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1	0058		From 2-327, 2-501, 1-502, 2-17 Cav: SITREP negative	101	
2	0158		From 2-327, 2-501, 1-502, 2-17 Cav: SITREP negative	101	
3	0250		From 2-327, 2-501, 1-502, 2-17 Cav: SITREP negative	101	
4	0350		From 2-327, 2-501, 1-502, 2-17 Cav: SITREP negative	101	
5	0355		2-501: B Co moving this time by BARC	J, G3	
6	0410		From Msg Cen: QSL #539, time 1943Z, for INTSUM		
7	0425		From 2-501: C Co moving at 0425	J, G3	
8	0445		From 2-501: Recon moving at 0442	J, G3	
9	0410		From 2-501: SITREP negative		
10	0452		From 1-502: SITREP negative		
11	0453		From 2-327: SITREP negative		
12	0500		From 2-17: SITREP negative		
13	0555		From 2-327, 2-501, 1-502, 2-17 Cav: SITREP negative	101	
14	0602		From 2-501: B Co landed and moving inland.		
15	0615		From 2-501, B, C, Recon locations: B Co YD 533520, C Co YD522527, Recon YD513535	J, M	
16	0632		From 1-502: All ambush are in	J, M	

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17	0650		2-327: SITREP negative	J	
18	0700		1-502: Minesweep started for EVANS 0618 2-501 - minesweep started for HARDCORE 0645	J, M	
19	0725		From COMCEN: At 0724, Div received SITREP		
20	0734		From 2-17 Cav: Minesweep north started 0730		
21	0740		From 1-502: Minesweep locations <u>YD536337</u> and YD571317.		
22	0745		From 2-327: Minesweep located YD394416		
23	0748		From 2-327: Co B element began sweep 0730		
24	0755		From 2-327: Minesweep locations from Co B YD459406 and YD433439.		
25	0756		From 1-502: D Co minesweep element depart- ed 0726 (PHONG DIEN).		
26	0807		From 1-502: Minesweep locations YD531341, YD579310, YD211353,		
27	0808		From 2-327: Minesweep locations YD460417, YD433446.		
28	0813		From 2-17 Cav: A Troop minesweep at YD466 375 drew 17-18 rounds SA fire, from vic YD 472378, as seen as they can determine defi- nite location will return a heavy volume of SA fire - negative casualties at this time.		
29	0825		From 2-17 Cav: Reference Journal entry #28		

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29	cont		Contact broken at 0815 hours - minesweep presently at YD472383.		
30	0836		From 2-501: B M/S at CP B at 0800 hours YD461522.		
31	0840		From 1-502: B Co moved out to the SW at 0830 hours.		
32	0845		From 2-327: A M/S presently at YD399466.		
33	0850		From 2-501: D M/S complete at this time		
34	0853	late entry	From 2-501: Msg received at 0834 hours, vic of YD526473 total of 12 PJ pits - two types. #1 - hole 18" to 24" diameter, 18" to 24" deep - lined with bricks, metal spikes 1/4" by 1/8", 12" to 16" long. #2 - Bamboo stakes - hole 18" to 24" deep lined with C-rations boxes, both types PJ pits are covered with bamboo matting - sand overtrap - all pits will be destroyed. 4 metal type, 8 bamboo type.		
35	0855		From 2-501a: A M/S complete at this time.		
36	0857		From 2-327: Access road cleared at this time		
37	0907		From 1-502: M/S locations - <u>YD555309</u> , YD 487367.		
38	0920		From 2-17 Coy: Locations A Troop, B Troop		

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38	cont		TAC CP, ARP - YD545414, 1 plat A Troop YD 477377, 1 plt B Troop YD519439, A - M/S YD 465392		
39	0925		From 2-327: B M/S YD430458		
40	0926		From 2-17 Cav: A Troop M/S complete at this time.		
41	0940		1-502: Minesweep to south is complete this time.		
42	0945		From Bde CO: There is a helicopter down 200 meters south of Camp EVANS Access road broken tail boom - nobody injured.		
43	0954		From 1-502: Locations - A Co YD541274, B Co YD585279, C Co Camp EVANS, D Co YD527346, M/S YD483372, Recon - Camp EVANS.		
44	1000		From 2-327: A Co, C Co, and Recon - IZ JANE, B Co YD418478, 2d YD437433, 1st YD460400.		
45	1003		From 2-17 Cav: M/S to N completed - M/S to S started at 0950 hours.		
46	1010		From 1-502: Road cleared in there sector at this time.		
47	1013		From 2-327: Medevac complete 1000 hours for VN civilian female that was brought to bridge YD460400 - with gunshot wound.		

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48	1020	late entry	From 2-17 Cav: Msg received 1000 hours - tentative scheme of maneuver - A Troop - from NDP north to road to objective S - YD 555130, ARP from NDP north to road to west to objective N - YD495448.		
49	1025	late entry	From 2-327: Locations - A, C and Recon LZ JANE, B Co. YD418478, 2nd Plat YD437433, B 1st Plat YD460400, A 1st Plat YD377424.		
50	1026	late entry	From 2-17: Msg received at 1012 hours, A 3rd plat (+) moving toward objective S - YD555430		
51	1028		From 2-501: PZ 1st lift 1027 hours.		
52	1030		To 101st: Road opened at 1015 hours.		
53	1040		From 2-501: 1st lift (ARVN) down at this time LZ GREEN.		
54	1045	late entry	From 2-17 Cav: At 1018 hours - B Troop lead elements moved out.		
55	1050		From 2-501: 2nd lift (ARVN) Abn at this time.		
56	1043		G3 operations: Div Avn Off - Request approval of C/A for B 2-17 Cav - PZ time 1230, location YD505445, contact 2-17 Cav, LZ YD 485447 - contact 2-17 Cav.		

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57	1050		From 2-17: A Troop in contact with 3 indiv YD543433 - 3d Plat presently maneuvering will advise.		
58	1100		From 2-501: 2d lift LZ 1055		
59	1114		From 2-501: 3d lift Abn 1105 - landed 1113		
60	1115		From 2-501: Locations - A Co HARDCORE, B Co YD530520, C Co YD522527, D Co WUNDER BEACH, Recon YD515535.		
61	1115		From 2-17 Cav: Reference entry 57 - observ- ed 2/3 VC taken under fire by VC - fire returned - Negative results, negative re- sults.		
62	1125		From 1-502: B Co vic YD572267, 1120 hrs, 1 A/W opened copies fired 15 rounds, nega- tive casualties - negative assessment.		
63	1142		From 2-501: 1st lift AF Abn at this time.		
64	1150	late entry	From G3 101: Need a maneuver justification for the change in plans of B 2-17, request for a C/A. From S3 to G3; the C/A of Troop B is contingent upon weather or not B can find a site to swim their tracks across the river if suitable site is not found, the C/A is requested for B to make a dismounted		

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64	cont		searching force where ARP had contact yesterday		
65	1155	late entry	To G3: B Troop should be searching river in about 30 minutes to recon for a site to swim tracks across. From G3: Keep us informed as ships for C/A may be difficult to come by, possibly these now working for 2-501 may be available.		
66	1200		From 2-501: 4th lift for today LZ at 1150 hours.		
67	1210		From 2-501: Last lift landed at this time.		
68		1225	To 101: Reference status of C/A for B 2-17 Request flight commanders time of 1300, lift time of 1330, PZ YD499445, LZ YD482458, request 5+2*1 for at least one sortie for ARP and contingency of 3 sorties, other 2 sorties being for B Troop if suitable swimming site is not found across river.		
69	1230		From 2-17: Locations; A Co YD552430, plt YD518440, B YD501459		
70	1255		2-17 Cav: At 1246 hours A Troop vic YD555430 received SA, AW fire from squad size enemy force, enemy believed to be vic YD556429,		

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70	cont		have returned fire (SA, AW, M79), contact net broken. Calling for arty and IFT. At 1304 2-17 RRF force was sent into action RRF is 2d Plat A 3/5		
71	1300		From 1-502: B Co found 60' detonating cord vic YD572267 - also D Co found a dud 155 round vic YD559338 - blew in place. Locations; A Co YD520250, B Co YD578266, C Co Camp EVANS, D Co YD559338, Recon YD608325.		
72	1318		From 2-17 Cav: 1315 fire has ceased - A Troop element presently searching area		
73	1320		From 2-327: A Co presently at YD385407.		
74	1330		From 2-327: Convey closed LZ JANE at this time.		
75	1345		From 2-17 Cav: A Troop presently searching area where contact was made earlier Entry #70 & 72.		
76	1355		From 2-501: B Co relieved of its mission at this time.		
77	1355		From 2-17 Cav: ARP lifted off at this time.		
78	1355		From 2-17 Cav: A Troop has encountered 2 squad of VC - vic YD555428 - presently in contact - returning fire at this time.		

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79	1403		From 2-17 Cav: ARP Troop landed at YD504466 LZ GREEN		
80	1405	late entry	G3 Ops: Request approval for CA at 090800 Apr PZ YD495557 to LZ YD526493 for C/2-501 plan to attack NW on highway 555 to access road to WUNDER BEACH be picked up with trucks and taken to NDP.		
81	1410		From 2-17 Cav: A Troop has a BC of 6 VC KIA		
82	1438		From 2-17: ARP landed at LZ, move to vic YD500462 received fire (unknown type), B Troop crossed river and linked up with ARP at 1438 hours.		
83	1445		From 2-17: A Troop has 4 detainees - wear- ing brown and blue uniforms - vic YD556429 will evac on log bird.		
84	1435		From 1-502: A Co YD525250, approx 1415 found small enemy cache - 3 M1 rifles, 1 SMG, few magazines and ammo for weapons.		
85	1456		From 2-17: A Troop, 1st Plat has 1 more VC (KIA) YD555429.		
86	1514		From 2-17: A Troop has a total of 7 VC KIA		
87	1530	late entry	At 1450 hours Co C 1-327 conducting training		

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87	cont		fire and maneuver adjusted mortar vic YD376 426, FO (Arty) adjusted 81mm mortar 3 degrees 7 personnel WIA, 3 possibly urgent (not ab- solutely certain) 1 short round - Co element evac by utility to SALLY.		
88	1533		From 2-17: Medevac complete for 1 litter for B Troop at 1530 hours - vic YD497461, circumstances unknown at present.		
89	1545		From 2-327: Convoy departed JANE for EAGLE 6 vehicles.		
90	1550		From 2-17: A Troop contact broke 1500 hours B Troop - VC are in concrete bunkers - vic YD494453, presently calling arty.		
91	1608	2-501	2-501: 1st PPF extraction Abn at 1606 hrs.		
92	1610		2-327: Convoy at CP 16 I.		
93	1615		From 2-501: 1st lift of PPF complete at 1615 hours.		
94	1621		From 2-17: A Troop found 800 lbs of rice vic YD555428 - time - 1530-1545 hours.		
95	1621		From 2-327: Medevac complete at this time.		
96	1630		From 2-327: Total of 9 US WIA from mortar accident - all evac.		
97	1631		From 1-502: Unit location as of 1620 hours.		

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97	cont		A Co YD526255, B Co YD576263, C Co Camp EVANS, D Co YD527347, Recon YD613312,		
98	1635		From 2-17: Arty being fired in support of B Troop - VC pulling back SW along river.		
99	1700		From 2-501: 2nd Abn at 1629 hours, down at 1634 hours, 3rd up 1657 hours, down 1703		
100	1705	late entry	From MP's: Report received at 1648 hours; 5 ton vehicle hit mine on access road - UB 25 meters N from where same type accident happened two days ago - Engr personnel said it was a command detonated mine. YD429488 no injuries.		
101	1706	late entry	From 1-502: Report received at 1655 hours; B Co at 1650 at YD587253 received fire from 3 AW and 2 60mm mortar rounds - enemy to SE - enemy has ceased firing at 1700 hours B Co maneuvering and calling arty.		
102	1708	late entry	From 2-17: Report received at 1700 hours, B Troop has 5 WIA - medevac requested presently trying to make contact with FAC for A/S		
103	1713		From 2-501: 4th lift Abn at 1711 (PF)		
104	1719		From 2-501: 4th lift ARVN down 1719 hours.		

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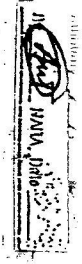
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105	1741		From 2-501: 5th lift down at 1730 hours, 6th lift Abn at 1741 hours. PF forces.		
106	1750		CO 1-502: B Co receiving fire from both flanks		
107	1751		2-17: B Troop has 1 VC WIA, will evac.		
108	1753		2-501: Extraction of ARVN complete at 1745 hours. C Co 1st Plat closed WUNDER BEACH at this time.		
109	1818		From 2-17: B Troop has 1 KIA, 3 WIA, and 1 VC WIA, all will be evacuated on medevac that has been requested.		
110		1830	To 101st: Operating that ARVN were to conduct 8 Apr 68, will take place 9 Apr 68, to NW of 2-501 area of operations		
111	1832		From 2-17: Reference entry 109 - B Troop has 4 WIA now - VC WIA died - now classified VC KIA (BC), medevac complete at 1826 hours		
112	1838	late entry	To G3 101 Cpt GILLEM: Msg sent forward at 1630 hours, reference C 2-327 mortar accident Co C was conducting a training operation and had moved by fire and maneuver to crest of a hill against a simulated enemy squad. Co commander revised to simulated Company and		

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112	cent		ordered withdrawal to vic YD373428 to call supporting indirect fires. Arty FO called in 81mm mortar fire with critical request grid YD367433 and direction 4400 OTL. Mortar position YD38004373. 1st round landed approx on area request (WP round). Subsequent command was left 300 did not change direction. The 2nd round was left 300 however fell slightly into fold in the ground. The next FO adjustment was 1300, D100 based on primarily on sound sensing. The 3rd rd landed forward of FO into friendly troops wounding 7 (1 litter, 5 ambulatory), critically evac by leg bird to B 326 Med subsequently to 22d Surg PHU EAI - LTC BACKWITH went to the 81mm mortar position and ordered the troops to withdraw 300 meters. He then had the arty FO recall the same fire mission. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd rounds landed in the same location as the previous 1st, 2nd and 3rd rounds had impacted. Col Cushman tentatively believes based upon this that the adjustment had been either to bold or not		

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112	cent		properly sensed. 2-327 policy allows only Arty FO to adjust arty and mortar fire. LTC Keesling has been appointed investigating officer.		
113	1840	late entry	From 2-17: Report received at 1745 hours - Medevac complete at 1738 for 5 WIA from B Troop		
114	1845		From 2-327: Ambush for tonight, A Co YD390459, B Co YD413475, YD415473, YD435433, YD438434, YD454397, Recon YD370436.		
115	1900		From 2-17: Total casualties for B Troop to this time - has been 9 medevaced. There are 4 mor waiting to be medevaced - they have had 1 KHA today.		
116	1915		From 2-501: Night ambush locations, A Co YD434498, YD445500, B Co YD446583, C Co YD511546, YD573544, ambush for D Co YD467532.		
117		1940	To 2-501: CA for tomorrow has been approved		
118	1957		From 2-17: Total number of casualties today is 1 KHA, 14 WHA, 13 medevac, (9 evac, 4 awaiting evac).		
119	1950	late entry	CO 2-17: All of B Troop out of village, will conduct medevac, medevac standing by		

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ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INL
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119	cent		by awaiting gunships.		
120	1953	late entry	1-502: At 1945 hours B Co vic YD591252 received burst of AW fire. 2 WIA, fire has ceased, will not evac.		
121	2011		2-17: Medevac complete at 2009 hours, (Ref entry 118)		
122	2025		2-17: B Troop has so far, 4 VC KIA (BC), 2 weapons, some web gear and documents.	J, S2	
123	2045		2-17: TAC CP & A Troop YD528432, 2 squads, YD518439, 1st Plt A Troop YD477376, B Troop and ARP NDP YD506467.		
124	2110		101: Aircraft approved for resupply of 2-17 J, CO, S3, 2-17 (TAC E).		
125	2115		CO 2-17: Corrected casualties, 1 KIA, 12 WIA		
126	2045	late entry	2-501: At 1921 hours 1st plat of A Co moving to ambush position, heard SA fire in village vic YD438497 ceased at 1953 hrs.		
127	2155		S2: 1-502 received report from 1-321 on perimeter, position 5 and 6 reported 2 men 200 meters moving toward perimeter YD532312 Engaged with M79 and 2 M16 rounds, negative assessment, Negative casualties.		
129	2200		2-327, 2-501, 1-502, 2-17: SITREP negative		

TYPED NAME AND GRADE OF OFFICER	SIGNATURE
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