ID. Another detainee 18yrs old picked up 20 min. later. Both had NV money. At 2201 A/1-50th 2A element spotted movement and fired claymore. Neg findings.

25 May 1969. At 0240 Co A received SA fire, 1 satchel charge and 4 RPG rockets. Neg casualties. Fired 105 illum, neg results. Seven RPG rockets came in at 0410 from SE. Shot up are at 200-300 meters. Neg. ca., neg res. At 0630 3/B/1-503 spotted 4 VC at BR971061. Initiated contact at 5 meters. 3 VC KIA, 1 fled north. CIA 1 M1 rifle, 2 pistol belts, five M26 grenades. VC who fled had an automatic carbine. At 0750 A/1-50 had 1 detainee male no ID BR992788. At 0800 B/1-503 had 5 detainees 1 male 55 yrs old 4 females 14-15 yrs old. NP questioned them. Admitted to being VC symphathizers. At 0830 Scout ambushed, 1 friendly WIA. Swept area, neg results. At least 5 VC in ambush. At 1305 BR9x8875, 1/B/1-503, 2/B/1-503 found VC base camp 2-3 days old. 3 new fires est 6 VC stayed there. At 1430 Hawks nest reported 25-30 persons going up mountain BR97791. A couple came back down, then about 20 went back up carrying baskets. At 1815 one US jeep and 3 personnel from 2/47 advisors team ambushed at BR921728. Scouts were called out of Uplift. Two tracks left from Phu My to go to assist. Swept area, neg results. 1 VN warrant officer wounded, extracted to Uplift. At 2135 Co A CP spotted flashlight 200 meters to the SE. Engaged with 50 cal & SA. Neg res.

26 May 1969. At 0845 A/1-50th reported a large volume of fire coming from BR966761. It was further reported that firing was from a RF blocking force who spotted 3 VC Unk results. 0930 1/A/1-50th reported finding a bunker and tunnel complex at BR963772. CS was thrown in tunnels, neg res. 1130 B/1-503 found 10 foxholes at BR957685 used recently. Can hold 20-30 people, 2 cooking fires, 1 straw hooch 3x6, 1 pair black PJ. 1500 Bridge 4 rec" SA fire from SE, neg cas. It turned out to be RFs bird hunting. 1550 a track from A/1-50th 4th plat hit a mine on hwy 505. Command detonated 155mm mine. 6 people dusted off only 2 seriously wounded. The track was completely destroyed. BR986788. The village near the track caught on fire as a result of exploding ammo. 2005 Bridge 1 reported spotting 70 people with wpns moving N to NE. A provisional element was combat assaulted near village at BR935767. PZ 2030. B/1050th set up as a blocking force along the road between Bridge 1 & 2. Village area was checked out. Scouts and 2/B/1-50th cordon the village overnight and will check it in the morning.

27May 1969. 0555 1/B/1-50 cordon of village begun at this time. 0725 Sweep of village complete at this time, neg res. 1200 A/1-50th 2 plt found 20 SKS rds in a hooch BR980789. 1320 B/1-503 4 m3n were seriously wounded when they tripped a booby trap at BR919873 Dustoff called. 1707 V/1-503 at

BR974864 spotted 5 VC, 1 carrying wpn. Was engaged form 200 meters, neg results. 2035 A/1-50th on a joint ambush with RFs spotted 1 VC engaged and killed him. During the fighting an ARVN Lt was shot. He was dusted off.

28 May 1969. 0730 B/1-50th caught 10 detainees at BR961857, 7 at BR975850. Most of them males of military age. 0825 A/1-50th captured 1 female at BR992801 with 1 bottle of penicillin and six 105 rds without powder. 1025 A/1-50th BR990802 A VC ambush was blown resulting in 2 KHA, 4 WHA. Ambush was claymore detonated. Also found six 105 rds. EOD was requested to check out the area. The plat sgt was killed. 2020 Bridge 1 reported 5 people moving west in a column at BR935766 moving toward Scout ambush. They disappeared after initial report. A/1-50th reported one M79 rnd fired from a village at BR950816 landed wounding 1 man slightly in the leg. SA fire was returned in the direction of the village, neg res.

1855 B/1-503 One US troop was out in field to urinate and his M79 accidentally went off and the rd went into the RF Co 736 compound and wounded 1 man slightly in the leg by a piece of frag. Dustoff called.

29 May 1969. 0800 B/1-503 found 2 frags that were thrown at the RFs in previous days action. Also found that 1 of the grenades was booby trapped. 0920 Hawks nest spotted VC at BR924878. Fired 81mm and arty, possible 2 KIA. 1020 B/1-50th Bridge 4 reported 1 civilian came to the bridge. He had holes n his body. Believed to be bullet holes. Further readout gathered the following information 15 yr old boy tripped a booby trap approx 200-300 meters east of the bridge. Neg bullet wounds they were frag wounds. 1816 Opn was begun LZ BR995783, LZ 2 CR006781 both LZs were cold. 1822 LZ 2 rec'd AW fire from the north, neg cas or damage. 1840 100 meters north of LZ 2 ranger 7 made contact with 2 VC armed with AK47s. 1 WIA, 6 detainees. 1925,B/1-503 at BR947864 engaged 1 VC res 1 KIA. 1956 SRAP rec'd AW fire from the west, neg cas or damage. 2020 A/1-50th has approx 146 detainees at his loc BR986794. Effective 300600 through 310600May69 no offensive opns will be taken. All units to report any incident ASAP.

30 May 1969. 0730 point element of Ranger 7 had a claymore blown on them at CR002805. 7 people dusted off, 2 KIA, 5 WIA. Fired on two indiv. 1 VC KIA, 1 VC CIA plus 2 grenades from dead VC BR996804. 0930 B/1-503 rec'd fire from 2 VC fire returned 1 VC KIA, 1 M1 rifle CIA. 1010 SRAP rec'd 4-5 rds at BR995825. Neg cas. 1350 VC informed 172MI of loc of 1 command detonated claymore. Co A was notified. 1945 Bridge 2 reported 10 rds of 81mm exploding 50-600 meters NE of Bridge 2 BR927785. Neg cas or damage. 1000 1 VC captured by CC. 1300 extraction of Scouts, PZ 1300, LZ 1325; 1/B/2-503 PZ1322, LZ 1337; 1/B/1-503 PZ 1300, LZ 1325.

31 May 1969. 0705 B/1-503 rec'd AW fire from 100 meters. They saw at least 10 young men running SE. After the contact villagers brought 2 wounded women and dustoff was called BR981951, neg US cas. 0845 B/1-503 3e plat again rec'd AW fire from est 7 VC resulting in 1 friendly KHA and 1 WIA. Dustoff was called. As a result of the action 4 detainees which were captured earlier were killed. 0930 CC picked up 1 detainee at BR977877. The indiv was fleeing from right of the above contact. 1120 B/1-503 found 8 fox holes about 1 month old at BR942873. At BR945873 they found 16-17 foxholes about 6 months old. They formed a circle around the top of a hill. 1820 Hawks nest reported spotting 1 indiv with rucksack. B/1-503 was informed. They proceeded to the loc and spotted 2 indiv. They shot 1 who had a rucksack with a bag of rice. The one that got away had a M1 rifle BR931867. He fled south.

B/1-503 had a five man patrol with 4 detainees returning to their CP. They were crossing a river in a sampan when unk size element of VC opened up with full AW fire killing 1 GI and two detainees. Also one other GI was wounded in the leg. The two remaining detainees tried to escape. One tried to grab a weapon but it was knocked from his hand. They then ran from B/1-503 people. B/1-503 element warned them to stop, when they didn't they opened fire and killed them both.