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1.	0001		All Units/Bn NCS: Journal Open.	JS	KB
2.	0030		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: SOI Changes: 430-3 3rd Bde Bn (P) 54.20 to 65.80, 45G-3 2/8 Cav command (A) 36.25 to 45.60, 46-3 Divarty command P(P) 55.80 to 62.20, 1/30 P-3 73.40 to 71.85, 45J-3 1/9 Cav A Troop 47.50 to 34.95, 1/9 Cav S. Plt. 34.45 to 42.25 all effective 2400H 22 Apr 70. 40A-3 D1 command to 33.30, 49-D L-2 11th AGR 58.95 to 58.45 all effective 23 Apr 70 at 0100H & 23 Apr 70 at 0800H.	JS	KB
3.	0200		All Units/Bn NCS: Negative Sit Rep.	JS	DQ
4.	0300		All Units/Bn NCS: Negative Sit Rep.	JS	D
5.	0334		Shadow 76/Bn NCS: Box YU 2329, YU 2336, YU 1936, YU 1929. Night Hawk A/C TOS 0333H, to work in Box above TBS 0357H. Read out-negative.	JS	KB
6.	0400		All Units/Bn NCS: Negative Sit Rep.	JS	DQ
7.	0500		All Units/Bn NCS: Negative Sit Rep.	JS	DQ
8.	0605		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: XU 4603; At 0310H 23 Apr 70 Night Hawk heard 01 explosion when recon area at grid vicinity XU 4693.	JS	KB
9.	0625		Bde S-2 Air/Bn NCS: YU 260140-YU 250285; SIAR TOT 0305H to 0317H, both along side of river at grids above.	JS	KB

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10.	0650		Credit 23/Bn NCS: Hunter Killer Team TOS 0650H to test weapon systems at YU 2611 (run south north up river). Clearance given by S-3 Asst, broke station at 0655H.	JS	DB
11.			Steel Peg 91 (G/C)/Bn NCS: CC TOS 0705H, could not come in due to heavy fog around FSB. Will come back, when we call back and give an up that fog is clear./ At 0730H Bn NCS called Bde to have CC sent back out to FSB Nguyen Trai.	JS	DB
12.	0715		O/Co(Base Defense)/Bn NCS: Nguyen Trai; Upon the pill 0700H, trips and claymores in at 0700H, first light check out at 0705H, first light in at 0725H.	JS	DB
13.	0715		All Units/Bn NCS: Upon the pill (A,B,C,D,E).	JS	DB
14.	0925		A/Co/Bn NCS: YU 393772; Requested 0925H- Request a medevac(priority), rigid litter, possible hepatitis (temperature (96.5). Medevac 13 on station at 0950H, completed at 1045H.	JS	DG
15.	0930		S-3/Bn NCS: O/Co 3rd plt; Sec/CA-lift started at 0910H, PZ clear at 0911H, landed in LZ at 0921H, lift completed at 0921H. PZ grid-Nguyen Trai, LZ grid-YU 306216, Sorties-06, LZ-Green	JS	DG
16.	0930		Bde S-2 Air/Bn NCS: All following grids are YU;		

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<u>16.</u>	<u>0930</u>		<u>Bde S-2 Air/ n NCS: Continuation from page 2; Box 5-2823, 3723, 3729, 2819. 6-4032, 4432, 4425, 4025. 7-2330, 3130, 3126, 2326. 8-3135, 3935, 3931, 3131. 9-1830, 2230, 2224, 1824. VR G 1/9; 1-4230, 4430, 4427, 4227. 2-3629, 3927, 3627. 3-3532, 3827, 3830, 3530. 4-3737, 4027, 4035, 3735. 5-2835, 3125, 3133, 2833. 6-3028, 3328, 3226, 3026. 7-2627, 2827, 2824, 2624. 8-3124, 3824, 3321, 3121. 9-3724, 4024, 4022, 3722. 10-3219, 3419, 3416, 3216. 11-2618, 2918, 2916, 2616. 12-2575, 2717, 2713, 2512. IR TOT 1800H, 02, 03, 09, 07, 08, 10.</u>			<u>JS</u>	<u>JM</u>
<u>17.</u>	<u>0937</u>		<u>Bn NCS/Bde NCS: YU 305255; Request pink team for D/Co to help them check out the contact area.</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>DB</u>		
<u>18.</u>	<u>1000</u>		<u>D/Co/Bn NCS: YU 308255; D/Co in contact at 0842H with estimated enemy force of 08 to 12 individuals. A patrol from D/Co was moving from NDP grid YU 305255. When they spotted these in- dividuals on a north-south trail, patrol engaged and received small arms fire and B-40s, also light machinegun fire from 3 different positions on their east. Patrol thinks these enemy were in a small bunker complex. Contact broke at 0915H, ARA TOS 0858H engaged by artillery also engaged</u>				

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<u>18.</u>	<u>1000</u>		<u>Continuation from page 3 the enemy. D/Co has</u> <u>of U.S. line 02 lightly wounded. D/Co is sweep-</u> <u>ing the area at this time.</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>DB</u>
<u>19.</u>	<u>1050</u>		<u>All Units/Bn NCS: A/Co-YU 393272. B/Co-YU 344280.</u> <u>C/Co-Nguyen Trail, 3rd plt-YU 306216. D/Co-YU</u> <u>305255. E/Co-Nguyen Trail, Recon-YU 398252.</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>DG</u>
<u>20.</u>	<u>1105</u>		<u>E/Co Recon/Bn NCS: YU 396248; Current locations</u> <u>for E/Co Recon.</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>DG</u>
<u>20.</u>	<u>1106</u>		<u>Bn NCS/Bde S-3 Aif: YU 308255; Request for</u> <u>air strike for D/Co at vicinity grid YU 308255</u> <u>for Bunkers- in the contact area of D/Co. Or-</u> <u>dinance of all napalm. D/Co will be moving in to the</u> <u>area after the napalm drop. Napalm drop will</u> <u>be on target around 1300H.</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>DB</u>
<u>22.</u>	<u>1130</u>		<u>Bde S-3 NCO/Bn NCS: The 4 LRRP boxes in the</u> <u>northern portion of our A/O will not be fired</u> <u>in by artillery. They are all going in shortly</u> <u>over all readings.</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>DB</u>
<u>23.</u>	<u>1130</u>		<u>D/Co/Bn NCS: Trail that D/Co spotted individuals</u> <u>on was northsouth about 3' wide. Point man en-</u> <u>gaged individuals he saw and received small arms</u> <u>fire, also automatic weapons and B-40 fire in</u> <u>return from estimated 9 to 10 individuals.</u>		

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23.	1130		Continuation from page 4; Enemy was firing at least 01 light machine gun. Individual that point man spotted wore pith helmet and green NVA fatigues. D/Co has 05 wounded, 05 of which will be medevaced. Injuries were caused by B-40 fire.	JS	JM
24.	1145		G/Co 3rd pl/Bn NCS: YU 300217; Current locations for G/Co 3rd platoon.	JS	DB
25.	1145		Bde Asst S-2/Bn NCS: YU 395328; LRRP team #71 inserted LZ green at 1145H.	JS	DB
26.	1152		Bn S-3 Air/Bde S-3 Air: Divert for air strike for 23 April 1970; LZ construct for grid YU 391 278 will be diverted to grid YU 332262, time 1600H.	JS	DB
27.	1210		Bash 25/Bn NCS: YU 308255; FAG/AG TOS 1210H, air strike for D/Co contact, air strike completed at 1300H.	JS	DG
28.	1250		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: YU 308255; 06 line 02 individuals from D/Co, line 02 have been extracted at vicinity log A/C, emergency resupply for D/Co is also completed.	JS	DB
29.	1330		D/Co/Bn NCS: D/Co did hear 25-30 rounds of ground to air fire that was fired probably against ARA A/C when engaging in the contact area.	JS	DG

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30.	1405		Bde S-2 Air HQ/Bn NCS: LRRP Team 71 at 1300H was extracted from YU 395328, and re-inserted at YU 393337.	JS	IJB
31.	1406		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: YU 259301; LRRP 55 inserted, 12-green, completed at 1350H.	JS	JM
32.	1415		Wildcat 12/Bn NCS: Sniffer A/C Free and VR in Sniffer boxes #5 YU 2823, YU 3723, YU 3719, YU 2819, #6-YU 4032, YU 4432, YU 4425, YU 4025. Boxes are clear for VR but not for free fire, also clearance given by S-3 Asst. #9 YU 1830, YU 2230, YU 2224, YU 1824. Broke at 1530H, come again 1600H. Request free fire in box portion which is in our A/C, northeast corner YU 1731, south to YU 1725; west to YU 1125 clearance given by S-3 Asst.	JS	DG
33.	1423		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: YU 235225; LRRP Team 54 inserted at YU 235225 at 1410H.	JS	JM
34.	1440		All Units/Bn NCS: Current locations at 1400H. A/Co-YU 397273, B/Co-YU 344280, C/Co-Nguyen Trai, 3rd plt-YU 300217, D/Co-YU 305255. E/Co-Nguyen Trai, Recon-YU 396243.	JS	DG
35.	1515		O/Co 3rd plt/Bn NCS: Current locations-YU 299214.	JS	DG
36.	1525		Rash 24/Bn NCS: YU 332262; FAC A/C air strike		

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36.	1525		Continuation from page 6: completed at YU 332262 diverted to grid YU 330265. BDA-a good 02 shipper broke station at 1630H.	JS	DG
37.	1545		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Reference to Special Forces: YU 2724, YU 2924, YU 2518, NU 2718, will go into effect 240600APR70, to terminate 291800APR70. After 3rd platoon of C/Co is extracted the followin box will go into effect, YU 2724, YU 3024, YU 3022, YU 3522, YU 3518, YU 2718, YU 2724, terminate 291800H. The ground contact will be frequency 35.95 (call sign will be Bruno-the 2nd in command will be Shelly Splash 65). The air ground net is frequency 44.75, call sign Steward Scribbler. The special forces will have 10 U.S. and 130 CIDG personnel. The special forces will also have a liaison team at FSB Nguyen Trai.	A/O	JM
38.	1515		B/Co/Bn NCS: YU 352277; Current location will change after marking mission.	JS	DG
39.	1600		Credit 25/Bn NCS: YU 305255; Hunter killer team C 1/9 TOS 1600 to work with D/Co.	JS	DB
40.	1605		D/Co/Bn NCS: YU 308255; After sweeping the contact area they found; 02 bunkers (5'x8' with 2' ORG), 01 B-40 round with fuze, 01 empty AK-magazine.		

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40.	1605		Confirmation from page 7: 100 expended AK rounds, also found 02 heavy blood trails leading to the drag mark, after following the drag marks B/C found 01 heavy dug grave with 2 bodies in the graves. NVA were apparently killed by small arms fire. The 02 NVA were wearing green NVA fatigues with short haircuts, negative headgear or footgear was found. Negative documents or personal effects were found. Also the north-south trail starts to bend northwest-southeast at YU 308255.	JS	JM
41.	1620		Bn NCS: /Bde NCS: A/C requestd for 1/8 Cav 24 Apr 70; CG report to Song Be 0700H and contact Guard 72R on 47.05. Pick up 01 sortie and proceed to FSB Nguyen Trai. Log A/C report to Song Be at 0700H and contact 72R on 47.05 will receive instruction from 72R. Both A/C report to Guard 47 on 32.45 on approach to Nguyen Trai.	JS	JM
42.	1645		Bde S-3 Air/Bn NCS: YU 323266; Air strike for 24 Apr 70 at 1230H, 750 lb daisy cutter.	JS	JM
43.	1720		Bde S-2 Air/Bn NC: Night Hawk box YU 2420, YU 3120, YU 3113, YU 2413, not clear following box is acceptable at YU 2419, YU 3119, YU 3113, YU 2413.	JS	JM

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44.	1724		Bn S-3/Bn NCS: Team 52 LRRP was inserted at grid YU 310338 at 1157H, LZ-green.	JS	JM
45.	1815		Bde S-2 Air/Bn NCS: Sniffer Readouts: Box-A-YU 434258, 1441-1453H, B-455517, C-406306, D-426423, Box 02-1457H-1506H, A-313225, B-306224, C-303228.	JS	JM
46.	1403		Bde S-2 Air/Bn NC: YU 271492; URS YU 271492, 12000 meters radius early morning.	JS	JM
47.	1904		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: YU 256298, LRRP #55; Observed 01 individual moving north to south. Was unable to determine clothing or weapon because of dense brush. LRRP teams suspected that 05 to 04 more individuals were following. 1810H-LRRP team 55 reports movement ceased.	JS	JM
48.	2006		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: All Units; A/Co-YU 403267. B/Co-YU 350281. C/Co(-)-FSB Nguyen Trai, 3rd plt-YU 298211. D/Co-YU 303256. E/Co(-)-FSB Nguyen Trai. Recon-YU 393242.	JS	JM
49.	2007		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Negative day ambushes. 05 automatic ambushes for A/Co. 03 automatic ambushes for B/Co at night. 03 automatic ambushes for C/Co at night. 05 automatic ambushes for D/Co at night. 03 automatic ambushes for E/Co recon at night.	JS	JM

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50.	2008		Bn NCS/Bde NCS S-3: A/Co-01 in field. B/Co-01 in field. C/Co-01 in field (Nguyen Trai). D/Co-01 in field. Recon-01 in field.	JS	JM
51.	2009		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: PDS FSB Nguyen Trai; HHC & B/Co-59 EM, 32 NCO, 10 Officers, Base Defense-69 EM, 14 NCO, 03 Officers, 155-39 EM, 08 NCO, 04 Officers, 105-42 EM, 13 NCO, 04 Officers.	JS	JM
52.	2009		Bn NCS/Bde S-3 NCO: B/Co 1st sortie at 1450H, last sortie at 1450, time in PZ 1325, out at 1510H, number of sorties at 05, remarks-log.	JS	JM
53.	2012		Bn S-3 Air/Bde S-3 Air: Request for A/C for 24 Apr 70; 3rd platoon C/Co will FE/Sec from PZ YU 306256 to LZ at Nguyen Trai at 1400H, 35 Pax 6 sorties, 6 and 2, PZ contact Muddy Trawler 75R on 66.30. LZ contact Guard 47 on 66.30.	JS	JM
54.	2150		Bn S-3 Air/Bn S-3 Air: Request for air strike for 25 Apr; (1) LZ construct at YU 348262, 750 lb daisy cutter, nearest friendlies 1300 meters east. (2) LZ construct at YU 380243, 750 lb daisy cutter, nearest friendlies at 1500 meters north east.	JS	JM
55.	2151		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Plans for 1/8 Cav for 24 Apr 70; A/Co will ground recon to vicinity grid		

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55.	2151		Continuation from page 10; YU 408278, then establish NDP. B/Co will ground recon to vicinity grid YU 345273, then establish NDP. C/Co(w) Base defense at FSB Nguyen Trai, 3rd plt C/Co at 1400H, conducted FE/Sec from PZ YU 306216 to Nguyen Trai, assume Base defense at FSB Nguyen Trai. D/Co will ground recon to vicinity grid YU 302258, then establish NDP. E/Co-Base defense FSB Nguyen Trai. E/Co(-)-will ground recon to vicinity grid YU 396238, then establish NDP.	JS	JM
56.	2152		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Tentative plans for 1/8 Cav for 25 Apr 70; A/Co will ground recon to vicinity grid YU 398288, then establish NDP. B/Co will ground recon to vicinity grid YU 335263, then establish NDP. C/Co-Base defense at FSB Nguyen Trai. E/Co Recon will conduct FE/GA from YU 388240 to LZ YU 329238, then ground recon to vicinity grid YU 318238, THEN ESTablish NDP.	JS	JM
57.	2300		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Request for scout dog teams for 1/8 Cav; (1) For 24 Apr-01 scout dog team for A/Co. (2) 25 Apr-01 dog team for D/Co. (3) 25 Apr-01 dog team for E/Co recon. (4) 26 Apr-01 dog team for B/Co. All dog teams will report to Bn		

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57.	2300		Continuation from page 11.; rear at Buttons to the S-1 office for transportation to the companies.	JS	JM
58.	2313		Bde S-2 Asst/Bn NCS: Red Haze TOT 1750H, at grids YU 214401 in the YU 245355 by stream.	JS	KB
59.	2359		Bn Asst S-3/Bn NCS: Daily Summary; YU 308355; Contact for D/Co; 0842H engaged 8 to 12 individuals with organic, ARA, artillery, pink team, air strike. Enemy returned with automatic weapon, small arms, B-40. Results-02 NVA KIA, 06 US WIA. Air Move: C Co and platoon, 0915H, Sec/CA, PZ-Lolita, LZ-YU 306216, 06 sorties. Significant Events; Laison Teams arrived from H/75th Rangers and Special Forces, 4 LRRP Teams inserted, CIDG in A/O.	JS	JM
60.	2400		Bn NCS/Log: Closed.	JS	KB

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