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1	0002		1-501: Field location SITREP negative		
2		0037	To 101 DTCC: Commanders SITREP for period 180001 - 182400 Jan 68		
3	0045		From 1-501, 2-501, 1-502: Situation report no change (bunker)		
4		0046	To DISCOM: Journal entry #3		
5	0055		1-501: D Co at coordinates XT725122 fired on two VC. Both VC hit. One dropped rifle US made carbine - rifle recovered. Other VC hit. Both VC dropped over kike. D Co shifting position at this time		
6	0104		1-502: Field location SITREP negative		
7	0115		From 1-501, 2-501, 1-502: Situation report no change (bunker)		
8		0116	To DISCOM: Journal entry #7		
9	0150		1-502: Field location SITREP negative		
10	0208		1-501: New ambush location for D Co - XT 745128		
11		0208	To 101 DTCC: Routine SITREP negative		
12	0245		From 1-501, 2-501, 1-502: Situation report no change		
13		0217	To DISCOM: Journal entry #12		
14	0255		Msg Hq 101 Abn Div, AVDG-GC-01-216, Subject: <i>for 12 28000</i>		

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14	cont		Unsatisfactory reporting, dated 18 Jan 68.		
15	0255		Msg Hq 101 Abn Div, AVDG-CS, subject: Defense concentrations, dated 18 Jan 68.		
16	0303		1-501: C Co spotted one sampan vicinity XT785137. Took under fire with SA. Two individuals aboard. Finally hit sampan with LAW. Sampan turned over. One indiv jumped in river. Status of other indiv unknown.	S2, 101 DTOC	
17	0345		From 1-501, 2-501, 1-502: Situation report no change		
18		0350	To DISCOM: Journal entry #17		
19		0400	To 101 DTOC: Situation report no change		
20	0445		From 1-501, 2-501, 1-502: Situation report no change (bunker)		
21	0447		From 1-502: Situation report no change (AO Ace)		
22		0450	To DISCOM: Journal entry #20		
23	0510		From 1-501: Situation report no change (AO King). One soldier from Co D acciden- tally wounded himself in the leg with .45 cal pistol at 0450 hours. Individual being evacuated to CP - extent and location of	S2, CO	

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23	cont		wound is unknown	
24	0515		From 1-501: Reference entry #23 - wound is in right leg, request DUSTOFF to XT725110	S2, CO Dustoff Control
25	0515		From 1-501, 2-501, 1-502: Situation report no change (all locations)	
26		0555	To 1-501: DUSTOFF ETA 15 minutes - call-sign DUSTOFF 22, will contact unit on Bn command frequency	
27	late entry	0557	To 101st DTOC: Journal entry 23 & 24	
28	entry	0550	To DISCOM: Journal entry #25	
29	0617		DUSTOFF complete - patient forwarded to 12th Evac hospital	
30	late entry	0605	To 1-501: Continue to search for MIA both by ground and air. Terminate operations and return to base camp at 1700 hours.	
31	0615		From 1-501, 2-501, 1-502: Situation report no change (bunker)	
32		0650	To DISCOM: Journal entry #31	
33	0651		From 1-502: Situation report no change (AO Ace)	
34	0700		From 1-501: Field location SITREP negative No change in unit locations	
35	0701		From 2d Bde 25th: ROME PLOW Operation will	Artillery, AF

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35	cont		extend down to grid 6221	
36	0708		From Bde S2: Conference msg, subject: Red Hoze report	
37	0718		2-501: A Co ambush patrols commenced moving at 0700 hours	
38	0745		From 1-501, 2-501, 1-502: Situation report no change (bunker)	
39		0750	To DISCOM: Journal entry #38	
40		0803	To Division: Routine SITREP no change	
41	0806		From 1-501: Field location SITREP negative No change in unit locations	
42	0809		From 2-501; 1st lift of Recon Plat Abn, enroute to base camp	
43	0830		From 2-501: A Co closed base camp	G3 101
44	0840	late entry	From 2-501: 1st lift recon arrived base camp at 0820 hours	
45	0841	late entry	From 2-501: 2nd lift recon Abn & enroute to base camp at 0831 hours	
46	0844		From 1-502: (Field location) C & D Co closed Bn CP location at 0830 hours	
47	0845		From 1-501, 2-501, 1-502: Situation report no change (bunker)	
48		0850	To DISCOM: Journal entry # 47	

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19	0852		From 2-501: Received 20 copies of Night OPORD 10-68	
50	0856		From Bde Avn Section: B Co 1-501 requested dustoff - as of this time this Hqs has no firm report (estimated WIA's)	G3 101
51	0901		From 1-501: Field location - Casualties were a result of booby traps (Grenade type) 1 man lost hand, 1 man slightly wounded. Incident happened at XT789113, 0840 hours. Dustoff requested by 1-501, unit coordina- ted directly with dustoff control	G3 101
52	0917		From 1-501: First dustoff completed at 0855 hours, second dustoff completed at 0912	G3 101
53	0921		From Bde S2: 1-501 reported that there were 2 grenade type booby traps - were on stakes 4" to 6" above ground. Also one 18" by 6" cylindrical type booby trap with trip wire was found, and blown in place.	
54	0924		From 2-501: 2nd lift recon landed base camp at 0812 - 3rd lift Abn at 0853 hours, landed base camp at 0904, 4th lift Abn at 0917 hours enroute to base camp	

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55	0944		From 2-501 4th lift recon plat landed at base camp at 0917, 5th lift recon Abn at 0942 hours					
56	0945		From 1-501, 2-501, 1-502: Situation report no change					
57		0950	To DISCOM: Journal entry #56					
58	1003		From 1-501: Field location SITREP negative Current unit locations: A Co XT750140, B Co XT782105, C Co XT760140, Recon XT722-159, D Co at Bn CP				G3 101	
59		1005	To Division: Routine SITREP = Sent journal entries 52 & 58					
60	1025		Cu Chi Dustoff Control: Primary frequency being jammed and presently operating on alternate frequency				1-501, 2-501, 1-502	
61	1028	late entry	From 1-502: Began moving to base camp at 0830 hours				G3 101	
62	1036		From 2-501: 5th lift recon landed at 0954 6th lift Abn at 1015, 6th lift landed at 1027 hours					
63	1045		From 1-501, 2-501, 1-502: Situation report no change					
64		1050	To DISCOM: Journal entry #63					
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65	1052		From 2-501: Recon platoon closed base camp	G3 101	
66	1057		From 1-501: Field location SITREP negative		
			Units are presently moving. Will call in new location as soon as possible		
67	1103		From 1-501: MIA from Co B has been found at XT7810- appeared to have drowned		
68	1105		From 44th EOD: Will be blowing some explosives at coordinates XT668123 vicinity Ann Margaret Road	1-501, 2-501, 1-502, 1-321	
69	1145		From 1-501, 2-501, 1-502: Bunker SITREP negative		
70	1146		From 1-501 Rear: At 1115 hours observed what appears to be 10 rounds of small mortar, 60 or 82mm, exploding, at coordinates XT698149		
71		1150	To DISCOM: Journal entry #69		
72	1200		1-502: C Co & recon platoon closed base camp		
73	1201		1-501: Situation report negative field location		
74	1207		1-502: All elements closed Cu Chi	G3 101	
75	1215		From 2-501: D Co ambush location XT639180, platoon size.		

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76	1235	late entry	From B Co 1-501: At XT712145 spotted suspected VC mortar position, B Co sighted 3 personnel moving with what appeared to be a mortar tube. Action - artillery called in. Time of report 1148 hours		
77	1225	late entry	From 1-501: Field location SITREP negative Current location of units: A Co XT778124 B Co XT712145, C Co & recon - no change		
78	1245		From 1-501, 2-501, 1-502: Situation report no change (bunker)		
79		1250	To DISCOM: Journal entry #78		
80	1310		From 1-501: Correction on location of Co B 1-501. Co B is located at XT796124 instead of XT712145		
81	1335		From DISCOM: Two dusters will be firing at following positions: Pos 1 XT636159 - RL 5600, LL 4800, maximum range 3000 meters Pos 2 From XT630158, LL 0400, RL 1600, max range 3000		
82	1341		From 1-501: Field location - A Co presently moving through gate - B Co is at XT78-5135 - other units no change		
83	1345		From 1-501, 2-501, 1-502: Situation report		

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83	cont		no change (bunker)		
84		1350	To DISCOM: Journal entry #83		
85	1400		From 1-501: Field location SITREP negative	G3 101	
			C Co approaching base camp - A Co closed		
			base camp - B,D & recon no change		
86	1405		40th EOD: Completed blasting in 2d Bde AO		
87		1406	To G3 101: Routine SITREP, A 1-501 closed		
			base camp 1400 hours.		
88	1425		From G3 101: Col Tallon (C/S) stated that		
			B 2-501 at Bien Hoa may be rotated if so		
			desired		
89	1449		From 1-501: C Co closed base camp	101st TOC	
90	1450		From 1-501, 2-501, 1-502: Situation report		
			no change		
91		1450	To DISCOM: Journal entry #90		
92	1451		1-501: SITREP negative, B Co located at		
			XT784131, Recon & D no change		
93	1455		1-501: Mortar platoon & surveillance sec-		
			tion closed base camp		
94	1452		From CO: Will return after 1600 hours		
			rescheduled meeting previously set for 1600		
			hours to 1700 hours. Notify all concerned		
95	1545		From 1-501, 2-501, 1-502: Situation report		

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95	cont		no change					
96		1548	To DISCOM: Journal entry #95					
97	1555		1-501: B Co enroute to base camp, Recon and D Co no change					
98		1605	To 101 DTOC: Routine SITREP negative					
99	1635		From 1-501: B Co closed base camp				G3 101	
100	1645		From 1-501, 2-501, 1-502: Situation report					
			no change					
101	1646		From Phu Loi Arty - requested clearance in following grids, XT7318, XT7518, XT7516, XT7316 from 0700 hours - 1800 hours, 20 Jan 68. Ground clearance granted by Cpt Justice. Air clearance will be granted in morning					
102		1650	To DISCOM: Journal entry #100					
103	1706		From 1-321: A Btry closed base camp at 1615 hours. Laid and ready to accept fire missions at 1700 hours					
104	1707		From 2-501: D Co presently located at XT645175					
105	1715		From 1-501: D Co, Recon & Command group closed base camp. All of 1-501 in base camp				G3 101	

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106		1735	To 4-23 (Sgt Friar): Permission to operate in northwestern portion of AO Normandy granted for 200600 - 201800 Jan. Notified them of 2-501 platoon ambush leaving position XT639180 at 200700 hours. If it is desired to go further east than originally discussed, notify this TOC for approval		
107	1745		From 1-501, 2-501, 1-502: Situation report no change		
108		1746	To DISCOM: Journal entry #107		
109	1845		From 1-501, 2-501, 1-502: Situation report no change		
110		1850	To DISCOM: Journal entry #109		
111	1912		Msg from Cpt COHEN 25th Inf Div DTOC rear: At 1815 a driver in a 3/4 ton truck from 554 Engr hit a 5 year old vietnamese girl in village 5 kilometers east of CU CHI. MP's from CU CHI went to investigate and drew small arms fire from village approx 5 miles east of CU CHI base camp main gate. At 1827 a platoon from 3/4 Cav went to assist MP's. The platoon and the MP's were not able to locate the girl and they ceased	S5 notified as per instructions	

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111	cont		the search at 1905. More information will follow when available. Cpt COHEN advised that S5 be notified of incident.		
112	1926		From 2-501: Delta closes ambush position	G3 101	
113	1939		Mortar Attack Commenced		
114	1945		Mortar Attack Terminated: Approximately		
115			15 to 20 rounds landed vicinity of TF units		
	1954		1-502: Mortar round landed in bunker of Bn base camp. Five casualties - one of which appears serious.	101st DTOG	
116	1956		From DISCOM: Rounds impacting without detonation - mark same with 30 meters safe zone - have all personnel stay clear.		
117	2000		From 1-502: EOD team required in A Co area, two rounds landed - one round did not detonate		
118	2003		From 2-501: One soldier WIA from D Co		
119	1954	late entry	2-501: Ambush patrol located at XT639180 reported spotting mortar flashes 6000 mls approximately 800 meters, vicinity XT637-187, have FO can adjust arty.		
120	1951	late entry	C/326 Engr: Approximately 3 rounds impacted in area, no casualties		

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121	2002	late entry	2-501: LTC Tallman reports receiving fire close to their location - appears to be coming from bunker-line 1 man stunned.		
122	2011		1-502:: Mortar attack resulted in 1 KIA and 6 WIA		
123	2019		1-501: A dud on Lanai road guarded by MP's approximately 50 meters from 1-501 TOC		
124		2022	To DISCOM: Casualties total 3 KIA and 4 WIA		
125	2023		From DISCOM: Mortar attack terminated - all units may stand down, submit ASAP complete casualties/damage to include number of rounds	1-501, 2-501 1-502, 1-321 Engr	
126	2028		From Arty LNO: 2-501 ambush location reports one WIA (hand) as a result of mortar attack. EM from D Co. No dustoff required		
127	2056		SNIFFER mission for 20 Jan cancelled because of Aircraft breakdown. Mission rescheduled for 21 Jan at same times. Msg from G2 Air.	S2 informed	
128	2109		Standdown report: 1-501 - no casualties, no damage. No rounds in their area.		

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128	cont		20th transportation located near 1-501 bunker area reported 1 tent damaged by 1 incoming round.		
			1-502 - 3 KIA, 3 WIA round bored into ground near bunker and bore into the bunker and exploded. 4 rounds came into area. 2 exploded. 1 dud (estimated 122mm), 1 not located at this time.		
			1-321 - no rounds in their area, no damage to area. All personnel accounted for except 1 man who is believed to be waiting outside of battalion area. Search for EM is underway.		
129	2143		2-501: Received 5 rounds between B & C companies, estimated 75mm rounds. 1 suspected dud in C Co area. Not located at this time. No damage to facilities or area. No casualties from mortar attack. 1 man slightly stunned as a result of mortar or artillery round falling near coordinates XT639180. This was area of D Co's platoon size arbush.		
130	2125	late entry	1-502: Discontinuing search for duds		

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130	cont		because of darkness, placing area off limits and will continue search at daylight.	
131	2145		From 1-501, 2-501, 1-502: Situation report no change	
132		2146	To DISCOM: Journal entry #131	
133	2149		2-501: 2 men out of area from C Co. Hewbanks, James PFC RA 26 375 325; Scott, John D. Pvt RA 16 838 315; will inform when personnel return, all other personnel present & accounted for	
134		2150	To G3 101: D 2-501 Ambush Patrol located at XT639180	
135		2205	To DISCOM: Telephonic report (Ref Damage Control Plan to 25th Div OPORD 15-67), Received 9 incoming rounds, 3 KIA, 3 WIA	
136	2220		Reference journal entry #133, the two personnel are present.	
137	2230		Bde S1: Casualty Report changed to 3 KIA, 6 WIA	G3 101
138	2120	late entry	S2: EOD identified rounds that landed in 1-502 location to be 75mm RR	
139	2245		From 1-501, 2-501, 1-502: Situation report no change	

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140		2247	To DISCOM: Journal entry #139		
141	2249		From 25th DTOC: LTC Knowles inquired D 1-501 ambush patrol was in position prior to the mortar attack. He was informed that the patrol reported being in position at 1926 hours.		
142	2315	late entry	To Div: Shell report From TAB G to Appendix 2 to Annex S (Reports) Div TAC/SOP a. Dallas Shark g. Unknown b. 191939H h. XT6320 c. 192023H XT6319 d. XT655156 to XT664156 XT6419 e. Random Firing i. 3 KIA f. 9 (2 duds) 6 WIA Item I encoded		
143	2345		From 1-501, 2-501, 1-502: Situation report no change		
144		2350	To DISCOM: Journal entry #143		
145	2353		From COMCEN: Msg #1473 - Subject: Careless handling of weapons and munitions		
SUMMARY					
The 2d Bde 101st Abn Div remained at CU CHI base camp during this reporting period. Elements of 1-501, 2-501 and 1-502 Inf Bn continued to man defensive positions					

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in sector C of the base camp perimeter with no enemy contact.															
Operation NORMANDY terminated this date with the closure of 1-501 Inf in base camp at 1715 hours. Deployed units during this period encountered sporadic hostile actions in assigned AO's															
1-501 Inf in AO King at 0055 hours, XT725122, engaged two VC; both were fired upon and seen to fall into a dike - one US carbine was recovered. This activity took place in Co D sector. Co C at 0303 hours XT785137, observed one sampan, fired upon it and caused the craft overturn. Two VC were aboard, one was seen jumping into the river. At 0540 hours Co D reported one man wounded himself in the right leg with a .45 cal pistol. Subject was evacuated by DUSTOFF helicopter at 0617 hours. At 0840 hours, XT789113, personnel from Co B inadvertently detonated an enemy booby trap resulting in two US WIA which were evacuated. One soldier from Co D MIA since 17 Jan was found vicinity of XT7810 - subject had expired from what appeared to be drowning. At 1148 hours Co B observed three VC vicinity XT779118 - artillery was fired into the area with unknown results.															
2-501(-), Brigade reaction force, positioned a platoon size ambush, XT639180, at 1926 hours - the unit reported no enemy contact during this period (see attached OPCR Co A returned to base camp at 0830 hours from ambush site locations manned during the night of 18-19 Jan - the unit reported no hostile actions. The Battalion reconnaissance platoon returned to base camp at 1052 hours after three days of training in riverine operations at PHU CUONG. Co B remained OPCON to 101st Abn Div Hqs at BIEN HOA during this period.															

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	1-502		Inf in AO ACE, began movement towards base camp at 0830 hours closing at 1207 hours - no enemy contact occurred enroute.		
	1-321		Arty supported Bde operations, supplemented fires of 25th Inf Div and fired H & I missions periodically throughout this journal period.		
			At 1939 hours TF elements were subjected to an enemy rocket and 75mm RR attack. The attack terminated at approximately 1945 hours, all clear was declared at 2023 hours. The barrage resulted in three US KHA and six US WHA.		
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