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ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INL
	IN	OUT			
1	0045	0045	Sitrep Neg.	Bde	jdj
2	0145	0145	Sitrep Neg.	Bde	jdj
3	0245	0245	Sitrep Neg.	Bde	jdj
4	0345	0345	Sitrep Neg.	Bde	jdj
5	0445	0445	Sitrep Neg.	Bde	jdj
6	0545	0545	Sitrep Neg.	Bde	jdj
7	0640		From Bde: C & C ship will be available this morning from 0730-0900, Tail No 998, try and have OH23 later. (Mr Nat)	S-3	jdj
8	0642	0645	Sitrep Neg.	Bde	jdj
9	0742	0745	Sitrep Neg.	Bde	jdj
10	0750		Received ground clearance from CPT Justice for firing 4.2 Mort commencing 0800 in following gund squares. 6716, 6816, 6916.	Bde	jdj
11	0840	0845	Sitrep Neg.	E Co	jdj
12	0950		Sitrep Neg.	Bde	ars
13	1000		CO Departs by Helicopter for Coordination of areas with PF/RF Leaders.	J	ars
14	1040		From 81mm Mortars: Commenced firing 1015.	J	ars
15	1045		To Bde: Sitrep Neg.	Bde	
16	1140	1145	To Bde: Sitrep Neg.	Bde	jdj
17	1240		To Bde: Sitrep Neg.	Bde	
18	1335	1345	81mm Moratrs completed firing 200 rounds 1330.	To Bde	cln

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19	1335		Fr Bde: 1/502 located mine field 50X100 meters XT 713187 - believed established by French 1955.	Logged	cln
20	1345	1345	Fr Bunker: Sitrep Neg.	To Bde	cln
21	1440	1445	Fr Bunker: Sitrep Neg.	To Bde	cln
22	1545		Sitrep Neg Change.	Bde	
23	1645		Sitrep Neg Change.	Bde	
24	1705		Col & Maj went by chopper on recon, Cpt Lay & Cpt Cizmadia.	Logged	
25	1730		Col, Maj & Cpts returned.	Logged	
26	1745		Sitrep Neg Change.	Bde	
27	1800		XRAY Report all present.	Bde	
28	1820		Mort. have closed in for the eve.	Bde	
29	1845	1845	Sitrep Neg Change.	Bde	
30	1945		Sitrep Neg Change.	Bde	jdj
31	2020		Fr Bde: Units are to conduct a walk through of the counter motor plan NIT 2200 and report completion to Bde. Personnel should be located in coherent areas and move to designated bunker area. Emphasis is on safety, do not run.	Notified Co CO	
32	2110		C & E have completed walk through.	Logged	
33	2125		D Co have completed walk through.	Logged	

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	IN	OUT					
1	0001		From Co B: Were 2 tear agent grenades thrown in Co Area approx 2400 hrs.	J			
2	0045	0045	Sitrep Neg.	Bde			
3	0130		Land line commo out with Co A.	J			
4	0145		Command Bunker Sitrep neg.	Bde			
5	0245		Command Bunker Sitrep Neg.	Bde			
6	0300		LandLine restored with Co A	J			
7	0345		Command bunker sitrep neg.	Bde			
8	0445		Command bunker sitrep neg.	Bde			
9	0545		Commandbunker sitrep neg.	Bde			
10	0645		Sitrep Neg change.	Bde			
11	0735		Recon has departed area.	Bde			
12	0743		Recon isin position.	Bde			
13	0850		Col andMaj Nicholson have departed area.	Logged			
14	0815		Two VC spotted at XT 704115 by Recon Plat.	Bde			
15	0828	0850	D Coelement lifted first lift.	Bde			
16	0837		8th chalk of Delta Iron L.2.1 DO. 897128 XT 897128				
			2ndchalk Steel L.9 XT 711130				
17	0843		Sitrep from bunker neg.	Bde			
18	0846	0850	D element secondlift.	Bde			
19	0920	0920	Fr S3 Delta element located hootch with fresh food in it's interior,also fresh foot tracks leading from hootch. Fr lead				

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			6ft 1.2 up 0.2. XT 708128	To Bde	
20	0930	0935	Fr Recon - located poncho, supplies, pistol belt, written notes. XT 704115	To Bde	
21	0943	0952	D Co last 3 chawks lifted at this time.	Bde	
22	0945		Sitrep neg change.	Bde	
23	1020		From 3: Have D Co sighted 3 VC from platum L0.5 up 0.6 XT 715126 request permission to go 1/502 area	Bde	
24	1027		D element have found nap sacks containing toilet articles and fatigues.	Bde	
25	1040		B element has departed area for Bein Hoa	Bde	
26	1045		B element is enroute		
27	1046		Fr Maj Nicholson: They have found 2500lb e rice want to know what to do with it. XT 715126		
28	1055		B Co departed Cu Chi for Bien Hoa ak		
29	1107		D Co have discovered rocket pads at 713127		
30	1123		Appx 1 ton of rice is being transported to chopper pad request we have vehicle ready for pick up.	notified S4	
31	1140		1st lift of Delta Airborne		
32	1140		Recon & D Co discovered 1 rocket pod- small cache of rice- stove and other cooking equip XT 713127		
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33	1143		Recon and 1st lift of D Co touchdown this loc		
34	1145		SITREP neg from cmd bunker	Bde	
35	1202		Second lift D element	Bde	
36	1206		Fr Col Keasling to S3: The 81 mott plat is to be ready 16 Jan 68 at 0800 ready to fire in the same location, tested before by arty		
37	1207		Gunship spotted VC and are checking on them at this time XT 703114	Bde	
38	1208		Cpt Lay is bringing 19-100 kilo rice into base camp.	Bde	
39	1302		3 chalks of D element enroute to chopper pad at this time.		
40	1310		D element last plt has closed in	Bde	
41	1350		SITREP from bunker negative	Bde	
42	1427		B Co closed in 1330 No problems	Bde	
43	1445		SITREP from cmd bunker negative	Bde	
44	1545		SITREP Negative bunker	Bde	
45	1559		A Co patrol just crossed SP	Bde	
46	1645		SITREP Negative	Bde	
47	1710		Officers meeting at officers club 1730	CO's	
48	1745		SITREP Negative	Bde	
49 (50)	1845		SITREP Negative position getting per position	Bde	
50	1845		A Co patrol in position. Getting personnel positioned now		
(49)			SITREP Negative from command bunker.	Bde	

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51

1945

SITREP Negative

Bde

52

2045

SITREP Negative

Bde

53

2050

Advise all units possibility good of Cu Chi getting

mortored tonight from Bde

To CO's

54

2145

SITREP NEGATIVE

Bde

55

2337

SITREP from field Neg A-3

Bde

56

2345

SITREP Negative

Bde

57

2400

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1	0045		SITREP Negative change	Bde	
2	0145		SITREP Negative change	Bde	
3	0220		The time for our recon plt to join ARVN unit has been changed from Tuesday to Wednesday: exact time unknown	Recon plt sgt	
4	0245		SITREP Negative change	Bde	
5	0345		SITREP Negative change	Bde	
6	0445		SITREP Negative change	Bde	
7	0545		SITREP Negative change	Bde	
8	0640	0645	A Co patrol having stand to, preparing to move out at daylight.	Bde	
9	0740	0745	SITREP Negative	Bde	
10	0755		Request ground clearance for firing 4.2 mort, firing point XT 64671655 in grid squares 64-18, 65-18, 66-18, 64-19, 65-19, 66-19, From S3	Bde	
11	0800		Received ground clearance form Bde (Ref item number 10) upon rtn of A Co patrol	Bde	jdh
12	0840		Fr a Co patrol, enroute to Base Camp area	Bde	jdh
13	0845	0845	Notified Discom Tiger of firing plans for today, negative contact with warrior.	logged	jdh
14	0845		SITREP Negative bunker	Bde	jdh
15	0930		Fr SFC Cobb found a body in 2-27 area in an		

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15	continued		open building near latrine. The body is US CONFIDENTIAL and appears to be suicide. Have been informed Lt Evens discovered body.	Bde 1	jdh
16	0945		SITREP Negative	Bde	
17	1000	1005	A Co patrol closed into Base Camp	Bde	jdh
18	1042		Fr E Co, have commenced firing 4.2 mort	Bde	jdh
19	1045		SITREP Negative	Bde	jdh
20	1115		Lt Rodelli, Range set up	S3	jdh
21	1120		Fr Bde Mr Smith, DH 23 is available to this unit for approx 2 hrs or until a higher priority	S3	jdh
22	1145		SITREP Negative	Bde	
23	1245		SITREP Negative	Bde	
24	1248		Co E Mort plat request ground clearance in following area 6418, 6518, 6618, 6419, 6519, 6619.	Clearance granted	jdh
25	1345		SITREP Negative: fr bunker. Notified Bde to notify warrior and tiger we'll commence firing 10 minutes	Logged	jdh
26	1445		SITREP Negative bunker	Bde	jdh
27	1450		Fr Bde, there will be a duster firing tonight from XT 642166. Right limit 5400 left limit 0400 max range 3700 CONFIDENTIAL	S3	
28	1515		Bn S1: Staff Officers meeting at 1730 at officers club	logged	

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29	1530		Report from Bde that 1/501 reported mortar fire in 2/501 AO right rear Ann Margaret road. Turned out to be 90mm that Bde did not coordinate with 1/501 Maj Nicholson straightened out situation	logged	jdj		
30	1545		SITREP Negative	Bde	jdj		
31	1600		Fr C Co: Charlie 1 moving at this time.	Bde	jdj		
32	1615		Fr C Co: Charlie 2 moving this time	Bde	jdj		
33	1625		Fr CPT Cizmadia: A Co will be conducting Eagle Flight tomorrow. Time not firmed up				
			Be postponed for AO QUEEN 0700-1100 hrs	A Co	jdj		
34	1630		Fr C Co, C - 3 moving now	Bde	jdj		
35	1720		C Co elements position at this time C One: 670185; C two: 697168; C three: 680179	Bde	jdj		
36	1745		SITREP Negative change	Bde	jdj		
37	1823		C Co elements located Vic CI 670185; C2 in ambush position; C3 684179	Bde			
38	1840		Bunker SITREP Negative	Bde			
39	1906		Request fire Indian	Bde			
40	1940		Bunker SITREP Negative	Bde	jdj		
41	1955		Fr C Co: Flares in 1/502 area are indicating patrol positions request cease of them to enable us to move. Denied CO	j			

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42	2020		Fr Co C all in place for nite for App 05 min		rc
43	2045		Cmd bunker SITREP Negative. C Co in place for the night	Bde	
44	2049		Bn XO checked Bn perimeter 2045 hrs	J	
45	2145		Com bunker SITREP Negative Co C in for night	Bde	rc
46	2245		SITREP Neg change	Bde	
47	2255		Bunker 59 is receiving S/A fire at this time OD is checking on this now	Bde	
48	2300		Bunker 59 has fired 1 M79 rd the firing has ceased at this time	Bde	
49	2305		Bunker 56 has reported S/A fire at this time the OD is checking on it	Bde	
50	2310		Bunker 56 has had 3 incomming rds of rifle gernade. Gernades hit apx 40 m to right and left of bunker. Bunker 56 answered with 2 rds of M 79 firing ceased after these rds.		
51	2315		Bunker OD reports all bunkers have received short burst of automatic wpns fire. No cas	Bde	
52	2320		Co C SITREP Negative	Bde	
53	2345		SITREP Negative contact at this time	logged in Bde	

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