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FROM

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1	0001		Opened Journal 19 May 1968	J	JSP
2	0052		A Co, B, C, D and Recon Pltn Sit Rep: Negative	J Bde	JSP
3	0115		Arty Radar picks up squad size unit at coordinates 624253 Arty mission called in on coord. Negative Surveillance	J G.	JSP
4.	0152		A, B, C, D, Companies and Recon Pltn Sit Rep: Negative	J. Bde	JSP
5.	0249		A, B, C and D Companies and Recon Pltn Sit Rep: Negative	J Bde	JSP
6.	0252		Arty Radar reports large force moving via coord 637240.	J G, A Co Recon	JSP
7.	0254		Bde reports Arty Radar picked up large movement 637240.	J. G, A Co Recon	JSP
8.	0300		Arty reports force to be 75-100 in number; has moved north to coord: 638254	J G, A Co Recon	JSP
9.	0309		Arty fires mission on VC force at coord: 638254	J	JSP
10	0315		Double check with G, A Co and Recon element indicates neither has been able to observe		

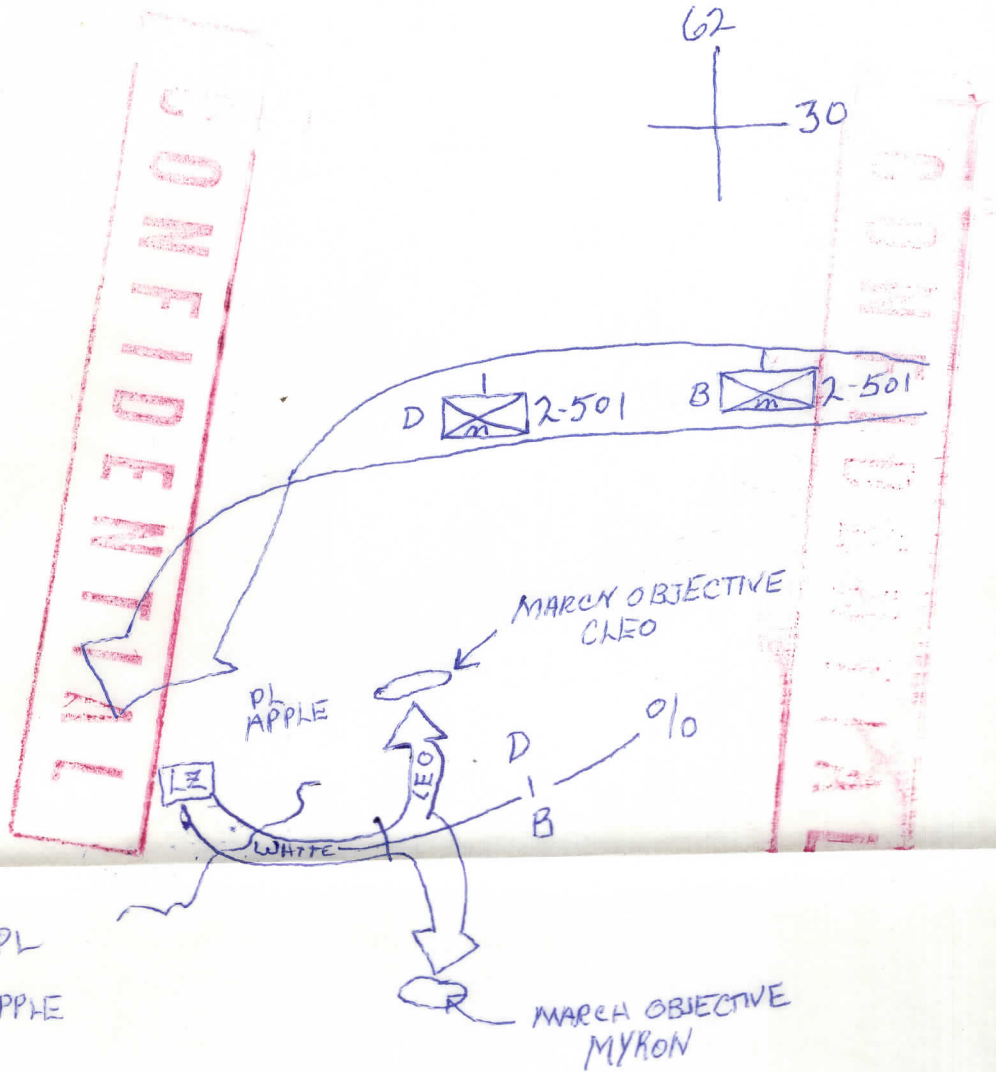
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10	cont		movement	J. Bde	J.P.
11	0350		A, B, C, D, + Rem Pkt		
12	0400		LATE ENTRY: Bde informs 2/501 sky spot will be effected 1400 meter SW of Rem Tigers 636234 at 0430 to 0530 - effective time of report 0329.	J. Co, Rem	J.P.
13	0455		ABC Recon Strip negative	J. Bde	J.P.
14	0555		ABC N Recon Strip negative	J. Bde	J.P.
15	0610		B Co Tigers closed.	J. Bde	J.P.
16	0610		Brown Tigers closed.	J. Bde	J.P.
17	0624		A Co Tigers closed	J. Bde	J.P.
18	0626		C Co Tigers closed	J. Bde	J.P.
19	0650		<b>B Co Mine Sweep Machine</b>	J. Bde	J.P.
20	0700		A Co 4D 661 240, found 1 Machine <sup>Chicom</sup> B Co. w/ shrapnel holes. SN 6688	J. Bde	J.P.
21	0700		B Co ms check point 1 4D 688 260	J. Bde	J.P.
22	0715		Received log bid call sign Kingman 12 currently at Gronomo 2 pad	J. Bde	J.P.
23	0715		C Co receive PFI's, reg an interpreter	J.	J.P.

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24	0727		B MS Team at check point # 2 YD 704253	J - Bde	EM
25	0730		C Co reports that they didn't get no coffee just a square head	J - 4A	EM
26	0731		A Co is now on the move SFC DarkHead change the	J - Bde	EM
27	0737		TRANSMITTER IN THE VHF, MSG FOR Cammo	J	EM
28	0743		B 26 is on S.D mission and moving at this time	J - Bde	EM
29	0744		A Co will be ready in about 30 minutes to receive their log	J	EM
30	0759		B Co Mine sweep team at CP 3. YD 716247	J Bde	JMS
31	0815		B Co Mine Sweep CP 4 YD 733 236	J Bde	JMS
32	0816		A Co 642258, prepared to receive log	J Bde	JMS
33	0825		B Co 2nd Plat YD 688245	J Bde	JMS
34	0833		C Co, head element departed CP	J Bde	JMS

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35.	0845		From Capt Cahill, PF, AS, will conduct operation via 765314. believe 20 VC, & VC hqs in village via that location.	J Bde	JMS
36	0850		CCs, plans to have CP at 4B. 669246	J Bde	JMS
37	0900		BCs 2 <sup>nd</sup> platoon 4D689242		
38	0905		CCO CP Group 693246 2 <sup>nd</sup> platoon 4D688230	J Bde	JMS
39	0905		Balk 2 <sup>nd</sup> established contact w/ a Co. coordinating AS at this time	J Bde	JMS
40	0930		From Capt Cahill - Picks up PFs for Alpha at 1200 at FROM FEED 2.1.0.4.1.0 4D 690280.	J. a	JMS
41.	0940		C needs Evac for one individual Sick - LZ Green location LD 2.3 2.3 4D 667237	J. Knightman 1.2 Bde	JMS
42.	0945		Knightman 12 completed med Evac for C.	J. Bde	JMS
43.	0946		Mine Sweep Complete.	J. Bde	JMS
44	1002		B2C element FM Feck LD1021 690239	J - Bde	JMS

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45	1020		Msg Fm Bde, New command net for Bde 43.60	J-43	EM
46	1031		C 26+16 + CP location is the same thin 36 element Fm Fecl LD 3325-667335	J-Bde	EM
47	1035		Thurs going to be and air strikes in the following location Fm Fecl LD 1227-60852 225 Tim'e 192400, Fm Fecl LD 1628-60452215 Tim'e 200115,	J-Decon	EM
48	1042		B 26 element Fm Fecl LD 1025-690235	J-Bde	EM
49	1101		B 26 element Fm Fecl LD 0829-692231	J-Bde	EM
50	1107		A 16 Fm Fecl LU 0804-628254 26+36+CP BU <del>4208 642258</del>	J-Bde	EM
51	1112		Correction on A 16 element Fm Fecl LD 0408-629242	J-Bde	EM
52	1127		A 6 call in his position Tiger location	J	EM
53	1137		C 16 + 26 + CP is on the move to their firing positions	J-Bde	EM

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54	1138		6 is airborne at this time <del>CONFIDENTIAL</del>		EM
55	1143		A Co reports they will start their log at any time. C Co wants his log at 1300 <del>CONFIDENTIAL</del>	-44	EM
56	1143		C Co has one detained down in Abik, has <sup>NO</sup> ID seem to be about 45 year old with that He had on him was a U.S. container FM Feel LD1226-688234	J. Bde	EM
57	1150		B2 C FM Feel <sup>693234</sup> LD0734	J - Bde	EM
58	1151		D C on his way to see his 16 element and he does show a radio with him		
59	1158		A Co reports 16 FM Feel LD0502-615248 right flank left flank on the hole 605248 and they reports her visibility at 500 meters to this north. <del>CONFIDENTIAL</del>	J. Bde	EM
60	1200		C36 element FM Feel LD5012-650248	J. Bde	EM

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60	CONT		<p><del>C Co report find a NVA G-Bde</del>  <del>Body was found at coord</del>  <del>686937, body has been</del>  <del>dead for 4 to 5 days no</del>  <del>weapon no documents and</del>  <del>no web gear, also this</del>  <del>is CP location, CP is</del>  <del>moving <sup>to</sup> 670246 for</del>  <del>this log. FM Foch LD</del>  <del>3014</del></p>		EM
61	1210		<p>Weather. FM 1400-2400  <del>see report</del>  <del>Thunder showed</del>  <del>visibility 1 mile seeing</del>  <del>1-500 ft winds varied</del>  <del>15 knot with gust up</del>  <del>to 30 knot</del></p>	G-ALL UNITS	EM
62	1220		<p><del>C Co 16,26 + CP FM Foch</del>  <del>LD 3014-670246</del></p>	G-Bde	EM
63	1221		<p><del>LaTeen Tr. there was a</del>  <del>test alert at 1200 hrs</del>  <del>at point.</del></p>		EM
64	1230		<p><del>C Co detainee was pick</del></p>		EM

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64	Cont		msg.		
65	1235		A 16 element FM Feek 2U1105-609255 and they have two head cases, don't need request med was they are taking it away at this time moving slow		ETA
65	1245		B 2 C element <sup>FM Feek</sup> LD 0523- 695237		ETA
66	1246		Msg from Duty 38 recombined Med Cap FM Feek BU 1227		ETA
66	1306		Sendog 6 dige in on Rear J-3-6		ETA
67	1310		C 36 is located at FM J-Bde Feek LD 3014-670246		
68	1325		Msg FM Bde 3 thru well J-43 be about 24 personnel from the 5013T Sig to use the rifle range and they will have a radio on air and push		ETA
69	1331		B 2 C FM Feek LD 0515- 695245 J-Bde		ETA

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70	1347		A Company's 16 element presently located from Feul L10 U-10 610 260		
71	1442		The Pl's left C Co	J Bde	DKZ
72	1445		Maj Nicholson called Bde 21 & talked CPT SANDLIN reported that Sp5 NUSSMAN & Sp5 BRUCK from 265 RRU were dragging here at Pinky to see who gets out first.	J Bde 3	DKZ
73	1503		B 26 closed back to Pinky	J Bde	DKZ
74	1514		Received all Co's proposed location for tonight	J	DKZ
75	1540		The point the Pl's will join FEEL R13 U-15 village at 1605 A sub elc closed	J Bde	DKZ
76	1625		three CP	J	DKZ
77	1724		Ref to PC HIDE do not use iB Msg FM Sendog 33	J - 43	EM
78	1730		A call com in from Bde J to MAT N from Sgt Mather and 3 told him		EM

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78 CONT

The requirement that he wanted in making sure that the area in which the live fire exercise is to take place is clear out. 3 told him to call him back and let him know about the helicopter with the loud speaker and getting the personnel to move out of the area.

79 1740

May from Duty 38 has been informed by X-ray in his location that there is a report to be attached to night nothing <sup>confirms</sup> at this time.

EMA

80 1741

Duty 2 reports that he has one man on the hill with him who believe malice the man is from Milken element at Duty 38 location

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81	1755		Alpha Element moving toward ACP		EM
82	1815		Def Range firing Unit using The range will appoint its OIC and safety office from his Unit, types of weapon to be fire will be clear than Bde as far as left and Right limit there is more than it is enemy but teaater.		EM
83	1818		Duty Co on his way to the CP		EM
84	1820		Duty Co has arrived this location		EM
85	1830		All night Location went to Bde A Co BON BU3003- 650253 Tiger Position FM Feed RD 2903-649247, RD 3905- 659245, RD 4209-662241 RD 2208-642258 B Co CP Pinky Tiger LD2204 678256, LD 0816-692244, LD 0911-691249, LD 1411-686249		EM

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85	Cont		C Co ROTN Fm Fecl LD 2023-680237, Tiger LD 2723-673237, LD 1830-682 230 LD 0929-691231 LD 1040-690220 D Co Bridges Recon S4 TAN Fm Fecl OP-RD 1833- 638217 RD 2323-643227		
86	1835		Late entry D Co has made his recon in c/p		ETA
87	1845		A has close his ROTN J-Bde AV3003-650253		ETA
88	1917		C has close his ROTN Fm J-Bde Fecl LD 2121-679239		ETA
89	1930		A Co, A6 reports the loss of a Squad radio transmitter on the operation today.		ETA
90	1947		C Co Tiger are on the move	J-Bde	ETA
91	1950		A Co Tiger are on the move	J-Bde	ETA
92	1951		B Co Tiger are on the move	J-Bde	ETA

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93	1955		Msg from Duty J8 Ref PF of Personnel B Co will pick this up from Feek BV 1215-712275 C Co at about 0800 Fm Feek LD 2023-680237		EM
94	2005		Msg from Bde they want reports of troop movement at 619241	J-43	EM
95	2018		The man in sup point for C Co to pick up his PF at 0800 coord 689234 - Fm Feek LD 2110		EM
96	2032		C Co Tiger HHL Fm Feek LD 202718-673242 LD 2028-680232 LD 0929-69231, LD 0838-69222	J-Bde	EM
97	2059		Rec'd OP in position CP 638217, CP 640227 Feek RD 1833 Feek RD 2323	J-Bde	EM
98	2102		Radur from Sally reports 10-15 personnel in Grid 639243 moving north	J-A	EM

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99	2115		B Co Tiger Fm Feed LD 2204-678256, L Pat LD 1410-686250, L Pat LD 0810-692250 Tiger * L D0817-692244	g-Bde	EM
100			From Bde the sky has changed and SP6 How will be here at 0630 with fly birds		EM
101	2138		All of A Tiger are in position as reported in item # 85	g-Bde	EM
102	2145		A, B, C, D, J S, T Rep Negative	g-Bde	EM
103	2146		Late entry Muz from Reed Hat he has two Tiger Location Fm Feed RD 8349, RD 8362		
104	2205		delay entry at 1800 request for 16 swaths of air strike to be flown at location as follow 8 swaths 600255 to 600264 and 8 swaths from 600246		

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To 600255 Cad request  
 500lb day cutter time  
 0700 till 9/p

105 2207

1800 delay entry request  
 CA for D Co at 0730  
 22 May PZ 663270 (Green)  
 LZ 584255, LZ status  
 unknown request Gen ship  
 accompanies the lift, lift  
 strength of D Co 121 request  
 B Co re lift amended after  
 D Co PZ 687257 (Green)  
 LZ same as D Co request  
 CC at 0700 to be control  
 by Duty C. As of 2150  
 from Bde request type  
 of vegetation and terrain  
 in strike area type  
 of terrain flat and  
 bamboo. Bde say request  
 will probably be approve  
 with 750 lb day cutter.

EM

106 2218

Duty 3 call all unit and

EM

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106	CONT		<del>CONFIDENTIAL</del> told them to make sure that they stay alert, replies from wand from Higher		
107	2215		B C reports they had a trip flare go off to the North West of their perimeter.	J-Bde	gm
108	2219		D C reports his element located at the LCU Ramp is receiving small arms fire from the high way about a 100 rounds was fire. Coord 771 222	J-Bde	EM
109	2225		B-6 reports trip flare was tripped by dog	J	JP
110	2233		B-6 reported 52 element picked up something on Antisubmarine device.	J	JP
111	2234		Delta C reports unit at CCU received 3 rounds mortar fire. Reports also that friendly boat and 3 security jeeps went		

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112	cont.		down to the area to check it out. Boat was armed with 50 cal MG.	J. 6 Bde	JP
113.	2240		B-Co reports 32 element anti intrusion device Ros picked up something to the South (180°) but can't determine what it is at this time	J. 3	JP
114	2242		D-6 reports fire has stopped at this time. He reported rounds were fired at a distance of 200 m from a garbage heap. Fire was directed at the bunkers themselves. 3 Rounds of 60 mm (estimated by B-36 element leader) landed 30-40 away from bunkers, sprayed bunkers with small amount of shrapnel. No damage to bunkers nor no casualties. D-6 also reports a large		

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114	Cont		explosion in Northwest section of base (inside walled city)		
115	2258		D-6 reports <u>no</u> mortar rounds were <del>found</del> fired at their pos. The three explosions were in fact 3 hand grenades thrown by <sup>U.S.</sup> sailors on vessels near their junction	J-6 Bde	JSP
116	2259		B Co reports 32 element's anti intrusion device is back to normal - Sit Rep: Negative	J-6 Bde	JSP
117	2305		C Co: Sit Rep Negative	J-6 Bde	JSP
118	2309		A Co D Co Recon Plt: Present Sit Rep Negative. C Co also.	J-6 Bde	JSP
119	2317		Cpt Nink 1/54 Bn Co (ARVN) Frequency 39.20	J-6 Bde	JSP
120	2319		Anti Intrusion device picking up movement to the south. 1 <sup>Device</sup> Machine picking up movement not estimate as to size of element or type.	J-6 Bde	JSP
121	2325		B-6 reports Bot directly		

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121	cont		behind his CP is picking up sounds - as if someone were crawling - gets strong for some time and then dies completely out. Movement is on South side. Said he had heard metal on metal clinking sound.	J - 6	JJP
122	2334		B-6 reports searchlight scopes are working on perimeter.	J - 6	JJP
123	2338		DC's reports <del>negative</del> negative activity in his area at present time.	J	JJP
124	2347		LATE ENTRY: Radar set went out at Recon's pen. Operators traced trouble to generator. They tried to remedy situation but was beyond their capability. Will send it to Sally in the morning effective time 2215 hrs.	J Bde	JJP
125	2350		A, B, C, D companies and Recon Platoon	J Bde	JJP
126			Negative Sit Rep.		

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	ACo		occupied 660245 Ambushes located at 643243, 651236, 661234, + 673236. Began moving at 0731. Moved element to 643258 established CP. 16 element # moved # from thru south to 644242 west to 609244 north to 611262 thru closed CP at 1605		
	BCo		occupied Pinky Road Ambushes located at 689258 679254, 689245 at 0743 26 element moved on 675 south to 684226 with 695246 and closed Pinky 1500. Mine Sweep began at 0650 Complete 0946		
	CCo		occupied NDP 693226 Ambush locations 690238 683231, 693223 + 695210. At 0900 moved CP to 669246 at 0833 16 element left NDP		

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			<p>on Ref A 679238 thru to 667235 thru to 646251 thru</p> <p><b>CONFIDENTIAL</b></p> <p>cloud CP at ●</p> <p>received 07:15 PF's</p> <p>Picked up one Detainee at 688234 No ID Card, 45 years old had US Canteen found INVA Body at 686237 4 to 5 days old Nothing on him.</p> <p>D Co Occupied Hue Bridges</p> <p>B Co Satan had 1 ambush located at 639235</p> <p>Statistics for 19 May 68</p> <p>Detainee D-1 1</p> <p>BC C-1 1</p> <p>Totals Carried Forward</p> <p>US KIA 102</p> <p>US WIA 446</p> <p>Body Count 532</p> <p>Detainees 147</p> <p>Captured Wpos</p> <p>Individuals 106</p> <p>Crew Severed 30</p>		

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