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ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
1	0045	0100	SIT Rep ABCD RECON And Common Tally# Negative	J, Bde	SPR
2	0145	0200	SIT REP ABCD, RECON, & COMMON TALLY. NEGATIVE	J, Bde	WRD
3	0215	0250	A,B,C,D,REN+14ENGR SIT Rep Negative	J, Bde	DRZ
4	0248		plots to Bde on D sweep given on the L.L. also 72100 477554, 472550, 465546, 455,550, 437549, 435546, 437544, 442538 451530, 459525, P2 point for trucks 459525 Made By Lt FEURER		DRZ
5	0325		a member of 159 trans working with LARK control & they believe that they may have a vehicle that been tampered with would like EOD team to check it	J DO	DRZ
6	0327		14th Engr don't have any EOD people But will tell them 3 who might get somebody to check it in the morning	J 159th	DRZ

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3 YEAR INTERVALS;
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7	0345	0355	Sit Rep Negative: A, B, C, D, REN + ENGR	J, Bde	DRZ
8	0445	0455	Sit Rep Negative: A, B, C, D, REN + ENGR	J, Bde	DRZ
9	0545	0545	Sit Rep Negative: A, B, C, D, REN + ENGR	J, Bde	DRZ
10	0600		TO A + C have mine sweeps ready & to move out from their starting points at 0630 or as soon as possible.	J	DRZ
11	0620		The situation on the 159 trans vehicle (transport tankers) was nothing just something someone in the Co had on the truck.	J	DRZ
12	0635		CoA: Minesweep departs Haidou 0634	J, Bde	DRZ
13	0634		CoC: Minesweep departs Wanda 0634	J, Bde	DRZ
14	0655		HAI LANG Reports negative situation from three ambushes.	J	DRZ
15	0700		BLACK WIDOW 3: CTC ship for lift element for CoB	J, 53	DRZ
16	0730		Hai Lang linked up with REN	J	DRZ
17	0735		LOG BIRD BLACK WIDOW 49	J, 53	DRZ
18	0740		Black 2/327 has a utility		

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18	Con't		Coming to the location to pick up the 2-106 RR in about 15 to 10	J 43		DRZ
19	0755		REN minesweep is at CPE are	J Bde		DRZ
20	0756		Hai Lang will conduct operation from SAF R0.3 D1.0 to R1.0 D0.1	J, CO		DRZ
21	0805		Maj Dick. to Bde The weather is to bad for Combat assault So cancel it.	J 3 Bde		DRZ
22	0800		A-MS. from Self L04 U 06 C-MS. from Sail R26 D04	J Bde		DRZ
23	0820		D is moving out Now	J, BU		DRZ
24	0821		200 to 400 personnel in village many casualties There are many bodies still in bunkers to escape plan new unit also know as 1 Co 8 BN 12 Reg Information from prisoners + Bde	J		DRZ
25	0825		Hai Lang will have operation starting at 07.30 from self RD 03 10 to RD 1.0 0.1	J		DRZ
26	0830		A's Ambush in securing Road	J, Bde		

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26	Con	f	B' Ambushes <u>0730</u> C " " " <u>0700</u> D " " " <u>0650</u>	J, Bde	
			REN Ambush in morning securing Road with A'	J, Bde	dec
27	0850		D spots about 500 personnel coming from vic. appear to be civilians about 200 meters from D coming toward D. (FAIR RU 250.4)	J, Bde	
28	0800		REN M.S. CP-D	J, Bde	GR
29	0900		A M.S. at YD 445503	J, Bde	GR
30	0905		Hai Lang questioned one of the personnel moving indicated personnel were moving to pick up food they had and then return to their residence	J, CO	GR
32	0907		Bde W/CO HAYWARD W/ARU 63 will visit 2-501 location 1310-1330 for briefing on our current operations	J, S3	GR
33	0913		Co C minisweep 475540 SEPRZ.500	J	GR
34	0923		CoB: Boarding trucks at this time	J, Bde	GR
35	0935		CoB: Moving at this time	J, Bde	GR
36	0940		CoD: location FAIR RO.300.6 YD 453544	J, Bde	GR

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37	0944		<p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 2em;">CONFIDENTIAL</p> Ren minesweep yd 422 487, the entire Ren Plt is with minesweep	J, Bde	als
38	0945		CoC minesweep SELF R2.0 U3.3	J, Bde	als
39	0950		CoA: Minesweep SELF L1.4 D0.8	J, Bde	
40	0952		CoB: Location behind minesweep from Wonder to Hardcore	J Bde	
41	1016		CoA: 25 element head Adon try to		
42	1027		CoC: Minesweep. Booby TRAPPED 60mm mortar Rd. buried in the ground ^{INSIDE DOWN} with 2 grenades wired to it with trip wire leading to grenades via yd 468 530. Destroyed in place was located off of the road.	J, Bde	als
43	1034		CoD: Location FAIL L1.0 D0.1 yd 440 549. Have found punji pits this location	J, Bde	als
44	1036		CoA: Minesweep SELF ^{yd 435 492} L1.5 D0.8 Ren SELF ^{yd 424 485} L2.6 D1.5	J, Bde	als
45	1045		CoC: Minesweep SELF ^{464 526} R1.4 U2.8	J Bde	als
46	1100		TO CoA: have your ambush and Ren ambush return to Hardcore. will possibly have two minesweep teams leave Hardcore both ways. Have 1st Plt at my location the time	J,	als

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47	1107		<p>CONFIDENTIAL</p> <p>CoD Location L1.3 D1.3 YD 438 547 Have found many punji pits this area. Have questioned civilians have seen no VC/NVA recently. Punji pits are 2'x2'x3' with 10" bamboo spikes sharpened, with the first 4" or so with some foreign matter covered with strips of bamboo or cloth over the pit, approx 30 pits. Pits varied in age from 1-6 months.</p>	J, Bde 2	qrs
48	1127		CoB: Have dismounted tanks behind minesweep	J	qrs
49	1128		CoC: Minesweep YD ^{SELF R1.4 U2.6} 454 526	J, M, Bde	qrs
50	1145		CoD: Location ^{436 543} FAIL L1.4 D1.7	J, Bde	qrs
51	1145		CoA minesweep ^{430 488} SELF L2.0 D1.2, ^{423 486} Ren SELF L2.7 D1.4	J, Bde	qrs
52	1145		CoB: LOCATION ^{YD 454 526} SELF R 1.4 U2.6	J, Bde	qrs
53	1205		Ren (-) closed HARDWARE	J	qrs
54	1221		CoB: LOCATION ^{15 MIN BREAK} VIC FSB HARDWARE	J,	qrs
55	1221		CoC: MINESWEEP NO CHANGE LOCATION	J,	qrs
56	1230		CoA minesweep ^{YD 427 487} location ^{424 486} SELF L2.3 D1.3, Ren SELF L2.6 D1.4	J	qrs
57	1240		CoC Minesweep ^{CONFIDENTIAL} location ^{CONFIDENTIAL} R1.2 U2.4	J	qrs
58	1245		CoD: LOCATION NO CHANGE	J	qrs
59	1850		CoA: The A minesweep and Ren have linked up. A minesweep to return to Basehouse	J	qrs

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59	com'r		then sweep to NE	J	qs
60	1255		CoB presently moving to village objective J, Bde All from Hard core		qs
62	1259		ASST DIV CMDR ENROUTE TO WANDER BEACH	J	qs
63	1259		CoD, should be ready for transport J, CO pickup at between 1530-1600 hrs.		qs
64	1305		CoC: Minesweep SELF R.1.1 U2.3	J	qs
65	1312		ASST DIV CMDR - ARRIVES WANDER BEACH	J, Bde	qs
66	1327		CoD: Believe we've linked up with blocking force believe we'll reach pickup site much earlier	J, SPT PJ LDR	qs
67	1335		CoD: Have linked up with blocking force appear to be regular ARVN personnel will continue to sweep to access road	J	qs
68	1340		Col Cushman is in bound to here with code 7 advice col Tallman		
69	1342		A mine sweep has closed to hard core.	J	qs
70	1345		CoB location SELF R.1.2 D0.3	J, Bde	qs
71	1348		C: Minesweep SELF R0.8 U2.0	J, Bde	qs
72	1350		CoA: Minesweep has closed Henderson J, Bde will start to move to the north		qs

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73	1352		Bde Co ^{arrived} Wonda Beach	J, Bde	CS
74	1356		CoD location intersection of Stand access rd. YD 461523 will move on foot to Wonda.	J, S4 Bde	CS
75	1405		Asst Div Cmr departs	J, Bde	CS
76	1405		CoA minesweep departs Hardcore to link up with CoC	J, Bde	CS
77	1415		14 Engr have # little people 400 mt. to three front carrying something everybody gathered around + one pulled up his pant leg & dropped something	J,	Z
78	1416		LATE ENTRY, A ELEMENT FOUND WOMAN CARRYING BA 30 BATTERIES UNDER RICE. I WILL CHECK IT OUT.	J,	WARD
79	1418		Bco AT OBJECTIVE FINDING M-79 WHILE SQUAD MOVES	J,	WARD
80	1420		FR SELF R 2.3 D 1.3 (473487) 455516	J,	WARD
80	1420		C CO MINE SWEEP R 0.5 U 1.5	J,	
81	1421		COMMON TALLY REPORTS PEOPLE ARE FARMERS WORKING IN FIELDS	J,	WARD

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82	1431		BLACK WIDOW 49 IN ROUTE THIS LOCATION FROM EJANIS. L5.	J,	EURD
83	1435	1437	B co 15 1st VILLAGE, NOT HAVING ANY TROUBLE.	J, BDe	EURD
84	1440	1450	⁴⁶⁶⁵³⁸ D co FR FAIL R 1.6 D1.3 A & C MINE SWEEP MARRIED IN ROUTE HARDCORP.	J, BDe	
85	1445	1450	B co BLEW BOOBY TRAP IN PLACE FR SELF RD 2.5 1.3 (475486)	J, BDe	EURD
86	1446		A 36 ELEMENT CLOSED HARDCORP	J,	EURD
87	1450		BOOBY TRAP WAS GRENADE UNDER HELMENT. NVA	J,	EURD
88	1455	1458	B co FOUND WINDL TYPE GRENADE IN HOLE FR SELF ⁴⁷⁴⁴⁸⁷ R 2.4 D 1.3. WILL BLOW IN PLACE.	J, BDe	EURD
89	1456		ROAD REPORTED CLEAR BY COMMON TALLY	J,	EURD
90	1505		SIX WILL BE AT SPENNER LOCATION	J,	EURD
91	1515	1520	B co FOUND U.S. GRENADE WITH TRIP WIRE BOOBY TRAP FR SELF ⁴⁷³⁴⁸⁶ R 2.3 D 1.4 ALSO FOUND AK rds	J, BDe	EURD

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			RUC SACK AND RICE INSIDE A BUNKER. WILL DESTROY TRAP IN PLACE		
92	1535		D CO CLOSED UTAIN BEACH	J, BDe, S3	WRD
93	1540		Bco EST 1/2 LB OF RICE 4 CLIPS (120 rds) OF AR AMMO	J, BDe, S3	WRD
94	1545		A co SUGGESTED TIGERS: RECON L 1.5 D 0.4 (435 495) ALVA L 2.0 D 1.2 (430 488) L 2.5 D 1.5. (425 485)	J, map S3	
95	1555		Bco REPORTS RPG ^{II} LAUNCHER AND 3 GRAVES THAT MIGHT CONTAIN THE FIVE BODIES THEY MET. R 2.4 D 1.4 (474 487)	J, BDe	WRD
96	1610		Bco DIGGING GRAVES AT THIS TIME.	J, BDe, 2Y	WRD
97	1620		SIX IN ROUTE THIS LOCATION	J,	WRD
98	1623		SIX AT THIS LOCATION.		
99	1625	1626	C MINE SWEEP CLOSE THIS LOCATION.	J, BDe	WRD
100	1630		BLACKWIDOW 3 IN ROUTE THIS LOCATION.	J,	WRD
100	1640		BLACKWIDOW 3 THIS LOCATION	J, 43	WRD

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102	1643		B ELEMENT STILL DIGGING GRAVES	J,	TWRD
103	1646	1649	SIX IN ROUTE TO BRIEFING	J, BDe	TWRD
104	1650		B CO HAS FOUND 2 (TWO) 2 PIECE GAS MASK IN BUNKER SEARCH	J,	TWRD
105	1705		A Co Called for Information on Common Tally Position Tomorrow - Info med him that Common Tally would return his location tonight.	J.	JAR
106	1708		B Element Reported finding 3 Bodies That Have been Counted Previously	J. BDe	JAR
107	1710		COMMON TALLY 3 HAS REACHED HARDCORP TO PICK-UP B Co	J,	TWRD
108			D ELEMENT PLANNED TIGER FR ALSO L 2.5 U 2.5 L 1.7 U 2.3	J, DG, 3	TWRD
109	1801		FR. BDE, CA HAS BEEN DISSAPPROVED, NO REASON.		
110	1802		BLACK WIDOW 3 IETA THIS LOCATION .05 MI	J,	TWRD
111	1805	1905	B ELEMENT FOUND 4 N.I.A. 467 485 BODIES FR. SELF R. 1.9 D 1.3 IN ROUTE HARDCORP.	J, BDe	TWRD
112	1806		REQUESTED TO BDE THAT THEY CONTACT SWITCH SIX ABOUT C.A.	J.	TWRD

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113	1821		B ELEMENT IN ROUTE HARD- CORP.	J, 5	WRD
114	1826		I REPORTS ^{TWO} TRUCKS AND 32 PEOPLE IN ROUTE THIS LOCATION	J,	WRD
115	1830		B ELEMENT ABOUT ONE CLICK FROM HARD CORP.	J,	WRD
116	1850		B ELEMENT ABOUT 600 FR HARD CORP.	J,	WRD
117	1859	1700	B ELEMENT CLOSING HARD CORP WILL LOAD TRUCKS AND MOVE BACK TO UTAH BEACH	J, Bde	WRD
118	1905		B ELEMENT LOADING TRUCKS ALSO LATE REPORT SAYING FOUND GRAVE WITH ONE FEMALE 471489 AND ONE MALE. WAITING ON LOCATION.	J, Bde S2	WRD
119	1928		B ELEMENT CLOSED UTAH BEACH.	J, Bde	WRD
120	1948		COMMON TALLY OBSERVES MOVE MENT TO HIS FRONT. WAITING MORE REPORTS	J,	WRD
121	2010		D TIGERS IN POSITION 476525 483524 FR ALSO 22.5 U 2.5 21.7 U 2.3	J, Bde	WRD
122	2024		C CO PLANNED TIGER LOCATION FR L.A. R0.9 U 1.6 - R 1.1 U 2.1	J,	WRD

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123	2030		A AND RECON TIGERS DEPARTING J,		WRD
124	2045	2100	A, B, C, D, & RECON NEGATIVE SIT REP J,	BDe	WRD
125	2115		B G REPORTS HIS THIRD PLATOON J, HAS MOVEMENT TO IT'S FRONT. WAS PICKED UP ON RADAR WILL FIRE ILL. AND M-79 433568		WRD
126	2118		C TIGERS MOVING OUT. J,		WRD
127	2136		A TIGERS IN POSITION FR SELF J, L 2.0 D 1.2, L 1.8 D 1.0 430488, 432490		WRD
128	2145		A, B, C, D, & RECON NEGATIVE SIT REP J,	BDe	WRD
129	2200		Bug 6 Reported He would be in AREA and Check with us if he See ANY Movement		
130	2205		Bug 6 Recieved fire from 580410 Referred To Phacid Skills Net For Clearance to Return fire	J,	SHP
131	2207		Juli let Called To find out if their was friendly Troops Moving in his AREA Negative		SHP
132	2230		BUG SIX IS CONTACTING ARTY TO BRING IN ON 580410	J BDe	WRD
133	2235		C & RECON TIGERS STILL MOVING J,		WRD

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134	2245	2300	SIT REP A, B, C, D, & RECON NEGATIVE	J,	B	2	WRD
135	2305	0010	RECON IN POSITION FR SELF L.O. 7 U.O. 5 (443505), HAVE SPOTTED APPX. 30 PERSONNEL MOVING INTO TREE LINE. WILL TRY TO SPRING AMBUSH AND WITHDRAW TO HARDCORP NO CONTACT AT THIS TIME, WAITING MORE INFORMATION.	J,	B	2	WRD
136	2320	0030	AG REPORTS RECON SPOTTING LARGE ENEMY FORCE IS WITH- DRAWING TO HARDCORP. WILL FIRE ARTY. VIS. 443505	J,	6		WRD
137	2330	0030	AG REPORTS RECON HAS COUNTED 103 PERSONEL, ^{HAS} WITHDRAWN, WILL OBSERVE ARTY. FR SELF L.O. U.O. 5 440505	J,	6		WRD
138	2340	0030	RECON HAS WITHDRAWN TO HARDCORP, HAVE FIRED INDIRECT INTO AREA VIS. 440505 FR ACT. FR AS L.O. U.O. 5.	J,	6		WRD

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139	2345	2400	SIT REP B,C,D, NEGATIVE WAITING MORE REPORTS FROM A. & RECON CLOSED Bco Four Body count 1 RPG II 2 TWO PIECE GAS MASK 1 Chinese fld phone	D, BDe	TWRD
1	76		US KIA		
2	345		US WIA		
3	354		B. C		
4	81		POW'S & DATANEIS		
5	78		INDIV WPN'S CAPTURED		
6	25		CREW SERVED WPN'S CAPTURED		
7	25		U.S WPN'S CAPTURED		
8	17		CONTACTS PHT'S at Smakker		
9	16		CONTACTS Co at KARGER		
10	5		CONTACTS Bn at HIGHTER		
11	4		Commo Equip (2 Radio & 2 fld phone)		

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, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism, not involving participation in aerial flight, in connection with military operations against a hostile force on 22 March 1968, while serving as medic with Company D, 2^d Battalion (Airborne), 501st Infantry, 101st Airborne Division. Company D was assaulting a heavily fortified dual bunker system atop a high hill just west of Hue, Republic of Vietnam. Intense automatic weapons and machine gun fire from the enemy positions were taking their toll of friendly wounded. Disregarding his personal safety advanced forward in the face of the lethal fire, treating the wounded and ~~now~~ moving them to safety. In one instance, upon spotting a seriously wounded man lying not more than thirty-five meters from an enemy position rushed to where the man lay, picked him up and carried him another ~~to~~ thirty meters to some scant cover where he administered first aid.

Remaining calm and collected despite

the heavy fire, he continued ^{with} ~~in~~ his task until all the wounded had been treated and evacuated. His devotion to duty beyond that demanded of him was an inspiration to all ~~his~~ in his unit.

exceptional valor is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.