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ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS		
	IN	OUT				HOUR	DATE
1	0030		Fr 4.2 plat: request ground clearance for firing. 805183. Ground clearance granted				
2	0045		Fr companies: SITREP Negative	Bde			
3	0140	0145	Fr Co's: SITREP Negative	Bde			
4	0240	0248	Fr A,B,C,D Negative SITREP	Bde			
5	0240		Neg contact with E Company				
6	0255		Contact was made with E Company				
7	0345		Fr companies: SITREP Negative, no contact A Co				
8	0350		Contact made Co A				
9	0445		Fr Co's: SITREP Negative	Bde			
10	0545		Fr Co's: SITREP Negative	Bde			
11	0645		Fr Co's: SITREP Negative	Bde			
12	0700		To All Co's: meeting of CO at 0800 hrs. Chow is tactical 50% at a time, chow whn dispersed in line.				
13	0705		To Bde: Demonstration on anti intrusion devices time and place still unknown.				
14	0745		Fr all Co's: SITREP Negative	Bde			
15	0748		Fr Mort Plat: request ground clearance sq. 79561365 registration				
16	0800		To mort plt: Ground clearance granted				
			Vic 79551365	Mort plt			
	0843		Fr companies: SITREP Negative	Bde			

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18	0855		To Bde fr Sl: Xray report all present or accounted for.	Bde	
19	0945		Fr companies: SITREP Negative	Bde	
20	1000		Fr mtr FDC: D Co FO observed unknown number of personnel carrying wpns vic 799143. Request to fire that location.	S3	
21	1005		Co D will send patrol vic 799143 to determine activity at that location.	J	
22	1145		SITREP Negative change	Bde	
23	1245		SITREP Negative change	Bde	
24	1250	1253	Round landed to Deltas left front a couple of people were hurt.	Bde	
25	1300		Fr Bde: would like to know number of personnel evacuated.		
26	1301		To 6 from D6 - tank hit an AT mine	Bde	
27	1321		To Bde: none of those personnel belong to us. dustoff personnel.	Bde	
28	1345		SITREP Negative	Bde	
29	1438		D Co has a dud mortar round to their right flank. Request a EOD team to come to check it out.	Bde	
30	1445		SITREP Negative	Bde	
31	1500		Dallis Shark called we can pick up 2½ ton		

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31	continued		truck at medic bravo	S4
32	1540		C Co CP now moved to new location, however company has not closed CP coord 806165	
33	1545		D Co reported location of Dud coord 807159	
34	F		Fr 81mm plat ldr: Request permission to fire CS, Ill and HE # 78158015, 79801500 7	
35	1635		Fr A Co: 3 personnel from 1st cav going to test fire M16 our area	S3 Air
36	1620		Del Ent; Situation overlay deleivered to Bde TOC by means of messenger	Bde
37		1647	To Bde : SITREP Negative	Bde
38	1659		Dud will be detonated in D Co area at 1704	Bde
39	1703		Dud disposed of in D Co area	Bde
40	F		Fr D Co: SITREP Negative W/I/K/51/ Rep duster down valley not to exceed 3000	
41		1749	To Bde: SITREP Negative	Bde
42	1752		Fr mort platoon: Request ground clearance in 79631413	clearance granted
43	1725		Fr D Co: Request a duster located at X0 809159. Request it be cleared to fire out LLAZ 215 RRAZ 150 max range 3000m	
44	1843		Fr A Co duster: 803167 Mal U 4.7.L 0.7 Fr gun pos 80401635 direct at 5240. LL 260	

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44	continued		HL 310 mxrange 2300, GS 7817, coord 783183 max Ord 4500		
45	1853		Fr bde: There is a chance we may receive 82mm mort attact prior to 2400 tonight	A,B,C,D,E	
46			Fr Mort YD 803167 Up 4.7 L.7 loc HL 293 LL 270 Max range 2000 m		
47	1925		CO informed SDO that we will control firing of duster. we must inform Bde of start time		
48	1926		Informed D co they have permission to fire duster HL 250, LL 215 Max range 2500	Bde	
49	1930		A Co granted permission to fire duster HL 293, LL 270 Max Range 1400 m	Bde	
50	1935		Fr D Co: Get in touch w/search light unit. have one on my left flank go it.		
51	1940		Fr 81mm mort plt. Request ground clearance in GS 7817	granted	
52	1947		Fr B Co: Request ground clearance to fire illum in GS 800180	granted	
53		1943	To B Co: Have your 81mm FO send request through mort platoon	B-Co CO	
54	1959		Fr mort plt. Request ground clearance to fire illuminating at XO 80501800.	granted	
55	2035		Fr B Co: At 812166 my 3rd plt have a message left to him		

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55	continued		CO at another unit	will send msg	
56	2055		Fr XO: attempt to get the following message to Maj Whel in Cu Chi. Request the 4.2 ammo be shipped immediately. Not available at this base. Request the conex. w/PLL be shipped immed.		
57	2103		Fr 81mm mort plt: Request ground clearance for following coord: 800150, 796150, 802148 , 796154	clearance granted	
58	2105		Fr B Co: spotted 1 indiv to front. Fired 2 M79 rds distance 200 meters	Bde	
59	2120		Fr 81mm Plt Ldr: Are you workong on clearance in GRID 810180.	j	
60	2130		Fr Bde: plans summary must cover period 1800 to 1800 daily	S3 Air	
61	2133		E Co SITREP Negative, D, B, C, A, Negative also	Bde	
62	2155		At 2155 B Co 2d Plt observed 2 personnel on ????? at 0100. range approx 500 meters fired M79, two personnel turned and marched in the other direction away from B element.		
63	2205		Kilo 6 requested ground clearance at YD 810180. Clearance granted.	logged	
64	2235		A, B, C, E SITREP Negative	Bde	

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65

2255

B Co SITREP Negative

Bde

66

2327

Confirmed acft for use after Super Tolls
approx 1130 hrs. Acft from 299 AVN

67

2340

2345

A,B,C,D,E SITREP Negative

Bde

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Closed out journal Staff Sergeant Manns

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	IN	OUT				
1	0040	0045	Co A Sitrep Neg	To Bde		
			Co B Sitrep Neg			
			Co C Sitrep Neg			
			Co D Sitrep Neg			
			Co E Sitrep Neg			
2	0130		Fm E Co 81mm - Request ground clearance for 796154 - clearance granted.			
3	0145		Co A Sitrep Neg	To Bde		
			Co B Sitrep Neg			
			Co C Sitrep Neg			
			Co D Sitrep Neg			
			Co E Sitrep Neg			
4	0245		Sitrep from all companies Neg.	Bde	jdh	
5	0345		Sitrep from all companies Neg.	Bde	jdh	
6	0445		Sitrep from all companies Neg.	Bde	jdh	
7	0545		Sitrep from all companies Neg.	Bde	jdh	
8	0645		Sitrep from all companies Neg.	Bde	jdh	
9	0715		Helicopter 712 reports to Co C location			
10	0842		Pick up time for Co C 1700 (confirmed) Bde			
11	0845		Fm Companies: Sitrep Neg.	Bde	ars	
12	0915		Fm Mort Plt: Request ground clearance 79751470. Granted S3.			
13	0940	0942	Fm 81mm Mort Plt: Request ground clearance	S3 NCO	ars	

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13	cent		Target 798146 and 802146 target 2. Target 10k, Target 2 Neg.		
14	0947		From all companies: Sitrep Neg.		ars
15	0948		From 81mm Mortar Plt: Request to fire over Co D - Neg.	S3	ars
16	1055		Fm Bde: Need to know the no of vehicles by type and trailers and also no of personnel.	S4, S1	ars
17	1125		From CO Bde: 1/501 operation cancelled 2/501 will conduct a rmobile operation commencing approx 1200.		
18	1140		Fr Mert Plat Ldr: FO in front of D Co observing personnel in 81mm impact area.	Ans: Do not fire unless you are pos cleared.	
19	1150		Fr Bde: Unable to contact 229th AHB. Fr 2/501 S-3.		
20	1148		To Bde: Sitrep Neg.	Bde	
21	1200		S3 Air issued patrol order to Rcn Plat.	J	
22	1220		Fr Bn CO: Acft now estimated lift off in 5 min.		
23	1221		Fr Acft to Bn CO: Airborne now, gunships up in a few min.	Bde	
24	1223		Fr S1: Strength: HHC 129: A 137: B 137: C 138: D 135: E 114.		

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25	1232		Fr S3 to CO: TO time is 1235.	J	nl
26	1237		Fr Chinook to S3: Holding over HUE will come in after LZ is declared green.	J	
27	1235		1st touchdown LZ GREEN.		
28	1342		Hooks down on LZ Charlie.	J	
29	1347		Fr 6: Last Lift.		
30	1300		Juliet departed D Co loc on recon patrol.	Bde	jc
31	1345		Fr C Co: Am location at 809 117.	Bde	
32	1346		Silex to Bde:	Bde	nl
33	1449		Fr Recon: Firing has stopped, are proceeding.	Bde S3	nl
34	1450		Fr C Co: Request western part of my AO be extended 1000 meters to its west.	S3	nl
35	1453		Fr C Co: Arty personnel who were firing ? the Bde: Bde S3 gave them permission to fire.		
36	1400		S3 granted extension to C Co's AO.	J, overlay sent to Bde.	nl
37	1420		S3 departed CP to go to Bde & A vic.	J	
38	1420		Fr Bde & Bn CO: To B, A, D. Personnel who are working on positions may wear jungle caps not standing around or riding in vehicles.	B, D, A, J.	nl
39	1434		Ren Plt at CPl, Sitrep Neg.	Bde	djb
40	1445		Sitrep Neg.	Bde	djb

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41	1452		C Co reports finding evidence of movement in vic of 799109.			
42	1507		Rcn Plt reports location: 798 142	Bde	jdb	
43	1330		Rcn Plt reports location: 781 141	Bde	jdb	
44	1540		C Co reports Sitrep Neg.	Bde	jdb	
45	1555		Rcn Plt now at CP 2, requests permission to deviate from planned route as to make it back at correct time 1700.	Bde	jdb	
46	1601		To Rcn Plt from 43: Permission granted to move from CPs 800m an AZ 45° then to FEBA on AZ 90°.	Bde	jdb	
47	1630		C Co located at PZ.	CO S3	ml	
48	1640		Rcn Plt crossed the COPL of D Co.	Bde	jdb	
49	1650		Sitrep Neg.	Bde	jdb	
50	1655		Rcn Plt closed this location.	Bde	jdb	
51	1708		EXTRACTION completed now in Route to CP. C Co.	Bde	jdb	
52	1714		C Co closed to this location.	Bde	jdb	
53	1730		Fr D Co: OP received sniper from valley to my front approx AZ 215.			
54	1735		Fr Arty LNO: You can fire artillery in your control no matter what time it is. Fire dusters up to 1800.			

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55	1740		Fr D Co: Firing came fro VIC 803 152. Firing Arty, Ground clearance granted.	Bde	
56	1740		The tet cease fire willbe from 291800 - TO 310600 during this period 1/501 and 2/501 will conduct short range platoon size defensive patrol and established night ambush patrol, no H&Is will be fired during the period. Firing will be restricted to illumination and defensive fires when fired upon.	ABCDE	ml
57	1741		Fr. 81mm plat. Mortar squad w/Bco. have rejoined platoon		
58	1750		Fm Mort. Plat. Request clearence at: YD80201590.		
59	1753		Fr. Dco. Received one more round hit front of bunker, is for left position .	J, Bde	ml
60	1753		FR. Aco. at YD802171 observed 4 persennel 1 carrying a weapon, dressed in gray uniform w/con ? moving north.	Bde	ml
61	1757		Fr. Bco. Observed 5 persennel vic YD 801171. 2 weke carrying large caskets, 2 sandbags, 1 carrying nothing. Now a total of 13, moving on azimuth of		

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61	contin ed		5500.			
62	1815		Fr D Xray report, we are all up.	Bde		
63	1817		Fr C weare up on weapons and personnel	J		
64	1820	D Co	OP reports 5 personnel left from where the firing took place. SW	Bde		
65	1830		Fr D Co: have a patrolleaving my position now going to Vic YD 801146 and returning.			
66	1845		SITREP Negative change.	Bde		
67	1846		Fr Bde CO: only difference in rules of engagement for tonight is no M&I. I have positive indication of attempted penetration ie trip flare or identified personnel movement, then we may engage w/M79 Do not have to wait until fired upon.	Bn CO		
69	1900		Fr D Co: patrol clearing out area where firing came from, found several items, request you send someone to my location when patrol returns.	S3 Air		
70	1905		Fr Col Cushman: Only difference in rules of engagement during Thet is that there will not be any MI. We do not have to be fired on before expending . If we have definite indication of attemped infiltration, ie, trip flare or			

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70	continued		identified movement, then may engage w/M79		
71	1927		Fr D: Patrol have returned to my area.		
72	1931		Fr Bde: Send LNO to pick up message.		
73	1945		Fr Companies: SITREP Negative	Bde	
74	2000		Fr 1st Cav Div Hqs: The govt of South Vietnam in a public announcement has modified the TET cease fire. In I corps and DMZ no standown for military operations will be observed in addition airstrikes will continue against logistical complexes and movements every precaution in planning and execution authorized in military operations will be taken to insure that safety for civilian populace is complete.		
75	2010		Co B reports some movement to front with radar request illumination.		
76	2020		Fr Co A: request request to fire dusters same location as last night. Granted S3.		
77	2025		Fr Co A Duster commenced firing 2020 hrs will fire HI throughout the night		
78	2045		To Bde: SITREP Negative		
79	2130		Fr FDC 4.2 Plt: request gnd clearance 80501800 for illum only: Granted S3		

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80	2140		Fr Companies: SITREP Negative		
81	2150		Late Ent: 2115 hrs have Bn Ce rpt to Bde CO reference on move tomorrow.		
82	2215		Fr FDC: Mort platoon: request gnd clearance for illum grid 79471753. Granted S3 Air		
83	2235	2245	Fr Companies: SITREP Negative	Bde	
84	2335	2345	Fr Companies: SITREP Negative	Bde	
85	2340		Fr FDC 4.2 mort plat: request gnd clearance Grid 79761510. Granted S2 (Duty Officer)		

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