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1.	0001		1/8 Cav/Bn NCS: Journal Opened. Negative Sit Rep (0100, 0200, 0300, 0400, 0500, 0600H). Claymores and trips in at 0700H. First light check out at 0700H, in at 0742H. Negative findings.	JS	JM		
2.	0115		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Sent Bde 28W bird request for 24th and 25th of March 1970./ Sent by 28W.	JS	JM		
3.	0730		1/8 Cav/Bde NCS: Upon the Pill (A,B,C,D,E).	JS	JM		
4.	0820		Bde 2 Shop/Bn NCS: Sniffers Box 9-3431,4131, 4128,3428. Box 10-4041,4641,4638,4038. Box 11- 4219,4619,4613,4213. Box 12-2815,3515,3511,2811. VR Box 3-4138,4438,4436,4136. Box 4-4235,4435, 4432,4232. Box 5-4735,4935,4932,4732. Box 6- 4828,4028,5025,4825. Box 7-4327,4527,4524,4324. Box 8-4322,4522,4519,4319. IR Box 1-3029,3929, 3020,3920. Box 2-2039,2939,2030,2930. Box 3- 3039,3939,3030,3930.	JS	JA		
5.	0830		Birds/Bn NCS: CC (Hiker 949) TOS 0750H with negative console. Log Bird (Crimson Codes 083) TOS 0740H.	JS	JM		
6.	0840		Bde 3 Shop/Bn NCS: A/O extension was approved by Bde, effective until 261800MARCH1970; 4027 south to 4020 east to 426200.	JS	JA		
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7.	0900		Bde S-3/Bn S-3: The changes in plans are still not stable. It can go either way, in reference the moves to Margaret and Judie.			JS	JM
8.	0900		Bench 55/Bn NCS: Hunter Killer Team working with A/Co TOS 0900H. At 0905H received a new mission and had to break to work for the Corona Treaty Family at 0906H.			JS	JM
9.	0915		B/Co/Bn NCS: At grid 418249 at 0915H B/Co found 01 northsouth trail 12" wide with light recent use to the south in the last 48 to 72 hours.			JS	MM
10.	0956		Bde 2 Shop/Bn NCS: URS Enemy Element YU 327 465, early morning vicinity.			JS	JA
11.	1030		All Units: Current Locations; A/Co-431243 and moving northwest. B/Co-418249, C/Co-Audie, D/Co-481325 (log pad), E/Co-Audie.			JS	JM
12.	1055		Bn NCS/Bde W-3 Air: Request for air strike. B/Co TIC Immediate airstrike. 500 High Drag NAP Wide C ^o hoke 45T, frequency 54.70, grid 418249, Rash 21, TOS 112-OH, ETA. (Late entry).			JS	JA
13.	1120		Rash 21/Bn NCS: Air strike at grid 420251 to assist B/Co, TOT 1200H. Fighter Broke for POL with another set coming up 1200H./Air strike did not go in.			JS	JM
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14.	1130		1/8 Cav/2nd Bde S-3: B/Co at 0943H at grid YU 418249 engaged 02 to 03 individuals in trees. 2 US KIA (01 had head wound, 01 shoulder wound), 01 US injured his back when he hit the ground. Contact broke 0945H. ARA requested 0950H, on station at 0952H (Dagger 175). Medevac requested 0950H, on station at 1030H (Medevac 23). ARA expended/broke station at 1024H. Medevac received ground to air fire from trees to north of B/Co. At 1047H northeast flank of B/Co also received small arms fire and machinegun fire from an approximately number of 15-20 individuals from the northeast. Contact broke at 1110H. Immediate air strike (napalm & 500lb HD) requested at 1057H. FAC (Rash 24) on station at 1120H. Medevac broke station at 1110H for fuel. Negative patients extracted-2 rigid litters dropped to B/Co.	JS	JA		
15.	1130		Bde 2 Shop: URS Enemy Element, grid YU 139464, vicinity late morning.	JS	JA		
16.	1134		Bird/Bn ARA at A hunter killer team (Brnch 55) POS 1134H to work with A/Co.	JS	JA		
17.	1200		S-3/D/Co: Be sure back haul is always on the last sortie bringing supplies in. As soon as you have the back				

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17.	1200		Continues from page 3: out of your location move out rapidly. 02 platoons of ^D /Co moving 1240H one will stay behind for back haul.	JS		JM	
18.	1204		A/Co: At grid 429244 at 1201H has come to the rice paddy site that was found yesterday, including the 20 bags of last evening they have 36 bags of rice 100K per Bag. Log Bird has found 15 of these and A/Co has found 21 of them request permission to destroy rice. Rice was found on a platform 3'x5' made of bamboo floor with 04 rubber tree posts about 05 feet high with leaves woven together for overhead cover.				
19.	1220		A/Co/Bn NCS: A/Co pink team (Bench 55) received ground to air vicinity grid 429244 at tree top level at 40 knots. At 1220H (small arms) broke station at 1235H. Northwest 75 meters of A/Co Bench 55 spotted 02 enemy.	JS		JA	
20.	1228		1/8 Cav/2nd Bde: Wrapped up of B/Co contact from 1130H - 1215H. B/Co has 01 line 1, 02 line 2, and 01 man with pulled back. One line 2 has shoulder wound, one line 2 has leg wound. B/Co did find the 2 rigid litters. They have 02 patients for rigid litter and 01 patient for jungle				

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20.	1228		Continues from page 4: patient for jungle penetrator. 2nd set of fighters on station at 1201H, ordnance is 500 lbs H1 Drag and napalm. Air strike being put in at this time.	JS	JA		
21.	1335		Rash 25/Bn NCS: Rash 25 has air strike for grid 420240, will not put in because of friendlies. He will go wouthwest and put in as close as he can #412222 will be the grid TOS 1335H, also has wall to wall map ordered for B/Co. / This air strike did not go into effect.	JS	JM		
22.	1355		1/8 Cav/2nd Bde: Readout from B/Co contact from 1215H to 1345H. medevac back on station at 1230H, started Medevc at 1255H, at 1315H medevac hoisted 2 line 2. 1315H, medevac received ground to air fire from northeast. B/Co also recieved fire at this time, both were AK fire. Contact was broken at 1340H, medevac picked up 3rd patient at 1340H, medevac completed at 1340H. Rash 25 on station at 1345H.	JS	JA		
23.	1405		Bde 3 Shop/Bn 3 Shop: We will get wall fo wall MAP at 1440 ^H and one at 1500H.	JS	JA		
24.	1430		All Units/Bn NCS: Current Locations: A/Co-429244. B/Co-418249. G/Co-Audie, D/Co-481325				

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24.	1430		Continues from page 5: moving southeast. B/Co Audie, 113 moving east from our location.				JS	JM
25.	1450		Bn 13/Bn NCS: CC received 15 to 20 rounds of small arms fire when they were extracting the line 1 from B/Co at 1354H. The line 1 was extracted and the CC relieved this fire from the northeast.				JS	JM
26.	1500		1/8 Cav: Up date on B/Co contact from 1345H to 1500H at 1354 line one was extracted by CC ship. CC ship received 15 to 20 rounds of AK. Negative fire has been received since this time. Rash 25 putting in air strike at 1500H, to the north east of B/Co location.				JS	JA
27.	1500		Rash 25/Bn NCS: Rash has air strike for B/Co at vicinity grid 418249 to go in at 1505H, TOS 1500H. Air strike completed at 1525H.				JS	JM
28.	1525		Bn NCS/Bde Asst NCS S-3: Requested one dog team to replace the dog team that is currently located on FSB Audie.				JS	DB
29.	1555		B/Co/Bn 86: B/Co has begun the sweep of the area (the contact area) at 1555H.				JS	JM
30/	1600		B/Co/1/8 Cav NCS: B/Co's casualties for the contact on 20 March; line 1 - Widmer, Richard.					
			683 30 9651, Deros 16 Feb 71, MOS 36K20.					
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30.	1600		Continues from page 6: Line 2 - Johnson, Jimmy L., 421 66 7065, MOS 11B, 23 Nov 70. Leg wound. Line 2 - Watson, Jerry D., 493 58 9686, MOS 11B, 7 Feb 71, soulder wound.	JS		JM	
31.	1615		Bde S-2 NCO/Bn NCS: Enemy Locations; YU 274433, 600 meters late afternoon.	JS		DB	
32.	1750		Bird/Bn NCS: Log Bir and CC released by 1745H.	JS		RC	
33.	1840		All Units/Bn 86: Closing locations; A/Co-428244. B/Co-418249. C/Co-Audie. D/Co-488325. E/Co-Audie, recon-448292.	JS		BG	
34.	1855		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Exposure Report; A/Co first sortie at 1605H, last sortie at 1645H, started at 1200, ended at 1648H, number of sorties-3, remarks-log. B/Co first sortie at 1030H, last sortie at 1545H, started at 0943, ended at 1555H, number of sorties-5, remarks-med resupply ammo. D/Co first sortie at 0940H, last sortie at 1240H, started at 0900, 1245H is when they ended, number of sorties-4, remarks-log.	JS		DB	
35.	1900		All Units/Bn NCS: HQ & E/Co-10, 31, 62, 105-3, 12, 43. Base Defense 6, 19, 109. Attached 1, 4.	JS		DB	
36.	1900		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: 1/12, A/Co-381388. C/Co- ^d ewel.				
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36.	1900		Continues from page 7: D/Co-VIP. E/Co-Jewel. 1/Co-1/1, 1/5-255317. 1/2-udy. 1/4-Lolita. B/Co, 8/1-Lolita. 8/2-323242. B/3-331272. 8/4-318265. 6/Co, 6/1-308366. 6/2-301361. 6/3-288362. 6/4-Hung.			JS	DB
37.	1905		All Units/Bn NCS: Day ambushes-negative. Night ambushes; 03 automatic ambushes for A/Co. 03 automatic ambushes for D/Co.			JS	DB
38.	1930		B/Co/Bn NCS: Sweep of area revealed 04 NVA KIA, 01 killed by artillery. All four individuals wore green khaki uniforms without insignia with Ho Chi Minh sandals. Negative personal effect or documents. Also found 02 bunkers 4'x4' and 01' overhead cover showing recent use. 01 bunker had U.S. claymore with time fuse leading into the bunker. Around two bunkers there were 03 spider holes 01' foot wide and 3 feet deep showing recent use. Area showed signs of bamboo used within the past 72 hours sawed off 02 to 03 feet above the ground. An eastwest trail 1' wide went by bunkers and spider holes. B/Co feels enemy was moving west on this trail and tried to set up hasty ambush on them as B/Co was moving east.				
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38.	1930		Continues from page 8: B/Co also found 03 north south trail 1' wide first prior to contact showing recent use to the 5 within last 48 hours. (Body found between 1600 and 1800H).	JS	DB		
39.	2020		Bn Asst S-3/Bde Asst S-3: Requested an additional sortie of Hook on 24th of March from Buttons to Joan. Purpose of additional sortie (1 3/4 ton truck to be used to police up area at Joan).	JS	DB		
40.	2130		1/8 Cav/2nd Bde: Request for air strike for 22 March; (1) LZ construct grid 419227, 750 lbs daisy cutter, friendlies 2K northeast, time 1000H. (2) Airstrike at grid 441199 14 bunkers 750 lbs Hidrag, friendlies 4K northwest, time 1130H. (3) Air strike at grid 428328, 3 bunkers, 750 lbs Hidrag, friendlies 6K east, time 1430H. (4) Air strike at grid 433317 4 bunkers, 750 lbs Hidrag, friendlies 5K east. Time 1600H.	JS	DB		
41.	2200		Bde G-2 Air/Bn NCS: Infant Box in grid Box 48 27 to 5827, to 5617 to 4817.	JS	DB		
42.	2210		1/8 Cav/2nd Bde: Request for A/C for 21 March; CC A/C report to Buttons at 0700H, contact Adverse Bruiser 66K on 63.30. Then pick up coffee and rolls. Report to Audie and contact Adverse				

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42.	2210		Continues from page 9: Bruiser 86 on 51.50. Log A/C report to Buttons and contact 66K on 63.30 and pick up 1 sortie, then report to Audie and contact Adverse Bruiser 28E on 63.30.	JS	DE
43.	2223		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: SOI changes, item # 45I 2/5 Cav (Garlic Sest) change fr om 71.40 to 71.95. Item # 46 change 1/30 Artillery (Lefty Repast) CF primary from 38.65 to 65.30, change alternate from F-1 relay from 37.35 to 38.65. Change F-3 from 58.35 to 73.65. Change F-3 relay from 73.65 to 54.55.	JS	JM
44.	2225		Bde S-3/Bn NCS: Air strike for 21 March at grid 437218 target, bunker TOT 1615H 500 lbs with 01 delay. At grid 412222 target bunkers TOT 1130H, 500 lbs bombs. Also would like to borrow our Log Bird tomorrow at 1000 for RF. Confirmed by Asst S-3.	JS	JM
45.	2240		1/8 Cav/2nd Bde: Plans for 21 March 1970; A/Co will ground recon to vicinity 425246, establish NDP. B/Co will ground recon to vicinity 420246, establish NDP. C/Co-Base Defense FSB Audie. D/Co will ground recon to vicinity 493315, establish NDP. E/Co will ground recon to vicinity 466294,		

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45.	2240		Continues from page 10: establish NDP. Tentative plans for 22 March 1970; A/Co will ground recon to vicinity 420248, establish NDP. B/Co will ground recon to vicinity 422249, establish NDP. C/Co at Base Defense FSB Audie. D/Co will ground recon to vicinity 489310, establish NDP. E/Co recon will ground recon to vicinity 473290, establish NDP.	JS	DB
46.	2245		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Change in plans for D/Co on the 21 March sent in. On 20 March D/Co will ground recon to 493315, establish NDP. On 21 March D/Co will ground recon to 489310, establish NDP.	JS	JM
47.	2305		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: Request all units report ASAP to Bde any activity near the Cambodian Border, this includes aircraft troop movement or civilian crossings. Effective immediately any Cambodian requests for assistance or support will be reported to Bde immediately. All names of ARVN and U.S. future FSB will be submitted to Bde for approval.	JS	JM
48.	2355		A/Co&E/Co/Bn/FCS: Reports Infant working out vicinity FSN Audie. E/Co 1 1/2 to 2 clicks south/A/Co 2 1/2 to 3 clicks north. Infant was thought to be receiving		

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<u>48.</u>	<u>2355</u>		<u>Continues from page 11: ground to air fire with small arms. Infant expended and left the area. Did not check in with Bn NCS. E/U reported taken stray rounds outside their perimeter. Bird told Bn NCS Bde gave them a free fire box.</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>JA</u>
<u>49.</u>	<u>2400</u>		<u>Bn NCS: Journal Closed.</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>JM</u>

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