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			0001	30 Dec 67	2400	30 Dec 67
ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS	
	IN	OUT				
1	0001		Journal opened.			
2	0100		All patrols checked in.			
3	0045		Delayed entry: Sitrep neg change.	Bde		
4	0100		Contacted all patrols except C Co.	Logged		
5	0105		Made contact with patrol from C Co.	Logged		
6	0145		Sitrep neg change.	Bde		
7	0145		To Bde: situation report neg.	logged		
8	0200		Commo cks ambush sites could not raise D			
			Co patrol.			
9	0200		D Co, 2 enemy triped flare, were taken under	Bde		
			fire. Unknown results, all quiet now.			
10	0205		Received with D Co commo ck ambush patrol.	logged		
11	0245		Situation report neg.	Bde		
12	0250		Commo ck with all ambush patrols.			
13		0345	To Bde 3: Situation report Neg.			
14	0345		Sitrep neg change.	Bde		
15	0355		CPT Madsen need something signed by alpha Co	logged in		
			Commander. Request that papers be flown out			
			on chopper and brought right backin. Pick			
			up papers from him in the morning.			
16	0355		From Sl: 4 of the casualties from Arty			
			round are serious. 2 of the 4 serious will			
			probably not make it. 6 are not so serious.			

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	IN	OUT			
17	0200		Delayed entry: All patrols checked in.		
18	0255		Co D sighted movement to their front. Fired with M-79 and grenade. Results unknown.	S - Bde S2	
19	0400		2 patrols reported in, D patrol has not reported in.		
20	0405		Delta patrol reported in.		
21		0405	Commo ck with Bde S2.		
22	0445		Sitrep neg change.	Bde	
23		0445	To Bde S-3: Commo ck. XXXXXXXXXXXX		
24	0500		Commo ck with patrols.		
25		0500	Commo ck with Bde S2.		
26	0545		Sitrep neg change.	Bde	
27	0600		All patrols commo ck.		
28		0602	Commo ck with Bde S2.		
29	0620		Commo ck with all units. All pers be on the alert at first light. No fires until first light. Units alerted to be alert when our patrols come back in.		
30		0645	Situation report Neg.	Bde S3	
31	0645		To Bde from Bunker: Sitrep neg.		
32	0745		Fm Bunker: Sitrep neg.	To Bde	cln
33	0815		C Co's patrol destroyed mine, antipersonnel, resembled a plate, was set for passers		

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33			detonation.				
34	0645		Delayed entry: Delta patrol returned - neg contact - no casualties.	S Bde S2			
35	0730		Bravo patrol returned - neg contact - no casualties.	S-Bde S2			
36	0800		Delayed entry: Bde Cmdr visited Bn Cmdr.				
37	0830		Charlie patrol returned - sited 4 VC coord 628187 0230 hrs, light clothing with 4 wpns, patrol exchanged hand grenades with them. Destroyed personnel mine XT 629188. Destroyed 2 tamls XT 632185. Patrol found misc equipment on patrol route: 7 gas masks, 2 hand grenades shovels, 100 rds 7.62 ammo, 12 rds M-79, 1 pick (-) handle, 1 Barette with pers gear and TA 312 phone. Patrol no casualties.				
38	0830		Fr S-3 Air: CG will be in our pos in 20 min.				
39	0830		To India - Division Cmmnd to visit your location: APP ETA 0900.	To India & 3 Yankee	cln		
40	0835		Fr S3 Air: OH-23 will arrive your loc in 15 min you can keep it until 1230 at which time you will set a C & C ship.				
41	0840	0845	Fm Bunker: Sitrep - neg.	To Bde	cln		

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	IN	OUT					
42		0900	Commo Ck with Bde S2.				
43	0920		Fm 3Y: First chopper load picked up.	To Bde	cln		
44		0930	Co C moved out search & destroy.				
45		0940	Co A moved out search & destroy.				
46	0940	0945	Fm Bunker: Sitrep neg.	To Bde	cln		
47		0940	Co B moved out search & destroy.				
48	0945	0945	2nd & 3rd loads lifted.	To Bde	cln		
49	0940		CG and Bde cvd arrived Bn CP.				
50		1000	Commo ck with Bde S2.				
51	1000		CG departed Bn CP.				
52		1015	C located 100 meters from perimeter.	Bde			
			B Co Girl left XT 6451881.6 Down 0.2				
			A Gun left 1.6 Down 1.3 XT 644177				
53	0956		4th load just lifted.	To Bde			
54	1107		B Co: Patrol cleared back in their area.	CO			
55	1115		B Co cleared in Bn perimeter A Co at XT 637181, blocking tunnels, C Co at 630191 retiring.				
56	1125		A Co patrol clearing a Bn perimeter.				
57	1135		C Co re-entering perimeter.				
58		1040	Co B reports tunnel vic coord XT 644178. Tunnel was blown.	S Bde S2			
59		1042	C Co reports misc VS gear vic XT C25187. Packs, ammo, flares.				

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	IN	OUT					
60	1035	1045	FM Bunker: Sitrep - negative.	To Bde	cln		
61	1035	1035	All equip loads have lifted .	To Bde	cln		
62	1015		Bravo & Alpha conducting S & D.		cln		
63	1045	1045	Frm Bunker: Sitrep neg.	To Bde	cln		
64	1015		Fm Bde S2: Two company of VC XT 726146, strength	To Bn S2	cln		
			unk. 40 to 50 V.C. XT 730143 report from				
			two different OP pretty reliable. 2nd Go				
			Non Bn operating in training area XT 7316.				
65	1140	1145	Fm Bunker: Sitrep negative.	To Bde			
66	1205		Msg from 3y to 4 have someone at the pad to	To S4			
			pick up equipment from sister unit.				
67	1220		Delta SP at 1220.				
68	1235	XXXXXXXXXX	Alpha SP at 1235.				
69	1243		Delta CP 1 1243.				
70	1250	1250	Fm bunker to Bde: Sitrep neg.				
71	1345	1345	FM bunker: Sitrep neg.	To Bde	cln		
72	1431	1445	FM Bunker: Sitrep neg.				
73	1545	1545	FM Bunker: Sitrep neg.	To Bde	cln		
74	1615		C Co has closed back in.	Logged in			
75	1620		B Co has closed back in.	Logged in			
76	1530		A Co has closed back in.	Logged in			
7		1100	Delayed entry: Co A reports tunnel complex				
			637182 VIC XT XXXXX . Blown, has not been recently used.	S Bde S2			

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	IN	OUT					
78	1130		Delayed entry: Co C reported in with Mess gear found VIC Coord XT 625187. 2 belts 7.62, 1 bandler 7.62, 1 gas mask, 1 pick, 20 handle shovel, 1 intrenching tool, 1 pack board, 2 wp flaires, 1 pr gloves, 1 pr underwear(shorts).				
79	1330		D Co reported C4 tied to tree vic coord 656175.	S Bde S2			
80	1420		Co B reports finding M79. Recvd with grenade under IT vic coord _____. Both were detonated.	S Bde S2			
81	1530		A Co has closed back in.	logged in.			
82	1520		D Co has closed back in.	Logged in.			
83	1635	1645	FM Bunker: Sitrep neg.	To Bde	cln		
84	1735	1745	FM Bunker: Sitrep neg.	To Bde	cln		
85	1800		XRAY report all present six people from E Co on primeter policing sandbags.	To Bde			
86	1800		E Co has closed back in fm Maint. All vehicles present.	Bde			
87	1805		E Co six men closed back in.	Logged in.			
88	1810		Commanders briefing at 1930.	Logged in.			
89	1825		To all companies: Co Cmdrs briefing in officers club at 1930 hrs.				
90	1845		Sitrep neg change.	Bde			
91	1945		Sitrep neg change.	Bde			
92	2045		Sitrep neg change.	Bde			

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93	2055		From Bde: IT Bagby would like to talk with our S3 air in reference to lift tomorrow.	Logged in.	
94	2110		From Maj Miller, Bde: To Maj Nicholson. There is no operation adjacent to ours tomorrow.	Logged in.	
95	2145		Bunker 56 request permission to fire M79. Two figures appeared in there starlight permission granted.	Bde	
96	2152		Bunker 56 fired three rds M79. Observed four pers run away from perimeter into wood line.		
97	2245		Sitrep neg change.	Bde	
98	2323		To all companies: No firing of the 81mm mortar until further notice unless under emergency conditions.		
99	2330		From all companies: All present or accounted for.		
100	2335	2345	Fm Command Bunker to Bde sitrep - neg.		
101		2400	Journal closed.		

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	IN	OUT			
1		0045	To Bde: Sitrep Neg (command bunker)		
2		0145	To Bde: Sitrep Neg (command bunker)		
3		0245	To Bde: Sitrep Neg (command bunker)		
4		0345	To Bde: Sitrep Neg (command bunker)		
5		0415	To Maj Nickelson and LTC Tallman from LTC Keesting, would like to see, in his quarters at 0615 hrs.	To S3 CO	jdh
6		0430	Command bunker Sitrep neg.	Bde	jdh
7		0545	Command bunker Sitrep neg.	Bde	jdh
8		0648	Command bunker Sitrep neg.	Bde	
9		0655	XRAY Report all present.	Bde	
10		0700	Land Line out to command bunker.	Commo Sgt.	
11	0743	0745	Command bunker Sitrep neg.		
12	0745		Msg from Bde: 25th Inf Div has placed local suspension on 81mm Mortar firing LOT no MA 14-38.	To S-4 & A,B,C,D Co.	
13	0810		Company Cmdrs & Recon Plat Ldrs will be picked up at 0830 for Recon of Airfield.	To Company	
14	0840		Neg contact with command bunker on radio orll.		
15	0850		Msg from Bde Arty well be in the vicinity of bunker 59 till 1800 in support of the Bn.		
16	0900		Now have radio contact with bunker.		

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17	0905		Command Bunker sitrep neg.	To Bde	
18	0920		FM CG via Bde: No mortar of any caliber will be fired until checked by Div Arty Commander. Effective Immed.		cln
19	0945	0945	FM Bunker: Sitrep neg.		cln
20	0925		Delta reaches S.P.		cln
21	0950		Delta reaches R.P.		cln
22	1010		CO S3 SGM departed CP.		
23	1020		FR C Co RP 1020.		
24	1021		FR B Co: We have a hold.C co move back to your area and stand by. B Co stand fast. A Co returning to his area.		
25	0937		FR: Arty LNO: Have registered on Dog. Green, white has per w/I 200-300 picking rice and working in the field, must give up ACFT to Bde Commander.		
26	0927		FR Bde: Delayed entry: All Mortar Plat ldrs must be at the Bde S-3 at 1500 for a briefing on Training to be conducted.		
27	0943		FR Bunker: Sitrep neg. XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXY	XXX	
28	1145		Not Red 4 APC 200m and 1 M-48, LZ Blue		

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	IN	OUT					
			has worker on the LZ.	Bde			
29		1153	Fr Bde: ETA for helicopters is 1300.				
30	1200		Command Bunker Sitrep Neg.	Bde			
31	1300		D Co at Airfield.				
32	1315		B Co moving to Airfield.				
33	1328		B Co at the Airfield.				
34	1333		To A Co: LZ 9ships Heavy Right.	D Co			
35	1338		Prep started on LZ Green.	Bde			
36	1340		1st Rifle D Co LZ Green.	Bde			
37	1345		1st Rifle D Co on LZ Green.	Bde			
38	1346		Fr Bn CO to D Co: 10 ships on next left.	D, B Co			
39	1350		Fr: S-3 Air, have A Co standing in area.	A Co CO			
40	1352		CO to S3 Air: LZ day 5 ships heavy right.	D Co			
41	1351		2d lift D Co off.	Bde			
42	1356		2d lift D Co on LZ Green.	Bde			
43	1403		1st lift. B Co off to LZ Blue.	Bde			
44		1411	Fr S3 Air to A Co: move to airfield now.	A Co			
45	1413		Fr Bde S2: Ref moving on bunker last night.	J			
			Sweep was made of perimeter, neg results.				
46	1412		Fr S3 to Bde: 2d lift at B Co off.	Bde			
47	1414		Fr S3 to Bde: 2d lift at B Co LZ, Blue	Bde			
48			on ground.				
48			Staggard Trail left. Land NE for C Co.	Bde			

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	IN	OUT						
49		1420	Bde: 1st lift C Co to LZ Red off.				Bde	
50	1422		To Bde: 1st lift off Group LZ Red.				Bde	
51	1433		Fr S3 to Bde: Gen down N W of Cu Chi.					
			So we went to send savers in after it.					
52	1435		Fr CO to A Co: landing 30 degree Heavy left.					
53	1426		Fr S3 Air: 2d lift to LZ Red at C Co.					
54	1434		Fr Se Air: 1st lift to off. A co.					
55	1444		Fr C Co: Have found C Cans that look new, investigating.					
56	X	1445	D Co on LZ on. B Co on Blue; 1/2 A Co on white. Recon Plat standing by.					
57	1453		Fr Bde CO: Recon downed ship here.					
58	1459		Reconning downed ship.					
59	1504		Bravo has discovered & is searching what appears to be freshly dug tunne..					
60	1458		Fr S-3 Air: Recon in the air at this time.					
61	1503		Fr S3 to Bde: LZ day being prepared now.				Bde	
62	1505		Fr S3:					
63	1508		Fr Se to Bde: Recon plat in our LZ Day.					
64	1510		Fr S3 Air: Adiv Bde, ship well probably be delayed most 1630 because of chopper down on LZ White.				Bde	

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	IN	OUT			
65	1520		Fr 6: D Co be prepared for exit reaction at 1530.		
66		1530	Fr Se to Bde: Cannot extract downed chopper on white until 1700 we will extract B,C,D, and Recon. Release chopper for 1/501 mission and then have them come back to A Co.		
67	1540		1st lift at D Co ext in the air fm LZ Green.		
68	1549		Fr Bde: Visit to 1st Bde been cancelled.		
69	1550		Fr S3: 2d lift from Green, D Co off now.		
70	1556		D Co		
71	1602		1st lift C Co. LZ Red off.	Bde	
72	1550		Delayed entry: Reestablished Commo to Command bunker.		
73	1616		1st lift B Co is off Blue.		
74	1613		Fr D Co to CO: Am missing one man. Delayed entry.		
75	1620		Fr Bde: All mortar platoon leader and platoon T, 1638 leader with no exceptions will meet at Bde Conf room at 1900 tonight.		
76	1628		Fr B Co: Extraction complete.		
77	1656		Fr C Co to S3 Air: C Co all present or accounted for.		

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78.	1638		From CO to RON Am directing you to LZ green to look for last man from D Co		
79.	1640		Bravo complete 1633		
80.	1640		Recon into LZ green:		
81.	1641		From BDE: Cease fire message received: A New Years cease fire established 31 1800 Dec 67. to 02 0600 hrs Jan 68. Note this comprises a 36 hr rather than 24 hr cease fire period. All instructions contained in reference Bravo are effective New Year cease fire period. No H & I fires. No rounds of any type unless under attack EOM		
82.	1650		1st A Co: Complete.		
83.	1703		2d Lift A Co off at White: From S-3 Air A Complete 1703		
84.	1715		From S-3 Air to S3: A Co present and accounted for.		
85.	1720		From Recon Plat: Have located soner concrete tunnel vic XT 700182. w/a fresh canteen of water 2'5 ft diameter and ace bandages and bicycle tracks leading into it.		
86.	1742		Co C shakedown completed at 1740. All		

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	cont		instructions complied with		
87.	1743		To BDE from cmd bunker: SITREP Neg		
88.	1745		From BDE: Alert recon plt to be ready for pick up as late as we can. Delta Co will not go out tonight.		
90.	1750		From BDE: A Duster will move into the vic of Bunker 54 tonight between 1800-1900 hrs tonight. They will be back up force only. they will observe the cease fire.	S3 cmd bunker	
91.	1757		From Recon: Have found the lost individual at 1755 hrs on LZ Green, just sitting there		
92.	1830		From Recon: Have 30 pers on LZ Green to extract.		
93.	1845	1845	To BDE from Cmd Bunker: SITREP Negative	BDE	
94.	1850		From HHC: Personnel & wpns accounted for. Pyrotechnics shakedown negative.		
95.	1913		From CO: 1st lift recon out now.		
96.	1916		2d ship recon		
97.	1918		3d ship recon		
98.	1919		4 th ship recon		
99.	1923		5 th ship recon		
100	1924		Bn CO listing off back to the location.		
101	1945		Co E closed in at 1942 hrs		
102	1945	1945	To BDE: Bn closed in at 1942 hrs all per		

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102	cont		sonnel, wons, vehicles accounted for.				
103.	1945	1945	To BDE: from cmd bunker: SITREP Negative				
104	2040	2045	To BDE: from cmd bunker: SITREP Negative				
105.	2140	2142	To BDE 4-5 personnel out approx 400 meters in front of bunker 56:from cmd bunker.	S3			
106.	2155		Brom Bde: effective immediately, no mortars of any caliber within the division will be fired until checked by the Div Arty cmd.				
107	2205		From BDE: will change radio freq 2400tonight				
108	2205		From cmd bunker: observed approx 11 personnel in the left front of bunker 56 approx distance 400 meters	BDE			
109	2215		To BDE: operational SITREP				
110	2227		From S3: lines between bunker 59 and 60 are out also line between 57 and cmd bunker	commo officer			
111	2240	2245	To BDE from cmd bunker: SITREP still some movement in front of bunker 56, approx distance 400 m unable to distinguish their activity or size.				
112	2335	2345	To BDE: from cmd bunker SITREP Negative	BDE			
113.	2336		From all Co's: Bed check report HHC all present or accounted for: Co A Co Ball present and accounted for. Co C all present accounted for; Co D 7				

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LOCATION

PERIOD COVERED

Hq 2d Bn (Abn), 501st Inf

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FROM

TO

HOUR 0001

DATE 31 Dec 67

HOUR 2400

DATE 31 Dec 67

ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
113	cont		personnel absent Co E all present and accounted for		

TYPED NAME AND GRADE OF OFFICER OR OFFICIAL ON DUTY
STERN R MARRS 1ST Lt Armo

SIGNATURE
[Handwritten Signature]