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1	0001		JOURNAL OPENED	J, S	AS		
2	0025		B & D Cos both report observing sniper fire to the south east coming from an area vic 884106 an area in between the two elements neither has recieved any fire and have organic illumination report negative findings.	J, S, BDE	SK		
3	0100		Sit Rep/Neg	J, S, BDE	JJ		
4	0200		Sit Rep/Neg	J, S, BDE	GM		
5	0300		Sit Rep/Neg	J, S, BDE	SK		
6	0400		Sit Rep/Neg	J, S, BDE	SK		
7	0448		B Co reports in the vic of 884106 2 incoming rounds approx 200 meters to the south about 3 to 4 minute spacing between rounds B Co will check w/D Co to find out if they can locate it	J, S, BDE	JJ		
8	0506		B Co reports another rd came in still behind 60mm now D Co is going bring in fire in the BT.	J, S	JJ		
9	0600		Situation Rep/Neg	J, S, BDE	JJ		
10	0603	(DE)	0500 request first light Sgt Tm for B Co to recon the defensive target vic grid 884106.	J, S, BDE	SK		
11	0610		Revised entry at 0500 at grid 887100 in 5 to 10 min period received 3 M-79 rds 200 m south of their perimeter. They returned fire with their mortars and then received 2 short 60mm mortar rds				
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11	(CONT)		also 200 meters south. Arty came in and report negative further results. B Co will send an element into that area at first light to recon.			J, S, BDE	SK
12	0615		A Co OP inside perimeter neg findings. B Co OP in neg findings still have two massives out. C and D Co OP's & ambush in neg results.			J, S	SK
13	0640		Sct Tn report no indication of enemy in or around B Co location.			J, S, BDE	SK
14	0647		Another Sct Tn arrived area C Co.			J, S	SK
15	0737		1st ele A Co off LZ.			J, S, BDE	SK
16	0742		From Bde S-2: Sct ship sighted a bunker at 762119 and received AM fire from the bunker also at 774114 sct observed another series of newly constructed bunkers, all have overhead (time 0705).			J, S, BDE	SK
17	0745		B Co 16 ele has rejoined B Co CP.			J, S, BDE	SK
18	0745		1st ele A Co 26 & 36 on LZ vic 775152. LZ green.			J, S, BDE	SK
19	0750		B Co 2nd ele on the ground.			J, S, BDE	SK
20	0800		Last ele A Co off LZ.			J, S	SK
21	0802		Air strike area of C Co going in at this time.			J, S,	SK
22	0805		3rd plat on LZ grid 775152 16 ele.			J, S, BDE	SK
23	0807		4th ele on ground 765157 LZ green (46).			J, S, BDE	SK

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24	0815		1st 2 ele D Co 5/7 off LZ SANDRA (16, 26, 36, 37).			J, S, BDE	SK	
25	0817		Air strike CCo vic complete.			J, S	SK	
26	0827		1st ele D Co 5/7 on LZ grid 747149 condition green (16, 2636, 37).			J, S, BDE	SK	
27	0900	DE	D Co 16 ele extracted to LZ ENGLISH 0730 hrs.			J, S	SK	
28	0920		D Co 36 ele found @ grid 877085 (1) 105 round a dud which they blew in place.			J, S, BDE	SK	
29	0927		B Co 26 ele at grid 893102 are receiving fire from 3 VC with carbine at coord 898110, request permission from ARVN's to maneuver and engage.			J, S, BDE	SK	
30	0930		Delayed report time 0915: B Co 36 at coord 881096 picked up one male detainee neg wpn or documents age 45 yrs, good health wearing Blk PJ shorts claims he's from Qui NHON was hiding under a straw mat in a hut requested a ship to evacuate. B Co 26 at coord 893102 found numerous spider holes neg documents & detainees.			J, S, BDE	JJ	
31	0950		Ref item 31 the Av fire from grid 898110 was from friendly units of ARVN all maneuvering has been cancelled and fire ceased, there					

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31	(CONT)		WERE negative casualties.	J,S,BDE	SK
32	1008		C Co 26 and 46 elements are searching the draws and caves at grid 818106. The 16, 36 and CP minus loc ted at grid 818107.	J,S	SK
33	1015		From Bde D Co has be notified to remain in a pick up posture and that they are Div R&E until 1600 hrs today.	J,S,D Co	SK
34	1043		Air Strike BC 4-1 (762119) & BC 4-2 (729091) submitted to 3rd Bde at this time.	J,S,BDE	DW
35	1045		D Co 36 ele Bound at grid 880081, (1) 81mm HE rd and 2 M-79 rds hidden in the bushes they were blown in place.	J,S,BDE	SK
36	1055		B Co has one MIA WIA by booby trap at grid 892114 he will be extracted by log ship he suffered facial wounds not to serious.	J,S,BDE	SK
37	1058		C Co 26 ele has 1 VC POW and reports two more are in the cave where he was captured vic grid 816112.	J,S,BDE	SK
38	1102		Requested a PSYOPS Tm from 3rd Bde for C Co.	J,S	SK
39	1102		Ref item 38 B Co WIA extracted enroute to LZ ENGLISH.	J,S,BDE	SK
40	1129		C Co 26 ele has two more POW VC with weapons vic grid 816112 (Ref item 39).	J,S,BDE	SK

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43	1130		PSYOPS Tm arrived at C Co location vic 816108.	J,S	SK	
44	1135		Requested 12 lift ships & 4 gun ships P4 time 1600 hrs P4 756143.	J,S,BDE	DW	
45	1140		Booby Trap ref item 38 C Co 26 ele: At grid 892114 1 booby trap wounded two individuals, neither serious. It was a dyke in heavy brush w/a monofilament line as trip wire. 75 meters south they found 1 intact butterfly booby trapped w/monofilament line the two WIA were sent out by log ship.	J,S,BDE	SR	
46	1142		Ref item 45 the 2nd booby trap was detonated in place by the 26 ele.	J,S,BDE	SK	
47	1155		D Co found two more dud 105 rds at coord 881 083 they were duds and were blown in place.	J,S,BDE	SK	
48	1159		NP for use in tomorrow operation will come from 3rd Bde. Two plt size elements have been allocated out of LZ TWO BITS Bde 3M.	J,S	SK	
49	1200		Time 1155 D Co 5/7 reports coord 757144 have found 1 diary in bushes had photos documents and other writings in it will be taken to 3rd Bde.	J,S,BDE	AS	
50	1345		C Co reports results in today's operation vic coord 816112 have 3 confirmed WIA a/c 22, 25			

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50	(CONT)		29; 2 Chicom rifles SN 7061527; SN 642214; 454 rds 7.62 ammo; 20 rds 9mm ammo; 98 rd US bar ammo; 1 VC frag grenade 6 mortar fuses 3 shot primers for mortar's gun loads; 6 AK-47 magazines; 3 NVA ammo pouches; 3 NVA entrenching tools, 3 NVA back packs; 2 VC cap- teens w/covers, 1 VC pistol belt 2 VC poncho liners, a large amount of clothing (all types) and large amount of med supplied (types not known) 1 US ammo pouch 2 pack (back). Also from PSYOPS Tm w/C Co 1 PW from G-37 med unit. 22 no ref; 1 POW from 1st Co 9th Bn 22nd Regt; 1 POW from 9th Bn 22nd Regt if more is found details will follow.	J,S,BDE	AS	
51	1405		A Co reports they are in light contact at this time have neg details at this time location coord 763146.	J,S,BDE	AS	
52	1426		A Co reports they have 2 WIA, 1 MIA, med-evac is on stand by will be called when LZ is clear.	J,S,BDE	AS	
53	1532		From Bde S-2: Spot report 1st of 21 arty re- ports a bunker complex on ridge vic coord 766 125.	J,S	TM	
54	1545		Air Strike on target vic 763146 at this time	J,S,BDE	DW	

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55	1628		B Co reports having 1 detainee at coord 884 104 age 25 wearing Blk PJ observed ^{initially} observed		
			5 VCS cordoned area w/2 plats results 1 detainee had to force. Aply pull individual out of a hole.	J,S,BDE	BE
56	1630		Tanks closed w/D Co at this time at coords 883083.	J,S,BDE	BC
57	1725		A Co moving down hill to search out bunker area vic 763146.	J,S	DW
58	1740		D Co at 1620 hrs vic 889077 saw an individual on water buffalo. He tried to run out on the buffalo but was detainees age 13 wearing Blk shorts & shirt with a conical hat. Had a P-38 & a light with some type unit designation on it. Also found vic 887064 some document in a church or temple still had candles & lanterns burning on alter neg people church was surrounded by new barbed wire.	J,S,BDE	DW
59	1740		D Co 43 old observed 4 males vic 888086 w/ wps believed to be a carbine called halt, started to run to east from area- fired over head still continued to run taken under fir results		
			2 KIA 1 WIA and 4th individual were wearing		

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59	(CONT)		light colored shirts Bk shorts.	J, S, BDE	DW		
60	1845		Med-evac requested for A Co 3 WIA ref entry 52.	J, S	BC		
62	1851	DE	Ref item 54 Two additional air strike vic 763146 at 1621 & 1640 hrs.	J, S, BDE	DW		
63	1800	DE	Med-evac D Co complete evacuated 2 US 1 w/ ashima attack, 1 w/slight frag wound from own grenade & 1 VC WIA.	J, S	DW		
64	1855		1st 2 plats A Co off ground PZ 749141 at this time.	J, S, BDE	DW		
65	1905		A Co med-evac completed at this time.	J, S, BDE	DW		
66	1907		1st plat A Co on LZ SANTANA at this time.	J, S, BDE	DW		
67	1912		All of A Co off PZ at coord 749141.	J, S, BDE	BC		
68	1920		All A Co closed LZ SANTANA.	J, S, BDE	BC		
69	1835	(DE)	1st 2 plat D 5/7 off PZ 749141 at this time.	J, S	DW		
70	1842		1st 2 plat D 5/7 on LZ SANDRA at this time.	J, S	DW		
71	1929		Last ele of D 5/7 off PZ 749141 at this time.	J, S, BDE	DW		
72	2000		Final location: A Co LZ SANTANA B Co (2) 886099 16 (-) 892101, C Co 824104, D Co (-) 883083, 31 880091.	J, S, BDE	AS		
73	2001		Set 4 reconed A Co's Area of contact w/negative results.	J, S	BC		
74	2015		D Co detainee (Ref entry 59) has been extracted.				

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74	2015	(CONT)	ed enroute LZ SANDRA also C Co PHYSOP Tm has been picked up enroute LZ SANDRA.	J,S,BDE	AS	
75	2100		Sit Rep/Neg	J,S,BDE	AS	
76	2200		Sit Rep/Neg	J,S,BDE	AS	
77	2228		From Bde 83: The 0800 courier is cancelled for 4 Sep.	J,S	AS	
78	2250		From Bde 83: The snatch tm for 4 Aug after initial pick up will return to LZ ENGLISH until a target is found.	J,S,S-3	AS	
79	2300		Sit Rep/Neg	J,S,BDE	AS	
80	2301		HHC CO reports D Co 16 has been informed to be at hook pad prior to 0730 4 Aug.	J,S	AS	
81	2400		Sit Rep/Neg	J,S,BDE	JJ	
82	2400		Dummary of days KIAs & captured: A Co had 3 US WIA, 1 US KIA, 11 NVA KIA captured 2 AK 17s & destroyed 1 AK-47 1 30 cal MG, B Co had 1 detainee classified IG, C Co had 3 NVA captives & 2 in wpns D Co had 1 US WIA, 2 VC KIA, 3 detainees classified as VOV & 2 IGs			
81			SUMMARY OF A Co's ACTION: A 26 ele made initial contact in a draw while approaching the bunk- ers area AW fire was received, killing one and wounding 3 vic 763146. 36 ele was providing support			

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			fire. 16 was providing Block force to rear. After initial contact A's redeployed called for arty. An immediate Air Strike was made available, HE and napalm, and placed on target. ARA was in the immediate vic and provided fire support until air strike arrived on station. Following the initial AS and estimated of sit determine need for additional AS - 2 more were placed on target, the last w/fuse delay bombs. The last strike was followed by an aerial recon of area and several bunkers were still intact. ARA then came in & reduced remaining psn. 36 elements then moved into the bunker area and reconed the friendly body - then 20 elements moved into the bunker complex and engaged 2 NVA in bunkers w/automatic wpsns killing both of them and capturing 2 AK-47s. A further inspection of the area revealed numerous arms, legs body parts. A conservative estimate established 11 total NVA had been killed. The enemy personnel were dressed in a khaki type uniform, helmets & web gear. Additionally a light MG 50 and was found destroyed & partially burned a third		

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			AK-47 was found in a destroyed condition in place. 5 chinese grenades were destroyed in place. The psn appeared to be a large bunker complex capable of housing a company. A complete inspection of the battle area was not made since an extraction was necessary prior to darkness. Two company size ele of the 1st cav Div participated in the operation. A Co 1/8 Cav & D 5/7 Ca. Extraction was intial at 18 ₅ hrs & finished at 1920 hrs 3rd Bde notified.		
82	2400		JOURNAL CLOSED		

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