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ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
1	0030		Sitrep Neg.		
2	0145		Sitrep Neg.		
3	0217		Sitrep Neg.		
4	0320		Sitrep Neg.		
5	0420		Sitrep Neg.		
6	0535		Sitrep Neg.		
7	0605		Fm Bde: A PF Flt is moving along stream in the vic of A & D Co areas from Dive R 5.6 U 0.3. They are moving SW direction and no commo or american advisor. Bde wants us to notify A & D of this for safety precaution.	Notified 7 ac CP	
8	0625		Sitrep Neg.		
9	0900		Fr Flanker 3 to S3: RF/PF will be operating in area from RU 4.6 1.7 North into woods RU 4323.		
10	0901		Fr 6 to all units: Expedite getting back haul ready for pickup.		
11	0930		Fm Bde Ind 3: Many friendlies (VN) will be operating in area YD 698 205. Rqst to know if we plan to be in that area today.	J, TACCP	
12	0940		Fm Dapper 6: Inbound to Bn fwd location w/ mail for Dapper.	J, TACCP	

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13	0940		Fr TAC CP: Vef # 11 at present we are not operating in that loc. generally in area around TAC CP. 2 3 is coord at Bde new.	J Bde	
14	0941		Fr Bde to TAC CP: Bn 3 has dep this loc for TAC CP.	J	
15	1000		Fr TAC CP: A Co releived at 0935 by marine platoon. Call sign New Brush 1. A,C,D conducting thorough sweeping operations between a line thru YD 748213 and YD 737226 and a line thru YD 735208 and 731219. Wpns captured: 2 SKS SN'd 919629, 10155113 250 rounds Russian 7.62 ammo, and 1 PRC 10 USN		
16	1025		Fm 3rd Bde: Bde CO enroute to TAC CP to see Bn CO ref upcoming plans to move 2/501	J TAC CP	
17	1027		Fr 2nd Bde 101st CO: He will be at TAC CP to visit Bn CO approx 1100.	J QTAC CP	
18	1030		Fm TAC CP: Cald Steel 6 at Fwd CP	J Bde	
19	1036		Fr TAC CP: weapons in item 15 captured by D Co at coord YD 738215		
20	1040		Fr CO to all Co CO's: 2/501 is moving from present location to be relieved of present assignment by ARVN. B co to move across bridge at YD 707207,		

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20	continued	find a crossing at YD 695210, then in conj with A Co move along stream to obj 7 - A on right B on left. SP time 1200 at YD 735214 B Co to move when a closes. est ETA of A at B 1400. Order of march A&B, D, 81mm, CP C Co to follow on rt behind t. CO is going fwd to obj 6 to coord w/Red Baaron. Be careful Red Baron had contact yesterday in area. Recon to stay in place and over watch. Want to by 1600 on obj 7. Element from 3/5 to be released shortly.			
21	1045	From 6: Find 3			
22	1055	To Bde: Our elements are closing old location in preparation for upcoming move. Proposed route to follows.			
23	1100	Fm Bde: Has B Co been relieved of bridge? Negative at this time.		J Bde TAC CP	
24	1101	Fm 65 Bde wants to know when B Co relieved at bridge.		J TAC CP	
25	1110	Fr Bde to 6: Mission you received from Steel 6 is current, disregard instructions given to Bn S3 at PK 17. B Co is released from bridge eff now. Formal relief is not necessary.			

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26	1110		2nd Bde (101st) CO. An incoming to spun fwd. loc. - night landing inst.	tac cp, j	
27	1208		To Bde. Unit location sent to Bde, A,B,C, 81mm plat. & cp moving sw at 736209.	Bde	ml
28	1337		Fr. Ia. Pay officer might return to Evans tomorrow for transportation to Phu Bai to pick up pay roll.		
29	1340		Bn Co relayed B 1/321st firing position Bde Comdr. also.	J	ml
30	1420		To Bde. coord 705213 D, C, CP, 81mm plat. Bco. 695210 & Aco. 698214.	Bde	ml
31	1538		Fm. Tac Cp to Bde. Center of mass from ron tonight will be 692230, lead element are at 692222 and at 295221.	Bde	ml
32	1540		Fm. Bde. You still have the cav mp under your command.	s-3	ml
33	1545		Fm 3 Be prepared to have SFC. Leanhouts and Cpt. Cizmadia replace Mag. Nicholson and SSG. Smith in field.	J	ml
34	1546		Fm 3 to Dapper 7: Word from Nags Head that Dapper 7 remains open to 2/501. Dapper 7 to remain in present location for now - will probably join Bn. tomorrow.	J	ml

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34	continued		Dapper 7 say he needs class 3.		
35	1615		3rd Bde request that we call location of units in by 10 prior to hour.		J, Tac Cp
36	1620		Bn S-3 arrived this location.		J, Tac Cp
37	1640		Bn has closed into perimeter. center of mass YD693231.		J, Bde
38	1645		Fm Bde: Dapper no longer under our control, will remain their present location.		J, Tac Cp
39	1700		Fm Tac Cp: Rqst. Red Baron location- are we using alternate PO's.		J, Red Baron
40	1715		Red Baron location are: A&C Co (current) YD708228, Bco. 684254 (closing) Dco. 688253 (current) , PO Dive is current and all PO with it.		Tac Cp
41	1755		To Bde.: Units locations no change.		J, Bde
42	1805		Fm. Bde. Request our foxhole strength ### and lift strength.		
43	1825		Fm Tac Cp: (Delayed Enterence) B Co discovered booby trap time 1543 moving into perimeter detonated it. Message to all Co's: be careful of above.		
44	1840		Fr PAC: following wpns and equipment found in move today:		

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44	continued		1 pr binoculars, NVA, SN 2548120, 6x30 at coord YD 695217; 1 SKS, 288882 at 694218		
			1 AK47, 11084440, at 695217; 3 small packs documentw at 694229 and 694218, vic of CP found 2 RPG 2 rounds, 2 NVA KIA, 89 rds of 7.62 ammunition.		
45	1915		Fr TAC Reqst loc of 1/12 and 5/7		
46	1924		location of units: 2/12 YD 622303 5/7 YD 694294; A&C 1/7 YD 695245 B 1/7 YD 684254, 3rd platoon B 1/7 loc YD 675255		
			XXE D 1/7 YD 688253		
47	2000		Fr 3d Bde: 2/501 to have responsibility for LZ Pinky YD 688252 at 0900 hrs, 28 Feb 68 at least small security element must be there by this time. 2 Engineer sweep teams will arrive LZ Pinky tomorrow (2 ea, approx 8 man teams) Starting AM of 29th teams will sweep NW & SE we must provide a min 15 man security team for each team. Recd new AO		
			see attached O/L. For information, 2/12&1/7 move to Jane & Evans on 1 and 2 March.		
			1/502 moves to An Lo bridge on 29 March		
			2d Bde moves to PK 17 on 3 or 4 march 68		

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48	2022		To all Co: Come up on A/L freq	Logged	
49	1945		Del Ent: to bde from S3: Request CC ship at 0730 on 28th	Bde	
50	2100		To Bde: Summary of days activities and summary of plans for 28th. Co A secured bridge construction site vic YD 747213 until 0935 at which time they were relieved by a platoon of Marines. Co A,C,D conducted extensive search and destroy operations from a line thru YD 747213 and YD 737226 to a line thru YD 736209 and 731219. Co A,C,D with CP and 81mort commenced moving to a new location vic YD 692230 Bn (-) moved thru bridge secured by Co B vic YD 707207 and at this time Co B joined the Bn in its move to its present location. Recon continued to occupy site vic YD 692212. 3rd plt Troop A 3/5 Cav 9th Inf Div was released from OPCON to 2/501 and departed to Hue City hospital. No friendly cas, no body count. The Bn located 4 NVA bodies in their move to new location. Following equipment located during move: 1 PRC 10 radio; 3 small pads of documents.		

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50	continued		1 7.62 Russian MG, 3 AK 47, 1 SKS, 2 RPG-2 rounds, 89 rds 1.62mm and 1 pr NVA 6x30 binoculars. Bn (-) presently located vic 692230 Recon plt remains 692212. 4.2 remains at PK 17 rear CP remains at An Lo bridge.				
51	2105		Reference items 47 and 50: A, B Co will conduct S&D operations to east and then to the North. C Co will assume fire base security D Co will conduct S&D to the west, /All operations to be conducted from present location beginning at 1000, with exception of C Co who will occupy psn by 0900.				
52	2130		Fr TAC CP: SITREP Negative. request log birds earlier than 1000. Rqst classification of Dapper B 3/5 elements relationship W/2/501				
53	2215		Fm Bde: B 2 3/5 is no longer OPCON to 2/501 is OPCON to Bde. 1/7 and 5/7 have priority on log birds. We get ours at 1000 hours.				
54	2255		Fm TAC CP to all elements: Log ship extractions and class A agents will be on pad ready for pickup at 0900 hours.				
55	2245		Del Ent: Fr TAC CP: SITREP Negative	Bde			
56	2330		SITREP Negative	J bde			
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