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UTAH BEACH

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HOUR	DATE	HOUR	DATE
0001	8 APR 68	2400	8 APR 68

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ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
1	0029		LIGHTNING BUG 6, WITH 2 GUN SHIPS AND FLARESHIP. WILL FLY AROUND PRE. CHECKING OUR AREA. WILL DO THIS NIGHTLY. FR. BDE.	J, Bde	WRD
2.	0031		LIGHTNING BUG 6, SAID HE WILL USE FLARES, WILL CONTACT US IF HE MAKES CONTACT.	J, DO.	WRD
3.	0040		1 SAY A SHORT 8 E.M'S, D-SHOAT 2 AUTH TOE. 534 & ECO IN GOOD SHAPE.	J,	WRD
4	0045	0100	SIT REP A, B, C, & RECON. D CO NO COMMO. D CO SIT REP NEGATIVE.	J, Bde	WRD
5	0115		LATE ENTRY. P.O'S CHANGED 24:00 HRS.	J, MAP	WRD
6	0145	0200	SIT REP A, B, C, D, & RECON NEGATIVE	J, Bde	WRD
7	0245	0300	SIT REP A, B, C, D, & RECON NEGATIVE	J, Bde	WRD
8	0342	0355	B Co is started moving for thru transportation.	J Bde	DRD
9	0350	0355	Sit Rep Negative ACDREP	J Bde	DRD
10.	0400		B is getting ready to load the tank.	J Bde	DRD
11	0442		B has loaded & started to move	J Bde	DRD

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12	0445	0445	C Co started to move as of 0426	J Bde	DRZ
13	0444	0447	RCW Has started to move <sup>0442</sup>	J Bde	
14	0446	0455	S.t Rep Negative A&D <del>RCW</del>	J Bde	DRZ
15	0543		B is .500 meters off shore yet in about .05 the swift Boat will guide them in.	J Do	DRZ
16	0600		B is now on Beech & deploying	J Bde	DRZ
17	0600		BC RCW Have reached their locations RCW TIDE R.15 43.5 C RU 2.2 2.7 B, RU 3.3 2.0	J Bde	DRZ
18.	0625		D mine sweep should be at main gate 02.	J Bde	DRZ
19	0642		A mine sweep just starting to move	J Bde	DRZ
20	0645		A Ambuck returned 05 ago.		
21	0700		A mine sweep at CP-C	J Bde	DRZ
22	0705		D minesweep at CPA	J, Bde	DRZ
23	0730		C's 2de on the landward side found pungy pits & tracks and the female showed them where they were also found a Booby trap sign on Board several words one word CAM.	J Bde	DRZ

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0740

B found fresh tracks in  
S.W. assemblage  
land leading westward

Villages say they were VC

J

DEZ

25

0741

D ambush closed to CP

J Bde

DEZ

26

0750

C found 3 more punny  
pits which had metal sticks  
& they also have the gear

27

0800

D mine sweep at CP-B

J Bde

DEZ

28

0800

B estimates the no of VC  
making tracks were 3

J

DEZ

29

0802

Hook shorts have been  
discovered but we may  
get 3 shorts this afternoon  
or tomorrow morning.

J - 43

DEZ

30

0808

A mine sweep is at CP-D

J - Bde

DEZ

31

0818

C found a total of 15 punny  
pits 4 of them had metal  
spears 13" long 1/2" wide, 1/2" thick  
lined with brick. 18" base

Very in diameter the bamboo  
stick pits were lined with

a c ration box covered with  
bamboo, etc.

J Bde

DEZ

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32.	0833		A mine Sweeps at CPE	J Bde	DRZ
33	0845		D mine Sweep Back at CP in LAYERSPINNER.	J Bde	DRZ
34	0845		Able is a from LANE L.O.1 u.l.6	J Bde	DRZ
35	0850		14 <sup>th</sup> Engr said Road is clear	J Bde	DRZ
36	0853		A mine Sweep Complete	J Bde	DRZ
37	0924		ASST DIV CMDR ENROUTE TO WONDER BEACH ETA 15MIN	J, CO	DRZ
38	0935		CO D: 2 Bulldozers HAVE ARRIVED CoB location	J	DRZ
39	0945		ASST DIV CMDR ARRIVES WONDER BEACH	J, Bde	DRZ
40	0950		SWIFT BOAT HAVE 5 DETAINEES	J, S3, S2	DRZ
41	0953		Gray Bde 4: operation has been cancelled to both	J, S3, Bde	DRZ
42	0955		TO Bde: Weather is allowable for airlift at this time C+C ship is calling lift ships operation should commence in approx 20 min.	J, Bde, S3	DRZ
43	1015		14 <sup>th</sup> ENGR: MINESWEEP COMPLETE HAL LANE TO QUANG TRI		
44	1020		ASST DIV CMDR, DEPARTS WONDER BEACH	J, Bde	DRZ
45	1030		First lift of operation off this time	J, Bde	DRZ
46	1040		First lift of operation down 8 Aircraft 8 PAX EACH		
47	1040		Col: Have found total of 16 punji pits 4 of which had iron stakes. All destroyed	J,	DRZ

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48	1050		Second lift off operation airborne	J, Bde	JB
49	1057		Second lift off operation Down 1055	J, Bde	JB
50	1105		Third lift off 1105 hrs	J, Bde	JB
51	1122		Third lift off of operation Down 1112	J, Bde	JB
52	1133		ASST Div Cmdr VISITED Co B, C and RCN PLT DEPARTED RCN LOCATION 1135 hrs.	J, Bde	JB
53	1136		CO: The third lift for the second LZ departed by truck will only have two more lifts	J, Bde	JB
54	1140		COB Reports that the PF are firing at individuals because they are running from them.	J, Bde	JB
55	1141		First lift of <del>second lift</del> northern most PZ at 1142	J, Bde	JB
56	1200		First lift of northern PZ, LZ time 1152	J, Bde	JB
57	1216		Second lift of northern PZ, LZ time 1210 last lift, birds will be released momentarily	J, Bde	JB
58	1212		PF's swept through Bravo and are moving toward C Co.	J Bde	JB
59	1230		Bde: Have 3 Hook Sorties to LZ sally, should contact us. S1 should need 2 sorties.	J, S1, Bde	JB
60	1250		Co C: PF's have swept through 36 element and starting into the village	J	JB

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61	1330		CoB: Starting to move back to Wonder Beach	J, Bde	MS
62	1335		Co: The element sent by Dogma 6 by truck have not been seen at the destination as of yet	J,	MS
63	1400		Bde Co: Recon platoon will be lifted to location BAR R0.3 U1.5 before nightfall will be recon to 1-17CAV B, man securing vic of crossing site	J, S3, CO	MS
64	1403		CoB: Followed tracks that led to west item no 24 - continued west negative	J, CO	MS
65	1423		ASST DIV CMDR ENROUTE TO Co A LOCATION ETA 05 min	J,	MS
66	1427		ASST DIV CMDR ARRIVES FSB HARDWARE	J, Bde	MS
67	1437		TOBde: Plans summary for tomorrow	J, Bde	MS
68	1439		CoB: LOCATION R2.0 U3.1	J, Bde	MS
69	1450		<del>ASST DIV CMDR DEPARTS HARDWARE</del>	J, Bde	MS
70	1510		<del>Bde 3rd Recon Platoon to move to a 2-17 Cav location using either C+C or log ship Recon platoon OPCON 2-17 Cav under specific control of B 6 move to vic 5046 west side of river. Move would take place approx 1700. Just an alert</del>	J, S3	MS

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71	1515		Ren: moving to RON pm relieved by CoC	J, Bde	AKS
72	1515		SI: Will need 1 hook cartie should arrive 10 min. Complete	J, S3	AKS
73	1525		Rcn: P1T appear 500 meters from Ron	J, S3, Bde	AKS
74	1530		<del>CoC location closed into Wanda Beach</del>	J	AKS
75	1540		CoC: 16+26 closed into wire S6 element remains CoC location in village	J, Bde	AKS
76	1541		CoB S06 S43 location	J, Bde	AKS
77	1605		FIRST LIFT OF NPFF extraction at 1605 has to farthest LZ.	J, Bde	AKS
78	1615		SI: FIRST LIFT NPFF COMPLETE AT 1614, EXTRACTION.	J, Bde	AKS
79	1615		Co: Located at Co A location	J	AKS
80	1628		Second lift of NPFF extraction LZ 1609	J, Bde	AKS
81	1630		Bde: Ren plt will not be needed to supplement the 2-17 CAV B ELEMENT	J, S3	AKS
82	1634		SI: <del>Second lift of NPFF down 1634 hrs</del>	J	AKS
83	1643		Bde CO: <del>No requirement for CO to attend meeting tomorrow</del>	J, SA	AKS
84	1645		CoB: closed Wanda Beach	J, Bde	AKS
85	1645		147# ENGRS RPT THAT APPEARS 4.2" MORT		

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			ROUNDS LANDING 3000 meters in front of CoD perimeter	J, SSKO	JSK
86	1658		S2: Third lift of extraction PZ 1657 to HAI LANG	J, Bde, CO	JSB
87	1703		S2: THIRD lift of extraction LZ 1703 to HAI LANG	J, Bde	JSB
88	1703		Bde: PEG BIRD EXTENDED TO 1830hrs	J	JSB
89	1711		S2: FIFTH LIFT OF EXTRACTION PZ 1711	J, Bde	JSB
90	1719		S2: Fourth lift of EXTRACTION LZ 1719 HRS	J, Bde	JSB
91	1726		S2: fifth lift of EXTRACTION LZ	J, Bde	JSB
92			6th lift off 1741 hrs	on LZ 1730	
93	1745		CO: 1st Plt ran new cloud in clearing perimeter		
94	1748		Estimates Complete 1748 hrs		
95	1803		FR Bde: Item the log Beil <del>modified</del> , sent to Bde at Encls.	duply modified	JSB
96	1815		FR 1st Lt 1st Area Div: request Bde to conduct Seng operation were had planned today for tomorrow, between 0900-1000	Bde Permit	JSB

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97	1825		CoA: 2 Ambushes from 16 element Departs,	J	CRJ
98	1825		BDE3: WILL ADVISE HIGHER REFERENCE THE OPERATION TO THE NORTH, APPROVAL GRANTED FOR OPERATION TOMORROW	J, CRJ	CRJ
99	1858		col Callman will be at C Co for a while.	J	DKZ
100	1900		fm <sup>Bde</sup> Kays 2 - NVA <sup>RD</sup> 3 <sup>RD</sup> Regiment 4pm Suspected enemy locations K-11 PHUOC - DIEN YD 480489 K-16 TRUNG - DON YD 470492 K-18 LAM - THUY YD 430544 K-19 DONB - DUONG YD 500496 Cron's gave it a C-6 rating US gave it a F-6 rating	J	DKZ
101	1910		B's organization force of 19 to 22 personnel gave them location of where to go & now there not there	J	DKZ
102	1921		A's 16 element Ambush location at <del>TRUNG</del> LD 0102 heard some small arms fire in village to east	J	DKZ

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102	Cont'		Pres 438 499	J Bde	DR2
103	1935		Own Combat Assault has been approved from Bde 4-3	J	DR2
104	1935		A reports quite a bit of small arms fire via 495455	J Bde	DR2
105	1947		14 <sup>th</sup> Engr. Co wants the mine sweep site of A after completing Sweep wait 45 mins + sweep back	J Col	DR2
106	1950		B-35 site had a trip flare go off shot 3 m-78 rounds and are watching.	J	
107	1953		A-16 site said the firing has stopped at this time are proceeding to ambush location.	J Bde	DR2
108	2010		Arms E-6 said negative results on Base Ball game today.	J	DR2
109	2011		D's ambush changed to BLACK RID 2.8 10.8	J	DR2
110	2025		D's ambush is back to original location RD 1.8 1.7	J Bde	DR2

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111	2045		Set Rep Negative A,B,C,D+REN	J Bde	DRZ
112	2103		A's Ambushes are in location 405449 + 433497	J Bde	DRZ
" "	" "		also made a hand set & 2 short antennas in morning	J <del>Bde</del>	DRZ
113	2115		D 2de thought they saw something fired small arms. Don't know what <sup>color</sup> uniform	J	DRZ
114	2045	2155	Set Rep Negative A,B,C,D REN	J Bde	DRZ
115	2213		D reports was a mass imagination in reference to above.	J	DRZ
116	2245	2255	Set Rep Negative A,B,C,D+REN	J Bde	DRZ
117	2320		B 36de said in reference to 1950 Believe the trip flaw was tripped by a human fired the M-79's no more movement or activity	J	DRZ
118	2345	2355	Set Rep Negative A,B,C,D REN	J	DRZ
119	2400		Closed out 8 MARCH 68 SUMMARY - NONE	J	DRZ

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