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1	0001		<del>Journal opened 20 May 1968</del>	J.	JP
2	0045		<del>A, B, C, D + Recon Sit Rep</del>		
3	01		<del>Sit Rep - Negative</del>	J. Bde	JP
3	0150		A, B, C, D + Recon Sit Rep Negative	J - Bde	EM
4	0215		A reports the tiger at 642 258, reports seeing three personnel with weapons at the time they are standing still and are under the observation of A Tiger	J -	EM
5	0228		Also radar at Sully was pointed at the location of the tiger and report no other movement.	J.	EM
6	0240		A, B, C, D + Recon Sit Rep NEGATIVE	J. Bde	DK3
7	0243		A Says the 3 personnel are out of sight But Big saw picks up 6 to 8 coming in same direction.		
8	0320		Changed points of Origins	J	DK3
9	0345		<del>A, B, C, D + Recon Sit Rep Negative</del>	J Bde	DK3
10	0445		<del>A, B, C, D, Recon Sit Rep Negative</del>	J Bde	DK3
11	0554		Recon OP's joined together and		

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11	(Con't)		<del>CONFIDENTIAL</del>						DR3
			are starting on these missions for today.						DR3
12	0600		A B C D + RCN Sitrep Negative				Bde		DR3
13	0607		B's Ambushes closed Penky.				Bde		DR3
14	0610		B's Mine Sweep departing at this time.				Bde		DR3
15	0611		RCN team at <sup>(644230)</sup> <del>HEEL R 24 D 20</del>				Bde		DR3
16	0615		C Co starting to move at this time. Ambushes following in sight.				Bde		DR3
17	0620		B's Mine Sweep at CP-1				Bde		DR3
18	0631		The PSYHOP team will come with log Bude to this location.				Do		DR3
19	0634		C Co at Helm LD 2212 678248						
			+ RCN(-) at Heel RD 2030 (640220)				Bde		DR3
20	0643		A Ambushes closed CP				Bde		DR3
21	0658		Helm <sup>LD (664258)</sup> 36 02 C locations is ready for his coffee + Demute at this location will send STD						
			ele to Bude to man up with						
			Pl's.				Bde		DR3
22	0706		<del>CONFIDENTIAL</del>						DR3
			A Co Negative equipment loss moving at this time				Bde		DR3

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23	0713		Team Bole, Mine Sweep Team sweeping from Sally S-E, is approx 500 meters out.	J	JMS
24	0715		Received they are team from Division.	J	JMS
25	0730		Received log bird call sign Black Widow 45.	J Bole	JMS
26	0730		Bole Mine Sweep Team at check point #3 4D 715246	J Bole	JMS
27	0745		D.B. 4D-749213, one man killed by a truck, was crossing bridge and truck could not make the hill, truck lost control on caught us against bridge. Truck moving north to south. CPT began stacking at this time.	J Bole	JMS
28	0745		Also recently located from Jnl P 1.7 W 1.0 (6B8260) Also man body from Helo L3.6 D0.2 (45664257) Dist size, Helo L3000A (678239), 3 man team from Helo L2.1 D2.1		

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			(670250) <b>CONFIDENTIAL</b> Reason, closed into Station	J Bde	JMS
29	0814		Patrol reports are negative	J Bde	JMS
30	0815		B Co mine sweep complete.	J Bde	JMS
31	0815		D Co reports a fire truck was involved in the morning's accident. Unknown we driving fled the area.	J Bde	JMS
32	0830		Road open Mine Sweeps Complete	J	DRZ
33	0834		A Co is moving a reinforced sub-sub of 16 in. to look for transmitter from radio.	J	DRZ
34	0839		C has married with AF's + Starting I & D v.c 673267	J Bde	DRZ
35	0845		at 0830 <sup>ARVN</sup> Ranger Co. told them that we would be manning bridges during the day with a reduced force	J	DRZ
36	0853		B Changed frequencies from 6150 to 6155	J	DRZ
37	0855		AC + B have all taken these <sup>B.g</sup> malinas pills	J	DRZ
38	0920		D has his 26 + CP group at Diamond Point v.c. 678265	J	DRZ

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38	(cont)		A sub ele of B is relieving D Co for a practice operation today.	J Bde	DK3
39	0921		B from Helm RD 0410 704 250		
40	0931		REN has 100% Sig Pills (660256)	J Bde	DK3
41	0940		C 1 ele from Helm LD 4004 (664258)	J Bde	DK3
			there 23, + CP ele LD 3602		
42	0943		A-Heel LU 0607 615257 637260	J	DK3
			CP group at Helm RU 1710		
43	0955		B 36 ele from Helm RU 1208 712268	J	DK3
44	1024		From Bde be prepared to change Bde amnd met to 35.10 at 1100 on call.	J	JRK
45	1025		BCO, REF Plat, 48712215 currently picking up with AFSC at that location.	J Bde	JRK
46	1040		WJ3 from 1200 to 1330 pro Col heater.	J Bde	JRK
47	1045		CB CP 664258, 1st Plat from Helm LD-5.31.2 (647248)	J	JRK

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48	1100		<p><del>NO 22 Station from 677212 (677212) load element B 712 275 in med cap position</del></p> <p>NO, 672245, swimming exercise, wet sun, 1 flat, remainder of element enroute by vehicle.</p>	J Bde	JMS
49	1115		<p>Bde called in log book for one hour, to be released asap.</p>	J	JMS
50	1127		<p>NO all elements at exercise site. log book had been returned to Bde</p>	J Bde	JMS
51	1140		<p>Town NO, 2 ambulances standing along road awaiting transportation to MARV. A truck swerved to side of road and ran over one man's helmet and used equipment completely ruined</p>	J Bde	JMS
52	1145		<p>NO present location from Acol 2.0 1.0 (48 640 260)</p>	J Bde	JMS

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<del>53</del>			All sub elements returned to main body.		
53	1153		1 Co NP located from Helo C 3.6 & 0.2 (664 258) Sub element (16) from Helo 4.1, 0.9 (659231).	J Bde	JMS
54	1230		1 Co commencing 2 <sup>nd</sup> wet assault at this time.		JMS
55	1232		From Bde ETA on log but 15 min, H23 not available.	J	JMS
56	1233		1 Co, Subelement now located with main body (664 258)	J Bde	JMS
57	1240		From Bde, will arrive H23 in 10 min.	J	JMS
58	1245		also current location from Helo R2.0 N 1.0 (664 260)		
59	1245		B Co NP Party, Med Cap 712 275 1 Co 664 258 1 Co via 672 245 2 element going through wet training exercise. Recon Section	J Bde	JMS

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60. 1305

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 Received Black Widow 45 and  
 as log bird

JAC

61. 1315

D Co 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon enroute to  
 bridge location, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon

62. 1330

'B through training exercise  
 D Co completed training  
 exercise enroute to marry  
 up w/ truck for movement to  
 bridge locations.

J Bde

JAC

63. 1335

From Bde FAC spotted at  
 48 581245, bunkers and  
 what is believed to be a  
 storage area, FAC has been  
 advised to coordinate with  
 A Co, nearest friendly element.

J Bde

JAC

64. 1350

From Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> ATACU - A/C  
 observed to be in open and  
 in tree line in grid 6424.  
 Checking report believe A Co  
 was in that location at  
 that time.

J Bde

JAC

65. 1400

Belt 21 operating in AO  
 will take a look at grid

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			6424 to be in <sup>to our local</sup> something in <sup>of</sup> C/S.		
66	1425		from CPD mess, released <sup>to</sup> 801 to Bde	Bde	JWS
67	1433		D Co arrived at bridge locations.	Bde	JWS
68	1505		A Co 40 640 260, B Co Pinky, Med Cap en route to Drury at from Elm RW 0.5 0.3 (705263)		
			C Co 664258		
			D Co Bridge location security recon taken.	J Bde	JWS
69	1530		Disposition of 2501 N-positions A Co - NDP from <sup>to</sup> R 2.0 W 1.0 640 260, Tiger 1 LD 06 10 <del>648 243</del> <sup>0.3 0.5</sup> <del>647 240</del> <sup>625 254</sup> 2-L H <del>623 251</del> 3-RD 0.7 D 0.8 <del>623 242</del> <sup>662 234</sup> 4-RW 1.6 0.3 <del>636 253</del> <sup>636 253</sup>		
			B Co CPLZ Pinky Tigers from <sup>to</sup> Helm, F D-online 0.7, 700 053		
			2-LD 1.0 1.2 690 248		
			LP-LD 1.5 1.0 685 250		

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			<del>COs NDP from Seton LD 3.1.1.4</del>		
			<del>669246, Sign 1 LD 2.3.2.5</del>		
			<del>677235, 2- LD 2.8.2.0</del>		
			<del>672240, 3- LD 4.0.2.4 660236</del>		
			<del>4- 4.9.2.5 651235.</del>		
			<u>Recon promoted RD 3.0.2.5</u>		
			650 225, R3.2 D3.3		
			652217. CP at Seton		
			Bu CP located Pinky	g Bde	JKK
70	1540		Bde med Cap team closed Pinky	Bde	
71	1540		From Bde, alerted that they may use COs to participate in aardon.	CO	JKK
72	1600		COs NDP and keys are changed to following location. 674249, 670246, 659245 649248 NDP-CP 666259		
73	1615		From Bde 1502 reg RD off center of mass 708275.	S3 office	JKK
74	1625.		Gate Entry Effective time 1600 1/501 present locations: A Co 1/501 presently being shifted		

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74	Cont		to LZ 840214; B Co at coord 832219; D Co (-) 828218 1 Plt of D Co with 30 PF's attached at coord. 825215	J. 6, 43	JSP
75	1640		from Col Cushman, Alst C Co to be prepared to OR from current location to Gordon w/ 1-501	J. CC	JSP
<del>76</del>					
76	1644		Col Hester going into Hung Tra at present time	J. 3	JSP
77	1650		C Co LZ will be 84066258 Col Cushman enroute to C Co location to pick up Lt Buck. Recon LZ 834206 <del>88427</del> <del>842727</del>	J. Bde	JSP
78	1658		A Co has element on move scouting their NDP.	J. Bde	JSP
79	<del>1710</del> 1710		A sky spot, 212000, to 220000 at 61522025.	J. Bde	JSP
80	1727		Element that is located at D Co. location will be in the move in about 30 min	J.	JSP

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81	1730		Person reports that the radar will not be operating for lack of power.	J-3	EM
82	1737		C Co reports first lift off the ground	J-3	EM
83	1758		A Co reports their eastern tiger are on the move	J	EM
84	1859		C Co reports the 2nd lift is off the ground	J	EM
85	1804		B sub element depart D Co location at 1727	J	EM
86	1813		B Co sub element has done this location.	J-Bde	EM
87	1815		C Co reports the 3rd and final lift is on the ground and they are leaving the net, expect to 1804	J-Bde	EM
88	1838		A Co close NDP FM Heck BV1710-637260 Tiger # 1 BD 2807-648243 Tiger # 2 BV 0405-624255 Tiger # 3 BD 4317-663237 Tiger # 4 BV 16	J	EM

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88	Cont		03-636253		
89	1855		A Co reports one of his Tiger #1 a body trap detail will follow.	J-Bde	EM
90	1900		A Co reports Med Evac at RD 3212-652238, 3 personnel are wounded, dist of 93 is in his location at this time.	J-Bde	EM
91	1941		Med Evac c/p	J-Bde	EM
92	1949		B Co Tiger on the move	J-Bde	EM
93	1950		ALL positions sent to Bde A Co FM Hcol BU1710-637260 Tiger #1 RD2807-648243 #2 BU0405-624255 #3 RD 4317-663-233 #4 BU1603-636253 B Co LZ Pinky Tiger #1 FM Helm Down line 07-700253 #2 LD1012-690248 LP LD1510-685250 D Co at Bridge Becan at SxTm	J-Bde	EM

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93	Cont		FM Heel OP RD 3025-650225 OP RD 3233-652217 C Co open to 1/501		
94	2000		Recon received power supply J-43 for the radar at Satom		EM
95	2005		Recon OP done in the J-Bde position		EM
96	2024		Radar from Sully picks up 10-15 personnel moving at 018253, check shows that it one of H Co type	J-43-2	EM
97	2028		pickup on Song Bong road between 2100-2300	J-2	EM
98	2038		Radar at Sully picks up 8-10 personnel moving North East at 029 249 <sup>FM Heel</sup> - RD 1908	J-Recon	EM
99	2047		B reports all element in position	J-Bde	EM
100	2054		Radar at Sully reports 15-20 personnel moving North at 068251 - FM Heel R 4840.1	J-BRecon	EM

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101	2100		SIT Rep Negative from D, J, B, A - A Co Tiger 1, 2 & 4 are in position Tiger #3 is still on the move.	J-Bde	EM
102	2107		Recon reports Radar in operation as of now	J-Bde	EM
103	2109		Red Hat (ARVN Taskforce) sends in following Tiger Posn. from Helm DL 4215 (685218) DL 430.7 (693217) DL 530.3 (697207) DR 580.3 (70220) (703202) DR 610.2 (702199) DL 6.5 (695195) DL 6.12.4 (676199) DL 6.52.3 (677195)		
104	2125		A Co Ambushes now in position	J-6 J	EM
105	2126		Recon Phxn reports scanning same area as Radar from Sally - negative report on Radar.	J	EM
106	2150		A B D and Recon sit Rep Negative A #3 Tiger closed 2110.	J. Bde	EM
107	2245		Recon reports M79 round going off or RPB at 652250	J-Bde	EM

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107	Cont		about 10.00 off could in determine the direction they came from.		
108	2247		A Co reports <del>multiple</del> motor are impacting at 047238, 8-10 rounds could be COMN can not determine the direction they came from.	J-Bde	EM
109	2306		Recon radar has pick up some more didn't know the size as of yet Fm Heel R33D19-653 231	J-Bde	EM
100	2307		Ref to item #108 above Call Duty 38 and had him check with his with people and they are not firing any motor	J-3	EM
111	2317		Recon reports that they are not firing any I did	J	EM
112	2325		Recon reports that the generator has went out and they are trying to repair it	J-Bde	EM

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113	2330		<p>delay entry</p> <p>Per conversation with MAJ Lee 2130 20 May. We will receive the following air support for and operation on the 22nd. C sorties of fighter bombers carrying 750 lb delay cluster starting at 0900 with sub approx every 15 minutes until 1015. C sorties of fighter bombers carrying 750 lb fragmentation bombs and 750 lb napalm cluster beginning 1015. Based on above, requested CA of D element begin 0800 22nd, also advise for consideration of contingency of moving one company back across river if no contact made - informed that this could be arranged on two hours notice. Aviation</p>		

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113	Cont		<p>2 ON will be at this location on 21st professional coordination on D75 and 2 Z3 - confirmed location to be at Bde during the afternoon of 21st.</p>		EM
114	2331		<p>Delay entry            2145 Sig spots in grid 6065 2350, 6095 2345, 6125 2320, cleared for 220100, 220200, 220300 for support of operation on the 22nd</p>		EM
115	2330		<p>Delay entry            From Bde 2155 National Police will be operating in area bounded by grid 748214, 747214, 746218, 744217 from 2000 to 0600, Sig confirmed, reported as "platoon size" requested method of contact with these troops informed D6</p>		EM

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116	2350		<p>Duty entry            2330 Coordination between            Co 4501 and CO 2/17 on            possible reinforcement of            bridge by 2/17. 2/17 will            fire two white parachutes            flare prior to arrival            at initial link up point            via 781219. Final pick up            point 758210. informed            CO 2/17 of call signs &amp; freq            of ARVN units in area of            bridge. Exchanged call            signs &amp; freq between our            D Co and his elements.            He will reinforce with            C APC &amp; 75 personnel</p>		EM
117	2352		<p>S, T Rep ALL units what 9-Bde            to Bde also that Person            Radar will be out for            to night. The radar went            out at 2340</p>		EM
118	2353		<p>Msg from Bde vehicle mess</p>		EM

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118	Cont		NW at 65312405 Heel RD 3310, Action taken A element was notified		87
119.	2359		<p>Take Entry: EFFECTIVE TIME 1957</p> <p>Follow up report on booby trap incident:</p> <p>Incident occurred as troops marched through a cemetery when they trip a booby trap booby trap was 60mm mortar round set up about 1 foot off the ground and was rigged with a trip wire.</p> <p>3 Men WIA - One Man took frags in the Head and Neck, One took frags in hip and third man took frags in both legs below the knees. Men had been fifteen meters apart when entering the cemetery. All three medevac.</p>		

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120 2359

LATE ENTRY: 3 FRED's at

Coord 682208

651200

658160

all were cut late this afternoon for 43

Statistics for 20 May 68

US KIA D-1

1

Totals Carried forward.

U.S. KIA

103

US WIA

446

Body Count

532

Retainees

147

Captured Weapons

Individuals

106

Crew Served

30

U.S.

29

Contracts

Plat or Smaller

22

Co or larger

21

Co or larger

13

Common

Replica

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