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1.	0001		Bn NCS/Log: Journal Open.	JS	DQ
2.	0100		All Units/Bn NCS: Negative Sit Rep.	JS	DQ
3.	0200		All Units/Bn NCS: Negative Sit Rep.	JS	DQ
4.	0300		All Units/Bn NCS: Negative Sit Rep.	JS	DQ
5.	0400		All Units/Bn NCS: Negative Sit Rep.	JS	DQ
6.	0500		All Units/Bn NCS: Negative Sit Rep.	JS	DQ
7.	0600		All Units/Bn NCS: Negative Sit Rep.	JS	DQ
8.	0600		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: Significant activities in the last 12 hours. At 0010H NER spotted 01 individual in wire on southwest side of perimeter. First light check will be made. Engaged with M99 and 81mm mortar, M60, claymores, grenades, artillery, with negative assessments. At 0030H night hawk while reconning vicinity YU 209305-spotted 03 or 04 lights flashing, then ground to air fire from small arms and automatic weapon, engaged with small arms and light went out. Negative assessments.	JS	KB
9.	0620		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: 1/12, 2/12 Night closings for 27 Apr 70; 1/12, A(-)-YU 108083, 1/A-YU 088104, 2/A-YU 115125, B(-)-YT 114988, 1/B-YT 122996, C(0)-YU 215154, 1/C-YU 210138, 2/C-YU 195154, D(-)-Battons, 1/D-Thomas, E(-)-Battons, E Co Recon-YU 242089, LRRP-YU 236071, 2/12 Cavalry,		

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9.	0620		Continuation from page 1: A Co-YU 365197. B Co-Marisa. C Co-YU 428244. D Co-YU 426165. E(-)-Marisa. E Co Recen-YU 426165.	JS	DB
10.	0700		C Co/Bn NCS: Trips and claymores in at 0700H, first light check out at 0700H, first light check in at 0715H. Upon the pill.	JS	BP
11.	0730		All Units/Bn NCS: Upon the pill (A,B,C,D,E).	JS	DB
12.	0808		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: Request for AO extension from 0600H 28 Apr 70 to 08 May at 1800H grids YU 2631 to 2635 to 3135 to 3131. Disapproved by 1/8 Cavalry CO/would be alright 2 to 3Ks to the west. Reason too close to B Co, 1/8 Cav.	JS	DB
13.	0815		Credit 25/Bn NCS: (Hunter Killer Team C1/9) TOS 0815H to work vicinity YU 329295 ground contact will be B Co.	JS	DG
14.	0830		Bn NCS/Bde S-3 NCO: Request for scout dog team for 28 Apr for D Co.	JS	DB
15.	0830		Bn NCS/Bde S-3 NCO: Request for scout dog team for B Co for 29 April 70.	JS	DB
16.	0855		B Co/Bn NCS: B Co current location after S-3 observed from air YU 334293.	JS	DG
17.	0900		Bn NCS/ Bde NCS: Request a pink team on stand by call for D Co in contact. Also requested Rash		

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17.	0900		Continuation from page 2: to be in air above D Co. Negative fire-just cover.	JS	DB
18.	0905		Bn NCS/Bde S-3 Asst: Requested napalm for 1/8 Cavalry's D Co at vicinity grid YU 305265 for contact.	JS	DB
19.	0930		Bn S-3 Asst/Bde S-3 Asst: Change D Co final extract to 1300H to 1400H Apr 28th. Reason S-3 wants D Co to sweep contact area.	JS	DB
20.	1000		Bn Rear/Bn NCS: B Co contact resulted in 03 KIA (U.S.) on 27 April. (1) Smilie (B Co)-Roster #154. (2) Sanceverino (B Co)-Roster #1000. (3) Lencon (Medic from HQ Co)(Roster #140.	JS	BP
21.	1055		All Units/Bn NCS: Current locations; A Co-YU 404293. B Co-YU 334293. C Co-YU Nguyen Trai. D Co-YU 305265. E Co-Nguyen Trai. Recon-YU 213220.	JS	DB
22.	1100		D Co/Bn NCS: D Co is sweeping contact grid YU 305265 at this time. Enemy evaded to the east. D Co had negative casualties, scout dog was wounded. Rifleman in the 2nd platoon reported killing 01 NVA by M-16 (he saw enemy fall). No body has been found yet. Results so far at 1150H (01 bleed trail leading north.	JS	DB

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23.	1105		NCS Bde/Bn NCS: LRRP team inserted at 1100H at grid YU 273242. Box: YU 2324, YU 2326, YU 2624, YU 2626. LRRP center mass YU 285340-to be inserted sometime in the afternoon of 28th. Will give full readout before team is inserted.	JS	DB
24.	1115		Bde S-2 Asst/Bn NCS: Photo mission to be run in Bn 40 (1/8 Cavalry) at 1205H to 1210H, call sign "Pokedot" 61" to be flown at 15000', YU 240400 to YU 341500, YU 341500 to YU 411578.	JS	DB
25.	1115		Credit 27/Bn NCS: Hunter killer team C1/9, TOS 1115H. VR & Free fire YU 3134, YU 3128, YU 3428, YU 3424, clearance given by S-3 assistant as long as they contact D Co. Spotted 300 meters from D Co; 10 individuals in black pajamas carrying AK47 moving toward D Co, also spotted 50 bunkers some old and new, with individuals in the, C 1/9 claims 01 KBH #YU 305268.	JS	DG
26.	1120		Credit 22/Bn NC : Hunter killer team C1/9 TOS 1120H, free fire and VR YU 311873, YU 329 287, clearance given S-3 asst:ground contact B Co and D Co.	JS	DG
27.	1120		D Co/Bn NCS: D Co contact began 0900H, broke vicinity YU 305265, D Co has 03 to 04 individuals		

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27.	1120		Continuation from page 4: firing AK47, LMG, and B40 approximately 50 to 75 meters away from 2nd platoon to north-northeast, organics and artillery are being employed at this time. Max ARA has been requested along with a pink team. 0905H on air strike has been requested. 0920H contact has broke 0925H contact started again. ARA is on station 0926H. Contact broke again 0930H. Second set of max TOS 0950H. Rash 29 FAC A/C TOS 1000H, air strike completed at 1050H. At 1120 all the above has been previously been called in when events occurred.	JS	DG
28.	1140		Bn NCS/Bde S-3 Asst: Requested immediate air strike for D Co, grid YU 308268. Type of bombs bombs and napalm. Reason, and target, 50 bunkers with heavy recent use, also Credit 24 spotted 15 gooks in open duck into the bunkers at above grid. ETA 1230H.	JS DB	
29.	1156		Rash 01/Bn NCS: FAC A/C TOS 1150H air strike YU 308208 completed at 1255H.	JS	DB
30.	1215		Bde S-2 Officer/Bn NCS: Photo mission to be run in Battalion 1/8 AO between 1605H to 1610H at 500' call sign Pokodot 12 at YU 455276.	JS	DB

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31.	1220		Bn S-3/Bde S-3 Asst: C Co PZ started at 1400H, at Lolita C Co to DK with D Co.	JS	DB
32.	1235		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Bn, 1/8 Cav log bird A/C extracted the wounded scout dog team from D Co location and took him to Song Be.	JS	DB
33.	1245		Hang 166/Bn NCS: Log A/C, Spotted 05 to 06 individuals in a 100 degree azimuth from D Co location at YU 302265 about 500 meters swading to the east.	JS	DB
34.	1246		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Bde Chemical office dropped 06 #158 non-persistent canisters on target TOT 1235H, YU 308268.	JS	DB
35.			Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Requested pink team for assistance in air strike BDA-negative pink team because of the C/S in area, they won't let them go in.	JS	DB
36.	1305		Rash 01/Bn NCS: FAC A/C LZ construct YU 303282 TOS 1305H clear ground contact is D Co, cleared by S-3 Asst. Completed at 1246H, maybe 011 shipper.	JS	DB
37.	1330		Credit 27/Bn NCS: Hunter killer team C1/9 TOS 1330H, free fire and VR in box YU 3325, YU 3323, YU 3723, YU 3725, clearance given by S-3 Asst. Broke 1415.	JS	DG
38.	1350		Credit 24/Bn NCS: Hunter killer team C1/9 TOS		

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<u>38.</u>	<u>1350</u>		<u>Continuation from page 6: 1350H, VR free fire YU 3424, YU 3425, YU 3825, YU 3825. clearance given by S-3 A sst.</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>DB</u>
<u>39.</u>	<u>1418</u>		<u>All Units/Bn NCS: Current locations; A Co-YU 404394, B Co-YU 331293, YU Nguyen Trai, D Co-YU 305265, E Co-Nguyen Trai, Recon-Yu 313216.</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>DG</u>
<u>40.</u>	<u>1427</u>		<u>Bn ^S-2/Bn NCS: Documents received today from Bde indicates that contact area was a NVA Medical facility. Also found 02 plastic capsules containing unknown type blasting caps with safety devices. Also found an additional letter box number A3 B1.</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>DB</u>
<u>41.</u>	<u>1455</u>		<u>Credit 24/Bn NCS: Hunter killer team C1/9 TDS 1455H, VR & Recon by fire YU 3817, YU 3823, YU 4517, YU 4523, S-3 gave clearance for what portion is ours. He contacted 2/12 for their clearance. At 1520H, wants clearance to fire north of east west 36 grid line clearance given by S-3 Asst.</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>DG</u>
<u>42.</u>	<u>1505</u>		<u>D Co/C Co/Bn NCS. Sec/Sec Daisy Chain; C Co lifted at 1408H, PZ ol ear at 1445H, in LZ at 1412H, lifted completed at 1458H. D Co lifted at 1412H, PZ clear at 1450H, in LZ at 1418H, lift completed at 1458H. C Co PZ grid YU</u>		

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<u>42.</u>	<u>1505</u>		Continuation from page 7: Nguyen Trai, LZ grid YU 303265, number sorties-26. D Co at YU 303265, LZ grids-Nguyen Trai, number of sorties-26.	<u>JS</u>	<u>DG</u>
<u>43.</u>	<u>1555</u>		Credit 24/Bn NCS: Hunter killer Team C1/9 TOS 1555H, S-3 give clearance to VR & Free fire box YU 3224, YU 3227, YU 3624, YU 3627.	<u>JS</u>	<u>DG</u>
<u>44.</u>	<u>1608</u>		C Co/Bn NCS: C Co at grid YU 307269 found a northeast-southwest, bamboo matted trail 04 wide along side of trail found 04 bunkers 5' x8', 1 1/2' OHE both had recent use, negative direction of travel on trail.	<u>JS</u>	<u>OR</u>
<u>45.</u>	<u>0031</u>		Bde S-3 Air/Bn NCS: Air strike for 29 Apr 70 (1) LZ construct YU 333307-1130H 750 lbs daisy cutter, (2) LZ Construct YU 305215, 1400H 750 lb daisy cutter.		<u>OR</u>
<u>46.</u>	<u>1717</u>		Bde S-2 Air/Bn NCS: (2) YU 1936, YU 25 36, YU 2528, YU 1928. (3) YU 3040, YU 3740, YU 3033, YU 3733.	<u>JS</u>	<u>JM</u>
<u>47.</u>	<u>1828</u>		Bde S-3/Bn NCS: YU 392332; LRRP Team 72 inserted 1805H, box YU 3735, YU 4035, YU 3733, YU 4038. Plus 01 click buffer zone. Effective 280600H to 101500H-May.	<u>JS</u>	<u>DE</u>
<u>48.</u>	<u>1832</u>		Bde S-2/Bn NCS: FY #1104, 1830H medium YU 296219. 54 rounds of 105mm fired.	<u>JS</u>	<u>JM</u>

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49.	1832		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: A/C requested for 29 Apr 70. C C report to Buttons 290700H and contact Silo 72 R on 58.80. Pick up 01 sortie and report to FSB Lolita and conta act Silo 47 on 60.75. Log A/C report to Buttons 290700H and contact Silo 72R on 58.80 and you'll receive further instructions.	JS	JM
50.	1915		Bde S-2 Air/Bn NCS: Intelligence report from S-2 Air (pink team); A Co-Negative/ B Co-YU 335309, 01 bunker and 01 hootch-northwest and southeast trail. C Co-YU 299273-02 bunkers and 02 military structures. Recon-YU 320200-30 bunkers, 07 military structures, 50 fighting positions, 02 trails, 01 moving east and west, 01 northeast-southwest.	JS	JM
51.	2121		Bn S-3 Air/Bde S-3 Air: Air request for 30 Apr 70; (1) LZ construct YU 311261, 750 lb daisy cutter, nearest friendlies 1500 meters north west. (2) LZ construct YU 293264, 750 lb daisy cutter, nearest friendlies 1500 meters north east.	JS	JM
52.	2122		E Co Recon/Bn NCS: Recon found at YU 312214 03 hootches (8'x12'), 01 bunker(10'x05'x05'), with 02' OHC in hootches found various type baskets. Hootches were used in last 03 to 05 days.	JM	JM

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53.	2123		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Tentative plans for 30 Apr 70: A Co will ground recon to vicinity grid YU 303295, then establish NDP. B Co will ground recon to vicinity grid YU 314295, then establish NDP. C Co will ground recon to vicinity grid YU 318276, then establish NDP. D Co-Base defense FSB Nguyen Trai. E Co Recon Platoon will ground recon to vicinity grid YU 337212, establish NDP.	JS	JM
54.	2124		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Plans for 29 Apr 70: A Co will ground recon to vicinity grid YU 3922 6, then establish NDP. B Co will conduct careful search of area vicinity grid YU 329294, then ground recon to vicinity grid YU 325295, then establish NDP. C Co will conduct careful search of area vicinity grid YU 305275, then ground recon to vicinity grid YU 305277, then establish NDP. D Co-Base defense at FSB Nguyen Trai. E Co Recon will ground recon to vicinity grid YU 326212, establish NDP.	BS	JM
55.	2125		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Request-is B Co getting a scout dog team tomorrow. Request a scout dog team for A Co for the 30th Apr 70.	JS	JM
56.	2125		All Units/Bn NCS: PDS; A Co-102,04,13. B Co-102,05,12. C Co-114,05,12. C Co-114,04,12.		

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56.	2125		Continuation from page 10; D Co-118, 03, 13. E Mortar-41, 01. E Co Recon- 26, 01, 04.	JS	OR
57.	2126		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: PDS FDB Nguyen Trai; HHC & E Co-59 EM, 31 NCO, 10 Officers. Base Defense- 104 EM, 13 NCO, 03 Officers, 155-39 EM, 08 NCO, 04 Officers, 105-43 EM, 13 NCO, 04 Officer. Engineers- 04 EM. Black hats-02 EM.	JS	OR
58.	2128		All Units/Bn NCS: Ambush report; Negative ambushes for the day in 1/8 AO. 06 automatic ambushes for A Co at night. Negative night ambushes for B Co. 07 automatic ambushes for C Co at night, and 03 sqd size ambushes for C Co at night. 03 automatic ambush at night for D Co. 03 automatic ambushes for B Co recon platoon. 07 automatic ambushes for D Co at night. 03 automatic ambushes for E Co at night. 03 automatic ambushes for D Co at night. 03 automatic ambushes for E Co recon at night.	JS	OR
59.	2128		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Sniper Report; A Co-01 in field. B Co-01 in the field. C Co-01 in the field. D Co- FSB Nguyen Trai -01. E Co recon platoon- 01 on leave and 01 in the field. C Co-01 scout dog in field. 01 in field for A Co.	JS	OR

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60.	2121		All Units/Bn NCS: Night Locati ns; A Co-YU 401 297. B Co-YU 329294, G Co-YU 303276, 1 E Co-100 meters, 1-S-100 meters, 1 west-100 meters. D Co- FSB Nguyen Trai, E Co-FSB Nguyen Trai, E Co Recon- YU 316212.	JS	OR
61.	2200		Bde Mes/Bn NCS: 1/12, A Co-YU 093106, A2-YU 122116, H 102990, B-1-YT 113999, C-YU 225145, YU 216138, C-2-YU 185153, D-Buttons, D-1-Thomas E-Buttons, Recon-YU 249096. 2/12, YU 369200, B-Mirisa, C-YU 421246, D-YU 428152, E-Mirisa, Recon-YU 426179.	JS	JM
62.	2210		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: 2/12 dois have element in AO ex- tension at YU 369200.	JS	OR
63.	2236		Bn s-2/Bde S-5: Request leaflet drop to exploit D Co, 1/8 Cavalry contact today request leaflet drop within grid YU 3029, YU 3329, YU 3027, YU 3327. Target group 86 reaf Service Group. Theme "It is useless to fight, Chieu Hai and live in safety with enough to eat".	JS	DB
64.	2342		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: SOI change-green jury call sign, will not change tonight at 2400H 23 Apr 70. It will change 291200Apr70.	JS	KB
65.	2358		Bn Asst S-3/Log: Daily summary; Contact D Co;		

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65.	2358		Continuation from page 12: At 0900H, YU 305345, engaged 04 individuals, with small arms, artillery, ARA, air strike and pink teams. Enemy returned small arms fire, automatic weapons, B40. Results: 04 NVA KIA. Negative U.S. casualties, and dog WIA. Air moves: D Co, C Co, DX Sec/S of FSB Nguyen Trai LZ/PZ YU 303265, 26 sorties, 1410H. Significant event; 2 LRRP Teams were inserted today. B Co found 08 NVA KIA today from yesterday's contact.	JS	BP
67.	2359		Bn Asst S-3/Log: Weekly Summary; Contacts: 23 April 1970; D Co-0842H, YU 308255, engaged 8 to 12 individuals with organics, ARA, artillery, pink team, air strike. Engaged with automatic weapons, small arms, B40, /Results-02 NVA KIA, 06 U.S. WIA. 24 Apr 60, D Co 1225H, YU 305262, engaged 02 individuals with organics, artillery, ARA; Returned fire with small arms, and ebaded to the north. Results 01 NVA KIA, negative U.S. casualties. LRRP team at 1700H engaged 02 individuals with organics. Results-01 NVA KIA at YU 375355; Team extracted 1730H, 0310H Night Hawk engaged 01 company NVA with organics, ARA, airstrike, results-07 NVA KIA, 26 Apr 70. A Co at 0850H, YU 406280 engaged 01 individual.		

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67.	2359		Continuation from page 13: with artillery, negative enemy assessments. D Co at 1030H YU 304255 engaged with artillery. Results 01 NVA KIA, B Co at 1630H YU 331285 engaged 05 to 07 individuals with organics, enemy returned small arms, B40. B Co engages with artillery, ARA. Results 02 NVA KIA, 01 U.S. WIA ^{91 US KIA} LRRP Team 71 at 1922H, YU 372322 engaged by USEF, extracted at 2020H. 27 Apr 70, CIDG at 0205H, YU 308205, ambushed 03 individuals in river with organics, negative enemy assessment. B Co at 1030H, YU 332292 engaged USEF with organics, enemy returned small arms and automatic weapons, B40 and claymores. Contact broke 1045H, reinitiated until 1300H, B Co engaged with ARA, artillery, pink teams and air strikes. Results 21 NVA KIA, 02 U.S. KIA, 08 U.S. WIA & dog WIA. 28 Apr 70 D Co at 0900H YU 305265, engaged 04 individuals with organics, artillery, ARA, air strike and pink team. Enemy returned fire with small arms, automatic weapons and B40. Results 04 NVA KIA, negative U.S. casualties, 01 dog WIA. Air moves; 23 Apr 70; C Co 3rd platoon, 0915H, Sec/CA, PZ Nguyen Trai, LZ YU 306216, 05 sorties. 25 Apr 70, E Co recon 0830H, FE/CA,		

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