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ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
1	0001		Journal Opened 22 May 68	J - EM	EM
2	0015		Radar from Sally picks up a vehicle moving at Coord 64242470, this information was pass on to C Co to check it out.		
3	0020		C Co reports at the present time negative of the item # 2 above	J - 2	EM
4	0038		Radar from Sally picks up a squad moving South West at Coord 602241	J - 2	EM
5	0045		all units report nil - Reg negative	J - Bde	EM
6	0058		Radar from Sally picks up movement 15-20 personnel moving South at 639257, D Co was given this information and told to check it out, D Co Tsig reports back negative		EM
7	0125		Arty reports that there seem to be one personnel moving at 683256; 3 M79 round was fire	J - Bde	EM

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7	Cont		negative more observed at this time		
8	0137		D Co reports M79 rounds going of at 640259-25-70 rounds what off from Sally.	J-Bde	EM
9	0140		C Co reports hearing VC voice at the wood line 657252	J-6	EM
10	0141		Radar from Sally picks up movement at 64682352 seem to be a platoon size	J-CG	EM
11	0151		Sit Rep negative to Bde	J-Bde	EM
12	0157		Radar pick of Squad size movement at 64422472 South East		
13	0213		CPT PRZYBYLSKI BRIEFED LT PFEIFLE OF SITUATION, CHECKED LOG AND WAS RELIEVED BY LT PFEIFLE		
14	0220		Radar at Sally reports finding a large force at coordinates 60272472. Also at 60972478. Direction of movement - south.		
15	0245		Sit Rep Negative, ABCD+Ren	J Bde	EM

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16	0345		A, B, C, D, Ren: Sit Rep Negative	Bde	DK3
17	0445		A, B, C, D, Ren: Sit Rep Negative	Bde	DK3
18	0530		In reference to Dec at 0137 the rounds are believed to have come from Sally from Bde - 2 SSG Curran	Bde	DK3
19	0545		ABCD, Ren Sit Rep Negative B's Ambushes closed 0540 & Ren's OP are closing	Bde	DK3
20	0615		Ren's OP have closed	Bde	DK3
21	0620		Air Strike are moved up to 0800	Bde	DK3
22	0636		C Co's 26 & Cp group are starting to move toward new location		
23	0650		D's Ambushes closed Cp v.c 638257	Bde	DK3
24	0654		C Co located at Helm LD 3304 667256. The 36 ele Helm LD 1707 683253	Bde	DK3
25	0712		C-36 has closed linkup	Bde	DK3
26	0713		Mine Sweep started to sweep	Bde	DK3
27	0734		Mine Sweep located at #1 - 689260	Bde	DK3
28	0739		Hung Ja on our Push this time.	Bde	DK3

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29.	0746		A reports neg Equipment lost.	J.	JHP
30.	0748		From Bde - In addition to 6 flight 2 addition scheduled for 1000 and 1015. 250 lbs High Drag. (635255)	J.	
31.	0750		1 st lift D (?) PZ this time.	J. Bde.	JHP
32.	0758		D 1 st lift complete LZ vic 581259	J Bde	DKZ
33	0805		Mine Sweep CP 2 704252	J Bde	DKZ
34	0806		D's 2 lift PZ this time	J Bde	DKZ
35	0813		D's 2 lift LZ Complete	J Bde	DKZ
36	0817		Air Strike		
37	0820		3 lift 3 Bde D's PZ	J Bde	DKZ
38	0824		C co completely Choked (Bunkers)	J Bde	DKZ
39	0827		D's 3 rd lift Complete + last	J Bde	DKZ
40	0830		1 st Air Strike Complete + Second starting at this time.	J Bde	DKZ
41	0836		Mine Sweep CP-3 715246	J Bde	DKZ
42	0837		B first lift Air Base PZ funky	J Bde	DKZ
43	0845		B's 1 st lift complete LZ	J Bde	DKZ
45	0903		Mine Sweep Complete CP-4 734237	J Bde	DKZ
46	0923		3 Air Strike Started	J Bde	DKZ
47	0925		B's 2 nd lift PZ this time	J Bde	DKZ
48	0933		B's 2 nd lift complete LZ	J Bde	DKZ

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49	0940		B's 3 left 72 Curbarne	J Bde	JKP
50	0944		B's 3 + last left complete	J Bde	JKP
51	0955		Mine Sweep cloud back to Pinky	J	JKP
52	1010		B may have received few rounds S Arms	J	JKP
53	1020		D Co 40 593254, from heel L2.7 W.O.G. Center of mass. Hoping objective Depart at the time.	J Bde	JKP
54	1040		A Co. Bridge security B Co 590 255 C Co Pinky D Co 598 255 - 603261 Reason Satan PF in conjunction w/ Ca Elements from 609264 to 606250. 2 platoons	J Bde	JKP
55	1118		D Co from heel LH 1.8 0.5 602255. B Co LH 2.0 0.5 590600 - 600255	J Bde	JKP
56	1259		2 PPs SD now leaving junky	J. Bde	JKP
57	1325		C Co 2 nd Plat SD from below LD 4.5 1.4 (696245)	J Bde	JKP

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58	1400		C Co 2d Plat 5D - 4D 693290 neg contact A Co Bridge Security SE g Hae. B- 4D 601250 moving South D 4D 601256 moving north. Recon Satou	J	JMS
59	1430		C Co 2d Plat from Kham 100.9 1.4 (691246)	J	JMS
60	1445		B Co just started moving from 601250, moving South.	J	JMS
61	1505		C Co 2d platoon closed Pinky.	J	JMS
62	1525		Disposition of all sub elements A- Bridge Security B- 602256 Sweeping South C- LZ Pinky D- 603263 Sweeping North currently moving Coy Recon Satou	J	JMS

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			PF & RT Hubers 609264		
			to 606250 blanking position	J Beke	JMS
63.	1545		B Co 602249, moving North to link w/ D Co, northeast joint South was 602245	J Beke	JMS
64	1615		Hawk eye enroute to this location	J Beke	JMS
65	1630		B & S Co 4D 603263, B Co preparing to be air extracted.	J Beke	JMS
66	1630		Black widow 3 arrived Pinky coordinating w/ Col Neeter at this time	J Beke	JMS
67	1640		D Co 4D 603263, received 4 incoming 82mm rds when log bed set down bed got off neg results no friendly casualties.		
			Exhibit Company Col 25. Duty 6		
68.	1655		Abu checking at this time B Co Extract. Pz 605263	J Beke	JMS
			LE 673248		
69.	1700		Slider 65, gun ship arrived D Co position checking area		

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70	1713	*	10 Co CD made element leader of 3rd plt cross river via coordinates 604267 against address Pct leader did not take radio - Pct leader relieved.		JHS
71	1716		D Co get make contact w/agony 30 NVA via 604268 - 10 NVABC 1AK-47 captured. Rest fled along river to NE. Engaging with gunships at this time. JEPG-710s	J Bde	JHS
72	1717		1st Lt B Co (abn) this time	Bde	JHS
73	1719		Reconno Power Reported Saton.	J Bde	JHS
74	1723		1st Lt B Co LZ this time	J Bde	JHS
75	1734		2nd Lt B Co PZ down at 1734	J -43	JHS
76	1805		Ag said relieved	J	JHS
77	1815		B Co last left abn		JHS
78	1823		B Co last left closed LZ.	J Bde	JHS
79	1825		Gun ships expended and disengaged neg enemy assessment	J Bde	JHS

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80	1835		PF & RF platoons released at 1730		
81	1907		D Co reports that this sub element just killed one NVA at 596254, rest of information will follow	J-Bde	EM
82	1911		B Co departed for his BAN location at this time		EM
83	1912		Ref to item # 81 above the man came in from the rear of the sub element that was in that vic	J-Bde	EM
84	1945		Ref item 81 above he had no weapon and no documents	J-Bde	EM
85	1952		Msg from 38 one PF Fm Hehn LD0803-692257 a PF 3dotT also PF 3dotT Fm Hehn LD1030-690230 will meet with B Co at 0900	J-43	EM
86	1953		B Co reports that tiger was on the move	J	EM

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87	2017		<p>CONFIDENTIAL</p> <p>Delay entry Msg from Bde you have Substantial body count of 6 personnel</p>	J-43	EM
88	2020		<p>Delay entry D Co reports seen 13 VC at 605265 has them under observation at this time 1840</p>	J-2-43-6	EM
89	2024		<p>D Co reports that this 36 element again has made contact & more information will follow. D Co reports that there are reports all around them. Request gun ship & flare ships be on stand by.</p>	J-Bde	EM
90	2130		<p>D reports 2 bodies in front of ambush site east of Capt's 2 Co. remainder JWSW based WSP</p>		
91	2110		<p>All locations went to Bde A Co at Buze</p>	J Bde J Bde	EM

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91	Cond			Delay entry. B Codeparted for BON 1911 Fm Hehn LD 2708-673252 Close BON 1940 Tiger #1 LU 2902-671263 Tiger #2 LD 1914-681246 Tiger #3 LD 2619-674241 Tiger #4 LD 3414-666246, CCo BON Pinky FM Hehn Tiger #1 LD 0927-691233 Tiger #2 LD 0836-692224, D Co Fm Heel LU Tiger #1 LU 2113-599253 Tiger #2 LU 1515-605265- BON LU 1910-601260- Broom CP Satan OP Fm Heck ORRD0929- 629221. All elements are close.		
92	2120			Med. Eva was call for a man from the city, Med Eva was request and CP at 2140.		
93	2145			All units Report ST-Rep Negative	J-Bd/c	ET

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94	2147		<p>CONFIDENTIAL</p> <p>Order entry Radar from Sally pick up 20-36 personnel moving NE at 58532427 time 2139 also at 63592530, 10-15 personnel moving NW</p>	J-43	EM
95	2219		<p>Radar from Sally reports squad moving at 5950 2438 NE</p>	J-43	EM
96	2247		<p>All units reports SIT-Rep negative</p>	J-Bde	EM
97	2300		<p>Received call from ParDon 97 requesting Ilt at coord 7152P5</p>		
98	2311		<p>ParDon reports that there is a Bn size NVA at this location's estimation.</p>	J-Bde	EM
99	2332		<p>The red legs made a change over in the sector zone and now we are getting all kinds of interference at this time.</p>	J-43	EM
100	2352		<p>All units reports SIT-Rep negative</p>	J-Bde	EM

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A Co

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SUMMARY 22 MAY
Provided local security

for Hue Bridges.

B Co

Penky - Plt Strong point
694236 conducted Combat
Result to vic 590255 feet
left Abn. 0837, LZ 0845
Complete at 0944, B Co swept
South to 602245 then north
and linked with D Co.
603263, 1655 rec order to
extract LZ 605263
LZ 673248. 1st left Abn 1717
LZ 1723 closed LZ 1823
moved to NDP, closed 1952
4D 673252.

C Co

NDP 657253, Ambushes
669247, 661240, 651249, 4
649246 - Began moving pl. 36
toward Penky closed 0824
1259 Second pl. moved from
Penky on S/D 693240 at
that location. 1400 close Penky

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			<p>CONFIDENTIAL</p> <p>Summary Co. 10 N 505 Do. Strong pts. 635255, 627257, 642257. Made a CA from PZ 635255 to LZ 581259 Left began 0750 completed 0827. Moved to 593254 prep'd with arty on Objective moved 602255 to 603263 received incoming 87 mm Rde. Behind from 6125. Neg casualties at 1716 3rd plat engaged (30 NVA 604268 - 10 BC 1AN47 2 RPG-7 Rde. Enemy fled DE. Sunship. Spider 55 engaging -6 BC. Killed one NVA at 1907 via 596254 reg wpan Rca. 3 op- 643228, 643223 + 652228. Occupied Saton Chud CP Ob's reg lightings Rovers departed 1700 from Saton.</p>		

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			CONFIDENTIAL Statistics for 22 May 67		
			1 Plat Contact	1	
			Body Count D-19	19	
			Wpns D-1 AK47	1	
			Items Carried forward		
			US KIA	103 103	
			US WIA	448	
			Body Count	551	
			Miscellaneous	147	
			Captured Wpns		
			Individual	107	
			Crew Served	30	
			U.S.	29	
			Contacts		
			Plat or Smaller	23	
			Co or larger	21	
			Bn or larger	13	
			Comms		
			Radio	2	
			Phone	2	
			Close Out 21 May 68		

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