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| Item | Time | Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc.   |
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| 1    | 0001 | Journal Opened.   |
| 2    | 2020 | (delayed entry) 1st CAG, CAP 133, BS664986, enemy BS676965, 671961, 665956, PF patrol reported that while on patrol in the Phuoc Hoa (2) area, saw 200 or more VC in the Phu Long (1) and (2), they are reported to be heavily armed w/mortars, BAR's, and many small arms, moving from An Loc into Phu Long. Patrols will work area and H&I's have been plotted.   |
| 3    | 2040 | (delayed entry) 1st CAG, CAP 132, BS555896, enemy BS544885 at 1800H, villagers reported a large number of VC at above enemy grid. Spotter plane in area had neg sightings.  |
| 4    | 2040 | (delayed entry) 1st CAG, CAP 111, BT342192 at 1945H, rec'd intel from CAP111 honcho that approx 300 VC would be active in the 111's area, Ky Bich (V), and Ba Bau Bridge. Alerted all CAP's on intel and advised them to be alert and aggressive.   |
| 5    | 0630 | CLDC, resume normal daylight conditions at 0650H.   |
| 6    | 0700 | DTOC, 5th SFG. Tien Phuoc, Opn P-262, 301800H to 051800H, recon, BT1010, 1410, 1402, 1102. Opn P-263, 010500H to 041800H, recon, BT1314, 1814, 1810, 1310. Passed to 198th at 010702H, SGT Holly.   |
| 7    | 0710 | 1st CAG, CAP 122, BT394169 at 2200H, 30 Nov, RD's in ambush site heard movement, checked area, rec'd SA fire, res: 1 RD WHA (E). (shot in leg).   |
| 8    | 0710 | 1st CAG, CAP 132, BS555890 at 0530H, 1 night position rec'd 2 Chicom HG's and 1 satchel charge. 2d night position rec'd 2 Chicom HG's. 1 USMC WHA (M). Ret'd fire w/neg results.  |
| 9    | 0007 | DTOC, 5th SF. Minh Long A-108, Opn P-204 and Opn P-208 continued. Opn S-206 closed 291830H. Opn P-207 closed 291300H. Opn P-209, Opn C-210, and Opn P-211 departed as scheduled. Passed to 11th Bde 010730H to SP/4 Flori.  |
| 10   | 1816 | (delayed entry) 198th, Warlord request #1: BS4893, 4885, 5885, 5893, friendlies: Serene Talons 79, freq 59.80. Serene Talons L BS520900, G BS562878, F BS572870, contact: Stewart Peso, freq 58.50. Warlord request #2: BT3006, 3001, 3601, 3610, 3310, 3306, contact: Coal Clutter 79, freq 64.15. Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50. Passed to Aero Scouts, to be flown at 1300H. Passed to 198th, SP/4 Hansen.   |
| 11   | 1845 | (delayed entry) 11th, request time ext for AO ext for arty and air only, center of mass BS6142. Passed to Ba To, PFC Strout, approved 301910H. Approved by G-3. Passed to SGT Lipton, 11th Bde 010845H.   |
| 12   | 1930 | (delayed entry) 196th, request time ext on AO in Marine AO which is from 280001H to 022400H Dec, to be ext until 042400H. Passed to 1st Mar Div, LTC Strandquist. Approved 2007H. Approved by G-3. Passed to SP Franklin.   |
| 13   | 0800 | III MAF, Co C, 5th SF, sitrep #334, operational data. Tien Phuoc, Opn C-259 and Opn P-260 continued. Opn P-260 will depart 301800H to 051800H, recon, BT1010, 1410, 1402, 1102. Opn P-263 will depart 010500H to 041800H, recon/ambush, BT1314, 1814, 1810, 1310. Opn C-261 continues to reinforce A-109. Gia Vuc, Opn P-282, Opn P-283, and Opn P-284 continued. Opn P-281 closed 291800H. Opn P-285 departed 300500H to 051800, recon/ambush, BS4235, 4635, 4630, 4230. Opn P-286 departed 300500H to 051800H, recon/ambush, BS3139, 3539, 3535, 3135. Opn P-287 will depart 301600H to 010400H, sweep, BS3430, 4123, 4130, 3423, 3628, 3928, 3926, 3616. Opn C-279 continued. TM provide local security at Camp Ba To. This element is being replaced by new element from Camp Gia Vuc on 1 Dec 68. Ha Thanh, Opn S-273, Opn S-274, and Opn P-275 continued. Ba To, Opn C-219 continued. Opn P-216 and Opn P-217 closed 291800H. Opn P-220 departed as scheduled. Opn P-222 departed 300500H to 021800H, recon, BS6139, 5739, 6135, 5735. Tra Bong, Opn C-189, Opn S-190, and Opn P-191 continued. Opn P-187 closed 291900H. Opn C-192 will depart 010500H to 051900H, SIC, BS2293, 2289, 2993, 2989. Minh Long, Opn P-204 and Opn P-208 continued. Opn S-206 closed 291830H. Opn P-207 closed 291300H. Opn P-209, Opn C-210, and Opn P-211 departed as scheduled. |
| 14   | 0850 | 2nd ROK, Amcal Div request for AO ext into 2nd ROK AO south of Song Thu Boa River has been approved until 312400H Dec. SP Craig. Passed to 196th, COL Longino by MAJ Medberry.  |
| 15   | 1030 | 11th, 19th Engr, BS885296 at 0900H, mine sweep team detained 1 VCS, 21 yrs old, evac to LZ Thunder.   |
| 16   | 1030 | 11th, B/4/21, BS417503 at 1000H, found bicycle shop. Inside found 500 inner tubes, 200 tires, 100 handle bars, 7 packs of pedals and sprockets, 35x1 gal cans of grease, 2 hvy vices, 2 air pumps and 2 small reflectors. All above equip is new, will be evac to LZ Cork.  |
| 17   | 1035 | 198th, R/1/52, BT219069-224068 at 0945H, obs 1 NVA w/wpn, had pack and green uniform. Moving S along trail in vicinity. Did not engage as they saw him for a couple of seconds. Recon is going in pursuit to vic BT223067.  |
| 18   | 1035 | 198th, A/5/46, BT647007-643009 at 0905H, obs 5 VN to front digging. VN left going NW, they had no wpns. Also checked area, found newly dug graves, also 20-30 graves in same area. Will not dig up.   |
| 19   | 1020 | 1st CAG, CAP 117, BT336312 at 0800H, patrol rec'd SA fire, ret'd fire, checked area, res: 4 VC KIA, 3 VCS CIA. While continuing on patrol made contact w/VC plat, res: 4 VC KIA. 3 VCS tried to evade, eng'd, res: 1 VC KIA, others escaped. Total VC KIA is 9. (info only).  |
| 20   | 0930 | 1/1 Cav, A Trp, BT222248 at 0930H, ACAV A-16 hit a mine, appeared to have been command detonated. 1 WHA (E), Dustoff complete to LZ Baldy. Neg damage to track.   |
| 21   | 0950 | 11th, Aero Scouts, BS355472 at 0912H, detained 2 VCS, 1 male and 1 female, evac to LZ Bronco. 0914H, BS357479, detained 1 VCS, evac to LZ Bronco.   |

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| 22   | 0950 | 11th, CC, BS682419 at 0910H, 2 VC CIA, evac to LZ Bronco.   |
| 23   | 1003 | 196th, RF Officer, BT033290 at 0800H, checked area where they fired mortars last night, res: 3 VC KIA. (Info only).   |
| 24   | 1047 | 198th, S-2, AO BS737827 at 0955H, obs 8 VC digging an AA position, called in arty, res: 3 VC KIA, 1 bunker destroyed, 1 structure destroyed.  |
| 25   | 1120 | 11th, Aero Scouts, BS463778 at 1100H, obs several VN evading into bunker, res: detained 1 VCS, evac to LZ Bronco.   |
| 26   | N/A  | 11th, A/4/21, BS406483 at 1115H, found in hut: 500 rds assorted ammo, med supplies, documents, 300 lbs rice, 5 NVA flags, 1 USSR flag, 3 streamers w/picture of Ho Chi Minh, Stalin, Lennon, 10 blankets, 20 prs of new black PJ's. 1 K-44, SN 04925, 1 French MAT-36, SN 278035, 1 box of rubbers, 5 gal lube oil, 10 batteries BA 30, 3 NVA ruck sacks.   |
| 27   | 1155 | 198th, R/1/52, BT233067 at 1105H, eng'd 2 NVA moving N on trail at a distance less than 100 meters. NVA ret'd fire, res: 2 NVA KIA, neg friendly casualties. 2 AK-47's, SN's 66144 and 4155, one was damaged by M-79 fire. Captured 3 or 4 HG's, 7 AK-47 mags, 2 ruck sacks made out of sand bags, 2 separate uniforms in each bag, extra web gear, NVA entrenching tool and canteens.  |
| 28   | 1115 | 11th, Aero Scouts, BS488759 at 1107H, detained 1 VCS MAM evading, evac to LZ Bronco.  |
| 29   | 1213 | 1st CAG, CAP 133, BS663010-664013 at 1000H, obs 8 VC, eng'd, res: 1 VC body in house, neg wpn or cas. (info only).  |
| 30   | 1220 | 11th, A/1/20, air move from BS492602 to Quang Ngai Airstrip, PZ 1035H, LZ 1045H, complete. ARVN Recon air move from Quang Ngai Airstrip to BS492602, PZ 1035H, LZ 1045H, complete.  |
| 31   | 1320 | 39th Engr, B/39, BS613896 at 0915H, rec'd 25 rds of sniper fire, neg casualties.  |
| 32   | 1320 | 39th Engr, C/39, BS701601 at 0930H, rec'd 4 rds of sniper fire, neg casualties.   |
| 33   | 1320 | 39th Engr, C/39, BS701601 at 1010H, rec'd 2 rds on sniper fire, neg casualties.   |
| 34   | 1325 | 198th, 1D/1/52, air move from BT291075 to LZ Bayonet, PZ 1239H, LZ 1301H, complete.   |
| 35   | 1510 | 1st CAG, CAP 134, BT659009 at 0945H, patrol obs 4 VN females carrying boxes, 3 VC following eng'd, res: 3 VC KIA, VN female WIA, all evaded. Patrol rec'd SA fire from tree line, ret'd fire, swept area, found 1 M26 HG, 1 carbine mag, clothing, rice, and blood trail. Swept vic Dong Le, 1 VCS detained, evac to Binh Son. Total: 3 VC KIA, 1 VCS detained.   |
| 36   | 1816 | (delayed entry) 198th, Blue Ghost request #1: AT9515, 9505, BT0015, 0005, no friendlies, contact: Coal Clutter 79, freq 64.15. Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50. Passed to 1/1 Cav 011413H to SGT Thompson. Passed to 198th, CPT Blanco.   |
| 37   | 1330 | 196th, D/4/31, BT827303 at 1130H, unit ambushed by unk size enemy force, res: 2 WHA (E), 1 KHA. Dustoff for WHA complete at 1224H. Ambush consisted of SA fire (small semi auto).   |
| 38   | 1325 | 196th, R/3/21, BT144244 at 0930H, unit contacted unk enemy unit, est 150 NVA. Gunships were called on station at 1000H and expended ordnance. Air strike are requested. Unit rec'd hvy sniper fire at above coord, from AK-47's and Chicom HG's. Unit also found a large rice cache. C/3/21 presently being CA'd to area of contact. Neg casualties so far. R/3/21 drew back to a secure field location and called arty. Unit stopped receiving fire at 1035H w/neg US casualties, other than receiving SA fire. Enemy location pinpointed at BT145229. 1 gunship rec'd hits at BT144244. |
| 39   | 1515 | 196th, C/3/21, BT141231 at 1448H, air move from BT114246 to 141231, PZ 1402H, LZ 1448H. LZ secured by R/3/21.   |
| 40   | 1424 | 198th, immediate AO ext in Tien Phuoc AO, BT1612, right 2, then down 2, time: 042400H, BT1612, 1812, 1810, 1610. Passed to Tien Phuoc, SFC Garner 1430H. Msg #51-0-011440 TOR 1545H. Msg #107-0-011557, ext granted. Approved by G-3, CPT Miller. Passed to SGT White, 198th Bde, 1615H.  |
| 41   | 1526 | 11th, A/4/21, BS408479 at 1233H, found 2 VC KIA by SA fire in graves, 2 days old. Discovered.   |
| 42   | 1550 | Tien Phuoc, BT159121 at 1445H, Opn P-263 eng'd 1 squad for 5 minutes, res: friendly 1 WIA, enemy 1 KIA. One ruck sack, pistol belt, and rice CIA. (Info only - Info is A-1).  |
| 43   | 1610 | 196th, C/3/21, BT144233 at 1510H, eng'd 1 VC evading, dressed in black PJ's, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn, pack, or ID.   |
| 44   | 1625 | 11th, B/3/1, BS838416 at 1610H, eng'd 2 VC evading in hole, res: 1 KIA, 1 WIA/CIA. Evac to Bronco.  |
| 45   | 1625 | CLDC, SGT Bodine, at 1600H, Tower #22 reported hearing 2 sniper rds being fired by their position. Also reported hearing firing at BT510100 and 520099. CLDC passed info to 198th Bde and they are checking area to see who is firing in area.  |
| 46   | 1645 | 196th, Aero Scouts, BT193263 at 1610H, rec'd 4-5 rds AW fire, and 5 rds SA fire, neg hits, OH-1 was flying at 1500', speed 80 knots. Dropped smoke for dld unit on ground.  |
| 47   | 1650 | 1/1 Cav, A Trp, BT199284 at 1612H, ACAV hit a mine, 3 WHA (E). ACAV was a combat loss.  |
| 48   | 1720 | 198th Bde, A/1/52, BT174113 at 1950H, found 170 rds 105mm, 40 rds 4.2", 3x1/4 ton trailers, 1x1/4 ton Jeep, and several lawn chairs, all will be destroyed by EOD. All equipment was located out in the open and in real bad condition. It was rusty and rotten. Equipment was believed to be left there by the 101st Abn when they were operating in Wheeler/Wallowa area. Ref journal entry #43, 301950H.   |
| 49   | 1758 | 196th Bde, C/3/21, BT145232 at 1705H, eng'd 1 NVA in khaki uniform evading N, res: 1 NVA KIA. 1 NVA pistol belt, canteen, 2 Chicom HG's, 300 ft of WD-1 wire, 1 pack board and pack CIA.  |

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| 1    | 0001 | Journal Opened.   |
| 2    | 0200 | DTOC, 5th SFG, Tien Phuoc. 1. Opn C-259 continued 011500H. 2. Opn P-262 departed as scheduled. 3. Opn P-263 departed as scheduled. 5. Opn P-260 closed 301800H. Passed to 198th & 196th, passed to SP Kelly 198th 020215H, passed to PFC Trogdon, 196th 020217H.  |
| 3    | 0200 | DTOC, 5th SFG, Minh Long. 1. Opn P-204, Opn P-209, Opn C-210, and Opn P-211 continued 011500H. 2. Opn P-208 closed 301900H. Passed to 11th Bde, passed to SGT Bacon, 11th Bde 020212H.  |
| 4    | 0245 | 198th Bde, CAP 123, BT485115 at 2335H, reported detaining 2 VCS, no ID's, evac to Ly Tin tomorrow.  |
| 5    | 0415 | 1st CAG, CAP 123, BT487103, enemy BT483107 at 2300H, patrol checked noise outside compound, found 6 VN without arms. Patrol fired at them, detained 2, will evac to Ly Tin in the morning.  |
| 6    | 0415 | 1st CAG, CAP 123, BT484102, enemy BT482102 at 0230H, patrol spotted 1 VC evading across rice paddy. Followed him to his house and detained him, will evac to Ly Tin in morning.   |
| 7    | 0610 | CLDC, at 0700H, normal daylight conditions at 0700H.  |
| 8    | 1220 | (delayed entry) 11th, request Aero Scouts for VR mission, Vernon Lake II AO, from 0730H to 1800H 2 Dec 68, contact: Purple Reels 79Y, LZ Cork, freq 52.00. Approved for 0730H to 1130H. Passed to Div Avn.  |
| 9    | 0750 | 198th, A/1/52, BT174109 at 011940H, 1 US WHA (M) by a fragment from a 105mm rd. EOD team blew 165 rds and a stray fragment hit the man. Routine Dustoff was called.   |
| 10   | 0845 | Tam Ky, SGT Spiller, ARVN's will have a convoy going to Tien Phuoc 03 Dec, 04 Dec. ARVN will clear road from Tam Ky to LZ Young today and tomorrow, they will clear the road from LZ Young to Tien Phuoc. They are not requesting anything from Amcal Div at this time. Passed to 198th, SGT Holly.   |
| 11   | 0845 | 196th, B/2/1, BT017337 at 0810H, detonated M26 HG mine, res: 2 WHA (M).   |
| 12   | 0900 | 11th, A/19th Engr, BS763473 at 0700H, mine sweep team rec'd fire from 2 VCS, the VCS fled the mine sweep team. 1 VCS CIA, VCS had neg wpn, taken to LZ Max and later will be taken to LZ Bronco.  |
| 13   | 0915 | 9th Engr, A/9, BT218361 at 0845H, found 1x60mm rd, destroyed in place.  |
| 14   | N/A  | III MAF, C Co, 5th SF, sitrep #335, operational data. Tien Phuoc, Opn C-259 continued. Opn P-263 departed as scheduled. Opn C-261 continues to reinforce at Camp A-109. Opn P-260 closed 301800H. Gia Vuc, Opn P-283, Opn P-284, Opn P-285, and Opn P-286 continued. Opn P-282 closed 301900H. Opn P-287 closed 010400H. Opn P-288 departed 010600H to 020400H, sweep, BS3430, 4123, 4130, 3423, 3628, 3928, 3926, 3626. Opn C-279 continues to provide local security at Camp A-106. Ha Thanh, Opn C-275 continued. Opn S-273 and Opn S-274 closed 301800H. Opn S-277 and Opn S-278 departed as scheduled. Ba To, Opn P-220 and Opn P-222 continued. Opn P-221 departed as scheduled. Opn C-219 closed 301800H. Tra Bong, Opn C-189, Opn S-190, and Opn P-191 continued. Opn C-192 continued. Minh Long, Opn P-204, Opn P-209, Opn C-210, and Opn P-211 continued. Opn P-208 closed 301900H. |
| 15   | 1840 | (delayed entry) 198th, Warlord request #1: BS4893, 4885, 5885, 5893, friendlies: B31/5/46, BS518900. C11/5/46 575874. D2/5/46 562880. Contact: Serene Talons 79, freq 59.80. Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50. Passed to Div Avn 021045H. Passed to LT Ponlcratz 1100H.  |
| 16   | 1840 | (delayed entry) 198th, Warlord request #2: BS6695, 6686, 7395, 7686, 7581, friendlies: C31/5/46, BS687883, contact: Serene Talons 79, freq 59.80. Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50. Passed to Div Avn 021045H. Passed to LT Ponlcratz.   |
| 17   | 1840 | (delayed entry) 198th, Blue Ghost request #1: AT9515, 9505, BT0005, 0015, friendlies: Neg. Contact: Coal Clutter 79, freq 64.15. Contact: Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50. Passed to 1/1 Cav 020754H, SP/4 Gay. Passed to 198th, SP/4 Hansen.   |
| 18   | 1030 | 11th, Aero Scouts, BS313540 at 1023H, eng'd 3 NVA, res: 3 NVA KIA, wearing green uniforms and packs.  |
| 19   | 0755 | DTOC, CPT Kaunitz, request clearance for defoliation mission 4 Dec 68. Air Force requests hvy suppression and permission for the return of fire-for-fire under the control of an Amcal FAQ. Clear. Air Force requests freq and call sign of unit in tgt box to contact prior to mission. 1/52, Cold Clutter, freq 64.15 and 1/6, Kingly Grant, freq 35.35. Passed to 198th 021000H, PFC Fulst. Approved by 1/52nd, MAJ Nearey, 1/6th LT Vasquez.  |
| 20   | 0755 | DTOC, CPT Kaunitz, request clearance for defoliation mission 4 Dec 68, from BS4161, 5070, 5675, TOT: 0900H. Air Force requests hvy suppression and permission for the return of fire-for-fire under the control of an Amcal FAQ. Air Force requests freq and call sign of unit in tgt box to contact prior to mission. Passed to: disapproved, troops in area, by MAJ Medberry.   |
| 21   | 0830 | 1/1 Cav, sandwich boards are warped, turned into commo, res: no secure radio capabilities, ETR 021200H. (Out since 020800H). Back on net 1005H.   |
| 22   | 0945 | 11th, C/3/1, BS771430 at 0924H, 1 MAM evading, res: 1 VCS WIA/CIA.  |
| 23   | 0950 | 11th, Aero Scouts, BS314510 at 0900H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 24   | 0950 | 26th Engr, C/26, BS806378 at 0900H, mine sweep team found mine at location, approx 10-15 lbs, blown in place. Firing device was a 105 canister with a pressure plate.   |
| 25   | 0951 | 198th, D/5/46, BS565886 at 0910H, obs 4 VC w/packs, neg wpns. Called arty, res: 1 VC KIA.   |

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| 26   | 1000 | 198th, CAP 132, BS548887-548885 at 0910H, rec'd 2 mags of AK-47 fire, ret'd fire and called arty, swept area w/neg results. (Info only).   |
| 27   | 1005 | 11th, 4/21, request tracker dog team for 3 days, will be working in general support 4/21st at BS4048. Believe they have discovered POW camp. Request cancelled by SGT Lipton 021100H.  |
| 28   | 1017 | 196th, A/26th Engr, BT054355 at 0920H, sweep team found mine on south side of hwy, detonated mine in place, res: 1 secondary explosion, black smoke 20 ft high, left crater of 2 ft x 3 ft.  |
| 29   | 1100 | 9th Engr, A/9, BT179414 at 1044H, found 1 lb nitro starch mine, removed to CP.   |
| 30   | 1110 | 11th, D/1/20, CA from BT397612 to 347593, PZ 1010H, LZ 1043, cold, complete.   |
| 31   | 1130 | 1/1 Cav, B Trp, BT203424 at 1100H, tank hit a mine, res: 1 WHA (E). Tank combat loss. Crater 15 ft x 6 ft.   |
| 32   | 0845 | 196th, S-2 (LZ Cork) BT143248 at 011615H, ref journal entry #38. Met 150 (estimated) NVA/VC (unk force) enemy was fighting, not evading. Enemy had positions (foxholes or bunkers), moderately prepared. Enemy had SA. No significant difference in way enemy fought than in rice season. Recon pulled back as arty and air strikes went into area. Later Recon and C Co moved into area, eng'd and killed 15 NVA, 4 IWC captured. |
| 33   | 1040 | 11th, request for LRRP AO, 3 Dec to 8 Dec, BS4248, 4548, 4544, 4244, observation, Montana. 030006H to 102400H, BS6541, 6941, 6936, 6536, observation, Nevada. SGT Crockett passed to 11th Bde, AO ext should confirm w/AO boundary, CPT Simons. AO ext request submitted 021215H. Posted on G-2, G-3 map.  |
| 34   | 1115 | 198th, Aero Scouts, 1/52, BT248081 at 1030H, obs 5 VC constructing bunkers, arty fired, res: 2 bunkers and 1 structure destroyed. Rec'd SA fire from same vic, arty fired, res: 5 structures destroyed, 2 VC KIA.  |
| 35   | 1120 | 196th, Blue Ghost request #1: AT852351 - 833333, contact: Crater Mallet 79, freq 62.85, AT825305. Earthy Assault 36, freq 59.25. Recon B-52 strike area. Passed to 1/1 Cav, SP/4 Gay 021136H. This has highest priority over other missions for today.   |
| 36   | 1130 | 198th, D/5/46, BS572827-570827 at 1105H, spotted 5 VC in gray uniforms, arty called, res: presently unk.   |
| 37   | 1145 | 1/1 Cav, request limits for Fire Zone in 196th Blue Ghost request. Trail running from AT814320 NE to 870389 is NW boundary (MAJ Medberry). Passed to 1/1 Cav 021150H, SP/4 Gay.  |
| 38   | 1200 | 1/1 Cav, request Blue Ghost in valley w/center mass vic AT905373 in addition to Blue Ghost request this morning. Believe this area will contain several targets. Approved as long as good BDA is performed and ground unit in area approved prior to entering the area. SO Stutler 021215H.  |
| 39   | 1200 | 1st CAG, CAP 114, BT277284 at 1025H, patrol spotted 1 VC corpsman running into bunker. Told him to come out of bunker, he refused, patrol threw 1 HG into bunker, res: 1 VC KIA. (Info only).  |
| 40   | 1200 | 1st CAG, CAP 117, BT342272 at 1045H, brought 1 Viet Lop to compound w/shrapnel wounds on head and chest. Called Dustoff and completed at 1110H. Cause of wounds was VC BT. (Info only).  |
| 41   | 1227 | 196th, C/3/21, BT135227 at 1045H, eng'd 3 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID. Other 2 VC escaped into thick brush.   |
| 42   | 1233 | 11th, C/1/20, BS317593 at 1125h, detained 9 VCS, 3 w/dark green uniforms, 6 w/black PJ's. One had pack w/ammo. Evac to LZ Cork for interrogation. Notified IPW, SO Castillo.   |
| 43   | 1235 | 11th, C/1/20, BS317593 at 1058H-1110H, CA from BS397612 to BS317593, PZ 1058H, LZ 1110H. LZ was cold.  |
| 44   | 1145 | 11th, BTOC to Ba To SF Camp, request AO ext into area for combat opns. This area is a portion of a larger AO ext previously cleared for arty and air strikes, time: 030600H to 102400H Dec 68. Starting at BS655360 go W to 6541, then S to 8536, then E to 655360. Passed to SF, SGT Garner 021220H. Msg #52-0-021245 TOR 021345. Reply msg #12-0-021330, ext granted. Approved by G-3.   |
| 45   | 1300 | 39th Engr, C/39, BS724571-720585 at 0945H, found 5 obstacles made of large rocks in road. Removed and cont'd mine sweep.   |
| 46   | 1305 | 198th, C/5/46, BS693886-695883 at 1115H, obs 3 VC, eng'd w/M-16, 1 possible WIA, VC evaded to wood line. They started pursuit. C/5/46 wounded 2 females that were working in the rice fields w/their wpns. Dustoff 1242H to 27th Surg.   |
| 47   | 1313 | 11th, CP/1/20, BS320593-348594 at 1203H to 1241H, CA B/1/20 from LZ Cork to BS320593, PZ 1203H, LZ 1234H, cold, complete. R/1/20 from LZ Cork to BS348594, PZ 1235H, LZ 1241H, cold, complete.   |
| 48   | 1315 | 1/1 Cav, B Trp, BT197425 at 1220H, found punji stakes and bunch of trash made into a barricade. Five feet from barricade was a 122mm rocket rd, 20 ft from barricade they located a mine, blew it in place. Crater 3 ft x 2 ft, nitro starch, 10 lbs.  |
| 49   | 1316 | 11th, Aero Scouts, BS312539-314540 at 1227H to 1250H, eng'd and destroyed 3 sampans at BS312539. Two camouflaged huts at BS314540. Five sampans at BS313540, and eng'd 4 NVA, res: 4 NVA KIA at BS312542.  |
| 50   | 1340 | 11th, Aero Scouts, BS310551-305550 at 1250H to 1227H, destroyed 3 sampans at BS310551, and 2 sampans at BS305550. Auto MW eng'd 1 VC w/neg results. At BS450692, eng'd 3 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 51   | 1340 | 196th, B/2/1, AT996342 at 1230H, rec'd 100 rds of AK-47 fire, neg casualties, ret'd fire, fired arty w/unk results.  |
| 52   | 1325 | Quang Ngai, request AO ext change, ref AO 082400H in 5/46 area, BS740860, 800860, 800800, 675784, 630802, 630830, 670860. The W boundary must remain the same, the E boundary will now ext to the coast. MAJ Borg, 198th, 021420H Dec, Approved by G-3. Passed to Quang Ngai, CPT Wilson.  |

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| 53   | 1345 | 196th, B/4/31, air move from AT862297 to Chu Lai, PZ 0805H, LZ 1200H complete. E(-)/4/31, from LZ West to Chu Lai, PZ 0805H, LZ 1200H complete. 3F/17 Cav from LZ Baldy to Chu Lai, PZ 0940H, LZ 1250H, complete.  |
| 54   | 1400 | 198th, B/1/52, BT198141 at 1145H, found several documents and VC papers in a hut. Will evac to LZ Bayonet. Passed to IPW, CPT Wolfe.   |
| 55   | 1405 | 198th, CC/5/46, BS575824 at 1230H, detained 4 VCS, evac to LZ Gator for questioning.   |
| 56   | 1415 | 11th, B/1/20, BS331594 at 1402H, detained 3 VCS, 17-20 yrs old, evac to LZ Cork.   |
| 57   | 1422 | 198th, Warlord request #2 change: BS6695, 6681, 7687, 7395, friendlies: same, call sign: same. Passed to Div Avn. Passed to 198th. Changed BS6684, 7684 to read 6687, 7687, reason: to keep Aero Scouts out of ARVN AO ext. Passes to MAJ Borg.  |
| 58   | 1435 | 11th, C/3/1, BS771432 at 0924H, ref journal entry #22, 1435H, 2 Dec. VCS suspect died, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 59   | 1435 | 1/1 Cav, C Trp, BT168254 at 1345H, detained 2 MAM, will evac to LZ Hawk Hill.  |
| 60   | 1415 | 1/1 Cav, F/8 Cav at 1230H, Blue Ghost mission results: AT833310, trench line running E-W, then S. AT830316, numerous tunnels inside hill. AT8330, well-used trails (used after air strike). AT841333, single shaft running into ground, surrounded by trench lines. AT843334, trench line running N-S 20-300 meters. Ref #4, trench formed circles around shaft. AT854354, obs pit 8 ft x 10 ft. AT842337, obs 350° trench line on top of ridge. AT837334, obs bomb crater 18ft x 12 ft. AT834334, obs tunnel on side of hill. AT852346, obs trail running N-S, heavily used. AT842365, obs 2 MAM in civilian clothes w/green uniform underneath. AT900389, obs 2 MAM evading, eng'd, res: 1 VC KIA at 1430H. Posted. AT900389, 1 hut destroyed. |
| 61   | 1450 | 11th, E(-) and CP/1/20, air move from LZ Cork to BS437593, PZ 1315H, LZ 1320H, complete.   |
| 62   | 1500 | 196th, 3/21, AO ext request, BT160260 E to 170260, S to AO boundary 170218. 030001H to 032400H Dec 68. Opns by C&R/3/21. Passed to 1/1 Cav, Thompson 021524H. Approved by MAJ Logan. Approved by G-3. Passed to 196th, SP Franklin.  |
| 63   | 1530 | 196th, D/3/21, BT021212 at 1430H, eng'd 1 VC evading W at 75 meters, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn, docs, or ID.  |
| 64   | 1547 | 1/1 Cav, B Trp, BT205435 at 1540H, rec'd 10-20 rds of SA fire, neg casualties. F/8th Cav working in area at this time.   |
| 65   | 1550 | 198th, A/1/52, BT171102 at 1525H, obs 3 VC, 3 clicks away through field glasses. Called arty w/unk results.  |
| 66   | 1600 | 196th, 33 drums CS dropped, TOT 021315H to 021445H, from BT054193 to 053178, with 100% detonation.   |
| 67   | 1610 | 1/1 Cav, F/8 Cav, BT177483 at 1555H, 1 MAM evading, eng'd, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 68   | 1610 | 1/1 Cav, F/8 Cav, AT842364 at 1430H, ref journal entry #60, eng'd 2 VC w/green uniforms on under civilian clothes, res: 2 VC KIA.  |
| 69   | 1615 | 39th Engr, BT115431 at 1425H, D Co found anti-personnel mine, blew in place.   |
| 70   | 1630 | 196th, A/4/31, air move from Chu Lai to AT861298, PZ 0740H, LZ 1615H complete. R/4/31, air move from Chu Lai to LZ West, PZ 1040H, LZ 1615H complete.  |
| 71   | 1645 | 196th, F/17 Cav, AT942260 at 1520H, eng'd 1 VC evading W at 50 meters, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 72   | 1709 | CLDC, SGT Bodene, alert condition White effective 1800H tonight.   |
| 73   | 1710 | 198th, BS437883, Aero Scouts at 1645H, obs and destroyed 1 camouflaged hut in vic BS468872, 1 VCS evading, res: evac to Bayonet. In vic BS513879, eng'd 4 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA. In vic BS718929, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA. BS698948, eng'd 1 VC evading res: neg.  |
| 74   | 1710 | 198th, A/1/52, BT176100 at 1400H, detained 2 VN, had no ID, 1 male approx 30 yrs old, and 1 young female. Female was carrying med supplies. Evac to LZ Bayonet.  |
| 75   | 2150 | (delayed entry) Quang Ngai COC, ARVN advisor requests 2 Hooks to be on standby for 2-5 Dec to move ARVN reserve force in event of contact in the southern Chu Lai area. They were informed that availability of acft on 2 Dec would be limited due to Div planned opns. Requested availability of Americal forces to move to ARVN AO to support elements in contact if acft to move ARVN reserves are not available. Advised them to contact Div G-3 after 0800H, did not call back as of 021800H.   |
| 76   | 1815 | 196th, A/1/46, BT053438 at 1650H, eng'd 8 VC w/wpns and packs with SA, res: 1 VC KIA. KIA had a Claymore bag, web gear, but did not have wpn. VC was evading 100 meters NW. All black PJ's. VC KIA 23 yrs old.   |
| 77   | 0715 | 11th Bde, C/1/20, at 2125H, readout for Intsum tonight. #1, detained 9 VCS, all but 1 were released (see journal entry #42 this date). #2, 021402H, B/1/20 detained 3 VCS and these were released in the field (see journal entry #56 this date). #3, 020700H, 19th Engr also picked up detainee, total 2 detained (see journal entry #12 this date).  |
| 78   | 1920 | 11th Bde, C/1/20, BS333592 at 1430H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 79   | 2010 | 198th Bde, D/5/46, BS576827, enemy BS575833 at 1900H, D/1/3 SRP obs AW & SA fire being fired into old NDP from 400 meters, called arty on area and obs 6 secondary explosions. There were 2 AW and 3 SA wpns being fired. D/1/2 had found mine field in same area yesterday, will check area at first light.   |

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| 1    | 0001   | Journal Opened.  |
| 2    | 021750 | (delayed entry) 11th Bde, Aero Scouts request 3 Dec 68 for visual recon, time 0730H to 1130H, contact Purple Reels 79Y, location: LZ Cork, freq 52.00. Approved at 2030H, passed to LT McCreary at 2045H. Passed to SP brown 123d Avn 2045H. Passed to Caudron 11th Bde 0600H.   |
| 3    | 0030   | 196th Bde, C/3/21, BT150231, enemy BT156223 at 2350H, rec'd 7 rds 60mm mortar, 200 meters E of their location, NCD. Arty fired w/unk results.  |
| 4    | 0540   | 198th Bde, B/1/52, BT202136, enemy BT202130 at 0335H, report spotting 25-30 VC w/packs & wpns moving SE, arty fired w/secondary explosion, will check area at 1st light.   |
| 5    | 0602   | CLDC, normal working conditions at 0700H.  |
| 6    | 1845   | (delayed entry) 198th, Blue Ghost request #1. BT1704, 1797, 2797, 2704, friendlies: neg, contact: Coal Clutter 79, freq 64.15. Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50. Disapproved as Aero Scouts request for the same area.  |
| 7    | 0700   | 11thm B/4/3, BS881335 at 0545H, eng'd 1 VC, res: 1 VC KIA. Delayed msg from 02 Dec 68.   |
| 8    | 0723   | 26th Engr TOC, at 0723H, northern recon complete, neg report.  |
| 9    | 302230 | (delayed entry) 2d ROK LNO at Chung Young, will approve AO ext request between the Song Tau Chiem River and the 196th Inf Bde boundary from 302400H to 312400H Nov 68, and Dec 68. The 2d ROK's expect Amcal Div to conduct road sweep of Hwy #1 N to the river bridge at the N boundary on the ext.   |
| 10   | 1850   | (delayed entry) 198th, Warlord request #1: BT1704, BS1797, 2797, BT2704, friendlies: neg, contact: Coal Clutter 79, freq 64.15. Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50. Passed to Aero Scouts, to be flown during afternoon. Passed to SP Benham. Warlord request #2: BS4893, 4885, 5885, 5893, friendlies: 5/46, B31 BS518900, C11 567875, D32 563879. Contact: Severe Talons 79, freq 59.80. Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50. Passed to Aero Scouts to be flown during afternoon. Passed to SP Benham.  |
| 11   | 021130 | (delayed entry) 196th, AO request for Sniffer mission, 030600H to 031800H, from AO boundary W along AT43 grid line to AT9343, from 9343 SW to AT8939. Request free fire zone in area. Passed to 1st Mar Div, LT Cronin. Msg dtg #020515Z Dec. Sniffer mission AO ext request approved, free fire zone granted for the area except for recon insertion box UL AT9242- LR 9539, LT Cronin. Passed to 196th, LT McFadden at 2045H.  |
| 12   | 0745   | 1st CAG, CAP 117, BT338310 at 0600H, rec'd SA fire, ret'd fire, checked area, res: 1 VC KIA. (Info only).  |
| 13   | 0755   | CLDC TOC, BT519049 at 0720H, bunker #736 rec'd 2-3 rds sniper fire, neg casualties. People will stay in bunker until area has been checked by 198th.   |
| 14   | 0830   | 196th, aerial observer, AT865435 at 0825H, obs 80-100 VN in opening moving E. No action taken, outside of Amcal AO. Passed to 1st Mar Div COC, G-3 Watch LT Cronin.  |
| 15   | 0842   | 11th, Sniffer mission readout, from 1600H to 1730H, 2 Dec 69. All max readings. BS633523, 619497, 625467, 630502, 633519, 612486, 623502, 633503, 618490, 621477, 625502, 638500, 618493, 624478, 628502, 642495, 639491, 651484, 669489, 681502, 640488, 657485, 667494, 681501, 641451, 683481, 682482, 681482, 678506, 641486, 663482, 666498, 680493, 643484, 642484, 668485, 644443, 650418, 695451, 643437, 651417, 683478, 645450, 644432, 652416, 686475, 643443, 646724, 654414, 682432, 610423, 741337, 656413, 685431, 614424, 742330, 657413, 661415, 667417, 673421, 673429, 679430, 677422, 682423, 684427, 687425, 688432, 689431, 691439, 694436, 694436, 694434, 600433, 599422, 604419, 605415, 606417, 616411, 623423, 622425, 623431, 626430, 631426, 639366, 681390, 732337, 733339, 742338, 690470, 692465, 655389. Passed to G-2 Air, SGT Blake.  |
| 16   | 0845   | 198th, B/1/52, BT202136-202130 at 0335H, ref journal entry #4 (030335H), results of arty mission: 2 VC KIA.  |
| 17   | 0847   | 11th, B/4/3, BS847315 at 0805H, found numerous medical supplies in hut. Consisted of surgical gloves, hypodermic needles, scissors, forceps, and various drugs. one roll of bandages, notebook of medical records, 5 first aid books and pictures of human bodies in books, and penicillin. Possibly a company or battalion size aid station. Also found a gas mask, VC type. Trying to get a CC to evac it to Duc Pho.  |
| 18   | N/A    | III MAF, C Co, 5th SF, sitrep #336, operational data. Tien Phuoc A-102, Opn C-261, Opn P-262, and Opn P-263 continued. Opn C-259 closed 011800H. Gia Vuc A-103, Opn P-285 and Opn P-286 continued. Opn P-288 closed 011800H. Opn P-283 and Opn P-284 closed 011800H. Opn C-279 continues to provide local security at Camp Ba To. Ha Thanh A-104, Opn S-277 and Opn S-278 continued. Opn P-276 departed as scheduled. Opn P-275 closed 011800H. Ba To A-107, Opn P-220, Opn P-221, and Opn C-222 continued. Tra Bong A-107, Opn S-190, Opn P-191, and Opn C-189 closed 011800H. Opn C-192 departed as scheduled. Opn S-193 departed 020500H to 071900H, recon, BS2488, 2484, 3188, 3184. Minh Long A-108, Opn P-209, Opn C-210, and Opn P-211 continued. Opn P-214 closed 011800H. Opn S-212 departed 020630H to 051800H, BS5760, 5758, 6058, 6060. Opn P-213 will depart 031530H to 061700H, recon, BS5758, 5755, 6155, 6158. Opn P-214 will depart 030600H to 051900H, recon, BS5751, 5748, 6048, 6051. Opn C-215 will depart 030630H to 061800H, S/C, BS5755, 5751, 6151, 6155. |
| 19   | 0918   | 196th, AO ext time ext to W of AO, AT818267 N to 800304, NE to 872398, SE to AT963363. Now 042400H ext until 062400H. Passed to 1st Mar Div COC, G-3 approved by LT Cronin. Approved by G-3. Passed to 196th, SP Ewing.  |
| 20   | 0910   | DTOC, CPT Hayward, request clearance for defoliation mission 4 Dec 68, from ZC0609, 0809, 1813, 2016. Clear. TOT: 0900H. Air Force requests permission for the return of fire-for-fire under control of an Amcal FAC. Clear. (continued)   |



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| 20   | 0910 | (continuation) Air Force requests freq and call sign of unit in tgt box (or nearest unit to tgt area) to contact prior to mission 20 km away. Passed to Tam Ky, Div 0950H, SGT Spiller. Approved by LT Can 0955H. Approved by G-3.   |
| 21   | 1020 | 1/1 Cav, Blue Ghost, request permission to run a VR from BT0020 to 0024 to 1020 to 1024 (S of LZ Center) anytime, contact: Fort Bragg, freq 37.30, location: OP at BT075227. D/3/21 working box BT0322, 0822, 0820, 1320. Approved by 3/21, Swifter Grange, freq 67.80. Also contact Heated Boiler 79, freq 56.80 if any trouble contacting other units. Passed to 196th, SP/4 Franklin 1025H. Passed to 1/1 Cav, SP/4 Bracci 1100H. |
| 22   | 0740 | 196th, C/3/21, BT146233 at 0700H, returning from an area where arty was called in last night, point man set off mine, res: 3 US WHA (E), 1 WHA (M). Mine was M26 HG w/trip wire across trail, wire was concealed.  |
| 23   | 0830 | 196th, C/3/21, BT157236 at 0800H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, age 20 yrs old, black shirt and khaki trousers. Also found 150 rds of linked 7.62 at same location, neg pack, wpn, or ID.   |
| 24   | 0855 | 196th, D/3/21, BT073213 at 0835H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, age 25, wearing white shirt w/black bottoms, and 1 SKS, SN NT6200. Wpn will be extracted to LZ Center.  |
| 25   | 0915 | 11th, C/3/1, BS738411 at 0852H, Dustoff complete at 0900H. 1000H WHA died, res: 1 US KHA. Update 1005H, above report erroneous, US was killed while eng'd with enemy by AK-47 fire. There was no trip wire HG mine.  |
| 26   | 0930 | 9th Engr, A/9, BT213370 at 0816H, VN turned in 1 M26 HG, paid VN 500 piasters. Destroyed HG in place.  |
| 27   | 1015 | 11th, B/4/21, BS399494 at 0915H, found 5 huts, 40 ft x 50 ft. Mess hall not complete. There was an old mess hall that was 15 ft x 30 ft. 3 living quarters, misc bike parts, 1 bear trap w/18" jaws, one 12 gauge shotgun, SN 2814185H.  |
| 28   | 1015 | 11th, Aero Scouts, BS445477 at 0840H, eng'd 1 NVA in green uniform, web gear and 2 Chicom HG's, res: 1 NVA KIA.  |
| 29   | 1025 | 1/1 Cav, B Trp, BT204432 at 1010H, found and destroyed 50 lb TNT mine. Crater 4 ft x 10 ft.  |
| 30   | 1025 | 198th, D/5/46, BS576827-562835 at 0955H, obs 3 VC 1500 meters away moving SW, 1 VC had pack, no wpns obs. Arty fired, res: unk at this time. Will report later. 1 VC KIA by arty and 1 secondary explosion.  |
| 31   | 1030 | 198th, A/1/52, BT175102-174114 at 0945H, obs 2 VC w/packs, arty fired, res: unk.   |
| 32   | 1103 | 198th, R/1/52, BT224076-221075 at 0955H, obs 5 VC w/wpns and packs moving W, eng'd w/SA fire, VC evaded W, neg results.  |
| 33   | 1105 | 196th, D/3/21, BT055205 at 0940H, eng'd 2 VC w/green uniforms and Ho Chi Minh sandals evading SE at 100 meters, res: 2 VC KIA, neg packs, wpns, or ID. 20-25 yrs old.  |
| 34   | 1105 | 196th, C/3/21, BT144232 at 0815H, rec'd 50 rds of AW fire 50 meters N of location, res: neg US casualties, ret'd fire w/SA, checked area and found several blood trails.   |
| 35   | 1105 | 196th, A/2/1, BT118404 at 1020H, found 3 short tunnels. #1, neg results. #2, recon by fire, res: 2 VC KIA. #3, recon by fire, res: 2 VC KIA. Found 3 BA-30 batteries and 3 rockets, each different type. One rocket had written on it "GRMK 13". All rockets will be extracted to LZ Ross for ID. Presently unk.   |
| 36   | 1110 | 11th, B/4/3, BS847317 at 1040H, found 1 M-16, SN 153662, 2 NVA pistol belts, 1 pack w/uniform and PJ's. Also med supplies, all found in pig pen. Also found 1 Chicom HG, 12 M-16 mags, half full.  |
| 37   | 1140 | 198th, A/1/52, BT169099-163101 at 1030H, rec'd auto wpns fire from above coord, SA eng'd, neg casualties. 1034H, contact broken, checked area w/neg results.   |
| 38   | 1137 | 196th, air moves complete. C2/3/21 from BT150231 to LZ East, PZ 0901H, LZ 0905H. B1/3/21 from LZ East to LZ Center, PZ 0908H, LZ 0914H.  |
| 39   | 1200 | 198th, B/1/52, BT206129-208125 at 1010H, obs 6 VC moving S, eng'd w/SA fire, checked area, res: 1 VC KIA, 1 SKS SN A33872A, and 1 homemade pack, containing 20 lbs polished rice. VC wearing green shorts, steel pots, 1 was carrying a large pack, possibly a mortar tube, eng'd the man w/large pack. Believed they wounded him, as CC rec'd hvy AW fire from vic BT207124.  |
| 40   | 1201 | 198th, CC/1/52, BT168071 at 1145H, CC eng'd 2 VC evading from vic above coord. Wearing black PJ's and straw hats, res: 2 VC KIA.   |
| 41   | 0935 | 39th Engr, B/39, BS630828 at 0825H, found 10 lb mine on Hwy #1, destroyed in place, left crater, Engr's filled crater.   |
| 42   | 1235 | 11th, D/1/20, BS346604 at 1155H, rec'd SA fire from NW across river, res: 1 US WHA (E), has sucking chest wound. Fired arty w/neg assessment. Dustoff complete by CC at 1210H.   |
| 43   | 1250 | 11th, B/4/21, BS398490 at 1222H, found 15 bike frames and 30 used bike tires. These were hidden under a pile of hay 20 meters off trail. They were in poor condition and were destroyed.   |
| 44   | 1307 | 11th, CC, BS711534 at 1200H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC WIA/CIA, evac to Duc Pho.   |
| 45   | 1325 | 196th, B/3/21, BT068248 at 1200H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg pack, wpn, or ID.   |
| 46   | 1325 | 196th, CC/4/31, AT881392 at 1040H, rec'd unk amount of SA fire, neg hits, ret'd fire w/unk results.  |
| 47   | 1355 | 1/1 Cav, A Trp, BT295334 at 1355H, detained 2 MAM, evac to LZ Hawk Hill.   |
| 48   | 1130 | 196th, gunships 71st Avn, Sniffer mission readout from 0900H to 1000H 3 Dec 68. Sub readings: BT073409, 093413, 087430, 090434, 100434, AT990390, 983380, 9988373, 975380, 912354, 909353, 906356, 903337, 902370, 900374, 902378, 897380, 895385, 902392, 908395, BT012436, 010440, 022442, 027443, AT912404, BT056401. (continued)   |

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| 48   | 1130   | (continuation) Max readings: BT061402 - AT950360. AT912404, found 4 camouflaged huts, also sub readings. BT040402 eng'd 15 MAM, res: 2 VC KIA, neg readings 0915H. BT056401 eng'd 2 VC, res: 2 VC KIA, also sub readings 0905H.   |
| 49   | 1400   | 196th, A/2/1, BT118404 at 1020H, ref journal entry #35, the 3 rockets found in the tunnel were 2.75" US rockets.  |
| 50   | 1445   | CLDC blowing in rock quarry between 1500H and 1700H.  |
| 51   | 1450   | 198th, B/1/52, BT210128 at 1352H, found 30 foxholes approx 3 ft deep, w/connecting trenches 4ft to 5 ft deep.   |
| 52   | 1550   | 198th, Aero Scouts, BT294067 at 1520H, found 2 packs next to bunker, destroyed 8 huts and 1 fortified bunker. In vic BT175992, 1 VC KIA, dressed in green PJ's. In vic BT157980, found 10 camouflaged huts.   |
| 53   | 1600   | 198th, R/1/52, from BT224075 to LZ Bowman, PZ 1428H, LZ 1438H. From LZ Bowman to Chu Lai, PZ 1505H, LZ 1515H.   |
| 54   | 1615   | 11th, AO ext request for LRRP Montana, BS4250, 4450, 4252, 4452, 031300H Dec to 061300H Dec. Posted on G-2 and G-3 map.   |
| 55   | 1630   | 198th, R/1/6, BT426094 at 1305H, detained 2 VC males, both had ID, but very uncooperative. Evac to LZ Bayonet.  |
| 56   | 1630   | 198th, A/1/52, BT176095-175092 at 1415H, obs 9 enemy evading to S at approx 300 meters, arty fired, res: 1 homemade sack containing clothing, 2 bags of rice, signal mirror and documents. Evac mirror and documents to LZ Bayonet. Notified IPW, SP Mong.  |
| 57   | 1640   | 196th, C/3/21, BT146230 at 1400H, found unmarked grave containing 1 VC KIA by arty, 24-48 yrs old. Discovered.  |
| 58   | 1645   | 198th, A/1/52, BT160100 at 1130H, rec'd AW fire from 8 AK-47's, enemy position 50 meters away, called arty and gunships. Arty fired, gunships came on station 1215H. Broke station 1230H. Searched area, neg casualties, found 4 AW positions w/expended AK-47 cartridges.  |
| 59   | 1703   | 198th, Air moves. A3/5/46 from LZ Paradise to LZ Gator, 1000H complete. B2/5/46 from LZ Gator to LZ Paradise, 100H complete.  |
| 60   | 1710   | CLDC, SGT Bodene, alert condition White effective 1800H tonight.  |
| 61   | 1715   | 196th, CC/4/31, AT839338 at 1618H, eng'd 1 NVA evading, wearing khaki uniform, neg wpn or pack, res: 1 NVA KIA.   |
| 62   | 1720   | 196th, D/2/1, AT874356 at 1040H, detained 1 NVA who said he is a NVA doctor. He said other 2 NVA who were in the same area and evaded were dentists. All had packs, dressed in PJ's. 1 bottle of aspirin CIA. Some cotton CIA. Evac to LZ Baldy, being interrogated at this time.   |
| 63   | 1740   | 198th Bde, Aero Scouts, 5/46, BS717923 at 1700H, Aero Scouts picked up 2 females, evac to LZ Bayonet.   |
| 64   | 1750   | 198th Bde, R/1/6, air move from PZ BT426094 at 1640H, LZ BT438052 at 1700H.   |
| 65   | 021305 | (delayed entry) 11th Bde, A/4/21, BS412484 at 1245H, documents found at above coord, 3 names of US prisoners and possibly 4 (1 name was hard to make out) were found at a POW compound. There were two trails leaving the compound, 1 SE and 1 NW. The compound was completely enclosed by a strong wooden fence and all around were punji stakes with the points toward the fence. There were 2 large sleep-in huts with a capacity of about 40 each. There were 3 administrative type huts, 1 with a kitchen. There were 3 guard posts and numerous pigs and chickens. One sleeping hut had a piss tube and they suspect this is the one that the US personnel were in. They found a US lensmatic compass in with the documents. They are tracing the trails and on the SE trail they found 8 bamboo sleeping mats. Names: #1, Cushner, CPT, Medic Corps, 1 Jan 68 (dates on documents). #2, Griffett, L/CPL USMC 1 Jan 68. #3, found 1 dog tag for Eisebraum, William F, #O4074803, blood type AB. |
| 66   | 021845 | (delayed entry) 198th Bde, Blue Ghost request priority #2, coord AT9515, AT9505, BT0005, BT0015, friendlies: neg, contact: Coal Clutter 79, freq 64.15. Contact Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50. Not flown due to time.   |
| 67   | 021850 | (delayed entry) 198th Bde, Warlord request priority #3, coords BS6695, BS6687, BS7587, BS7395, friendlies: neg, contact: Serene Talons 79, freq 59.80. Contact Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50. Not flown due to time.  |
| 68   | 0950   | 11th Bde, request Aero Scouts for VR of Vernon Lake II, 040730H - 041130H, contact: Purple Reels 79Y, freq 52.00, location LZ Cork. Approved & passed to Aero Scouts.   |
| 69   | 1310   | 196th Bde, AO ext request (Sniffer Mission), request free fire zone, time: 0600H - 1800H 5 Dec 68, AT844210 to AT8421 to AT8409 to BT0609 to BT060153. Passed to SF SFC Garner. Passed to Tam Ky 031500H, SGT Spiller. Approved by LT Can 031515H, Tam Ky. Cleared by SF SGT Garner, msg #53-P-031430, sent 031500H. Reply msg # 128-0-031625 ORNC. Approved by G-3, passed to 196th, SP Ewing.   |
| 70   | 1315   | Request permission for CS drop outside 196th Bde AO, grids (box) AT955360, AT955367, AT963360, AT963367, time 040600H - 081800H. Passed to LT Cronin 031430H, 1st Mar Div, approved by 1st Mar Div, LT Cronin, approved by G-3, passed to 196th, SP Ewing.  |
| 71   | 1715   | 196th Bde, C/4/31, AT843335 at 1610H, eng'd 4 NVA wearing khaki uniforms, res: 3 NVA KIA, and detained 1 CIA, neg wpns or ID. The KIA's were 20-35 yrs old, 1 CIA was 21 (he said). He will be taken to LZ Baldy. Notified IPW, LT Smith.   |
| 72   | 1830   | 198th Bde, D/5/46, BS564879, enemy BS568887 at 1720H, SRP obs 2 VC w/wpns evading SE into tree line, approx 800 meters, fired arty w/1 secondary explosion at BS57008834. Results of VC unk.  |

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| 1    | 0001 | Journal Opened.  |
| 2    | 0140 | 198th Bde, C/5/46, LZ Dottie at 0050H, accident with HG in artillery motor pool, men from 4.2" mortar section, 1 KHA and 2 WHA (E), Dustoff called 0054H, complete 0116H.  |
| 3    | 0320 | 196th Bde, R/4/31, AT966275 at 2330H, recon obs 4 VC, 3 CIA and 1 WIA, dusted off at 0030H. Also one 9 yr old boy was found, total 4 VC CIA, 1 VC WIA (E) and 1 IWC, .45 cal pistol with initials J.D.S. carved in grips. Documents.   |
| 4    | 0330 | DTOC, 5th SFG. Tien Phuoc A-102, Opn P-161, Opn P-262, and Opn P-263 continued 031500H, passed to SP Contact, 196th. Passed to 198th, SGT Stone. Tra Bong A-107, Opn C-195 will depart 060400-101900H, recon, 4086, 4082, 4686, 4682, passed to 198th, rec'd by SGT Stone. Minh Long A108, Opn C-210, Opn P-211, Opn S-212 continued 031500H. Opn P-209 closed 021500H. Opn P-213, Opn P-214, and Opn C-215 departed as scheduled. Opn P-216 will depart 010530H-071800H, S/C, BS5348, 5245, 5645, 5648. Opn S-217 will depart 050600H-081830H, recon, BS5847, 5844, 6144, 6147. Passed to 11th Bde to Flori at 0350H.   |
| 5    | 0510 | 11th Bde, B/1/20, BS308566 at 2150H, had 5-6 VC set off trip flares on perimeter, while VC dispersed they eng'd w/SA and called arty AT330560. Patrol swept area w/neg findings.   |
| 6    | 0600 | CLDC, at 0700H, resume normal daylight conditions at 0700H.  |
| 7    | 1515 | (delayed entry) 196th, LRRP request for Tennessee, box: AT4831, 8731, 8728, 4828, type of mission will be visual observation. time: 050001H to 112400H. LZ not determined. Passed to LT Cronin LNO 1st Mar Div. Approved by 1st Mar Div, LT Cronin. Posted on G-2, G-3 map. Passed to SSD, SP/4 Mercede. Passed to G-2, SSG Crockett.  |
| 8    | 0845 | 196th, Fire Fly request for 042400H Dec 68, from AT793315 follow the Song Thu Bon River S as far as possible. Briefing will be at LZ Baldy at 042000H. Passed to Div Avn 040900H. Disapproved by 14th Avn, not enough time to prepare for mission. Passed to 196th, LT MagaVinishi.  |
| 9    | 0635 | III MAF, SGT Woodruff COC, source requested that location of all maneuver battalion CP's be forwarded to III MAF. Forwarded via secure radio 0720H.  |
| 10   | 1450 | (delayed entry) DTOC, Amcal Sniffer mission 040900H to 041200H, BS430385, 480400, 451388, 465200, 440250. As per conversation between MAJ Medberry and MAJ Erickson, 11th Bde fly this Sniffer mission for the SF. Slick time will be allowed from Div. Passed to 11th, Selk 031947H.  |
| 11   | 1855 | (delayed entry) Tam Ky, request AO ext for 6th Regt 2d ARVN Div, time: 050300H to 092400H, BT226170, 247182, 286140, 270126, 238160, 226160, reason: search and clear mission. Passed to 198th, SGT White 031915H. Approved by G-3. Approved at 2107H by SGT White, 198th Bde. Passed to Tam Ky, SGT Spiller.  |
| 12   | N/A  | III MAF, C Co, 5th SF, sitrep #337, operational data. Tien Phuoc A-102: Opn P-161, Opn P-262, and Opn P-263 continued. Gia Vuc: Opn P-283 and Opn P-286 continued. Opn P-289 departed on 020600H to 030400H and closed w/neg contact. Opn S-290 departed 020500H to 071800H, recon/ambush, BS2331, 3621, 3216. Opn S-281 departed 020300H to 040400H, sweep, BS3430, 4123, 4130, 3423, 3628, 3928, 2926, 3626. Opn C-293 departed 032400H to 081800H, sweep, BS3728, 4138, 4134, 3734. Opn P-294 will depart 051900H to 101830H, recon/ambush, BS4223, 4219, 4619, 4623. Opn P-295 will depart 040600H to 05040H, sweep, BS3430, 4123, 4130, 3523, 3628, 3928, 3926, 3626. Ha Thanh A-104: Opn P-276, Opn S-277, and Opn S-278 continued. Ba To A-106: Opn P-220, Opn P-221, and Opn C-222 closed. Opn P-223 departed 022130H to 051800H, recon, BS5836, 6136, 5832, 6132. Opn C-224 departed 030500H to 051800H, S/D, BS5830, 5825, 6226, 6230. Opn C-255 departed 030500H to 061800H, S/D, BS5024, 5424, 5427, 5027. Opn P-226 will depart 040300H to 081800H, recon, BS5334, 5338, 5634, 5638. Tra Bong A-107: Opn P-191, Opn C-192, and Opn S-193 continued. Opn S-190 closed 021900H. Opn P-194 will depart 040500H to 091900H, recon, BS3594, 3489, 4194, 4189. Opn C-195 will depart 06040H to 101900H, recon, BS4086, 4082, 4686, 4682. Minh Long A-108: Opn C-210, Opn P-211, and Opn S-212 continued. Opn P-209 closed 021500H. Opn P-213, Opn P-214, and Opn C-215 departed as scheduled. Opn P-216 will depart 010530H to 071800H, S/C, BS5348, 5248, 5245, 5645, 5648. Opn S-217 will depart 050600H to 081800H, recon, BS5847, 5844, 6144, 6147. |
| 13   | 1920 | (delayed entry) 196th, AO ext request for Sniffer mission, time:050600H to 051800H, free fire is also requested, BT070480 to 030480 to AT940386 to 950360. (Posted). Cancelled by LT Masters. New ext to follow.   |
| 14   | 0826 | 11th, C/3/1, air move by Hook from LZ Liz to LZ Bronco, PZ 0714H, LZ 0817H, complete.  |
| 15   | 0840 | 198th, CC/5/46, BS568887 at 0800H, snatched 2 VCS, detained for questioning, evac to LZ Gator.   |
| 16   | 0855 | 11th, SP/4 Geigei, LZ Bronco at 031921H, 2 POW's escaped from POW compound. No further info at this time.  |
| 17   | 0900 | DTOC, 5th SF Opn, time: 060400H to 101900H, coord: LL BS4082, UR 4686. Forwarded to 198th Bde, rec'd by SP/4 Ban.  |
| 18   | 0916 | 196th, A/3/21, BT051301 at 0830H, eng'd 3 VC, res: 1 VC KIA, 35 yrs old, neg ID.   |
| 19   | 0930 | 196th, Fire Fly request for 052400H Dec 68, from AT800295 follow the Song Thu Bon River S to AT950188. Briefing will be at LZ Baldy at 052000H for guns and place. Passed to Div Avn, CPT Stinson 040930H. Fire Fly briefing 2330H.  |
| 20   | 0933 | 11th, Aero Scouts, BS344452 at 0915H, rec'd SA fire, 1 pilot hit in arm and leg. Escorting acft to Binh Son, res: 1 WHA (E).   |
| 21   | 0935 | 198th, D/5/46, BS576827-566832 at 0840H, spotted 3 VC MAM, res: unk. Later results.  |

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| 22   | 0940 | 198th, 176th Avn, BT227157 at 0815H, gunship took 1 hit, speed 60 knots, alt 1400 ft, heading 150 degrees. Ship shut down at LZ Bowman. At this time will be able to continue mission, weather precludes take off at this time.   |
| 23   | 1008 | 9th Engr, A/9, BT258288 at 0940H, found 1x81mm mortar rd on side of road. Blew it in rice paddy.  |
| 24   | 1015 | 11th, B/4/12, BS395487 at 0950H, found 1 VC killed by SA fire, about 2 weeks ago and reported as 1 VC KIA. (Discovered).  |
| 25   | 1018 | 1/1 Cav, C Trp, BT225445 at 1000H, found a bunker 35 ft long x 15 ft wide, reinforced w/concrete and wood beams. Bunker will be destroyed.  |
| 26   | 1135 | 196th, R/3/21, BT135252 at 0800H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, wearing blue shorts and shirt, w/hat and Ho Chi Minh sandals, age 23. he was carrying 9mm French sub MG, SN B19937 with 3 mags and 120 rds of approx .38 cal ammo. First aid pouch, 2 Chicom HG's, 1 pistol belt, and ID.  |
| 27   | 1137 | 1st CAG, CAP 138, BS575923-589939 at 1000H, VN children reported a 40mm mine, res: mine was blown in place. CAP unit paid children 600 Piasters. (Info only).   |
| 28   | 1151 | 1/1 Cav, C Trp, BT306362 at 1150H, detained 2 MAM, evac to LZ Hawk Hill. (Info only).   |
| 29   | 1232 | 198th, A/5/46, BS518900 at 0910H, obs 3 VC, checked w/Marines. Marines did not obs them. A Co continues to obs, more to follow.   |
| 30   | 1245 | 198th, D/1/52, BT191170-190178 at 1100H, spotted 2 VC males evading to NW, eng'd w/SA fire, res: 2 VC KIA, VC were wearing black PJ's and neg ID's or equip.  |
| 31   | 1245 | 198th, B/1/52, BT210126 at 1005H, found 1 fresh grave w/1 VC KIA, believed to be from recent contact in area.   |
| 32   | 1245 | 198th, D/1/52, BT188180-197188 at 1125H, obs 25-30 enemy w/packs and wpns. Arty was fired w/unk results at present, will call later.  |
| 33   | 1300 | 196th, A/26th Engr, BT075383 at 1205H, found mine on N side of road, blew in place, res: secondary explosion, 40 ft high smoke, left crater 3 ft x 8 ft x 5 ft.   |
| 34   | 1305 | 11th, E Trp, 1st Cav, BS883304 at 1258H, APC hit tractor trailer, 2 people in APC were injured. Dustoff complete at 1300H. 1 had broken foot and cut face, 1 minor cuts and scratches but was dusted off for the GP's.  |
| 35   | 0941 | 196th, request for AO ext from 050600H to 051800H Dec 68. (This is an addition to the previous AO ext for 5 Dec). From the 196th boundary go West on the 48 grid line to BT0348, then SW to AT9438, then SE to AT9536 which is back to the AO boundary, reason: to run another portion of Sniffer mission on 5 Dec 68. Would like a free fire clearance. Approved by LT Lambert, 1st Mar Div 041330H. Approved by G-3, passed to 196th, SP Franklin.                                |
| 36   | 1109 | 11th TOC, from 0800H to 1000H, results of Sniffer mission for 2d ARVN. The following hot spots: BS482707, 492658, 496648, 497641, 482706, 494657, 497646, 496639, 482695, 498646, 494627, 485690, 496650, 499643, 493623, 599616, 507653, 503660, 534667, 505614, 506655, 502665, 537664, 519628, 505657, 497673, 539662, 517632, 504659, 485690, 540660, 542658, 567663, 545656, 566665. Passed to G-2 Air, SGT Blake. Also hot spots at BS544654, 565670, 544653.                 |
| 37   | 1230 | 1/1 Cav, request permission for Blue Ghosts to work vic AT9137 this afternoon. Passed to 196th, SP/4 Boardman. If approved will need freq and call sign of nearest friendlies. Blue Ghost is approved by 196th until 1900H. Friendlies: C/2/1, AT919338, Certain Iceberg 36T, freq 64.75. D/2/1, AT869358, Safer Outlet 36, freq 62.85. C/4/31, AT864351, Render Flange 36, freq 62.85. C/4/31, AT864351, Render Flange 36, freq 62.85. Passed to 1/1 Cav at 1328H to SGT Thompson. |
| 38   | 1240 | 198th, request for Aero Scouts, request #1: BT1704, 1797, BS2797, BT2704, contact: Cold Clutter 79, freq 64.15, neg friendlies in area, contact: Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50, prior to entering area. Passed to Div Avn 1250H. Passed to LT Ruetner 1305H.  |
| 39   | 1240 | 198th, request for Aero Scouts, request #2: BS4893, 4885, 5885, 5893, contact: Serene Talons 79, freq 59.80, friendlies: A/5/46, BS518900. C/5/46, 569879. D/5/46 563869. Contact: Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50 prior to entering AO. Passed to Div Avn 1250H. Passed to ASC Opns, SP Roberts 1320H.   |
| 40   | 1305 | 196th, F/17 Cav, AT936279 at 1230H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 41   | 1305 | 196th, D/2/1, AT882348 at 1200H, found 1 unk type machine gun, SN 566823. MG was beside a bunker.   |
| 42   | 1340 | 11th, 174th Avn, BS856343 at 1317H, 1 VCS MAM CIA evading, evac to Duc Pho.   |
| 43   | 1355 | 11th, CA, C/4/3 from LZ Thunder to BS859355, 861349, 865344, PZ 1240H, LZ 1306H. PZ 1310H, LZ 1314H. PZ 1325H, LZ 1328H, cold, complete. 1 plat A/4/3 cancelled.  |
| 44   | 1400 | 198th, D/1/52, BT197186-198189 at 1307H, rec'd AW fire from 3 wpns, ret'd fire w/SA, arty, and called gunships, res: unk at this time.  |
| 45   | 1430 | 11th, CC/4/3, BS870350 at 1412H, 1 VCS CIA, brought to LZ Bronco for questioning.   |
| 46   | 1453 | 11th, C/4/3, BS862357 at 1430H, eng'd 1 VC female evading, res: 1 VC KIA.   |
| 47   | 1530 | 11th, CC/4/3, BS872358 at 1510H, 1 VCS evading, res: 1 WIA/CIA, will evac to Duc Pho.   |

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| 48   | 1515 | 1/1 Cav, B Trp, (for Hardin Falls). #1: 041400H at BT203428, 1 Chieu Hoi, he will show where mines are. Evac to LZ Hawk Hill after completed. #2: 1450H at BT203432, Chieu Hoi led them to a nitro starch mine, 20 lbs, blown in place, crater 25 fr deep and 30 ft in dia. Change to 500 lb bomb. #3: 1426H at BT217429, detained 3 VCS, evac to LZ Hawk Hill. #4: 1423H at BT217429 eng'd 2 VC in bunker, threw in HG, res: secondary explosion, 3 VC KIA. Passed to IPW, CPT Wolfe.   |
| 49   | 1530 | 11th, B/4/3, BS844366 at 1505H, detained 2 VCS MAM (40-46 yrs old) carrying 1 US shovel, pouch, and mess kit. Evac to Duc Pho.   |
| 50   | 1535 | 198th, B/1/52, BT198196 at 1527H, detained 2 VCS, will evac to LZ Bayonet.   |
| 51   | 1555 | 198th, 3A/5/46, air move from LZ Paradise to LZ Gator, PZ 1130H, LZ 1138H. 2B/5/46 from LZ Gator to LZ Paradise, PZ 1120H, LZ 1126H.   |
| 52   | 1340 | 11th, C/3/1, BS777425 at 1045H, 1 VCS, named Tran Van Nhi, claims he is a policeman in Saigon. Evac to Duc Pho. Notified IPW, SP Castillo.   |
| 53   | 0730 | DTOC, CPT Kaunitz, request clearance for defoliation mission 6 Dec 68, from BT1706, 2604, 3002, 3902. Clear. TOT: 0900H. Air Force requests hvy suppression and permission for the return of fire-for-fire under the control of an Amcal FAC. Cannot start later than 0930H due to troops I area. Air Force requests freq and call sign of unit in tgt area to contact prior to mission. A/1/52, Cold Clutter M36, freq 64.15. Passed to 198th, Tien Phuoc 040815H to SP/4 Benham 198th. Approved by 1/52, MAJ Neary. Passed to 1/6, LT Vasquez. |
| 54   | 0730 | DTOC, CPT Kaunitz, request clearance for defoliation mission 6 Dec 68, from BT1706, 2604, 3002, 3902, TOT: 0900H. Air Force requests hvy suppression and permission for the return of fire-for-fire under the control of an Amcal FAC. Air Force requests freq and call sign of unit in tgt area to contact prior to mission. Passed to 198th, Tien Phuoc. Approved by msg # 54-P-040816, TOR: 040830H. Reply: msg #132-R-040840H. Call Sassy Tripod, freq 32.90/37.95.  |
| 55   | 0730 | DTOC, CPT Kaunitz, request clearance for defoliation mission 6 Dec 68, from BS3961, 4870, 4574, TOT: 0900H. Air Force requests hvy suppression and permission for the return of fire-for-fire under the control of an Amcal FAC. Air Force requests freq and call sign of unit in tgt area to contact prior to mission. Disapproved by MAJ Medberry, troops in the area.   |
| 56   | 1605 | 198th, CC/1/6, BT462052 at 1535H, rec'd 3 rds of wpns fire, CC passed over area 3 more times. All that was seen was VN women and children.   |
| 57   | 1625 | Ha Thanh A-1, BS363692 at 1530H, Opn P-276 eng'd 2 VC armed w/SA during search & clear opn, res: friendly: 1 CIDG WIA, enemy: neg. (info only).  |
| 58   | 1625 | 196th, A/3/21, BT069298 at 1520H, eng'd 2 VC evading E, wearing black PJ's, res: 2 VC KIA, age 23 and 30, neg wpns or ID's.  |
| 59   | 1627 | 11th, add to LRRP Nevada box: BS6970, 7040, 7042, 6542, 6541, reason: Nevada is outside box, terrain in box extremely rugged. LRRP inserted at 1230H, BS695410.  |
| 60   | 1645 | 11th, C/4/3, BS856355 at 1625H, 1 VC evaded into tunnel, would not come out, threw is 1 frag HG, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 61   | 1647 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav, AT913369 at 1400H, Blue Ghost mission results: AT913369, 1 VC evading, 1 VC KIA, 1400H.  |
| 62   | 1720 | 198th, D/1/52, BT190187-187187 at 1624H, obs 20 NVA and VC evading w/wpns, VC were carry packs. Obs from 200 meters, eng'd w/SA and arty, res: 2 VC KIA by SA fire. Pack w/rice and clothing destroyed. Still checking area.   |
| 63   | 1750 | CLDC, SGT O'Malley, alert condition White TEA-A.   |
| 64   | 1720 | 198th Bde, B/1/52, BT224130, enemy BT227130 at 1624H, sent out small element to check area around Company CP, came upon a hut and obs 10 NVA in a meeting, eng'd w/SA fire, res: 5 NVA KIA, 5 NVA evaded thru rear of hut. Element called arty, res: captured 1 VN male also in hut with the NVA. MTF. Evac to LZ Bayonet, notified IPW, LT Love.  |
| 65   | 1818 | 11th Bde, A/4/3, AT858368 at 1730H, detained 1 VCS evading, age 40 yrs old, neg wpn, taken to Southeast Pad.   |
| 66   | 1840 | 196th Bde, Aero Scouts, AT995534 at 1740H, rec'd unk no of auto wpns fire, neg hits, arty called in on suspected enemy grid, unk results.  |
| 67   | 1900 | Ba To A-1, BS589275 at 1510H, Opn C-224 eng'd VC during small village sweep, res: friendly: 0, enemy: 20 kilo rice CIA. For info only.   |
| 68   | 1920 | 198th Bde, C/5/46, BS633879 at 1820H, obs 3 VC approx 35 meters front of NDP w/AK-47, grease gun, and packs, eng'd w/SA fire, res: 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47 CIA, 2 Chicom HG's, SN AK-47 will be reported later.  |
| 69   | 2010 | 198th Bde, A/1/52, BT168088 at 0400H, EM checking out NDP, fell into water and lost his M-16, SN unk at this time.   |
| 70   | 2050 | 11th Bde, Sa Huyn (ARVN SF Camp) at 1500H, rec'd SA/AW fire, NCD to ARVN compound, 2 VN children from village WHA.   |
| 71   | 1720 | 11th Bde, D/1/20, BS332586 at 1655H, 15 US WHA (E), 8 to Chu Lai, 7 to LZ Bronco, result of friendly mortar fire. 81mm fire, organic fire from LZ Volunteer. 6-312 Evac, 8-27th Surgical, 2 KHA, 13 WHA (E), 1 WHA (M). Suspended use of 81mm mortar rds, Lot KN-7-115-68 except for tactical defensive fires. Investigation board scheduled on 05 Dec. Round causing casualties was the 1st of two rds fired in prep for night defensive fire. Tube data was checked by arty and found to be correct.   |

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| 1    | 0001 | Journal Opened.   |
| 2    | 0010 | 1st CAG, CAP 133, BS676977 at 042330H, rec'd 1 explosion landing in front of bunker, neg casualties, believed to be a probe, checked area w/neg results.  |
| 3    | 0037 | 1st CAG, CAP 124, BT455118 at 2400H, approx 5 VC spotted patrol, opened up on patrol, patrol ret'd fire, called illum, checked area, neg results.   |
| 4    | 0200 | DTOC, 5th SFG. Tien Phuoc A-102, Opn P-262 and Opn P-263 continued 041500H. Opn P-264 will depart 050500H-091800H, recon, BT1217, xxxx, xxxx, 2017. Opn P-265 will depart 060500-091800H, recon, BT0410, 0416, 1016, 1010. Opn P-266 will depart 091800H-141800H, recon, BT1172, 1412, 1706, 1705, 1105. Opn P-267 will depart 100430H-161800H, recon, AT9679, 9614, 0914, 0916, 0119. Passed to 196th, PFC Trogon & 198th, SGT Stover. |
| 5    | 0345 | 1st CAG, CAP 136, BS569943 at 0130H, patrol going to ambush site spotted 4 VC evading, patrol opened fire and called illum, searched area w/neg results. Reaction force swept area of Phuoc An (2) w/neg results also. (Reaction force followed trail of 1 VC 250 meters from contact grid. He used a bicycle to continue to escape, heading toward Nuoc Mau.)  |
| 6    | 0350 | 1/1 Cav, B/1/1, BT213436 at 0350H, rec'd 1 RPG rd, NCD.   |
| 7    | 0415 | 198th Bde, Tien Phuoc, rec'd corrections to opn grids from personnel at Tien Phuoc. Opn P-264: BT1520, 2020, 1518, 1218, 1217, 2017. Opn P-266: BT1412, 1112, 1105, 1706, 1705. Opn P-267: AT9619, 0119, 9614, 0914. Passed to 196th Bde, SP Boardman.  |
| 8    | 1130 | (delayed entry) 11th, request Aero Scouts for VR mission in Vernon Lake II AO, time: 050730H to 051130H. Purple Reels 79, freq 52.00, located at LZ Bronco. Approved by MAJ Medberry at 2135H. Passed to Avn. Passed to SP Mongovan 2215H. Passed to SGT Bacon, 11th Bde, 050715H.  |
| 9    | 1920 | (delayed entry) 198th, Warlord and Blue Ghost request #1: BT1704, BS1797, 2797, BT2704, neg friendlies, contact: Cold Clutter 79, freq 64.15 Cmd and Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50 Cmd, before entering AO. (At Div convenience) Warlords in afternoon after completion of 11th Bde opns. Approved by MAJ Medberry at 2135H. Passed to Avn. Passed to SP Mongovan 2215H. Passed to SP Schwegler, 198th Bde 050720H.                       |
| 10   | 2020 | (delayed entry) 196th, 4/31, Blue Ghost request for 6 Dec 68, AT9023 S to 9017, then to 9619, N to 9621, then to 9323. Snatch and VR along river, contact: Crater Mallet 79, freq 62.85, closest friendlies at LZ West, enemy position unk. Primarily a Snatch mission to gain intel on military activities in area. Approved by MAJ Medberry at 2135H for Blue Ghost. Passed to 1/1 Cav, 2230H, SP/4 Rumsey.                           |
| 11   | 0600 | CLDC, normal daylight working conditions effective 0700H.   |
| 12   | 0815 | 11th, HQ/4/21, BS469504 at 0745H, LZ Amy rec'd incoming mortar rd, 6-8 rds 82mm, from BS872502 to BS469504. Ret'd fire w/4.2 mortars, res: neg casualties, neg damage, neg assessment. All action ceased at 0758H.  |
| 13   | 0855 | 11th, A/4/3, BS863367 at 0840H, detained 2 VCS, 58 yrs old, both had ID cards dated 1962. Will evac to LZ Bronco.   |
| 14   | 0940 | 198th, A/1/52, BT167074-165071 at 0850H, spotted 7 enemy with wpn, SA fire eng'd and arty called, res: enemy moved S and then evaded SW. CC checked area, A/1/52 couldn't check area because of open terrain. CC checked area w/neg results. A/1/52 continued mission.  |
| 15   | 0825 | CLDC, EOD will be detonating ordnance at 051030H and 051100H in demo area.  |
| 16   | 0825 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav, BT231405 at 0815H, obs and eng'd 1 VC evading, 1 VC KIA, had 1 Chicom HG.   |
| 17   | 0827 | 11th, A/4/3, BS86367 at 0815H, detained 1 VCS female, 28 yrs old, ID w/picture. CC will evac to Duc Pho.  |
| 18   | 0917 | 196th, CC/4/3, AT902223 at 0855H, eng'd 2 VC evading in tan uniforms, neg wpns or packs, res: 1 VC KIA.   |
| 19   | 1920 | (delayed entry) 198th, Air Cav request #2: AT9515, 9505, BT0005, 0015, no friendlies, contact: Cold Clutter 79, freq 64.15. Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50 before entering area of opns. Passed to Aero Scouts, passed to SP Schwegler, 198th, 050730H.  |
| 20   | 0920 | 1/1 Cav, B Trp, BT213431 at 0855H, found 1 US M-1 rifle, SN 283382.   |
| 21   | 0930 | 11th, CC/4/21, BS4346 at 0830H, obs 2 VCS wearing white clothes, picked up. VCS claimed to be PW, held by VC for about 1 year. Taken to LZ Amy.   |
| 22   | 0930 | 11th, B/4/21, CA from BS393501 to 430465, PZ 0825H, LZ 0854H, cold.   |
| 23   | 0930 | 11th, R/4/21, CA from BS425510 to BS431464, PZ0855H, LZ 0859H, cold.  |
| 24   | 0950 | 196th, B/4/31, air move from Chu Lai to LZ West, PZ 0655H, LZ 0832H.  |
| 25   | 0950 | 196th, F/17 Cav, 3 F/17th from Chu Lai to LZ Baldy, PZ 0825H, LZ 0855H.   |
| 26   | 0950 | 196th, C/1/46, air move from LZ West to LZ Baldy, PZ 0715H, LZ 0800H.   |
| 27   | 1000 | 198th, R/1/6, request tracker dog team soon as possible for 2 days. CC standing by at Hill 69. Passed to LT Rahaim. Team pick up 1045H at LRRP Pad. Approved by LT Rahaim, Div Support. Passed to SP Moccabee, 198th.   |
| 28   | 0915 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav, BT231405 at 0800H, eng'd 3 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA and 2 VC CIA. #1: KIA, Farmer's Association, name unk. #2: Doan Cong Phuong, Political Structure Chairman. #3: Ho Loc, Area NLF Chairman. Evac to LZ Hawk Hill. Have been identified as VC.  |



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| 29   | 1010 | 11th, A/3/1, BS783529 at 0958H, rec'd sniper fire, ret'd fire, res: 1 VC KIA. Neg friendly casualties.  |
| 30   | 1010 | 198th, R/1/6, BT429053 at 0902H, found OP w/hammock attached to tree. Hut hiding under bamboo, found US air mattress torn up on top of frame. Found cooking utensils, empty smoke grenade expended, C-ration can and booby trap device, 1 US bayonet, 2 USSR bayonets, 1 US machete, and M-79 canister rd. Found 5 or 6 trails heading NW from tunnel entrance, 4 ft deep, have not explored tunnel for fear of BT, area shows different signs of recent use. Also found star cluster, 15 used HG pins, paper w/VN writing, 1 whetstone and was still wet. Unfired M-16 rds, 20 each, med supplies, amount that a medic can carry. The M-79 rds were opened, explosives were removed. Also found 15 AK-47 rds, wire and batteries, insect repellent and silk. Found a sleeping area, also found fresh meal, spot where head would be was 4 ft in dia. Estimate 4 to 10 people could occupy this position, well camouflaged from air, also found 10 shotgun shells and 30 more AK-47 rds. Trails running on the AZ 280, 340, 120 degrees, found 2 VN change of clothing in ammo can. Found piece of US head gear, name on it was D.T. Clayton. |
| 31   | 1100 | 198th, A/5/46, BS706927-706928 at 0747H, rec'd 2 rds SA fire, they ret'd w/SA fire and called in arty, neg casualties, searched area w/neg results.   |
| 32   | 1100 | 198th, R/1/6, BT429053 at 1018H, point man moving along trail detonated 1 mine, rec'd wounds in back, arms, leg. Right arm serious. 1 US WHA (E). Found coil of vines 5 or 10 meters behind mine. Vine was a VC marker.   |
| 33   | 1105 | 11th, A/4/21, CA from BS415510 to 425474, PZ 0935H, LZ 0949H. From BS415510 to 428478, PZ 0954H, LZ 1003H, cold, complete.  |
| 34   | 1120 | 39th Engr, C/39, BS705610 at 0945H, BT consisting of 1 lb of TNT, was put in a truck at trash dump, cap detonated but charge did not.   |
| 35   | 1220 | 11th, A/4/21, BS429479 at 1105H, 4 VC females CIA, 1 was WIA w/leg wound, evac to LZ Amy.   |
| 36   | 1230 | 196th, request tracker team w/1 dog to LZ Baldy for 5 days. Pick up 060715H, LRRP Pad. Passed to Div Support, CPT Both. Arranged by CPT Both. Passed to 196th, LT Matzinski.  |
| 37   | 1140 | 1/1 Cav, B Trp, BT203430 at 1120H, found and destroyed a 20 lb nitro starch mine, was pressure type detonator. Crater size 7 ft wide x 4 ft deep.   |
| 38   | 1145 | 1/1 Cav, Aero Scouts, BT231405 at 1135H, detained 1 MAM, evac to LZ Hawk Hill.  |
| 39   | 1150 | 11th, Aero Scouts, BS662341-670320 at 1135 at 1135H, detained 1 VCS, destroyed 5 huts. Also found 1 unused trail. Spotted tunnel complex BS771353. Source 4/3. Will call on where they took VCS as soon as possible.  |
| 40   | 1220 | 11th, B/4/21, BS438464 at 1100H, found 1 VC KIA, female dead for 3 days. (Discovered).  |
| 41   | 1305 | 198th, A/1/52, BT148074-144074 at 1200H, obs 8 MAM evading SW, eng'd w/SA and arty, checked area, neg results.  |
| 42   | 1305 | 198th, A/1/6, BT461062 at 0942H, PF found 7 VCS w/ID cards in order, evac to Lien Tion. Result of cordon and search.  |
| 43   | 1250 | 11th, A/4/21 at 1105H, ref journal entry #35, 5 Nov 1105H, correction of above journal number. There was only 1 VC female CIA, the one with the leg wound.  |
| 44   | 1310 | 11th, A/4/21, BS429479 at 1117H, 1 MAM CIA, evac to LZ Amy.   |
| 45   | 1315 | 1/1 Cav, C Trp, BT230446 at 1245H, 1 MAM in sampan evading, eng'd, res: 1 VC KIA.   |
| 46   | 1030 | (delayed entry) 196th, AO ext for time, from 062400H to 152400H, from AT960363 follow road NW to 870399, then SW along trail to 805305, follow creek W to Song Thu Bon River, follow Song Thu Bon River SW to 817266. Passed to 1st Mar Div, LT Cronin. Approved by Msg dtg 041515Z Dec 68. Approved by G-3. Passed to 196th, LT Nickerson.   |
| 47   | 1517 | (delayed entry) 196th, AO ext request, includes smaller one, AT870390 W to Song Thu Bon River at 827390, then run S along river to 800295, until 152400H. For opn by 4/31 in area. Passed to 1st Mar Div, LT Cronin. Passed to SF, msg #55-0-050920H. Reply #427-0-051045 from Nong Son 29 to Chu Lai, ref msg #55, neg clearance. Opn in the area. Passed to 196th, LT Nickerson.  |
| 48   | 2050 | (delayed entry) 196th, Fire Fly request, from AT827390 run down the Song Thu Bon River to 850235, time: 052400H. Disapproved due to neg clearance by Nong Song SF Camp. Passed to 196th, LT Nickerson. This request cancelled 1st request for 052400H.  |
| 49   | 1310 | 11th, BS789443 at 1245H, while working with the ARVN's, detained 1 VCS, 1 VC. VC belongs to Farmer's Association chairman and was taken to Mo Duc. VCS was taken to LZ Liz. Notified IPW, SP Theroux.   |
| 50   | 1340 | 198th, CAP 137, BS660950-647950 at 1155H, rec'd hvy AW fire and SA fire, called in arty, also gunships. Gunships came on station 1220H and broke station 1240H. Marines started to check out area, hit 2 M14 mines, res: 3 USMC WHA, res: from arty and gunships unk. (Info only).  |
| 51   | 1350 | 1st CAG, CAP 125, BT394122 at 1115H, patrol was ambushed by 15 VC, res: 2 WHA (E), ret'd fire w/neg results. (info only).   |
| 52   | 1408 | 11th, B/3/1, BS789443 at 1350H, CIA 1 farmer, asst leader of village, evac to Mo Duc MACV.  |
| 53   | 1455 | 11th, A/4/3, AT883326 at 1320H, detained 1 MAM from out of hedgerow, ID expired 1962, evac to LZ Thunder.   |
| 54   | 1455 | 11th, B/1/20, BS339520 at 1200H, detained 4 VCS evading, took them to Ha Thanh, they were Montangards.  |

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| 55   | 0830 | III MAF, C Co 5th SF, sitrep #338, operational data. Tien Phuoc A-102: Opn P-262, Opn P-263, and Opn P-261 continued. Opn P-264 will depart 050500H to 091800H, recon, BT1217. Opn P-268 will depart 060500H to 091800H, recon, BT0410, 0416, 1016, 1010. Opn P-266 will depart 091800H to 141800H, recon, BT1172, 1412, 1706, 1705, 1105. Opn P-267 will depart 100430H to 161800H, recon. Gia Vuc A-103: Opn P-285, Opn P-286, Opn S-290, and Opn C-293 continued. Opn P-292 closed 031800H. Opn P-285 departed as scheduled. Ha Thanh A-104: Opn P-276, Opn S-277, and Opn S-278 continued. Opn P-279 will depart 070600H to 121800H, search & cordon, BS4074, 4069, 4574, 4569. Opn S-280 will depart 060600H to 121800H, recon, BS3280, 3276, 3780, 3776. Opn S-281 will depart 060600H to 111800H, recon, BS3070, 3075, 6571, 3575. Ba To: Opn P-221, Opn C-224, and Opn C-225 continued. Opn P-226 departed as scheduled. Tra Bong: Opn P-191, Opn C-192, and Opn S-193 continued. Opn P-194 departed as scheduled. Minh Long: Opn S-212, Opn P-213, Opn P-214, and Opn C-215 continued. Opn C-210 and Opn P-211 closed 031900H. Opn P-216 departed as scheduled. |
| 56   | 1345 | 196th, C/4/31. #1: 1050H, AT854357, eng'd 4 NVA at 30 meters, res: 3 NVA KIA. 1 NVA evaded N. 19 to 24 yrs old, neg wpns or ID, 2 in black PJ's and 1 in green uniform and helmet. Insignia on uniform. All had packs containing misc equip, all destroyed. They had documents, docs to be evac to LZ West, then to LZ Baldy. #2: 1125H, AT854357, eng'd 1 NVA at 200 ft wearing khaki uniform evading N, res: 1 NVA KIA, had pack containing rice pouch, pack destroyed. 1 mag w/rds for AK-47, and papers on person, docs evac to LZ West and ten to LZ Baldy. 19 yrs old. #3: 1210H, AT854357, 2 NVA from 30 meter threw a concussion grenade, neg friendly casualties. C Co eng'd, res 2 NVA KIA, 1 was wearing green uniform, 1 was in black pants with khaki shirt, both had packs containing misc equip, destroyed packs. 1 had blasting caps and 1 had a few SA cartridges, ages 18 to 19 yrs old. Paper on person which will be sent to LZ West then to LZ Baldy.   |
| 57   | 1405 | 196th, request for Fire Fly mission, time: 062400H Dec 68, from AT795305, follow along Song Thu Bon River S to 950187. Briefing will be at LZ Baldy at 2330H, passed to Div Avn 1430H. Passed to 14th Bn, LT Adams.  |
| 58   | 1455 | CLDC, explosion at Quarry at 1700H. Notified C/S, SP/4 Johnson, G-3, PFC Bordelon, G-2, SFC Lapomte.   |
| 59   | 1505 | 198th, request 1 tracker dog team, will return team on hand today. R/1/6 wants team for tomorrow, will pick up at LRRP Pad at 0730H 6 Dec 68. 1 day only, will be in field. Passed to PVT Miller, Tracker Dog Team. Will have on pad, passed to PFC Benham, 198th Bde.   |
| 60   | 1550 | 198th, R/5/46, air move from LZ Gator to LZ Buff, PZ 1415H, LZ 1421H,  |
| 61   | 1620 | Quang Ngai, 81st MF Bn will move to BS665586, 665592 tonight. They are moving from BS510710, 620555. Information was obtained from a detainee who was picked up on 4 Dec 68 by 4/4 ARVN. Detainee said he was from 4th Co, 81st MF Bn. Quang Ngai does not have any further info at this time.   |
| 62   | 1645 | 1/1 Cav, C Trp, BT252451 at 1630H, detained 3 individuals, 2 males, 1 female, evac to LZ Hawk Hill.  |
| 63   | 1658 | 198th, R/1/6, BT434053-428053 at 1455H, spotted movement and eng'd w/M-60, also 81mm mortar was fired from Hill 270, res: 4 secondary explosions.  |
| 64   | 1715 | 1/1 Cav, B Trp. #1: 1120H, BT203430, found and destroyed a 20 lb nitro starch mine, pressure type, crater 7 ft x 4 ft. #2: 1515H, BT199427, found and destroyed 155 rd rigged as a mine, pressure type, left a crater 4 ft deep x 1 ft in dia. #3: 1545H, BT223430, eng'd 2 VC, res: 2 VC KIA, neg wpns, ID, or packs. #4: 1547H, BT229430, eng'd 4 VC evading, res: 4 VC KIA, neg wpns, ID, or packs.   |
| 65   | 1730 | CLDC, SGT O'Malley, alert condition White as of 1800H 5 Dec 68. TEA: for tonight is Alpha.   |
| 66   | 1736 | 1/1 Cav, Blue Ghost read out for 196th mission. AT905219, fresh trench lines. AT945294, fresh trench work and hvy used trails. At AT950200, 30 ft x 15 ft bunker under construction.   |
| 67   | 1755 | 198th, A/5/46, BT512900 at 1645H, obs 6 VC, 3 VC had pistols and 3 had bandoleers. Arty called but never fired because VC had left area immediately after observation.   |
| 68   | 1800 | 11th, A/4/21, BS430482 at 1730H, discovered 1 NVA in a green uniform, 3 days old, KIA by SA.   |
| 69   | 1530 | 11th Bde, LRRP Nevada, request extraction 1450H. Unit contact, believes 1 VC KIA (nor confirmed). Extraction complete 1500H. Results to be reported later. Extraction coord BS659410.  |
| 70   | 1600 | 198th Bde, D/1/6, BT436038 at 1445H, found 2 bunkers and hut on top of tunnel. Found few rds of AK and M-16, BAR and M-16 mags, found VN documents. Sighted a complex, the area had rec'd use, also found small amounts of rice & tea in area, 2 US water cans.  |
| 71   | 1745 | 1/1 Cav, A/1/46, air move and B Trp 1/1 Cav moved together, from LZ Baldy to BT214437, PZ 1630H, LZ 1725H, complete.   |
| 72   | 1745 | 11th Bde, CP/1/20, BS348544 at 1705H, one Chieu Hoi turned himself in to LZ Volunteer. 2005H, indiv was forced laborer for VC, was not a soldier. Will be evac to Duc Pho for questioning. Notified IPW, SP Castillo.  |
| 73   | 1755 | 198th Bde, A/1/52, BT164081 at 1530H, rec'd fire from 3 AK-47's & 1 M-79, eng'd w/SA, could not call arty because of proximity, res: 1 US WHA, Dustoff complete 1520H.   |
| 74   | 1820 | CLDC, SGT O'Malley, BS524086 at 1812H, rec'd 3 rds of SA fire at bunker #305 at above coord, neg casualties. Duty Officer going to investigate.  |
| 75   | 1850 | 198th Bde, A/5/46, air move from LZ Gator to BS474873, PZ 1713H, LZ 1803H, complete. A32/5/46 air moved from LZ Gator to BS665910, PZ 1815H, LZ 1830H, complete.   |

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| 76   | 1855 | 196th Bde, PF squad, BT005264 at 1000H, 3-21 has an S-5 at Nui Loc Son, PF squad eng'd 4 VC, 2 w/black PJ's, 2 w/green uniforms, moving E at 150 meters, res: 4 VC KIA, 20-30 yrs old. CIA: 1 K-44, SN 3319534 and 1 US 1917 Winchester military wpn, SN 45314, 4 M26 HG's and 100 rds of AK-47 ammo. Info only.   |
| 77   | 1920 | 198th Bde, Warlord request #2: BS4893, BS4885, 5885, 5893, friendlies: A/5/46, 518900 at Div convenience. D36/5/46 564879, contact Serene Talons 79, freq 59.80, and Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50. #2: joint between ARVN & 198th, Snatch only, fire-for-fire, BS6695, 6687, 7395, 7287, 7685, 7682, no friendlies, contact Serene Talons 79, freq 59.80 and Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50 before entering AO. Not flown due to time.   |
| 78   | 1928 | 11th Bde, A/4/21, BS430482 at 1710H, unit found 1 hospital type area. 20 pairs black PJ's, 600 pages of docs, 1 NVA Officer's ID card, 7 blankets and 2 packs, 100 rds M-16 ammo, 3 canteens, 1 civilian radio, some med supplies. Docs evac to LZ Amy, all other equip destroyed. No pictures were taken due to weather conditions.   |
| 79   | 1930 | 1/1 Cav, C/1/1, BT217414 at 1800H, detained 1 MAM, evac to LZ Hawk Hill.   |
| 80   | 1955 | 198th Bde, B/1/52, BT234118 at 1655H, detained 1 MAM, he was 30-35 yrs old, neg ID card, will be evac to LZ Bayonet.   |
| 81   | 1000 | 1st CAG, CAP 131, BS636956, enemy BS648955, 636958, 650955, while moving to objective, element spotted 2 VC, eng'd w/SA and swept area, found docs left by VC. Element cont'd to objective and rec'd hvy AW fire, ret'd fire and assaulted, res: 5 VC KIA. While returning to compound, detonated 3 AP mines, res: 6 USMC WHA.   |
| 82   | 1130 | 1st CAG, CAP 137, BS654955, enemy 660956 at 1130H, patrol made contact w/VC, patrol ret'd fire and swept area, res: found 2 VC KIA, 1 Chicom HG CIA. Linked up w/CAP 131 and swept to river, found 8 graves at BS654946, approx 30 days old.   |
| 83   | 1940 | 198th Bde, Aero Scouts at 1650H. At BT183080, saw a bunker complex. At BT185077, eng'd 3 NVA evading, res: 3 NVA KIA, also destroyed 9 structures at same location. At BT186072, eng'd 1 NVA evading, res: 1 NVA KIA. 3 packs CIA and a total of 16 structures destroyed by Aero Scouts. Total 123d KIA for 05 Dec: 8 NVA KIA.   |
| 84   | 1745 | 198th Bde, Aero Scouts, 1/52, AT9710 & BT2200 at 1530H. #1: BT153106, found 2 VC evading in black PJ's & green uniform, neg results. #2: BT005115, eng'd 1 NVA, res: 1 NVA KIA, wearing green uniform. #3: AT9610, obs huts being rebuilt, neg action. #4: AT969101, found several green uniforms hanging out to dry, 1 hut destroyed. #5: AT973106, obs 1 VC evading into bunker, fired on bunker, res: unk. #6: AT982108, obs 1 VC evading, eng'd w/neg results. #7: AT985108, obs 1 NVA gathering point and obs podium with red star insignia. Also saw trench line and huts, all destroyed. #8: AT185077, eng'd 3 NVA, res: 3 NVA KIA wearing packs and uniforms.  |
| 85   | 2040 | 1st CAG, CAP 136, BS569943 at 1530H, patrol spotted 4 VC evading, opened fire and called arty w/neg results.   |
| 86   | 2100 | 1st CAG, BS575923, enemy BS540923 at 2100H, CAP 138 spotted signal devices at BS540923, called arty, obs 3 secondary explosions. CAP 127, F BT(illegible), E BT448062. 052315H, CAP 127 rec'd 2-3 rds SA, believed to be sniper fire, rds came from NE, called illum & visual check of area, neg results.  |
| 87   | 2300 | 198th, CAP 137, BS650956 at 1130H, Marine patrol reported receiving SA & AW fire while moving to vil, patrol rec'd fire from above grid, ret'd fire, called arty & gunships, swept area, 2 VC KIA and 1 Chicom HG, found 8 graves approx 30 days old, BS694946.  |
| 88   | 2315 | 1st CAG, BS712972 at 2315H, while on patrol, 1 USMC detonated M14 foot mine approx 350 meters W of compound, called Dustoff, complete at 2350H.  |
| 89   | 2345 | 198th, COC, BT467084, request 198th gunships scrambled, 198th COC cannot communicate with Avn. CAP team in hvy contact vic BT467084. Contact: Flimsy Payroll, freq 63.25. 0015H, CAP 124 in contact, 1 PF WHA.   |
| 90   | 2350 | 1st CAG, BT443102, patrol stopped to set up ambush when est 20-25 VC opened fire on all 4 sides w/M-79 and AW fire, called illum and gunships, checked area and found blood trails, patrol followed blood trails to Hwy #1.  |
| 91   | 2359 | 1/1 Cav, B/1/1, BT215438 at 1730H, eng'd 2 VC, res: 2 VC KIA, 4 HG's, 15-20 rds M-1 ammo CIA and destroyed.  |
| 92   | 2400 | Opns Summary: Americal Div units cont'd combat opns in zone with light contact being reported throughout the AO. In the Oregon AO, C/1/46 air moved from LZ West to LZ Baldy at 0800H. A/1/46 air moved from LZ Baldy to an LZ vic BT214437 at 1725H. B/4/31 air moved from Chu Lai to LZ West at 0832H. F-F/17th Cav air moved from Chu Lai to LZ Baldy at 0855H. In the Chu Lai TAOR, A/5/46 conducted a CA from LZ Gator to an LZ vic BS474873 at 1803H. In Opn Vernon Lake II, B/4/21 conducted a CA from a PZ vic BS393501 to a cold LZ vic BS430465 at 0854H. R/4/21 conducted a CA from a PZ vic BS425510 to a cold LZ vic BS431464 at 0859H. A/4/21 conducted a CA from a PZ vic BS415510 to a cold LZ vic BS426476 at 1005H. In the Chu Lai TAOR, R/5/46 air moved from LZ Gator to LZ Buff at 1421H. |
| 93   | 2400 | Americal Daily Totals: 2 WHA (E), 14 NVA KIA, 1 NVA discovered, 17 VC KIA, 1 VC discovered, 3 IWC.   |
| 94   | 2400 | Journal Closed.  |
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| 1    | 0001 | Journal Opened.  |
| 2    | 0005 | 1st CAG, CAP 125, BT406114, enemy BT407118 at 0015H, patrol obs 22 VC heading into tree line, obs them through Starlight scope, every 3d person minus a wpn, VC evaded W, called arty and given neg clearance.   |
| 3    | 0055 | CLDC, BS398121 at 2330H, CAP 125 reports contact, fired WP from LZ Fat City, saw 30 VC, no assessment of results. CLDC received report from 198th.   |
| 4    | 0100 | Tien Phuoc, Opn C-261 and Opn P-262 continued 051500H. Opn P-263 closed 051800H. Opn P-264 departed as scheduled. Passed to 198th, SP Schwegler, 196th PFC Trogdon.  |
| 5    | 0210 | 11th Bde, C&B/1/20, BS330525 at 0100H, rec'd 8 RPG rds and 8 rds 82mm mortar, res: 1 WHA from C/1/20, will evac in morning. Incoming was scattered, ret'd fire with arty w/unlk results.   |
| 6    | 0255 | 198th Bde, MP's at 060120H, LZ River Boat North rec'd 4 rds of SA fire on patrol boats, believed to be PF, did not return fire. NCD.   |
| 7    | 0530 | Tam Ky, RF Co 929, BT307290 at 1900H, ambush eng'd 1 VC, res: 1 VC KIA, believe KIA to be a local propaganda chief.  |
| 8    | 1130 | (delayed entry) 11th, Aero Scouts for VR in Vernon Lake II AO, from 060730H to 061130H Dec 68, contact: Purple Reels 79, freq 52.00 at LZ Bronco. Approved and was passed to Aero Scouts. Passed to LT Diehl at 0645H.   |
| 9    | 1835 | (delayed entry) 198th, Warlord request for 6 Dec 68, when possible for Warlords, request #1: BS6695, 6687, 7287, 7395, 7685, 7682, neg friendlies in area. There is an ARVN opn near the area. Contact: Serene Talons 79, freq 59.80. Request Warlords make a snatch in the area, also request fire-for-fire. Request #2: BT1704, 1797, BS2797, BT2704, neg friendlies in the area, contact: Cold Clutter 79, freq 64.15. Requests #1 & #2 passed to Aero Scouts to be flown in afternoon. Request #3 not flown due to time.   |
| 10   | 2234 | (delayed entry) 11th TOC, at 2234H, request AO ext for LRRP Nevada, from BS7736 to 8036, to 7731-8031, from 071300H to 141600H Dec, purpose: observation based on intel. Approved, 11th AO, CPT Carlton. Posted on G-2, G-3 map.   |
| 11   | 0605 | CLDC at 0700H, assume normal daylight working conditions.  |
| 12   | 1620 | (delayed entry) 11th, request AO ext, from 060600H to 061800H Dec 68, BS6760, 7160, 7157, 6757. Intel reports wpns cache. Will CA 1 Co. Quang Ngai passed to SP/4 Lopez, 2d ARVN at 2020H. Disapproved by Quang Ngai, SGT Krego. Passed to 11th Bde, LT Diehl.   |
| 13   | 1825 | (delayed entry) 196th, request AO ext, 3/21 in 1/1 Cav AO until 080600H, start at BT1626 grid line and run S down 16 grid line to the 22 grid line. Passed to 1/1 Cav at 2045H to Rumsey. 060135H, approved by 1/1 Cav, Rumsey. 0700H, passed to 196th Bde, LT Matzinski.  |
| 14   | 2000 | (delayed entry) DTOC to Ha Thanh: request Sniffer mission clearance, from 440820 to 435800 to 405795 to 380805 to 400788 to 440789, msg #56-0-051940 QSL1935. Nong Son #57-0-051945. Sniffer mission will begin at BS440820 on 06 Dec 68, on call but NLT 0730H, Ha Thanh msg #341-0-052030 approved. Passed to SP/4 Lopez, 2d ARVN, Quang Ngai 052110H. 198th to Kelly at 052156H. Approved by CPT Be, 2d ARVN Quang Ngai 2155H. 2230H, 198th requests free fire and CS drop. 2240H, passed to Quang Ngai, SGT Crag, free fire granted, CS neg. 2300H, passed to 198th, CPT Blanco.   |
| 15   | 0820 | Quang Ngai, ref journal entry #12, 06 Dec 68, Quang Ngai has approved AO ext, SGT Krego. Passed to 11th Bde, MAJ Erickson.   |
| 16   | 0750 | 198th, R/1/52, BT434053 at 0655H, eng'd 1 VCS evading, res: 1 VCS WIA/CIA, evac to 27th Surg. Passed to IPW, CPT Wolfe.  |
| 17   | 0900 | 198th, R/5/46, BS551821 at 0805H, rec'd fire from 2 VC, ret'd fire and called in arty, checked area w/neg res at this time.  |
| 18   | 0900 | 39th Engr, C/39, BS727598 at 0745H, rec'd 15 rds of SA fire, neg cas. Action taken: ret'd fire and cont'd mine sweep.  |
| 19   | 0925 | 11th, B/3/1, BS745415 at 0857H, rec'd SA fire, res: 1 US WHA (E), Dustoff complete 0913H.  |
| 20   | 0935 | 11th, D/3/1, CA from LZ Dragon to BS695589, PZ 0850H, LZ 0902H, cold, complete.  |
| 21   | 0935 | 196th, A/3/21, BT087306 at 0815H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA.   |
| 22   | 0935 | 196th, A/3/21, BT084301 at 0800H, eng'd 2 VC evading, res: 2 VC KIA, 1 poncho, 1 hammock CIA.  |
| 23   | 0940 | 196th, B/2/1, BT004345 at 0820H, rec'd 50 rds AW fire, ret'd fire, called in arty, checked area, found 2 VC KIA by SA fire.  |
| 24   | 0950 | 1/1 Cav, C Trp, BT234443 at 0945H, detained 1 MAM, evac to LZ Hawk Hill.   |
| 25   | 1005 | 11th, Aero Scouts, BS419419 at 0944H, LOH took SA fire (believe it was hit), they are checking it out at Minh Long.  |
| 26   | N/A  | III MAF, C Co 5th SF, sitrep #339, operational data. Tien Phuoc A-102, Opn C-261 and Opn P-262 continued. Opn P-263 closed 051800H. Opn P-264 departed as scheduled. Gia Vuc, Opn P-285, Opn P-186, Opn S-291, and Opn P-293 continued. Opn P-295 closed 041800H. Opn C-279 continued at Ba To. Ha Thanh A-104, Opn C-276, Opn C-277, and Opn S-278 continued. Opn P-283 departed 050800H to 051800H, sweep, BS4174, 4374, 4372, 4172. Opn P-282 departed 050800H to 051800H, sweep, BS3874, 3872, 4074, 4072. Minh Long, Opn S-212, Opn P-214, Opn C-215, and Opn P-216 continued. Opn P-213 closed 041900H. Opn P-217 departed as scheduled. (continued) |

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| 26   | N/A  | (continuation) Minh Long, Opn P-218 will depart 071900H to 101900H, recon, BS5857, 5855, 6155, 6157. Opn C-219 will depart 060600H to 101900H, B/F, BS5043, 5040, 5540, 5543. Ba To, Opn R-223, Opn C-224, Opn C-225, and Opn P-266 continued. Opn C-227 will depart 060500H to 101800H, B/F, BS5243, 5237, 6237, 6243. Opn P-228 will depart 060800H to 091800H, recon, BS4726, 4730, 5130, 5126. Opn P-229 will depart 071800H to 111800H, recon, BS5627, 5632, 6032, 6027. Tra Bong, Opn C-192, Opn S-193, and Opn S-194 continued. Opn P-191 closed 041800H. Opn C-195 will depart 060400H to 101900H, recon, BS4086, 4082, 4686, 4682. Opn S-196 will depart 070500H to 121900H, recon, BS3587, 3581, 3087, 3081. |
| 27   | 1035 | 11th, B/4/21, BS440463 at 1005H, found 1 NVA in grave, 1 week old, killed by SA fire. Discovered.  |
| 28   | 1055 | 198th, A/5/46, BS507882 at 0915H, 5-6 VC fired 20 rds SA and 4 rds AW at unit. Could not call in arty due to proximity. E1 moved into contact and assaulted enemy position. Found only blood trails after searching area. Neg friendly cas.  |
| 29   | 1115 | 196th, CC/4/31, AT899242 at 1055H, eng'd 1 VC swimming in water, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn, pack, or clothes.   |
| 30   | 1130 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav, BT267393 at 1120H, detained 1 MAM, evac to LZ Hawk Hill.   |
| 31   | 1130 | 11th, B/3/1, BS767415 at 1118H, eng'd 2 VC evading, res: 2 VC KIA, 25-30 yrs old, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 32   | 1200 | 9th Engr, D/9, BT154447 at 0800H, found 2 sand piles in road, 2 ft high, 2 ft wide. Found warning signs written in sand. Also found many pieces of scrap metal plus the front of a Jeep, crushed 55 gal drum, 15 lbs scrap metal. Sign stated not to use road from that position to Song Ba Ren for next 10 days. Also that the US and PF's are afraid to come out at night and fight the VC. Removed objects from road and leveled sand piles. Road is passable.  |
| 33   | 1115 | 198th, B/1/52, BT231115-235114, unit found 1 M26 HG in process of being set up for mine. While preparing to blow in place, unk enemy threw a HG from SW. Unit eng'd w/SA fire, res: 1 US WHA, 1 US KHA. Dustoff complete at 1007H. Contact broken at 1000H. Unit while returning to Co HQ's for Dustoff, found 3 more HG's placed as mines but did not blow in place. Gunships were called and arrived on station at 1030H. They eng'd 2 VC, res: 2 VC KIA. When unit was eng'd w/2nd HG and SA fire, they ret'd fire and also got 1 VC KIA. Total res: 1 US KHA, 2 US WHA, and 3 VC KIA. (Unit was B31 of 1/52 Inf).  |
| 34   | 1155 | 11th, C/1/20, BS330527 at 1125H, found 1 MAT-49 sub MG, SN SR19955, 100 lbs of rice, 100 lbs of green material.  |
| 35   | 1255 | 11th, CC, BS747380 at 1205H, detained 1 VC w/bad ID card, will evac to LZ Bronco.  |
| 36   | 1255 | 11th, A/3/1, BS789517 at 0935H, detained 5 VCS evading, will evac to LZ Bronco.  |
| 37   | 1255 | 11th, B/1/20, BS334525 at 1130H, found 9 rds for 75mm RR and 8 empty canisters, 1 ton of rice, documents, equip was found in 4 huts. All was destroyed, except docs, which will be evac to LZ Bronco.  |
| 38   | 1255 | 11th, A/3/1, BS748518 at 1130H, found a BT factory. Punji stakes, firing mechanisms, 5 rds of 155mm, time fuzes, 2 M-79 canister rds, 1x81mm rd, 7 M-79 rds, tools, 1 football (Spalding).   |
| 39   | 1255 | 11th, C/1/20, BS329535 at 1140H, eng'd 2 VC evading, res: 2 carbines CIA, SN's HA4916 and BN8340.  |
| 40   | 1305 | 11th, CC, BS778373 at 1210H, detained 1 VCS, evac to LZ Bronco.  |
| 41   | 1310 | 11th, D/1/20, BS330528 at 1230H, found 300 lbs of black material, 13 bundles of towels, 10 new cooking pots, 1000 lbs of salt, 4 shovels. All equip was destroyed. Also found some documents, will evac to LZ Bronco.  |
| 42   | 1330 | 198th, B/1/52, BT232123 at 1250H, obs 4 VC Killed by air strikes.  |
| 43   | 1340 | 1/1 Cav, A Trp, BT133320 at 1315H, found a 250 lb dud bomb, blew in place.   |
| 44   | 1345 | 1/1 Cav, B Trp, BT240432 at 1330H, 1 of the Inf personnel working w/B Trp rec'd shrapnel in leg from M-79 rd, evac to LZ Baldy (1/46th unit). Will be carried as an accident.  |
| 45   | 1350 | 11th, D/3/1, BS695585 at 1215H, 1 ARVN was hurt, 1 WHA (E) by HG mine w/trip wire, Dustoff complete 1313H. (Info only).  |
| 46   | 1400 | 196th, LRRP Tennessee, AT862298 at 1340H, LRRP inserted at 1340H.  |
| 47   | 1405 | 11th, D/3/1, BS700584 at 1345H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.  |
| 48   | 0845 | 198th, Sniffer mission readout, from 0730H to 0830H, BS398798, 399766, 399749, 416783, 424784. Mod readings. Passed to G-2 Air, SGT Blake.   |
| 49   | 1835 | (delayed entry) 198th, Blue Ghost request for 6 Dec 68, when possible for Blue Ghost. Request #1: BT1704, BS1797, 2797, BT2704, neg friendlies in area, there have been light forms of contact in the area, ground contact: Cold Clutter 79, freq 64.15. Request #1 is a duplication of Aero Scouts request flown by Aero Scouts. Request #2: AT9515, 9505, BT0005, 0015, neg friendlies in area, there have been light forms of contact in area, ground contact: Cold Clutter 79, freq 64.15. Request Blue Ghost contact Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50 prior to entering area. Passed to 1/1 Cav, request #1 at 061442H to Rumsey.  |
| 50   | N/A  | (delayed entry) 11th, COC, BS8052 at 2135H, Coast Guard vessel fired on A/3/1, NCD. 11th Bde had not given clearance. FSE reports that clearance was not given by arty. FSE later reported that 1/4 ARVN had been contacted by Swift Boats and gave clearance even though it is not in their AO. Swift Boats have been notified to double check their location and keep units in area better posted on activities.   |

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| 51   | 1310 | 198th, D/5/46, BT554828 at 1300H, D12 hit 5 or 6 M16 Bouncing Betty mines, they have a Dustoff called. 1330H, Dustoff called and complete at 1315H. 2 US WHA (E).  |
| 52   | 1435 | 26th Engr, D/39, BT214438 at 1800H, 4 Dec 68, threw C-4 and HG in tunnel, res: 2 VC KIA.   |
| 53   | 1435 | 26th Engr, D/26, BT217431 at 0200H, 5 Dec 68, CEV fired 1x165mm rd, checked area, found 4 VC KIA from shrapnel wounds.   |
| 54   | 1318 | 198th, R/5/46, BS555825-557824 at 1250H, contact. Will contact unit for further info. 1330H, gunships called. 1405H, correction of prior report: no WHA. 1445H, recon extracted to LZ Buff at 1330H. Neg casualties, neg enemy assessment.   |
| 55   | 0730 | DTOC, CPT Hayward, request clearance for defoliation mission 8 Dec 68, from BT2604, 2206, 2311, 2613. Clear. TOT: 0900H. Air Force requests permission for hvy suppression and the return of fire-for-fire under control of an Amcal FAC. Clear. Air Force requests freq and call sign of unit nearest to tgt area to contact prior to mission, Cold Clutter L, freq 64.15. Passed to 198th, SGT Stover 0750H. Approved by COL Stinson at 1410H. |
| 56   | 1315 | 198th, 5/46 AO ext request, BS4684 S to 4682, W to 4482, S to 4477, E to 5277, from 06180H to 132400H Dec 68, for SRP team insertions. Passed to Quang Ngai, SP Lopez 1418H. Approved by CPT Que, Quang Ngai, SP Lopez 1500H. There is an ARVN outpost located at BS517775. Approved by G-3. Passed to 198th, SP Macabee.  |
| 57   | 1500 | 198th, A/1/52, BT184077 at 1200H, found 1 grave, less than 1 day old, found 1 VC killed by Warlords 5 Dec 68 1630H. Also found nuts and candy, noodles in a half gal can in grave, and also had 2 homemade HG's. Also 2 ammo cans containing documents. Documents evac to LZ Bayonet. (Discovered).  |
| 58   | 1318 | 198th, B/1/52, BT231115-234113 at 1015H to 1300H, Helix and acft bringing in air strike have been receiving fire from enemy positions. 1445H, res: 4 VC KIA, gunships still on station. Total: 7 VC KIA. (Ref journal entry #33).  |
| 59   | 1545 | 198th, R/5/46, BS555825-557824 at 1250H, ref journal entry #54, detained 2 MAM, 1 female, will evac to LZ Bayonet. Also add 1 VC KIA by R/5/46, 3 VC KIA by 176th Avn.   |
| 60   | 1630 | 11th, B/1/20, BS334525 at 1550H, detained 5 VC hiding in hut, evac to LZ Volunteer.  |
| 61   | 1545 | 198th TOC, A/5/46, air move from BS475878 to LZ Gator, PZ 1453H, LZ 1500H complete. R/5/46, air move from LZ Buff to LZ Gator, PZ 1430H, LZ 1457H, complete. (Squad) D12/1/52, air move from BS574828 to LZ Buff, PZ 1419H, LZ 1424H, complete. R/5/46, air move from BS546825 to LZ Buff, PZ 1400H, LZ 1405H, complete.   |
| 62   | 1645 | 196th, AO ext request, reason: for opns by C/3/21 who wants area to patrol thru tomorrow, BT1328, 1628, 1627, 1327, time: 070600H to 072400H. Passed to 1/1 Cav at 1452H to Rumsey. Disapproved by 1/1 Cav, will interfere with opns. BT1328 E to 1428, S to 1427 approved by MAJ Logan of 1/1 Cav at 1707H. Approved by G-3. Passed to 196th w/change to SP Franklin.   |
| 63   | 1725 | 26th Engr, CC ship, BT220550 at 1720H, rec'd AW fire, neg casualties, took 1 hit, ship cont'd mission.   |
| 64   | 1745 | Quang Ngai, requests gunships, BS735785, call sign Gray Reader Delta, freq 43.00. Request ASAP, in contact, fired arty w/neg results. No guns at this time, passed to Quang Ngai.  |
| 65   | 1853 | 196th, 4/31, AT877387 at 1520H, resupply ship, tail #546, rec'd 4-5 rds AW fire, neg hits, alt 500 ft, speed 70 knots, cont'd mission.   |
| 66   | 1650 | 1/1 Cav, Blue Ghost for 196th, BT113243 at 1530H, read out: BT113243, 1 VCS evading, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 67   | 1705 | 39th Engr, C/39, BS675681 at 1000H, found 1x105 rd, blew in place, blast uncovered 7x105 rds and 2 rifle grenades, all destroyed, not on highway.  |
| 68   | 1725 | CLDC, White alert condition effective 1800H, Tea-Alpha.  |
| 69   | 1730 | 11th Bde, CC 11th, BS611541 at 1705H, eng'd 3 VC evading, res: 1 VCS CIA, 19 yrs old, no ID, had canteen, think that they wounded one, but 2 got away.   |
| 70   | 1730 | 11th Bde, C/1/20, BS329535 at 1140H, correction, ref journal entry #39, reported 2 carbines CIA, should read 2 SKS CIA.  |
| 71   | 1800 | 1/82 Arty, CPT Parrish, Hill 54 at 1730H. #1: V13 VC Bn, 300 men, BS408997, conducting training activities. #2: Viv BT339115, 30 VC have been in area most of the day and will remain overnight. #3: Vic BT339111, 404th VC Co, CO M Cong. #4: Vic BT418091, est 30 VC, info was given to CPT Parrish, Hill 54, by the village chief from the vil south of Hill 54. The enemy are to remain in the areas overnight according to the vil chief.   |
| 72   | 1805 | 198th Bde, 5/46, B/1/1, BS485838, enemy BS485831 at 1710H, spotted 6 VCS, called arty, saw one fall but he was carried away by others, neg results.  |
| 73   | 1820 | 198th Bde, B/1/52, at BT232123, enemy BT242112 at 1745H, obs 2 NVA outside of hut, from 1000 meters, arty called, res: 2 NVA KIA, were wearing green uniforms, bush hats and back packs.   |
| 74   | 1820 | CLDC, bunkers #718 and #721 rec'd 5 rds of sniper fire.  |
| 75   | 1825 | 11th Bde, 11th Bde Avn, BS758612 at 1800H, eng'd 3 VC evading, res: 3 VC KIA, acft rec'd fire from above location and ret'd fire.  |
| 76   | 1835 | 198th Bde, C/5/46, BT657876 at 1755H, C33 obs 3 VC evading w/wpns 900 meters N, did not fire arty. Will fire DT's in that area tonight.  |

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| 1    | 0001 | Journal Opened.   |
| 2    | 0015 | 196th Bde, Fire Fly, AT800295 along Song Thu Bon River S to AT952187, res: 60 sampans destroyed.  |
| 3    | 0100 | 196th Bde TOC, aerial observer, AT816265 at 2345H, obs 1 sampan on E bank of river, eng'd w/artly, res: 1 sampan destroyed.   |
| 4    | 0200 | 1/1 Cav, B/1/1, BT212436 at 0100H, rec'd 1 satchel charge and 1x81mm rd outside perimeter, NCD.   |
| 5    | 0600 | CLDC, normal daylight working conditions at 0700H.  |
| 6    | 0630 | 198th, A/1/6, BT480063 at 0610H, ambush detained 1 VN male, 20 to 25 yrs old, no ID. Will evac to LZ Bayonet.   |
| 7    | 1500 | (delayed entry) DTOC, Amcal Div, CPT Miller, AO ext into Nong Son SF Camp W boundary Song Thu Bon River until 152400H. Coordination by MAJ Medberry and LTC Longino. AO ext is only good provided 196th Bde makes direct and frequent liaison with the Nong Son SF Camp.  |
| 8    | 0730 | 11th, A/3/1, BS785505 at 0655H, rec'd fire from 4 or 5 AW from UNSEF. Contact broken at 0715H. NCD.   |
| 9    | 0830 | III MAF, Co C, 5th SF, sitrep #340, operational data. Tien Phuoc A-102: Opn C-261 and Opn P-264 continued. Opn C-261 will return 7 Dec. Opn P-262 closed 051800H. Opn P-265, Opn P-266, and Opn P-267 will depart as scheduled. Gia Vuc: Opn C-279 continues to support at Throng Duc. Opn S-290, Opn S-291, and Opn S-293 continued. Opn P-285 and Opn P-286 closed 051800H. Ha Thanh: Opn P-276 continued. Opn C-277, Opn S-278, Opn P-282, and Opn P-283 closed 051800H. Opn S-280 and Opn S-281 departed as scheduled. Opn P-279 delayed 48 hrs. Ba To: Opn C-225 and Opn P-223 continued. Opn P-223 and Opn P-224 closed 051800H. Opn C-227 and Opn P-228 departed as scheduled. Tra Bong A-107: Opn S-193 and Opn S-194 continued. Opn C-192 closed 061000H. Opn C-195 departed as scheduled. Opn S-196 will depart as scheduled. Minh Long: Opn P-216 and Opn S-217 continued. Opn C-215 closed 051500H. Opn C-218 departed 060600H. Opn C-219 will depart 071900H (change coord w/Opn C-218. Opn C-218 participating in Opn "Robin Hood". |
| 10   | 0820 | 11th, B/3/1, BS750447 at 0815H, 1 VC hiding in hole, he wouldn't come out, res: 1 VC KIA, neg ID card.  |
| 11   | 0855 | 11th, CC, BS813315 at 0845H, 3 VC CIA, evading, wearing PJ's, evac to LZ Bronco.  |
| 12   | 0820 | 1st CAG, CAP 131, BS555882-544886, rec'd intel from villagers of VC in area, swept intel grid and found 1 M-72 LAW and tunnel that had been used recently, res: blew all tunnels and brought back 1 M-72 LAW, neg casualties. (info only).  |
| 13   | 0840 | 196th, C/3/21, BT111232 at 0650H, eng'd 1 VC evading at 25 meters, res: 1 VC KIA, neg pack or wpn.  |
| 14   | 0840 | 196th, C/3/21, BT112233 at 0710H, eng'd 1 VC evading at 300 meters, res: 1 VC KIA, neg pack or wpn.   |
| 15   | 0900 | 196th, A/3/21, BT102306 at 0730H, eng'd 7 VC evading at 300 meters, res: 3 VC KIA, neg ID, wpns, or packs.  |
| 16   | 0915 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav, BT201463 at 0905H, 1 MAM evading, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 17   | 0915 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav, BT189474 at 0910H, 1 MAM evading, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 18   | 1830 | (delayed entry) 198th, Warlord request for 7 Dec 68. #1: BS6695, 6687, 7395, 7287, 7785, 7783, friendlies: A/5/46 BS669911, Serene Talons 79, freq 59.80. Goes into ARVN AO ext, there are neg ARVN friendlies, for Snatch mission. #2: BT2010, 2005, 2905, 2910, neg friendlies, Cold Clutter 79, freq 64.15. #3: BS4387, 5098, 5088, 5418, friendlies: A/5/46, BS479859, BS485838. At an unk time D/5/46 will insert 2 elements at BS4478 and BS4780, contact: Serene Talons 79, freq 59.80. Prior to entering AO, contact: Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50. Passed priority #1 & #2 to Aero Scouts.  |
| 19   | 1830 | (delayed entry) 198th, Blue Ghost request for 7 Dec 68, AT9513, 9505, BT0305, 0313, neg friendlies, contact: Cold Clutter 79, freq 64.15. Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50 before entering AO. Passed to 1/1 Cav at 071035H to SGT Thompson.   |
| 20   | 1000 | DTOC, CPT Hayward, Trail Dust mission for 8 Dec 68, Hades Hotel primary tgt, approved TOT: 0900H, BT2604, 2206, 2311, 2613. Hvy suppression and return of fire-for-fire, Cold Clutter 79, freq 64.15, LZ Bowman. Sherry Effort 36, freq 68.60, LZ Bowman. Regain Ladder 36, freq 68.65, BT232123. Bolo Member 36, freq 46.85, BT183068. Regain Ladder 36 is close to flight path between BT2311 and BT2613. Passed to 198th. Disapproved, MAJ Medberry.   |
| 21   | 1025 | 1/1 Cav, C Trp, BT259408 at 1000H, detained 1 MAM, evac to LZ Hawk Hill. Also blew bunker at location, resulting in 1000 lbs rice destroyed. It was not known that rice was in the bunker when blown.   |
| 22   | 1015 | 54th Med Detachment Dustoff 67-17470, BS724797 at 0800H, rec'd AW fire from above location, acft took 1 hit, neg casualties, cont'd to fly.   |
| 23   | 1035 | 1/1 Cav, B Trp, BT208458 at 1027H, detained 2 MAM, evac to LZ Hawk Hill.  |
| 24   | 1037 | 11th, A/3/1, BS784415 at 0940H, 4 VC KIA evading, 5 warning shots fired, but they did not stop, so fired at VC. Unit is presently checking out a tunnel complex found at location.  |
| 25   | 1047 | 11th, ARVN Recon, air move from BS491602 to Quang Ngai, PZ 0930H, LZ 0940H. PZ 0951H, LZ 1001H, complete.   |
| 26   | 1050 | 198th, B/1/52, BT236122 at 1000H, detained 1 VN female, age 18 to 22 yrs old, no ID, wearing civilian clothes, attempted to evade. Will evac when they reach an LZ to LZ Bayonet.   |



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| 27   | 1053 | 198th, 1/52, BT256123 at 1030H, Bde S-2 Air rec'd hvy ground fire from the above coord. Called in fire mission w/unk results.   |
| 28   | 1115 | 11th, Aero Scouts, BS352434 at 1050H, eng'd 2 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 29   | 1010 | 11th, R/3/1, BS735424 at 0945H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 30   | 1035 | 11th, LRRP Montana has been extracted at 1025H, from BS434508 to Duc Pho, reason: time expired.   |
| 31   | 1040 | CLDC, Tower #53, BT570023 at 1030H, rec'd 5 rds of sniper fire, neg casualties. Passed to 198th by CLDC to check area. Passed to MI by CLDC.  |
| 32   | 1145 | 1/1 Cav, A/1/46 OPCON to 1/1 Cav. BT215457 at 1135H., eng'd 3 MAM evading, res: 3 VC KIA, dressed in black PJ's, neg wpns or ID.  |
| 33   | 1145 | 1/1 Cav, A/1/46, BT215475 at 1135H, detained 4 MAM, evac to LZ Hawk Hill, neg wpns or ID's.   |
| 34   | 1210 | Tien Phuoc B-1, BT185184 at 0945H, Opn P-264 eng'd 1 squad VC in hasty ambush, res: friendly: neg, enemy: 1 VC KIA, 1 K-44 CIA.   |
| 35   | 1215 | Ba To USAF A-1, BS554392 at 0930H, Opn C-227, Opn Robin Hood, ambushed 3 VC, res: Friendly: neg, enemy: 3 VC KIA, 1 AK-44's, 1 MAS-36, 1 CIDG ruck sack, US field equip CIA.  |
| 36   | 1220 | 198th, B/1/52, BT246120 at 1050H, found 3 M26 HG's with trip wire attached, blown in place. 1130H, BT249121, detained 1 VN male, 35 yrs old, wearing civilian clothes and no ID, evac to LZ Bayonet, through LZ Bowman.   |
| 37   | 1250 | 11th, A/3/1, BS785505 at 1218H, 1 VC female evading, res: 1 VC KIA, 25 yrs old, neg ID.   |
| 38   | 1256 | 196th, request Blue Ghost ASAP, unit in contact, A/4/31 vic AT914368 on Crater Mallet, cmd freq 62.85. A/4/31 Kingly Column, freq 67.00. Passed to 1/1 Cav at 1313H to Rumsey.  |
| 39   | 1300 | 196th, A/3/21, BT095316 at 1140H, obs 5 VC evading, eng'd, res: 1 VC KIA, others evaded N.  |
| 40   | 1300 | 196th, A/3/21, BT098309 at 1115H, following blood trails from earlier contact, res: found 2 VC KIA by SA fire.  |
| 41   | 1345 | CLDC, blasting at quarry at 1730H, notified the following: C/S, SGT Loftis, G-3, SP/4 Morgan, G-2, SGM Lillard.   |
| 42   | 1355 | 198th, A/1/52, BT198078 at 1130H, detained 1 MAM in civilian clothes, neg wpn or ID, evac to LZ Bowman.   |
| 43   | 1720 | 196th, A/4/31, AT914368 at 1145H to 1545H. From 1145H to 1545H rec'd AW fire from 50 to 75 meters W, res: 1 US KHA, arty was called on suspected enemy position w/unk results. 1215H, rec'd more AW fire from 5 to 15 NVA at dug-in positions, freshly dug last night, from 120 meters W, res: 1 US KHA. Arty was called w/unk results, and A Co pulled back. 1235H, BT908364, A Co spotted 9 NVA evading SW at 800 meters. Arty was called in w/unk results. Gunships expended in area. 1240H, they had air strikes in that area until 1545H w/unk results. A Co will move into area to make assessment. Notified C/S, SGT Loftis, and G-3, SP/4 Morgan. |
| 44   | 1430 | 1/1 Cav, A Trp, BT160282 at 1415H, found 2x155mm rds and several small tunnels, all destroyed.  |
| 45   | 1455 | 11th, D/1/20, BS357569 at 1445H, eng'd 1 VC in hut, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 46   | 1510 | 196th, A/4/31, AT916368, 1215H rec'd AW fire from 5 to 15 NVA from dug-in positions, freshly dug last night, res: 1 US KHA. Arty called in w/unk results. BT908364 at 1235H, A/4/31 spotted 9 NVA evading SW at 800 meters, arty called, gunships on station at 1240H, expended ammo. Air strikes at 1357H, enemy results unk at this time.   |
| 47   | 1540 | 198th Bde, A/1/52, PZ 202077 LZ Bowman, PZ 1300H, LZ 1343H.   |
| 48   | 1540 | 198th Bde, R/1/6, PZ 444053 LZ Bayonet, PZ 1040H, LZ 1139H.   |
| 49   | 1540 | 198th Bde, R/1/52, PZ Chu Lai, LZ Bowman, PZ 1455H, LZ 1510H.   |
| 50   | 1555 | 198th Bde, A/1/52, PZ LZ Bowman, PZ 1333H, LZ Chu Lai 1510H.  |
| 51   | 1610 | 198th Bde, Aero Scouts 5/46 (176th Avn), BS718923, enemy BS718923 at 1515H, VR rec'd 10 rds SA fire from vic BS718923. Aero Scouts fired into area, obs secondary explosion, destroyed 8 structures, neg damage to acft.  |
| 52   | 1615 | 198th Bde, A/1/6, at 1529H, air move, PZ 452058 at 1501H, LZ 434052 at 1529H, complete.   |
| 53   | 1625 | 1/1 Cav, Aero Scouts, BT001098 at 1345H, took AW fire, ret'd fire w/neg assessment, destroyed 10 huts.  |
| 54   | 1645 | 198th Bde, B/1/52, BT257143 at 1605H, obs 15 VC in open wearing black PJ's and were approx 1000 meters away. Arty called but area not checked due to change in mission.   |
| 55   | 1725 | 196th Bde, A/3/21, BT098326 at 1200H, rec'd AW fire from est 3 VC, ret'd fire and arty was called in, gunship expended in area at 1345H, check of area found 3 VC KIA from SA wpns, they wore green uniforms, ages 20-30 and found wpns, 1 SKS SN 3113589, 1 BAR SN 249112, 1 M-2 carbine SN 7008512, 1 M-1 Garand SN 1132347,  |
| 56   | 1730 | Tam Ky, request to turn in AO ext, 241153 SE to 270123, NE to 286138 at this date 071730H (due to expire 092400H). Approved by G-3, passed to 198th, SGT Whiet.   |
| 57   | 1730 | 196th Bde, C/3/21, BT135269 at 1340H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn, pack, or ID.  |
| 58   | 1750 | Chu Lai Defense Command, condition White as of 1800H, TEA is A.   |

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| 59   | 1755 | 198th Bde, B/1/52, BT258128 at 1730H, detained 4 VN females between the ages of 25 & 60 yrs old, they were carrying tobacco & paper, enough for a Bn, evac to LZ Bayonet, neg wpns or ID.  |
| 60   | 1019 | 1st CAG, CAP 134, BT621019 at 1100H, reported VC came in to Son Tral #1 and took 35 people by force to BT648013 for school on use of wpns and methods of bringing fish and rice to the VC. CAP notified Binh Son. From BT648013 they were taken to 6504, believe a Company located in area of that grid. Notified 198th, SP Beacham. |
| 61   | 1117 | Request Aero Scouts for VR in Vernon Lake II AO, time: 080730H to 081130H Dec 68, contact: Purple Reels 79Y at LZ Cork, freq 52.00, forwarded to Div Avn 071815H, passed to LT Williams 1840H.   |
| 62   | 1450 | NAG, DaNang, will be going into coord w/2 junk boats, 1 plat VN and 2 fishing draft armed, location BT445128, time: 07180H-080200H Dec 68, call sign: unk, freq 44.25. If anything comes up call "River Rats". Passed to 198th, SP Kelly.  |
| 63   | 1635 | 196th Bde, request for LRRP Alabama, UL AT8817, RL AT9214, from 08 Dec to 14 Dec. LZ not yet determined, mission to obs enemy activity in area. G-2, G-3 map posted, SSO notified, passed to Tam Ky, Spiller 071754H. Area cleared, CPT Duong. Passed to G-2, CPT Newkirk 071820H.   |
| 64   | 1750 | 196th, OP 2/1, BT001371 at 1850H, rec'd 2 unk type mortar rds, 10 meters N of perimeter, counter mortar fired w/unk results. NCD.  |
| 65   | 1820 | Quang Ngai, request for immediate gunships, BS520380, contact hvy for about 15 mins, requestor is SF personnel, NW of Ba To Camp being attacked, call sign: Dunmore Critic, freq 32.90, need gunships now. Gunships and flare on the way. Gunships were on station and no contact in area, Jake 45.                                  |
| 66   | 1826 | 11th Bde, BS920190 at 1400H, VIP turned in: 4x60mm rds, 9 M-79 rds, 1x81mm illum rd, 1x81mm mortar rd, 1 M26 HG, 1x105mm arty rd. Was paid 2,700 P's. All were destroyed.  |
| 67   | 1832 | 196th Bde, Gimlet OP 3/21, BT086232 at 1610H, called arty on 2 VC in black PJ's, 4000 meters SE, 1 VC KIA by arty, confirmed by CC ship.   |
| 68   | 1835 | 196th Bde, D/2/1, OPCON 4/31, AT835357 at 1640H, detained 1 female, she said she would lead them to wounded NVA. She attempted to evade and a Kit Carson eng'd her, res: 1 VC KIA.   |
| 69   | 1838 | 198th Bde, C2/5/46, air move from LZ Dottie to 684926, PZ 1805H, LZ 1812H, complete.   |
| 70   | 1850 | 196th Bde, CC/3/21, BT0523 at 1440H, rec'd 8 to 10 rds AK fire from 1 VC dressed in PJ's, VC evaded to a hut in northerly direction, eng'd w/M-16, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 71   | 1855 | 1/1 Cav, B Trp, BT203456 at 1030H, PF's working with B/1/1 had 1 MAM evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg ID or wpn. 1/1 Cav are claiming 1 VC KIA.   |
| 72   | 1900 | 1/1 Cav, B/1/1, BT212423 at 1745H, PF's found 1 SKS, SN 5350. Info only.   |
| 73   | 1900 | 1/1 Cav, B/1/1, BT204460 at 1350H, PF had 1 MAM evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 74   | 1900 | 1/1 Cav, B/1/1, BT215437 at 1530H, PF's had 1 Chieu Hoi, w/neg wpn or ID, evac. Will notify later, PF's are keeping Chieu Hoi tonight, reason: they say he knows where there is a wpns cache at BT218423. Info only.   |
| 75   | 2015 | 198th Bde, C(-)/5/46, BS687891, enemy BS680895 at 1910H, rec'd 60 rds AK-47 fire, fired arty w/unk results. NCD.   |
| 76   | 2029 | 198th Bde, CAP 124, 443099 at 2015H, have hvy contact w/50-100 VC, may request gunships.   |
| 77   | 2030 | 1st CAG, CAP 134, BT621019, enemy BT648030 at 1100H, reaction force called and made amphibious landing, called gunships, reaction swept area w/neg contact, found area had been used recently, found bunkers. Incident coincides w/intel from previous night (ref journal entry #60).  |
| 78   | 2030 | 1st CAG, CAP 131, BS508883, intel from people say VC are collecting taxes. VC coming from An Hoa, they are reported to be in that area tonight. CLDC, CPT Torgensen.   |
| 79   | 2030 | 1st CAG, CAP 138, BS576913, report from villagers that 12-18 VC passed thru Phuoc Tong(1) about 1700H, moving toward Binh Son, VC commander was 2d LT Trinh Bo. CLDC, CPT Torgensen.   |
| 80   | 2040 | 196th Bde, A/3/21, BT093336 at 1330H, while crossing rice paddy rec'd hvy AW fire, called arty and gunships, res: 1 WHA (M), area will be checked tomorrow.  |
| 81   | 2100 | 1st CAG, CAP 117, 342246 at 2000H, patrol encountered point man of est VC squad, suspected of entering vil for chow, Viet Lop opened fire, VC ret'd SA fire and 2 HG's, VC broke contact and moved S, swept area, neg results. Set in to ambush.   |
| 82   | 2130 | 11th Bde, C/4/3, BS872436 LZ Thunder at 1750H, 1 EM with temp of 103 dusted off, routine at 1835H to Duc Pho.  |
| 83   | 2210 | 1/1 Cav, B/1/1, BT213436 at 2155H, rec'd 25 rds SA fire and 2 B-40 rockets, NCD.   |
| 84   | 2210 | 1/1 Cav, C/1/1, BT238447 at 2140H, rec'd 2 M-79 rds, res: 2 WHA, 1 ARVN (E), 1 US (M).   |
| 85   | 2215 | 196th Bde, 2/1, LZ Ross BT027342 at 1830H, VC civilian turned in 1 M-72 LAW (complete) under VIP, res: 1 IWC.  |
| 86   | 2230 | 11th Bde TOC, cancel Nevada AO, request from 071300H to 140600H (7736, 8036, 8031, 7731). New request: from 080900H to 121600H, BS6257, 6557, 6252, 6552. Approved by CPT Carlton 2235H. Passed to 11th Bde, CPT Heyman 2245H.   |
| 87   | 2250 | 1st CAG, CAP 134, BT627004 at 2205H, RD ambush eng'd 5 VC, Marine and PF ambush served as reactionary, called illum, neg results.  |

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| 1    | 0001   | Journal Opened.  |
| 2    | 072130 | (delayed entry) 11th Bde, A/1/20, BS449611 LZ Cork, at 1950H, 1 EM stopped breathing, cause unk. Requested Dustoff, complete 2020H to Chu Lai, given artificial respiration, last report listed as fair, cause unk.  |
| 3    | 0100   | A/5/46, BS478858 at 0022H, A22 rec'd approx 20 rds SA fire from the S, arty not called due to proximity of friendly troops.  |
| 4    | 0550   | Tam Ky, PF's, BT250150 at 1900H, RPA detonated BT 105mm rd, res: 1 KHA, 2 WHA, 1 friendly mortar tube destroyed.   |
| 5    | 0630   | CLDC, resume normal daylight working conditions at 0700H.  |
| 6    | 0700   | 196th, R/4/31, AT956255 at 0635H, VCS Chieu Hoi'd to them, 19 yrs old, had pack containing notebook. Will be evac to LZ Baldy this morning. 0730H, LT Smith IPW notified.  |
| 7    | 1547   | (delayed entry) Tam Ky, AO ext request for 2d ARVN, 6th Regt, from 090001H to 10240H, from BT200200 W to 190130, S to 190130, NE to 240150, SE to 260130, NE to 270140. Passed to 198th, SGT Kelly at 1925H. Disapproved by 198th, CPT Blanco. Passed to Tam Ky, SP Bishop 1945H.  |
| 8    | 1707   | 196th, 3/21 AO ext, BT1329, 1429, 1427, 1327, from present to 082400H, to run extensive patrolling in this area. Passed to 1/1 Cav, Gay 1930H. Approved by MAJ Logan. Passed to PFC Trogdon 196th 2245H.   |
| 9    | 1840   | 198th, Warlord request #1, coord: BS6695, 7395, 7287, 7785, 7783, friendlies: A32/5/46, BS705928. A3/5/46 BS669904. C2/5/46 BS687927. Contact: Serene Talons 79, freq 59.80. Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50. Passed to Aero Scouts. Request #2: BT2010, 2005, 2905, 2910, neg friendlies, contact: Coal Clutter 79, freq 64.15. Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50. Passed to Aero Scouts.   |
| 10   | 2205   | (delayed entry) 11th, 4/3 AO ext request, from BS908150 S along hwy #1 to 904135, SE along Song Dap Ong Khel River to 915120, E to South China Sea, time: 080600H to 08170H. COL Shaw. Passed to 173d Bde 1030H. Approved by 173d Abn Bde, LT Sesler 2355H. Stay E of Hwy #1 and E of RR RulPuffs on hwy bridge and RR, stay N of river in 12 grid running E-W. Passed to CPT Hyman, 11th Bde, 080039H. Posted on G-2 map. |
| 11   | 0745   | 11th, CC/4/3, BS919167 at 0730H, detained 3 VCS evading, ages 30 to 35, neg ID's or docs, neg wpns. Will be evac to LZ Bronco.   |
| 12   | 0755   | 198th, A/5/46, A1 & A2 from LZ Gator to BS689919, PZ 0717H, LZ 0743H, cold.  |
| 13   | 0806   | 26th Engr, C/26, BS732548 at 1715H, 2 EM traveling S on QL-1 from LZ Dottie rec'd unk amount of sniper fire, 1 rd hit vehicle, glass from windshield caused minor injuries to 1 EM, WHA (M).   |
| 14   | 0810   | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav, BT239485 at 0755H, 1 MAM evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg ID or wpn.  |
| 15   | 0815   | 11th, B/4/3, AT803371 at 0741H, 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC CIA, 30 to 35 yrs old, no ID, evac to Duc Pho.   |
| 16   | 0820   | 11th, B/4/21, BS455468 at 0743H, ambushed 1 NVA, res: 1 NVA KIA, 1 K-44 CIA, SN E2778, approx 26 yrs old, wearing green camouflaged fatigues, had pack w/32 rds K-44 ammo.   |
| 17   | 0825   | 11th, B/4/3, AT933133 at 0810H, 1 VCS CIA, evac to LZ Bronco.  |
| 18   | 0825   | 11th, CC, AT922265-912134 at 0810H, 3 VCS CIA, no wpns or ID's, evac to LZ Bronco.   |
| 19   | 0825   | 11th, B/4/3, AT933133 at 0805H, spotted 1 VC evading, 1 VC KIA.  |
| 20   | 0826   | 11th, B/4/3, AT934131 at 0800H, 1 VC evading, 1 VC KIA, neg wpn, 30 yrs old.   |
| 21   | 0830   | 11th, gunships 4/3, AT928134 at 0815H, 1 VC evading, 1 VC KIA.   |
| 22   | 0850   | 11th, Aero Scouts, BS449700 at 0835H, LOH rec'd approx 35 rds AW fire, they spotted .50 cal MG pit and they requested Helix, neg results.  |
| 23   | 0920   | 11th, B7R/4/3, CA from LZ Charlie Brown to BS931123, PZ 0712H, LZ 0752H. Also CA to BS926169, R, BS919163-BS926128, cold, complete.  |
| 24   | 1840   | (delayed entry) 198th, Blue Ghost request #1: coord BT2010, 2005, 2905, 2910, neg friendlies, contact: Coal Clutter 79, freq 64.15. Contact Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50. Disapproved, flown by Aero Scouts (same area).  |
| 25   | 1840   | (delayed entry) 198th, Warlord request #3: coord BS4387, 5078, 5481, 5088, friendlies: A22/5/46 BS479859 and B11/5/46 BS480830, contact: Serene Talons 79, freq 59.80. Contact: Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50. Disapproved, not enough time for this mission and all the others.   |
| 26   | 2030   | (delayed entry) 1st CAG, Tam Ky, will be outside of AO tomorrow w/CAP 111 & 113, request clearance in area, BT358120 NW up tree line, 342130, 335140, 324130. Passed to SGT White 198th 2031H. Approved by 198th, CAP unit check with 1/6. Passed to Tam Ky, CPT Ross.   |
| 27   | 1117   | 196th, AO ext request from 3/21 Inf, time: 090600H to 141800H Dec 68, BT1329 to 1320 to 1331 and grid squares to E, reason: A Co is going to set up a base on Hill 62 on border lines of AO, want room to maneuver in area. Passed to 1/1 Cav at 1140H to SGT Thompson. Approved by 1/1 Cav by MAJ Logan. Passed to 196th, SP Franklin.  |
| 28   | 1025   | 11th, LRRP Nevada, inserted at 1014H vic BS646539.   |
| 29   | 1140   | 9th Engr, C/9, BT390146 at 0925H, found 1 M-79, 1x20mm, M-60 rds also found illum rds in ammo can. Blew M-79 rd in place and brought the rest of ammo back to CP.  |

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| 30   | 1140 | 198th, A/5/46, BS688918 at 0900H, discovered 2 tunnels, 1 bunker and 300 lbs of old rice, were destroyed. Discovered 1 punji pit and was destroyed.  |
| 31   | 1101 | 1/1 Cav, C Trp, BT274395 at 1035H, 1 detainee from this morning led them to a 82mm rd cache. There were 28x82mm rds. C Trp will bring the rds into 1/1 Cav. Also 3,500 lbs of rice, unpolished, will be evac to LZ Hawk Hill.  |
| 32   | 0800 | III MAF, G-3 Opns, BS7786, AO ext request. USNAVASDUDET desires to conduct an opn in Amcal area vic BS7786 (Chan Thuan 1) for dates 122000H to 140600H Dec 68, mission: blacklist apprehension. Posted. Passed to 198th at 070817H to SP/4 Schwegler. Approved by 198th, SGT Holly. Approved by G-3. Msg sent to III MAF, dtg 080410Z Dec 68.  |
| 33   | 0858 | Co C, 5th SFGA, III MAF COC, G-1. Tien Phuoc, Opn P-261 and Opn P-264 continued. Opn P-265 departed as schedules. Gia Vuc, Opn C-279, Opn S-291, Opn C-293, and Opn P-294 continued. Opn P-297 departed and closed 6 Dec (neg). Opn P-298 departed 070600H to 080400H, sweep, BS3430, 4123, 4130, 3423, 3628, 3928, 3926. Opn P-299 will depart 070600H to 080400H (same as Opn P-298). Opn P-300 will depart 100600H to 100400H (same as Opn P-299). Opn P-301 will depart 100600H to 110600H (same as Opn P-300). Ha Thanh, Opn C-276, Opn S-280, and Opn S-281 continued. Opn P-284, and Opn P-285 departed 060800H and closed 061800H (neg). Nong Son, Opn P-72 continued. Opn P-73 departed 070600H to 111800H, ambush, AT8243, 8245, 8545, 8643. Opn P-74 will depart 081200H to 111200H, recon/ambush, ZC1939, AT7939, 7937. Ba To, Opn C-227 continued. Opn P-226 and Opn C-225 closed 061800H. Opn P-228 cancelled. Tra Bong, Opn S-193, Opn S-194, and Opn C-195 continued. Opn S-196 departed as scheduled. Opn S-197 will depart 090500H to 141000H, recon, BS4087, BS1080, BS4587, BS4580. Minh Long, Opn P-216, Opn S-117, and Opn C-218 continued. Opn C-219 departed as scheduled. Opn C-218 supports Opn Robin Hood at Ba To. |
| 34   | 0935 | 1/1 Cav, C Trp, BT074395 at 0930H, detained 16 MAM, 1 detainee led troops to AK-47, SN J2186. Evac to LZ Hawk Hill for further interrogation. (Info only).   |
| 35   | 0943 | 198th, A/1/6, BT428046 at 0914H, request Dustoff for EM WHA (E) from M-79 mine. Dustoff complete 0925H.  |
| 36   | 1002 | 196th, B/3/21, BT064227, checked area of action that took place at 080230H, found 1 VC KIA by SA, approx 25 yrs old, wearing green fatigues and bush hat, neg wpn or pack.   |
| 37   | 1005 | 196th, C/3/21, BT139278 at 0805H, eng'd 2 NVA evading SW, res: 2 NVA KIA, neg wpns or packs.   |
| 38   | 1005 | 196th, C/3/21, BT132268 at 0815H, eng'd 2 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, other evading into tree line, believed they wounded him, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 39   | 1020 | 11th, CC/4/3, BS933241 at 0730H, ref journal entry #11, change to read: 5 VC detained, neg ID, wpns, or docs, evac to LZ Bronco.   |
| 40   | 1025 | 198th, B/1/52, BT267123 at 0930H, obs 1 enemy at 75 meters taking a bath in a stream, he tried to evade but countered SA fire, res: 1 NVA KIA, had NVA uniforms and web gear. One US carbine, documents were found, SN will be called in later.  |
| 41   | 1030 | 11th, A/3/1, admin air move, LZ Dragon at 0830H to LZ Bronco 0940H.  |
| 42   | 1040 | 198th, E/1/52, BT230135 at 0925H, found 10 gals on unpolished rice and 5 gals pineapple wine, found in tunnel and destroyed.   |
| 43   | 1200 | 196th, A/4/31, BT915365 at 1115H, suspected 15-20 NVA in holes along trail. Called Dustoff for 12 yr old VN girl, Dustoff complete 1230H. Update 081230H, SGT Shallow reports gunships expended rds, air strikes on station. Results so far, 2 WHA (E).  |
| 44   | 1255 | 1/1 Cav, B/1/1, BT215438 at 1100H, 1 Chieu Hoi, dressed in grayish-green uniform, neg ID or wpn, evac to LZ Hawk Hill. He showed a nitro starch mine, crater 01' x 6'. He also said there were six more mines in that area. As of now haven't been able to find other mines.   |
| 45   | 1305 | 196th, E/3/21, PZ LZ Center 1145H, LZ Chu Lai 1211H.   |
| 46   | 1305 | 196th, D/3/21, PZ 019269 at 0907H, LZ Chu Lai 1211H.   |
| 47   | 1320 | 11th, B/4/3, BS934131 at 1000H, obs 1 VC evading, eng'd with SA, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 48   | 1327 | 11th, B/4/8, 924161 & 923144 at 1320H, detained 4 men at BS924161 and BS923144, 2 men were detained at each one of the coordinates. Info only.   |
| 49   | 1400 | 196th, LRRP Alabama, inserted at 1353H vic AT913149.   |
| 50   | 1410 | 9th Engr, BT202383 at 1016H, VN civilian turned 60mm mortar rd, reward 500 Piasters. Blown in rice paddy.  |
| 51   | 1410 | 9th Engr, BT200385 at 1000H, VN civilian turned in 1x60mm mortar rd and 1 M-79 rd, reward 1,000 Piasters. Blown in rice paddy.   |
| 52   | 1415 | 198th, A/5/46, BT681911 at 1335H, detained 4 VCS believed to be VC sympathizers, between 40-50 yrs old. One had pack burns on shoulders. Will evac to LZ Bayonet.  |
| 53   | 1445 | 196th, NFZ 3/21, BT024258 at 1245H, 2 PF's were wounded by a mine while on patrol. One PF had minor leg wounds and treated in field, other suffered head, leg, chest wounds, Dustoff 1340H. Mine was M26 HG w/trip wire across trail.  |

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| 54   | 1415 | 198th, A/5/46, BT684916 at 1230H, found numerous tunnels, destroyed them. Nothing was found in them.  |
| 55   | 1500 | 196th, R/3/21, admin air move from LZ East, PZ 1400H, to Chu Lai, LZ 1437H.   |
| 56   | 1450 | 196th, CC/3/21, BT120220 at 1130H, rec'd 5 rds auto wpns fire, neg hits or casualties, at 2,000 ft, speed 80 knots.   |
| 57   | 1500 | 196th, gunship 4/31, AT979316 at 1430H, destroyed 1 bunker complex and a string of 4 holes. 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 58   | 1150 | 1st CAG, CAP 124, BT469079 at 1515H, hit & run 16 year old girl, with internal bleeding. Hit by Army 2-1/2 ton truck, neg markings on truck. Medevac to 312th Evac. Info only.  |
| 59   | 1515 | 196th, AO ext request, 3/21st Inf into 1/1 Cav AO, BT1329 E to 1429, S to 1428, E to 1628, S to 1627 AO boundary. For ASAP to 141800H Dec. OP by C/3/21. Approved by MAJ Logan 1/1 Cav 081517H. Approved by G-3. Passed to 196th, SP/4 Franklin, also FSE, SGT Hooks.   |
| 60   | 1550 | 1st CAG, CAP 134, BT621017 at 1455H, USA wire man stepped on M14 mine. Laying telephone lines inside defensive wire. Other US personnel told him not to enter inside defensive wire, but he didn't listen, res: 1 US WHA (E), Dustoff 081500H, 312th Evac. Info only.   |
| 61   | 1840 | 198th, Blue Ghost request priority #2, coord AT9513, BT0305, BT0313, neg friendlies, contact: Coal Clutter 79, freq 64.15. Contact Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50. Disapproved because of SF opn in the area.  |
| 62   | 1330 | 1/1 Cav, 1 VCS, member of Farmer's Assoc, 47 yrs old. 2 hamlet guerrillas, ages 17 & 19. Four VC MAM's, 14, 15, 18, 20 years old. 1 VCI Economic Cadre, and 2 Hoi Chan's, more to follow.   |
| 63   | 1515 | 196th, AO ext request, 2/1st Inf into 1/1 Cav AO, BT1340 N to 1341, E to 1541, S to 1540. Addition BT1441, 1442, 1542, 1541, time: 090430H to 092400H, purpose: suspect rice cache in area. Approved by MAJ Logan 1/1 Cav 081517H and approved by G-3. Passed to 196th, SP Franklin. Passed to Tam Ky, Codner 081610H. Disapproved by LT Ellis, passed to 196th Trogon.                   |
| 64   | 1540 | 196th, A/4/31, AT919367 at 1646H, ref journal entry #43. 1150H, AT919367, rec'd light AW fire (AK-47), est 15-20 NVA in positions along trail, res: 2 WHA, Co comp 1218H. Arty and gunships fired from 1200H-1210H. 7 air strikes put in, A/4/31 is sweeping area 1540H. 1645H, swept area w/neg results.   |
| 65   | 1605 | 11th, D/1/20, BS363579 at 1500H, obs 1 indiv in black clothing, carrying a Chieu Hoi slip, he turned himself in, will be evac to LZ Volunteer, IPW, SO Castillo.  |
| 66   | 1705 | CLDC, condition White as of 081800H, TEA: A.  |
| 67   | 1715 | 198th, Aero Scouts, BT280080 at 1650H, spotted 1 hut and 2 green uniforms and were destroyed. At grid BT251080, spotted 3 green uniforms, pith helmet. At grid BT293071, spotted 3 green uniforms, all were destroyed. At grid BT209076, spotted 7 huts and rec'd AW fire, approx 5 rds, neg damage. Also green uniforms and 2 tunnels, destroyed all.                                    |
| 68   | 1715 | 196th, closed convoy 081715H at LZ Baldy from LZ Ross.  |
| 69   | 1720 | 196th, A/3/21, BT093333 at 1340H, eng'd 15-20 VC wearing green uniforms, evaded north, res: 9 VC KIA, 1 detained, all had wpns but did not find any of them. Evac to LZ Center, then to LZ Baldy.   |
| 70   | 1725 | CAP 134, at 1500H, PF's and village chief and informers reported that at BS623878 to BS639974 and BS648972, one Company of VC. Same people reported 95th Co reinforced w/1 extra plat is working in the Phu Long vicinity. At Phu Long #4 area, they reported one 2LT VC carrying a .45 pistol. Nguyeh City. CAP 134 in process of conducting a zone sweep. Passed to 198th Benham 1744H. |
| 71   | 1743 | 196th, CC/2/1, AT8936 at 1705H, rec'd SA fire w/neg casualties or damage. Cont'd mission.   |
| 72   | 1745 | 11th, D/1/20, BS363583 at 1725H, detained 1 VCS, 35 yrs old, searched a hut near him and found 1 military type belt w/star on buckle and 7 uniforms, black, green, and gray, 1 black PJ's, 1 NVA canteen, and misc med supplies were evac. All other supplies destroyed.  |
| 73   | 1745 | 198th Bde, 5/46th air strike, 557824 at 1700H, air strike was called because three bunkers were spotted by aerial observer, res: 3 bunkers destroyed.   |
| 74   | 1750 | 11th Bde, C/4/3, 783377 at 1706H, captured 1 VCS, 30-35 yrs old, evading, neg ID, evac to Duc Pho.  |
| 75   | 1820 | 11th Bde, R/3/1, 734436 at 1820H, 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg ID or weapons.   |
| 76   | 1820 | 123d Avn, Warlords, BS775845 at 1400H, flying VR mission, obs 3 green uniforms and recent digging on trenches.  |
| 77   | 1842 | 11th Bde, R/3/1, BS735440 at 1840H, 1 VC evading, eng'd, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or docs.  |
| 78   | 1530 | 196th Bde, PF of 3/21, BT025256 at 1530H, squad of PF working in N Loc Son eng'd 2 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, captured 1 M-1 SN 901504, 2 Chicom HG's, US ammo pouch & pistil belt, 1 M-1 mag w/16 rds, 3 M16 mags w/55 rds. Info only.   |
| 79   | 1615 | 1/1 Cav, request AO ext, from BT222570 to 243495 along and into ocean, time: ASAP to 312400H Dec 68. Passed to 2d ROK, Chung Young, SP Anders. Contacted Chung Young to disregard. Passed to 1/1 Cav. Americal Div has no control over the coastal waters.  |
| 80   | 1830 | 198th Bde, A/5/46, BS667932 at 1730H, while extracting 2A/5/46, gunship spotted 7 VC evading, eng'd, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.  |

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| 1    | 0001   | Journal Opened.  |
| 2    | 080940 | (delayed entry) 11th Bde, request Aero Scouts for VR in the Vernon Lake II AO, from 090730H to 091130H Dec 68, contact: Purple Reels 79Y at LZ Cork, freq 52.00. Approved, will pass to Avn. Passed to 11th, LT Diel.  |
| 3    | 0100   | 198th Bde, CAP 124, 1/6, BT456084 at 0015H, VC walked into ambush, eng'd, VC ret'd fire, res: evaded SW.   |
| 4    | 0225   | 198th Bde, C/5/46, BS538823, enemy BS542831 ay 0130H, rec'd 1 unk size mortar rd in front of bunker #11 at LZ Buff, ret'd arty, res: unk. NCD.   |
| 5    | 0250   | 1/1 Cav, B/1/1, BT214438 at 0233H, rec'd 2 rds of 60mm mortar, 10 rds SA fire, NCD.  |
| 6    | 0545   | Tam Ky TOC, BT215439 at 2250H, PF rec'd SA fire and 3 rds 60mm mortar, NCD.  |
| 7    | 0610   | 196th Bde, A/4/31, AT912368 at 1930H, eng'd 2 NVA 10 feet away, res: 1 NVA KIA.  |
| 8    | 0935   | III MAF, Co C, 5th SF, sitrep #342, operational data. Tien Phuoc A-102, Opn P-264 and Opn P-265 continued. Opn C-261 closed 081200H. Gia Vuc A-103, Opn C-279 continued to support at Thuing Duc. Opn C-293 and Opn P-294 continued. Opn S-290, Opn S-291, and Opn P-298 closed 071800H. Opn P-299 departed as scheduled. Opn S-302 departed 080500H to 121200H, recon/ambush, BS4333, 4733, 4737, 4337. Opn S-303 departed 080500H to 121800H, recon/ambush, BS4425, 4825, 4829, 4429. Ha Thanh A-104, Opn C-276, Opn S-280, and Opn S-281 continued. Opn P-286 and Opn P-287 departed 070800H, closed 071800H (neg). Opn S-288 will depart 101700H to 150600H, recon, BS3770, 4070, 3776, 4076. Opn P-289 will depart 110800H to 111700H, sweep, BS3570, 3670, 3668, 3568. Opn P-290 departed 080800H to 081000H, sweep, BS4073, 7273, 4271, 7071. Opn P-291 departed, sweep, BS3672, 3872, 3870, 3670. Ba To A-106, Opn C-227 continued (Opn Robin Hood). Opn C-229 departed as scheduled. Tra Bong A-107, Opn S-194, and Opn S-196 continued. Opn S-193 closed 071900H. Opn C-198 will depart 100500H to 151900H, SID, BS2192, 2189, 2989, 2991. Minh Long A-108, Opn P-216, Opn S-217, and Opn S-219 continued. Opn C-218 continued (Opn Robin Hood). Opn P-220 departed 080730H to 101800H, recon, BS5260, 5257, 5957, 5660. Opn P-221 departed 080630H to 111800H, recon, BS5659, 5657, 6059, 6057. |
| 9    | 2230   | (delayed entry) 11th COC, request emergency CA, COL Donaldson declared tactical emergency. Mortar attack and probe from est Sapper plat vic BS9324. Request 5 Slicks and 1 CC to CA from LZ Thunder to LZ Liz vic BS932245. Reinforce plat to move. Passed to MAJ Medberry 2235H. 2235H, 11th Bde cancelled request by CPT Heyman. 4/3 will use Swift Boats. Scrambled 2 flare ships and gunships. Request CC from Div, passed to MAJ Medberry. Approved 2245H. 2300H, resubmit CA request. Swift Boats went aground 200 meters from beach. Passed to MAJ Medberry, passed to LTC Lawrence and he approved, passed to COL Treadwell, passed to Avn. 2315H, 11th Bde cancelled CA by MAJ Erickson, reason: 11th Bde had decided that there was not a tactical emergency. LZ Charlie Brown 932222 rec'd 8 rds 82mm mortar from vic BS933226, requested gunships and flare, guns place ordnance at vic 933226, res: 2 secondary explosions. Covered suspected enemy location w/fire, res: destroyed 4 sampans on lake vic BS925230. Enemy contact by 2315H, est 6 to 8 man enemy force (mortar).  |
| 10   | 1615   | (delayed entry) Tam Ky, request AO ext, time: 090001H to 102400H, from BT200200 SW to 190190, SE to 200130, NE to 230150. Passed to 198th, SP Kelly. Approved by SP Kelly. Passed to Tien Phuoc SF 1630H. Sassy Tripod 55, Approved at 2230H. Passed to Tam Ky, SGT Spiller.   |
| 11   | 0650   | CLDC, return to normal daylight working conditions effective 0700H.  |
| 12   | 0705   | 198th, PRU's 5/46, BS567977-568968 at 0650H, PRU patrol rec'd SA fire, ret'd fire w/SA and called arty vic BS560980. Neg casualties, res: 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47 CIA. (info only).  |
| 13   | 0805   | 196th, A/2/1, BT126402 at 0700H, eng'd 1 VC wearing black PJ's, evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg pack, wpn, or ID. A PF with A/2/1 said the VC was a VC. VC had documents, PF interpreter said paper read neg VC in area. Papers will be evac to LZ Ross, then to LZ Baldy. IPW notified, CPT Wolfe.  |
| 14   | 0807   | CLDC, CPT Jurgensen, BT5204 at 082030H, bunkers #731, #737, #738, #739 rec'd SA fire last night, neg casualties, neg results.  |
| 15   | 0813   | 198th, R/5/46, BS542985-542983 at 0745H, eng'd 12 VC evading, res: 2 VC KIA, 2 AK-47's CIA, 6 HG's, 1 pack w/docs CIA. Unit still checking area. Notified IPW, CPT Wolfe.  |
| 16   | 0825   | 1/1 Cav, A Trp, BT192284 at 0822H, detained 1 indiv male, will evac to LZ Hawk Hill.   |
| 17   | 0840   | 9th Engr, BT308377 at 0803H, found 1x155mm rd in rice paddy, blown in place.   |
| 18   | N/A    | 11th, CC/4/3, BS851350 at 0855H, 1 VCS CIA evading, evac to Duc Pho.   |
| 19   | 0900   | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav, BT179479 at 0800H, detained 1 MAM, evac to LZ Hawk Hill.   |
| 20   | 0900   | 1/1 Cav, CC, BT174475 at 0800H, detained 1 VCS, wounded in leg, evac to LZ Hawk Hill.  |
| 21   | 0915   | 198th, CC/5/46, BS541973 at 0810H, detained 2 VCS, evac to LZ Gator for interrogation.   |
| 22   | 0920   | 198th, Sniffer mission readout, from 0800H to 0900H, BT252092, 255115, 265113, 263117, hvy readings. Passed to G-2 Air, SGT Blake.   |
| 23   | 0927   | 1/1 Cav, GVN trps, BT191473 at 0845H, detained 4 MAM, evac to LZ Hawk Hill.  |



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| 24   | 0930 | 1st CAG, CAP 137, BS611939-630955 at 2000H, 8 Dec, obs lights moving at above coord, called in arty, res: 1 secondary explosion.  |
| 25   | 0930 | 26th Engr, A/26, BT032345 at 0910H, mine blown in place, crater 1 ft x 1 ft, black smoke 30 ft high. Detected by mine detector, small AP mine.  |
| 26   | 0935 | CLDC TOC, BT525043-521040 at 0715H, bunker #736 rec'd 2 bursts of 4 to 5 rds of AW fire, neg casualties. Fire came from above enemy location.   |
| 27   | 0940 | 1/1 Cav, Blues inserted at 0907H 10 Dec 68, BT192475. Working with PRU.   |
| 28   | 0940 | 196th, CC/4/31, AT998368 at 0725H, rec'd 6 rds AW fire, neg hits, or casualties, acft cont'd mission.   |
| 29   | 0945 | 11th, CC/4/3, BS863310 at 0815H, detained 1 VCS, evac to LZ Thunder.  |
| 30   | 0945 | 11th, CC/4/3, BS931251 at 0825H, 2 VC evading, res: 2 VC KIA, neg wpns, ID's, or documents.   |
| 31   | 0945 | 198th, D/1/52, BT165107-164104 at 0917H, rec'd SA fire from squad size element. Called arty and 81mm fire. Will check area when firing stops.   |
| 32   | 0950 | 39th Engr, C/39, BS707608-727598 at 0730H, spotted 4 VC preparing to snipe at mine sweep team. Action taken: fired 3 rds 105mm. VC disappeared, neg confirmed results.  |
| 33   | 0955 | 196th, air move complete, B/3/21 from LZ Center to BT073226, PZ 0700H, LZ 0730H.  |
| 34   | 1010 | 196th, B/1/46, BT084432 at 0915H, found 1 anti-personnel mine, homemade, 4 inches in dia, 6 inches high, with a US M-2 firing device. Blown in place, threw shrapnel out to 4 meters, crater 6 inches by 12 inches.   |
| 35   | 1014 | 196th, E/3/21, BT034319 at 0920H, eng'd 2 VC evading, res: 2 VC KIA, neg wpns or ID's.  |
| 36   | 1020 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav, BT192475 at 0950H, LOH went down w/mech problems. 2 US evac to LZ Baldy, nature of injuries unk. NFI. Div Avn, LT McCreary.   |
| 37   | 0915 | 11th, E Trp, 1st Cav, BS935225 at 0730H, 1 VC w/leg blown off brought to their location on the Hard Stand. People in the village brought him there. Said his leg was blown off by a mortar rd last night, evac to Duc Pho. Notified IPW, CPT Wolfe.   |
| 38   | 1715 | 198th, Warlord request #1: BS6890, 6882, 7390, 7682, contact: Serene Talons 79, freq 59.80, friendlies: C2/5/46 BS688933. Passed to Div Avn. Request #2: BT1811, 1805, 2805, 2811, neg friendlies, contact: Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50 before entering AO. Passed to Div Avn.  |
| 39   | 1040 | 196th, A/2/1, BT135406 at 0835H, rec'd approx 150 rds AK-47 fire, 100 rds M-16 fire, 10 rds M-79 fire, res: 1 PF slightly wounded, will be dusted off routine. Fire ret'd, swept area, found 24 crocks of unpolished rice, approx 7000 lbs. Being extracted at this time. Contact broken 0945H. Searching area at this time.  |
| 40   | 1040 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav, Blues extracted at 1035H, BT192475.   |
| 41   | 1043 | 196th, B/3/21, BT052232 at 1000H, obs 12 VC evading E on trail, eng'd at 250 meters, res: 3 VC KIA and 1 VC WIA/CIA. Approx age of VC are 25 yrs old, VC had packs w/rice and uniforms, neg wpns or ID's. However 1 wpn was obs on the 12 VC, VC CIA evac at 1015H for med care and interrogation. Unit swept area for more possible VC KIA. Evac to LZ Baldy, then to DaNang. IPW, SP Castillo notified. |
| 42   | 1045 | 198th, LRRP Kentucky, BT529078 at 0905H, LRRP Kentucky was extracted. At 0905H, started walking toward NE and completed extraction at 1015H. Reason: position was compromised at 0800H, they reported spotting 2 VC in tree approx 100 meters from their location. Could not engage because the VC went down the tree as soon as they were seen and the canopy was too thick.                             |
| 43   | 1100 | 196th, A/26th Engr, BT032345 at 0910H, detected mine on Rte #535 and detonated it in place, crater 1 ft by 1 ft, black smoke 30 ft high. Believe to be small anti-personnel mine.   |
| 44   | 1110 | 198th, C/5/46, LZ Dottie at 1000H, PF tried to sell (found M-16 rifle, SN 876572) to LZ Gator, PF taken to Binh Son, res: 1 IWC.  |
| 45   | 1130 | 198th, D/1/52, BT174114-161104 at 0930H, obs 5 VC evading SW, fired arty w/neg results.   |
| 46   | 1135 | 198th, B/1/52, BT264119 at 0950H, B/1/52 found 1 VC grave, VC killed by SA, 20 to 25 yrs old, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 47   | 1138 | 198th, B/1/52, BT204119 at 1000H, suffered 4 US WHA (E) from M26 BT, evac to 27th Surg, Dustoff complete 1007H.   |
| 48   | 1140 | 198th, B/1/52, BT267116-275117 at 1025H, rec'd SA fire, called arty, neg casualties or results.   |
| 49   | 1201 | 1/1 Cav, B Trp, BT226445 at 1150H, detained 3 VCS and 1 Chieu Hoi, and 48 refugees. Will evac to LZ Hawk Hill. Passed to IPW, SP Castillo.  |
| 50   | 1240 | 11th, air move complete, B/4/21, from BS470480 to LZ Amy, PZ 0905H, LZ 0932H. B1 from LZ Amy to BS458608, PZ 1020H, LZ 1032H. C1 from BS458608 to LZ Amy, PZ 1040H, LZ 1045H.   |
| 51   | 1305 | 11th, CC/3/1, BS798438 at 1215H, 1 VC CIA evac, 1 VC CIA evaded BS808430. Evac to Duc Pho.  |
| 52   | 1305 | 196th, F/17th Cav, BT126403 at 1200H, working with A/2/1, unit found small type VC/NVA base area consisting of 8 huts which were well camouflaged, well-constructed. Would hold 6 to 8 persons. Numerous spider holes in area. Kit Carson Scout believes this area was used as early as this morning. Huts were destroyed, and the search of area continues.  |

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| 53   | 1312 | 196th, 3/21 AO ext request, from BT1432 E to 1632, S to 1628, W to 1428, ASAP to 141800H. Opns by C/3/21 in area planned due to many sightings of VC/NVA. Approved by MAJ Logan, 1/1 Cav. Approved by G-3. Passed to 196th, SP Franklin.  |
| 54   | 1313 | 11th, C/4/3, BS796400 at 1305H, 1 VCS 45 yrs old, neg ID, CIA and evac to Duc Pho.  |
| 55   | 1430 | 11th, air move from C/4/31, from LZ Amy to BS432466, PZ 1315H, LZ 1324H. PZ 1403H, LZ 1415H.  |
| 56   | 1310 | 11th, B/1/20, BS324582 at 1255H, eng'd 2 VC evading, res: 2 VC KIA, neg wpns or ID cards, had packs containing rice.  |
| 57   | 1340 | 11th, CC/3/1, BS732408-735465 at 1044H, 2 VCS evading, CIA, one at each grid coord.   |
| 58   | 1348 | 198th, B/1/52, BT267116 at 1215H, detained 3 VCS w/2 small children, VCS have knowledge of VC activity in area.   |
| 59   | 1407 | 198th, B/1/52, BT267116 at 1355H, B Co reported finding a field exp antenna made with US type wire, approx 30 ft long, sticking straight up. No movement in area, antenna destroyed.  |
| 60   | 1425 | 1st CAG, BT537104, CAP units will be firing live fire on the beach vic of above coord from 1800H to 2200H all week. They will be practicing night firing. Passed to CLDC SGT O'Malley, 1st CAG passed to C/S SGT Loftis, 198th SP Hansen, G-2 MSG LaPoint, G-3 SP/4 Morgan.   |
| 61   | 1430 | 11th, C/4/3, BS796400 at 1330H, stopped a truck and apprehended 2 VCS carrying 50,000 P's, they claim it's for their businesses. Claim they are travelling from DaNang to Saigon. 1 EM escorted truck to Duc Pho for further evaluation. Passed to IPW, SP Powers.  |
| 62   | 1605 | 1/1 Cav, B Trp, BT226445 at 1600H, obs and eng'd 2 MAM evading, res: 2 VC KIA, neg wpns or ID's.  |
| 63   | 1745 | CLDC, SGT Kent, condition White effective 1800H. TEA is A.  |
| 64   | 1808 | 11th, CC/3/1, BS804451 at 1745H, 1 VCS CIA at BS804451, 1 VCS CIA at BR795475. Both VCS evac to LZ Bronco.  |
| 65   | 1630 | 11th, CC ship, BS600540 at 1545H, 1 VCS CIA, evac to LZ Amy and then to Duc Pho, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 66   | 1810 | 11th, A/4/21, BS401457 at 1725H, found 1 AK-47 SN 12069622. Wpn in exceptionally good condition except for broken stock.  |
| 67   | 1747 | 11th Bde, A/4/3, BS878313 at 1720H, 1 VCS CIA, neg wpn, ID, or docs, evac to Duc Pho.   |
| 68   | 1520 | 11th Bde, B/3/1, BS763408 at 1510H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, 20-25 yrs old, no ID or papers.  |
| 69   | 1520 | 11th Bde, A/4/3, BS870370 at 1505H, CIA 1 MAM, 41 yrs old, no ID, evac to LZ Thunder.   |
| 70   | 1400 | 11th Bde, D/4/21, BS411483 at 1300H, discovered 1 VC KIA by SA fire, also 100 lbs unpolished rice, rice was destroyed. VC was dead 3 days.  |
| 71   | 1440 | 198th Bde, CLDC in Sub-Sector 1, they will be blowing spider holes for the next couple of hours.  |
| 72   | 1522 | 1st CAG, MTTI, BT303188, enemy BT289147 at 0700H, patrol spotted movement, patrol opened fire with small arms fire, res: 1 VC female KIA, carrying rice, 2 VC wounded, evaded capture. Patrol checked area, came upon 5 huts containing approx 200 lbs rice which was destroyed. Info only.   |
| 73   | 1540 | 11th Bde, A/4/21, BS410452 at 1316H, eng'd 12 NVA, 2 automatic wpns, res: 2 US WHA (E), 2 NVA KIA, captured 20 packs, 1 M-1 carbine CIA, SN 423612. Also found map board, med equip, 8 huts. Dustoff completed 091450H to Duc Pho. All evac to LZ Amy, docs neg.  |
| 74   | 1548 | 196th Bde, D/4/31, AT893361 at 1400H, eng'd 1 NVA evading from hut, res: 1 NVA KIA, 1 pack w/clothes and rice, searched hut NVA evaded from and found 1 NVA, will evac to LZ Baldy. Both wore green uniforms. Also found 1 ton of rice and detained 4 VCS, will evac to LZ Baldy. Passed to IPW.  |
| 75   | 1703 | CLDC, CLDC reports Engr's will be detonating "dud" M-79 rds at 1730H.   |
| 76   | 1705 | 198th Bde, Blue Ghost request priority #1: coords AT9513, AT9505, BT0313, BT0305, neg friendlies, contact: Coal Clutter 79, freq 64.15. Contact Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50. Disapproved due to SF/CIDG opns in the same vicinity.  |
| 77   | 1715 | 198th Bde, Warlord request, priority III, 4381, 5378, 5481, 5088, contact: Serene Talons 79, freq 59.80, friendlies: A22/5/46 478858, B11/5/46 480830, contact: Stewart Peso 79 at freq 58.50 prior to entering AO. Bot flown due to maintenance problems.  |
| 78   | 1755 | 198th Bde, B/1/52, BT272122, enemy BT272122 at 1605H, eng'd 3 VC, res: 2 VC KIA, other evaded NW, they were in hut wearing black PJ's and packs when spotted. They had med supplies and old green uniforms in packs. In hut were 2 sweat shirts w/labels from Tam Ky, also LRRP bag and a poncho liner. The 2 KIA were 30-35 yrs old, the one that got away was 20 yrs old. |
| 79   | 1830 | 1st CAG, 1 com pct gp, BT374155 at 1100H, patrol came across house being used by VC, loc of house BT364138, found docs in house, also found many caves around and under house, res: house and many caves destroyed, docs brought back to compound and will be forwarded to Ly Tin Dist HQ. Equipment neg, diary, several letters, one list of VC names.                     |
| 80   | 1850 | 1/1 Cav, B/1/1, BT215437 at 1823H, B Trp rec'd 300 rds AW and SA fire, neg casualties or damage at this time.   |
| 81   | 1900 | Agent, at 071000H, 2U/I VC Bn's vic BT366033 & BT388035, confirmed strength of 400 with 100 coolies. (continued)  |

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| 1    | 0001 | Journal Opened.   |
| 2    | 0005 | For Briefer, 1645H: 25 Co while on S/D vic BT121598, found cave, searched cave, res: 8 VC KIA, 2 AK-47's, 1 M-1 rifle, 15 HG's, 350 rds SA. 1745H: 25 Co while on S/D vic BT120598, found cave, searched cave, res: 5 VC KIA, 1 M-1 rifle, 1 AK-47, 1 M-14, 1 carbine, 1 M-16. Other 3 VC in same way another cave.   |
| 3    | 0105 | 198th, Base Defense LZ Bayonet, at 0015H, bunkers 7 & 8 rec'd 5 rds sniper fire, fired illum, neg casualties or damage. 100030H, bunker #5 rec'd sniper fire and ret'd fire, neg casualties or damage, neg assessment of results.   |
| 4    | 0350 | 11th Bde, 174th Avn, BS8434 at 0230H, flare ship sighted two sampans on lake, eng'd, res: 2 sampans sunk, 2 VC KIA.   |
| 5    | 0650 | CLDC, SGT Barlne, resume normal daylight conditions at 0700H.   |
| 6    | 0700 | CLDC, CPT Jurgensen, at 0642H, SS VII, bunkers #736 and #740 rec'd 2 quick bursts of AW fire, neg casualties.   |
| 7    | 1100 | (delayed entry) DTOC, CPT Hayward, request clearance for defoliation mission 12 Dec 68, from BS4361, 5770, 4776 (primary), TOT: 0900H. Air Force requests permission for hvy suppression and the return of fire-for-fire under control of an Amcal FAC. Air Force requests freq and call sign of unit nearest to tgt area to contact prior to mission. Disapproved, troops in the area. Disapproved by MAJ Medberry.  |
| 8    | 0440 | 196th, C3/4/31, AT901379 at 0330H, obs 2 VC 200 meters N of their location, eng'd w/SA, res: 1 VC KIA, 1 VC CIA, neg wpns, KIA had green uniform, CIA had black PJ's.   |
| 9    | 0720 | 196th, C/3/21, BT041291 at 0625H, eng'd 1 VC at 25 meters, res: 1 VC KIA.   |
| 10   | 1430 | (delayed entry) 11th, AO ext request, W of Bde RZ BS6057 to 6030 to 6630, time: 110400H to 182400H, Bn size opn. Passed to SF SGT Garner. Passed to Minh Long. Passed to Ba To. Msg #62-P-091505, 1550H, msg #547-P-091855. Neg approval: approved to start 120001H. Approved by G-3. Passed to 11th Bde, SGT Lipin. Passed to 5th SFGA DaNang by LNO msg dated 091130H w/QLS 091235Z. Passed to 11th, MAJ Erickson.  |
| 11   | 2045 | (delayed entry) 11th, AO ext request, ARVN's, S along 45 N-S grid to 67 E-W to 47 N-S, E to 60 grid. ARVN requested this through 11th Bde. MAJ Erickson approved at 092045H. 100600H to 202400H. Posted on Sit Map.   |
| 12   | 2045 | (delayed entry) 1/46 AO ext request, from BT070480 N to 070497, E to 076476, time: 110400H to 112400H, purpose: combined opns w/PF's from Moc Bai. Posted on Sit Map. Passed to SP Anders, Chung Young, 2nd ROK 2300H. Approved by CPT Ohi 100135H. Passed to 196th, LT Matzinski 100725H.  |
| 13   | 1100 | (delayed entry) DTOC, CPT Hayward, request clearance for defoliation mission 12 Dec 68, from BT1904, 2602, 3000, 3900 (Alt). Clear. TOT: 0900H. Air Force requests permission for hvy suppression and the return of fire-for-fire under control of an Amcal FAC. Clear. Air Force requests freq and call sign of units near tgt area to contact prior to mission. No friendlies in this area, 1/52, Cold Clutter 79, freq 64.15. 1/6, Kingly Grant 79, freq 35.35. Passed to 198th, SGT Dean 100830H. Approved by 1/6, LT McBeth and 1/52 LT Morton 100830H. By PFC Fultz.  |
| 14   | 1320 | (delayed entry) 198th, 1/52 AO ext request into ARVN AO, 110600H to 131600H Dec 68, BT278145 NW to 270150, W to present AO boundary (1/52). Posted. Passed to Tam Ky, SGT Spiller. Approved by Tam Ky, LT Quyen. Approved by G-3. Passed to 198th Bde, SGT Beem.  |
| 15   | 0830 | III MAF, c Co, 5th SFGA. Tien Phuoc A-102, Opn P-264 and Opn P-265 continued. Gia Vuc A-103, Opn C-279 continues at Ba To. Opn P-294, Opn S-302, and Opn S-303 continued. Opn C-293 and Opn P-299 closed 081800H. Opn P-300 departed (same as Opn P-299) one day. Ha Thanh A-104, Opn C-276, Opn S-208, and Opn S281 continued. Opn P-290 and Opn P-291 closed 081800H. Opn P-292 departed 090800H to 091700H, sweep, BS3874, 4074, 4072, 3872. Opn P-293 departed 090800H to 091700H, sweep, BS3770, 3970, 3968, 3768. Opn C-279 departed as scheduled. Opn P-294 will depart 100800H to 101700H, sweep, BS4071, 4271, 4269, 4069. Opn P-295 will depart 100800H to 101700H, sweep, BS3672, 3872, 3870, 3670. Opn P-296 will depart 110800H to 111700H, sweep, BS3870, 4070, 4069, 3869. Opn P-297 will depart 110800H to 111700H, sweep, BS3570, 3670, 3668, 3568. Ba To A-107, Opn C-226 and Opn P-229 continued. Tra Bong A-107, Opn S-194, Opn C-195, and Opn P-196 continued. Opn S-197 departed 090500H to 141900H, recon, BS4087, 4080, 4587, 4580. Opn C-198 will depart 100500H to 151900H, S/D, BS2192, 2189, 2991. Minh Long A-108, Opn C-218 and Opn S-219 continued. Opn P-220 and Opn P-221 continued. Opn P-216 and Opn S-217 closed. |
| 16   | 0845 | 11th, CC, BS738463 at 0835H, eng'd 2 VC, res: 2 VC KIA, neg docs or wpns, 1 VCS captured, evac to LZ Liz.   |
| 17   | 0855 | 198th, C/1/52, BT219113-217109 at 0834H, rec'd light sniper fire at LZ, gunships are reconning by fire, neg damage.   |
| 18   | 0855 | 198th, C/1/52, from LZ Bowman to BT219113, PZ 0816H, LZ 0839H, rec'd slight sniper fire.  |
| 19   | 0900 | 11th, CC, BS782405 at 0835H, 1 VCS CIA, 1 VCS evaded, captured. Neg docs, neg wpns, evac to LZ Liz.   |
| 20   | 1820 | (delayed entry) 2d ARVN TOC, G-3, AO ext request #1: Quang Ngai requests AO ext from BS640860, 622875, 640875, 624860, time 100800H to 101800H. Request #2: AO request time 101800H to 202400H, from BS6283, 6273, 6583, 6575. Passed to 198th Kelly. Request #2 approved MAJ Borg 092100H, disapproved 092105H. Subject to clearance w/CAP team, not approved. Request #1 approved by MAJ Borg at 2145H. Passed to SP Lopez, Quang Ngai 092155H. Both approved by CPT Hall 198th. Passed to Quang Ngai, SGT Lopez 101115H.   |
| 21   | 0815 | 11th, C/1/20, BS308595 at 091615H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, approx 20 yrs old, wearing black PJ's, had pack w/small amount of rice, neg wpn or docs. 1 US EM drowned trying to get VC. (continued)  |

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| 21   | 0815 | (continuation) They had obs the VC W of the river and when they eng'd and killed him the 1 US EM entered the river to confirm the kill. EM was excellent swimmer but they think a swift under current caught him or he got the cramps. The sole purpose was to confirm the kill. EM was not ordered to go in the river and EM's body was recovered at 091615H. EM is carried as KHA. Notified C/S, SGT Loftis and SP/4 Johnson. G-3, SMG Skita.   |
| 22   | 0820 | 196th, 4/31 AO ext request, ASAP to indefinitely, AT872395 to 920400 to 920380 to 930380 to 930375 to 940375 to 940365, tactical opns I area. Cancelled by SO Boardman.   |
| 23   | 0906 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav Blue Ghost, request permission to run VR mission w/free fire, AT8940, 8440, 8935, 9435. Passed to 196th, SP/4 Boardman 100918H. Disapproved by 196th, SP/4 Boardman 101006H. Passed to 1/1 Cav, SGT Thompson 101007H.  |
| 24   | 0958 | 9th Engr, HQ Co, BT154447 at 0735H, dirt barricade in road, 3 ft wide covering length of road, neg findings.  |
| 25   | 1020 | 26th Engr, A/19th Engr, BS748510 at 0815H, 5 ton truck detonated mine, 1 WHA (E), truck total loss. (Info only).  |
| 26   | 1020 | 26th Engr, CC, BS754496 at 0815H, vehicle detonated mine, neg casualties, minor damage to vehicle, Vehicle was a earth moving vehicle from A/19th Engr.   |
| 27   | 1030 | 11th, Aero Scouts, BS316457 at 0915H, checked 3 medium size tunnels and detained 3 VCS, 2 were MAM and 1 was old man, Montangards, Evac to LZ Amy, neg wpns or ID's.  |
| 28   | 1045 | 196th, 4/31, Blue Ghost request, ASAO until duration, as long as possible VR mission, AT795300 E along Song Tho Bon River to AT917230, generally S to 928150, Crater Mallet 79, freq 62.85, LRRP Alabama AT916150, freq 61.25. Enemy position unk. Concerned w/sampan activity. Passed to 1/1 Cav, SGT Thompson 1055H.  |
| 29   | 1100 | 11th, air moves complete, A/4/21 from BS395455 to Minh Long, PZ 0940H, LZ 1043H. Recon from BS432466 to LZ Liz, PZ 0940H, LZ 0955H.   |
| 30   | 1105 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav, BT298378 at 1100H, 1 VC male evaded, captured, 1 VC KIA, KIA dressed in black shirt and khaki pants, neg wpn, neg documents.  |
| 31   | 1120 | 11th, C/4/21, from BS432466 to Minh Long, PZ 1100H, LZ 1104H. D/4/21 from BS406485 to Minh Long, PZ 0950H, LZ 1107H.  |
| 32   | 1120 | 196th, PF 2nd plat 2/1, BT013355 at 0934H, rec'd 4 or 5 rds semi-auto SA fire from 1200 meters SW, neg friendly casualties. 81mm called in w/unk results. Checked area, neg findings.   |
| 33   | 1125 | 196th, CC/4/31, AT894373 at 1037H, rec'd unk amount enemy sniper fire, neg hits or casualties, alt 2200 ft, speed 80 knots, acct cont'd mission.  |
| 34   | 1138 | 198th, G-2 at 1330H, planned LRRP Ohio opn, time: 101330H, UL BT405010, LR BS490980, mission is for observation. Posted on G-2/G-3 map.   |
| 35   | 1140 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav, BT236492 at 1132H, detained 1 MAM, evac to LZ Hawk Hill.  |
| 36   | 1150 | 198th, C/5/46, BS687895-687898 at 1115H, obs 15 VC MAM and 2 female in green uniforms, 1 VC had pack. Called arty w/neg results.  |
| 37   | 1208 | 196th, PF BT024365 at 0935H, found 1 SKS rifle and 1 SKS trigger mechanism, both were rusty and non-operating, SN T013, rifle too rusty, evac to Que Son. (info only).  |
| 38   | 1220 | 11th, D/1/20, BS352612 at 1145H, rec'd AW fire, res: 2 US WHA (E), Dustoff complete 1155H, evac to Duc Pho.   |
| 39   | 1225 | 196th, D/4/31, AT896366 at 0850H, rec'd AW sniper fire from unk size enemy force, from ESE at 400 meters, neg observation on VC, res: 1 US WHA (E), Dustoff complete 1002H. Arty called on enemy grid, gunships expended ammo in area, gunships and Dustoff drew sniper fire, neg hits or casualties. Posted.   |
| 40   | 1255 | 196th, air moves complete. B/4/31 from LZ West to AT935365, PZ 1107H, LZ 1200H. A/4/31 from AT935365 to LZ West, PZ 1055H, LZ 1143H.  |
| 41   | 1305 | 198th, A/1/52 from Chu Lai to LZ Bowman, PZ 1050H, LZ 1210H.  |
| 42   | 1323 | 196th, A/3/21, BT123323 at 1245H, eng'd 1 VC in black PH's, evaded, res: 1 VC KIA, neg docs, wpn or ID.   |
| 43   | 1855 | (delayed entry) 198th, G-2 TOC, Warlord request #1: BS6890, 6882, 7682, 7390, the right side would follow coast line, nearest friendlies C2/5/46, BS688893. C12/5/46, BS700885, contact Serene Talons 79, freq 59.80. Request #2: BT1811, 1805, 2805, 2811, neg friendlies, Cold Clutter 79, freq 64.15. Request #3: BS4387, 5078, 5481, 5088, Serene Talons 79, freq 59.80, nearest friendlies D22/5/46 BS478858. B11/5/46 BS480830. D13/5/46 BS478828. Warlords to contact Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50 before entering any of the above. Passed to Aero Scouts, to be flown during afternoon. |
| 44   | 1855 | (delayed entry) 198th, G-2 TOC, Blue Ghost request #1: AT9513, 9505, BT0305, 0313, contact Cold Clutter 79, freq 64.15, neg friendlies in area, contact Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50, prior to entering AO. Not flown due to friendly opns in area.  |
| 45   | 1300 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav Blue Ghost requests permission to run VR mission in 2d ARVN AO, BT2319, 2719, 2324, 2724. Request call sign and freq of ground contact. This PM seen as possible. Request friendly location. Passed to 2d ARVN Tam Ky, SP Bishop. Disapproved by SGT Spiller, ARVN opn in area. Passed to 1/1 Cav, SP Brocci.  |
| 46   | 1340 | 198th, C/1/52, BT206110 at 1320H, rec'd 15 rds AW fire from 100 meters S of above location, checking area at this time, res: 1 WHA (E).   |

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| 47   | 1352 | 9th Engr, D/9th, BT102512 at 1320H, rec'd about 50 rds of SA fire while working on bridge, ret'd fire and cont'd working on bridge, neg casualties.  |
| 48   | 1359 | III MAF G-2, high probability for attack by fire or Sapper attack on DaNang City and military bases around DaNang on the night of 10 Dec 68. CLDC SGT O'Malley, 196th PFC Middie, 198th SP/4 Hansen, 1/1 Cav SGT Runit, 11th SP/4 Geiger.  |
| 49   | 1405 | 26th Engr, A/26th, BT063363 at 1300H, mine sweep team found 1 mine 12 inches x 12 inches x 6 inches, pressure type firing device made of bamboo. Mine was on S side of road, mine destroyed in place.  |
| 50   | 1409 | 198th, LRRP Ohio at 1350H, LRRP inserted at 1350H at BS436936.   |
| 51   | 1530 | Tam Ky, AO ext request for defensive sea shore training, BT302371, 291365, 310343, 315350, from 12 Dec 1900H to 13 Dec 0700H. Disapproved by Div G-3, Navy opn in that area. Passed to Tam Ky, SGT Spiller 1540H.  |
| 52   | 1455 | 11th, CC/3/1, BS665574-680545 at 1145H, 1 VC CIA evading, each grid, neg wpns or documents.  |
| 53   | 1530 | 11th, 4/3, BS897306 at 1505H, 1 VC female had documents she was delivering from 1 VC to another. They still have her at above coord, will bring her to LZ Bronco. Passed to IPW, CPT Wolfe.  |
| 54   | 1542 | CLDC, RMK will be blasting at 1700H in rock quarry. Notified C/S, SGT Loftis, G-3, SP/4 Morgan, G-2, SGT LaPoint.  |
| 55   | 1545 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav, BT280362 at 1530H, obs and eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 56   | 1545 | 11th, C/4/3, from LZ Bronco to LZ Liz, PZ 1300H, LZ 1415H.   |
| 57   | 1545 | 11th, D/4/3, from LZ Thunder to LZ Dragon, PZ 1300H, LZ 1540H.   |
| 58   | 1550 | 198th, D/1/52, BT192109 at 1440H, D Co reported observing 4 enemy in vic of above coord. Arty fired and no further info reported.  |
| 59   | 1555 | 198th, Aero Scouts, BS732955 at 1500H, reported detaining 1 VCS. Detainee was picked up at above coord. VCS will be evac to 198th PW.  |
| 60   | 0145 | III MAF, COC LCDR Campbell, Navy Special Opns, request AO ext for blacklist apprehension mission, time: 122000H to 140600H Dec 68, from BT3035 N to 3037, then E to ocean. Passed to 1/1 Cav, SGT Thompson 1220H. Approved by G-3. Msg to III MAF dtg 100730Z Dec 68.            |
| 61   | 1400 | Ba To SF, msg #554-0-101300, due to tactical developments, the following portion of the requested AO for Amcal opn will not be available until 111400H Dec, BS6042, 6036, 6242. Passed to 11th Bde, MAJ Erickson. Grid square 63236 is approved. Passed to 11th Bde, SGT Liptin. |
| 62   | 1615 | 11th, CC/4/3, BS825312 at 1550H, 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 63   | 1620 | 196th, 4/31, AT855325 at 1500H, obs a BDA on air strike, 2 secondary explosions, white smoke 500 ft high, 2 secondary fires, small particles of metal or wood at base of fires, possible ammo bunker.  |
| 64   | 1730 | 26th Engr, CC ship, BS779445 at 1700H, VN civilian found on the road killed from gunshot wounds in the head. Unknown who killed him, no further info available.  |
| 65   | 1807 | 26th Engr, CC, BS552536-597544 at 1545H, CC ship rec'd AW fire from above coord w/neg hits.  |
| 66   | 1809 | 11th, CC/4/3, BS891268 at 1530H, detained 3 VCS, 2 without ID cards, 1 w/possible false ID card. Evac to Duc Pho.  |
| 67   | 1517 | 11th, R/4/21, BS720435 at 1505H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpns, ID, or docs.   |
| 68   | 1615 | 11th, CC/4/3, BS807359 at 1600H, 1 VCS CIA, evac to LZ Bronco, neg wpn or ID.  |
| 69   | 1625 | 196th, C/3/21, BT155290 at 1430H, eng'd 3 VC evading, res: 2 VC KIA, neg wpns, packs, or ID. 1 VC escaped into wood line.  |
| 70   | 1715 | CLDC, at 1700H, alert condition White effective 101800H. TEA is A.   |
| 71   | 1830 | 196th, G-2 TOC, Blue Ghost readout. AT802259, obs 1 VN male sitting on bunker in khaki uniform, neg pack or wpn, he jumped into bunker when he saw Blue Ghost, arty called in, hut near bunker destroyed. AT 814258, destroyed 4 sampans camouflaged on bank of river.           |
| 72   | 1835 | 196th, Aerial Observer 4/3, AT855325 at 1605H, obs BDA on air strike, 1 secondary explosion, white smoke 300 ft high, and 1 small secondary fire.  |
| 73   | 1845 | 11th, 8136, 1550 Piasters was paid to VN civilians throughout the day: 2x88mm illum, 1x8" arty rd, 1x105mm flare rd, 1x175mm arty rd, 1 Claymores, 2 M-79 rds. VIP.  |
| 74   | 1922 | 198th, MP's, BT622004 at 080315H, MP river patrol saw 4 VC with what appeared to be mortar tube, VC were eng'd with machinegun fire and 1 VC obs dropping in the water. 100800H, PF's searched area, 1 VC KIA, 60mm mortar tube. Tube evac to Binh Son.                          |
| 75   | 1926 | 198th, MP's, BT623008 at 1705H, MP's at dock rec'd 2 rds semi-auto fire, no action taken.  |
| 76   | 1930 | 198th, F/8th Cav, BT358090 at 1730H, fired on suspect enemy base, 8-10 structures, numerous uniforms and bags of rice, small secondary explosion from hut, believed to be rds exploding from heat.   |
| 77   | 1945 | 26th Engr, the COL from 26th Engr is going up in copter around midnight with a Starlight scope. He wants all ambush sites and call signs of ambushes on Hwy #1 from here to LZ Charlie Brown.  |

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| 1    | 0001 | Journal Opened.  |
| 2    | 1325 | (delayed entry) 11th, Aero Scouts request, VR of Vernon Lake II AO, 110730H to 111130H Dec 68, contact Purple Reels 79, freq 52.00, LZ Bronco. 111330 to 111730H approved and passed to Div Avn. 110500H passed to 11th Bde, SGT Conrad.   |
| 3    | 1740 | (delayed entry) 198th G-2, Warlord request, priority #1: BS6890, BS6882, BS7682, BS7390, right side of AO follows coast line, friendlies: C2(-)/5/46 BS688895, C12/5/46 BS688882, contact Serene Talons 79, freq 59.80. Priority #2: BT1811, 1805, 2805, 2811, neg friendlies, contact Cold Clutter 79, freq 64.15. Priority #3: BS4387, 5078, 5481, 5088, friendlies: D22/5/46 BS476858, D33/5/46 BS480830, D13/5/46 BS429824, contact Serene Talons 79, freq 59.80 prior to entering all AO's, contact Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50. Approved and passed for 11 Dec to Div Avn. 110600H passed to 11th Bde, CPT Hall,   |
| 4    | 0005 | 198th, B/5/46, LZ Paradise at 2315H, fired illum because of something at wire. Fired M-16, M-79, neg assessment of what was at wire or damage to it.   |
| 5    | 0550 | Tam Ky, PF(8), BT213433 at 2030H, ambushed unk number VC, res: 2 VC KIA, 1 PF WHA.   |
| 6    | 0640 | CLDC, at 0700H, normal daylight working conditions, effective 0700H.   |
| 7    | 0220 | DTOC, 5th SFG. Tien Phuoc opns from sitrep #344 per 091200H-101200H Dec 68. Passed to 198th, PFC Fultz, 196th, PFC Trogon. Opn P-264 and Opn P-265 closed 091800H. Opn P-266 departed as scheduled. Opn P-268 departed 110500H, S/C, BT0411, 1011, 1007, 0407. Gia Vuc A-103, QM Opn C-279 continues to support Ba To. Opn P-294, Opn S-303, and Opn S-302 continued 101500H. Opn P-300 closed 091800H. Opn P-301 departed (same as P-300) 1 day. Ha Thanh A-104, Opn C-279, Opn S-280, and Opn S-281 continued 101500H. Opn C-276, Opn P-292, and Opn P-293 closed as 091800H. Opn P-294 departed as scheduled. Opn P-295 departed as scheduled. Opn P-298 will depart 120800H to 121700H, S/D, BS3973, 4173, 4171, 3971. Opn P-299 will depart 120800H to 121700H, S/C, BS3768, 3968, 3966, 3866. Nong Son A-105, Neg opns. Ba To A-106, Opn C-227 continued 101500H (Opn Robin Hood). Opn P-229 continued 101500H. Tra Bong A-107, Opn C-195 and Opn S-196 continued 101500H. Opn S-194 closed 091800H. EM Opn S-197 departed as scheduled. RM Opn C-198 departed as scheduled. Opn P-199 will depart 120500H to 171900H, recon, BS3096, 3089, 3595, 3589. Minh Long A-108, Opn C-218 continued 101500H, Opn Robin Hood. Opn P-222 departed 100500H to 131845H, S/C, BS5754, 5751, 6051, 6054. Opn P-223 will depart 110500H to 141500H, S/C, BS5651, 5648, 6048, 6051. |
| 8    | 1335 | (delayed entry) DTOC, Amcal Div, request AO ext for Named Opn from 100001H to 312400H, from 196th AO boundary vic AT817265 follow river N to AT800294, N to 800300, follow trail NE to Nong Son SF boundary, follow boundary NE to AT878410, NE to trail 944478, follow trail to 979504, continue NE to Song Chien Son River vic 992521, follow river E to bridge vic BT004520, then S 100 meters to Hwy #537, follow Hwy #537 E to Song Chien Son River vic BT062511, follow river to Quan Queson province boundary, S along boundary to present 196th AO boundary vic BT075490. Passed to III MAF, CPL Bennett 091445H. Msg sent to 1st Mar Div, LT Cronin dtg 091010Z Dec 68. Approved by 1st Mar Div 102300H, LT McIntyre. Disapproved by 2nd ROK, LT Zigler, 2nd ROK Co's are in area conducting opns and may be in area for some time. Passed to 196th Bde, 110500H LNO.   |
| 9    | 0810 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav, BT204243 at 0805H, 1 MAM evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.  |
| 10   | 0855 | 1/1 Cav, B Trp, BT213450 at 0843H, 1 MAM evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.  |
| 11   | 0845 | 196th, 1 tracker dog team, 120715H LRRP Pad, for 5 days, staying at LZ Baldy. Call 3391. Passed to LT Rahaim. Approved. Coordination made by LT Rahaim. G-3 approved by CPT Miller. Passed to LT Matazinski 196th.   |
| 12   | 0910 | 198th, Warlords, VR report, time: 110855H, location BS554827, picked up 1 male. At BS603905, picked up 2 male detainees w/ID cards, all were evac to 198th IPW.  |
| 13   | 2000 | (delayed entry) 11th TOC G-3, AO ext request for Sniffer mission, time 121300H to 121600H Dec 68, BS4042, 5042, 4032, 5032. Minh Long passed 102200H msg 72 approved by Ba To, passed 102300H, neg clearance. Gia Vuc passed 102130H, neg 4032, msg 63-P-102100H. Minh Long reply: msg 772-P-102400H from 32 approved Ba To. Gia Vuc passed to SP Lopez, 2n ARVN Quang Ngai 110300H. Disapproved by G-3. Passed to 11th Bde, SGT Lipin.  |
| 14   | 0920 | 198th, LRRP Ohio, 10 Dec 68 at 2030H, from BS433985, heard a generator running. Also had movement all night around their location. At 0750H this morning they moved W from sitrep location.  |
| 15   | 0950 | 196th, A/2/1, BT094404 at 0855H, rec'd 20-30 rds SA fire from 1000 meters SE, neg casualties, ret'd fire w/SA, called in arty w/unk results, and checked area w/neg findings. A/2/1 XO and S-3 were in immediate area, found 30 expended M-14 cartridges.  |
| 16   | 1015 | 26th Engr Recon, BS724579 at 0030H, LOH on night recon rec'd SA fire, neg hits, ret'd fire and cont'd mission.   |
| 17   | 1015 | 26th Engr Recon, BS763483 at 0040H, LOH on night recon sighted 2 VC on QL-1, VC evaded and eng'd w/unk results.  |
| 18   | 1015 | 26th Engr Recon, BS690641 at 0025H, cover ship on night mission for recon rec'd SA fire, neg hits, cont'd mission.   |
| 19   | 0915 | 39th Engr, C/39, BS710605 at 0755H, security unit eng'd 3 VC, neg results. 0830H, BS718593, found anti-personnel mine, 5 lb charge. Pulled from roadway w/grapnel hooks. Cont'd mine sweep.  |



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| 20   | 0937 | 1/1 Cav, Blue Ghost request in 196th AO, coords: AT9634, 9530, BT0030, 0034. Approved for free fire from 196th. Contact C/2/1, AT945345, call sign: Certain Iceberry 36, freq 46.70. C/2/1 OP AT949345. LZ Dragon OP AT999315, call sign: Fort Knox, freq 46.70. Contact 2/1, Candid Critic upon entry of AO. Passed to 1/1 Cav, SP Stiltner.  |
| 21   | 1040 | CAP 132, BS567907 at 0930H, villagers told patrol where 11x105mm rds and 12 volt battery was hidden, res: destroyed battery and blew rds in place. Paid 1500 P's in reward.  |
| 22   | 1055 | CAP 130, BS554893-515889 at 1000H, rec'd intel, 5 VC at above enemy coord. VC were at river crossing. Action taken: arty was called, swept impact area, found 1 VC KIA and many blood trails. (Info only).   |
| 23   | 1100 | 198th, C/1/52, BT187104 at 1017H, found 1 aluminum base plate, 60mm mortar, appeared to be new and unused. Found in bushes, not well hidden. Also found a case on M-79 rds. Case had wire leading from it. Blew the rds and kept the base plate.   |
| 24   | 1120 | 196th, 3/21. B Co from LZ Center to LZ East, PZ 0845H, LZ 0940H. C Co from BT131303 to Chu Lai, PZ 0821H, LZ 0925H. 2C from LZ East to Chu Lai, PZ 0926H, LZ 0950H. Recon from Chu Lai to LZ East, PZ 0955H, LZ 1020H.   |
| 25   | 1955 | (delayed entry) 196th, G-2 request AO ext for Sniffer mission to be run 12 Dec 68 at 0600H to 1800H, request free fire. AO request from AT930150 S to 930100, E to BT100100, then NW along Tien Phuoc Control Fire Zone boundary. Posted on Sit Map. Passed to Tam Ky, SP Bishop at 2145H. Approved by LT Quang, SGT Spiller. Approved by SF, SGT Garner 111010H. Passed to SF Tien Phuoc 102300H. Approved by G-3. Passed to 196th, SP Ewing. |
| 26   | 1130 | 11th, A/4/21, CA from Minh Long to BS640429, PZ 1032H, LZ 1044H. PZ 1118H, LZ 1125H. LZ was cold and CA is complete.   |
| 27   | 1135 | 198th, Aerial Observer, BT204117 at 1030H, spotted bunker complex, called in arty, res: bunker destroyed.  |
| 28   | 1158 | 198th, LRRP Ohio, BS431985 at 1100H, has found no signs of enemy and no BT's, found M-16 rds and mags. There was a maximum of 7 rds in each magazine. No count on mags. In same area they found what appeared to be parts of an airplane.  |
| 29   | 1230 | 11th, CA complete. D/4/21 from minh Long to BS636381, PZ 1053H, LZ 1104H. PZ 1135H, LZ 1145H. C/4/21 from Minh Long to BS636410, PZ 1153H, LZ 1156H. PZ 1207H, LZ 1136H. Cold, complete.   |
| 30   | 1240 | 11th, CA complete. D/3/1 from LZ Dragon to BS653353, PZ 1053H, LZ 1145H. C Co from LZ Liz to BS620361, PZ 1100H, LZ 1136H. Cold, complete.   |
| 31   | 1300 | 1st CAG, MTT-2, BS599919 at 1150H, 2 USMC were spraying defoliant on grass along wire when 1 USMC stepped on M16 mine. Called Dustoff at 1200H, complete at 1210H. Evac to 312th Evac. (Info only).  |
| 32   | 1300 | 196th, CC/2/1, BT009358 at 1135H, CC rec'd 1 rd SA fire, from 250 meters NNW of location, neg hits, 50 ft alt, 90 knots air speed. 4.2 mortar mission was called w/unk results.  |
| 33   | 1305 | 196th, A/3/21, BT116344 at 1210H, located 1 VC evading out of hole 10 meters N of their location, was eng'd w/SA fire, res: 1 VC KIA, age 35 yrs old, neg wpn, pack, or ID, dressed in black PJ's.   |
| 34   | 1310 | 198th, Warlord VR report, time 1030H. At BT289073, obs 2 green uniforms drying and destroyed 2 huts in area. At 1105H at BT290078, obs 5 green uniforms drying in vic of 7 huts which were destroyed. 1115H at BT224062, obs 6 green uniforms drying near huts. 1120H at BT289073 obs huts being rebuilt after being destroyed. Ammo was expended so arty was called. 1130H Warlord broke station.   |
| 35   | 1320 | 9th Engr, A/9, BT183421 at 1300H, found 80 lb nitro starch mine, blown in place, crater 15 ft x 10 ft x 10 ft.   |
| 36   | 1325 | 196th, A/3/21, BT105346 at 1145H, rec'd M-79 rds, 10-15 rds SA fire from 350 meters N of their location, res: neg US casualties. Arty was called and well-covered, obs 1 VC evading N, checked area w/neg findings.  |
| 37   | 1405 | 196th, D/3/21, air move from Chu Lai to LZ Center, PZ 0920H, LZ 1130H.   |
| 38   | 1432 | 196th, Blue Ghost readout, time 1340H, AT965304, destroyed 2 camouflaged huts, neg secondary explosions.   |
| 39   | 1310 | 11th, A/4/21, BS646431 at 1244H, found base camp, 4 huts, several packs, canteens and misc military equip. 2 wpns thought to be Mauser's, 2 bolt action rifles, SN BESSS6, date on enemy wpn 1948, SN 6825, date 1936. Both wpns were loaded and operational. No further word from the above 1420H. IPW notified 1445H.  |
| 40   | 1315 | 198th, C/1/52, BT189094 at 1130H, spotted 5 NVA 100 meters moving S, eng'd w/SA fire, NVA ret'd fire and then evaded, res: 3 NVA KIA, captured 2 AK-47's, SN's 9474027, 10056234. Also 2 maps, 1 VN and 1 Chinese, also 1 compass. 1 KIA was NCO, 2 wore grey uniforms and the other had brown pants and black shirt. Docs are still in field, will be sent to 198th sometime today. IPW notified 1445H.                                       |
| 41   | 1740 | (delayed entry) 198th, Blue Ghost request #1: AT9513, 9505, BT0305, 0313, neg friendlies in area, contact: Cold Clutter 79, freq 64.15. Before entering AO, contact Steward Peso 79, freq 58.50. Not flown due to other commitment of covering 196th during other opns in the south.   |
| 42   | 2125 | (delayed entry) 196th, G-2 TOC, air request, tomorrow our acft will be pulled for opn to the S, however LRRP Tennessee is to be extracted at 0900H, AT843289, they are on freq 61.25. We were wondering if 1/1 Cav could extract them for us. Not flown as fire birds due to be back on station to complete extraction.  |
| 43   | 1430 | 196th, 2/1, 2 Plt of RB's rom LZ Sooner to Qun Son (BT042348), PZ 1307H, LZ1327H.  |
| 44   | 1453 | 1/1 Cav, A Trp, BT193292 at 1450H, detained 1 MAM, evac to LZ Hawk Hill.   |

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| 45   | 1507 | CLDC, RMK will blast in quarry at 1700H, notified SP/4 Johnson C/S, PFC Bordlon G-3, SMG Lillard G-2.  |
| 46   | 1030 | 11th, AO ext request into 2nd ARVN area, time: ASAP to 9 March, location: along present 11th Bde northern boundary from South China Sea on 57 E-W grid line travelling W to BS6157, N along 61 N-S grid line to 6160, E along 60 E-W grid line to South China Sea. Passed to Quang Ngai, SGT Gregke. Approved COL Nghin by LTC Lawrence and COL Hadder. Passed to 11th Bde, SGT Lipton.  |
| 47   | 1620 | 198th, C/1/52, BT1907 at 1515H, Helix put in air strike at above coord at 1545H. Air strike was complete at 1530H. C/1/52 found 2 destroyed bunkers that were empty. They found 7x500 lb bombs at BT190076. Bombs have not been blown, they were still in place at 1645H. 1658H, S-3 1/52 said that nothing could be done today. EOD would take care of them when the area is secured. 1700H, S-3 1/52 said all bombs are several feet underground. They intend to have a preplanned strike on the area to cover the holes and detonate.   |
| 48   | 1640 | 11th, R/3/1, BS695354 at 1130H, walking trail, found 4 huts w/s hole, 2 VC evading, eng'd, res: 2 VC KIA. Had ID and docs which are at BS691357.   |
| 49   | 1600 | 198th, A/5/46, BS474854-474853 at 1510H, rec'd 2 rds sniper fire, snipers evaded to the S, did not engage.   |
| 50   | 1605 | 11th, D/4/3, BS715545 at 1550H, detained 3 MAM, evac to Duc Pho.   |
| 51   | 1630 | 198th, AT843289 at 1616H, LRRP Tennessee was extracted at 1616H. Completed mission.  |
| 52   | 1635 | 11th, CC/4/3, BS748480 at 1610H, detained 1 VCS, age 50, evac to Duc Pho, neg wpn.   |
| 53   | 1635 | 11th, D/4/3, BS715545 at 1500H, detained 3 MAM, 1 is 65 yrs old w/ID, 1 is 60 yr old w/ID. 1 is 18-20 yrs old, neg ID. Evac to Duc Pho, neg wpns.  |
| 54   | 1640 | 198th, A/5/46, BS639980-634986 at 1605H, obs 5 VC in black PJ's evading. Called in arty w/unk results.   |
| 55   | 1640 | 198th, A/5/46, BS669911-676905 at 1545H, obs 5 VC in khaki uniforms w/packs and wpns moving SW. Called in arty w/unk results.  |
| 56   | 1645 | 11th, D/4/21, BS635389 at 1432H, found ammo: 180 rds 60mm (Chicom), 62 rds 82mm (Russian), 46 rds 57mm RR (Chicom), 36,000 rds assorted .50 cal, .38, and 7.62 cal SA. Will keep 10 rds of each ammo. There is no LZ for helicopter. Nearest possible LZ is 200 meters away. MAJ Veach S-2 ordered to destroy rest in place by EOD.  |
| 57   | 1610 | 196th, G-2 TOC, Sniffer mission request, request ext for 0600H to 1800H 12 Dec 68. Request free fire from BT160270 E to 170270, S to BT170218. Posted. Passed to 1/1 Cav Stelteer. From people working in lower portion of AO, 196th can have 1627 E to 1727, S to 1725, W to 1525. Cancelled by 196th, SP Ewing.  |
| 58   | 1717 | 198th TOC, request time frame ext for AO, BS460840 S to 460820, W to 440820, S to 440770, E to present 5/46 AO boundary. Current time frame is 061200H to 132400H. Request ext until 182400H. Passed to Quang Ngai, SGT Gregke. 2045H, approved by Quang Ngai, LTC N Celp N G-3, by SGT Gregke. Passed to SP Schwegler 198th 2115H. Sit Map changed.   |
| 59   | 1750 | 196th, CC/4/31, AT901227 at 1725H, eng'd 1 VC evading, neg wpn or pack, res: 1 VC KIA.   |
| 60   | 1823 | 11th, CC/4/21, BS708533-696522 at 1700H, detained 2 VCS, neg ID, evac to LZ Bronco for interrogation.  |
| 61   | 1855 | 11th, BS9221-9222 at neg time, VIP turned in 2x4.2 mortar rds, 8x81mm illum rds, 2 M26 HG's, 4x60mm mortar rds, 29 M-79 rds. VIP was paid 4,200 P's.   |
| 62   | 1923 | 196th Bde, R/5/46, BS510880 at 1755H, eng'd 2 VC evading, gunships eng'd, res: 2 VC KIA.   |
| 63   | 1925 | 196th, R/5/46, BS517877 at 1745H, recon captured 1 VC evading, VC was evac LZ Benson. They also captured 1 wpn believed to be a AK-44.   |
| 64   | 1925 | 196th, F/17 Cav, 1/46, BT138499 at 1630H, rec'd 15-20 rds of AW/SA fire from across the blue line 500 meters NE of their location, ret'd fire w/unk results. They were then preparing to move out and they rec'd 15-20 more rds of AW fire, they ret'd fire again w/unk results. At time the resupply chopper, tail #441, arrived they rec'd unk amount of SA fire, the chopper had neg hits, chopper ret'd fire with unk results. At this time 4 APC's got on line and reconned the area by fire. A patrol was sent into area, found 4 children. A PF questioned children and released them, then the area was well covered by arty, res: unk, neg US casualties, 1 PF slightly wounded, but evac was not needed. |
| 65   | 1945 | 11th, LRRP Montana, BS640535 at 1940H, LRRP Montana extracted at 1940H, requested extraction at 1900H. 1805H heard noises 200-300 meters N of location. 1845H, obs 2 VC w/wpns, 1 came directly toward them, one circled to flank. 1900H, obs people on ridgeline and detected movement. 1910H, obs more movement.   |
| 66   | 1905 | 196th, B/4/31, AT910361 at 1750H, obs 15 VC w/packs & wpns moving N to S at a distance of 1000 meters, called arty, res: 2 VC KIA by arty.   |
| 67   | 2000 | 198th, A/5/46, BS639980, enemy BS663947 at 1900H, spotted 4 people running into village, rec'd 50 rds SA, M-14 probable, called arty on enemy grid, res: unk.  |
| 68   | 0145 | 198th, B/1/52, BT264148 at 0103H, B/1/52 rec's 3 unk size mortar rds, 2 within perimeter, 1 outside, NCD. Area being checked as of TOR.  |
| 69   | 0925 | Aero Scouts request for VR in Vernon Lake II, from 120730H to 121130H Dec, call sign: Purple Reels 79, freq 52.00, location LZ Bronco. Passed to Div Avn 120130H. Passed to 11th Bde, SGT Conrad.  |

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| 1    | 0001 | Journal Opened.  |
| 2    | 0001 | 1/1 Cav, B/1/1, BT214435 at 2350H, rec'd 5 rds SA fire and 1 M-79 rd. NCD.   |
| 3    | 0150 | 11th, 174th Avn, BS774538 at 0145H, flare ship rec'd SA/AW fire, 1 WHA (E).  |
| 4    | 0640 | CLDC, resume normal daylight working conditions effective 0700H.   |
| 5    | 0715 | 198th, 176th Avn, BS742853, 749855, 752854, 757850 at 0700H, while making CS drop, choppers rec'd SA fire from above coords. Called in arty w/unlk results. Gunships eng'd, res: 1 VC KIA.   |
| 6    | 1620 | (delayed entry) 198th, G-2 TOC, Warlord request #1: BS6890, 6882, 7682, 7390, E boundary of AO is coast line, contact: Serene Talents 79 on 59.80, nearest friendlies: A2/5/46 BS688895, C12/5/46 BS688882. Request #2: BT1811, 1805, 2805, 2811, nearest friendlies: C/1/52 BT189095, D2/1/52 BT185111, contact: Cold Clutter 79 on 64.15. Passed first two portions to Aero Scouts. Passed to Div Avn.   |
| 7    | 2030 | (delayed entry) 196th, G-2, Blue Ghost request for anytime in morning 12 Dec 68, from AT920230 E along river to BT010214, then S to AT997200, then W to 920200, then N to 920230. 2nd Blue Ghost VR request for anytime in the afternoon 12 Dec 68, from AT946200 S and SW along river to 930150, then E to BT000150, then N to AT997200, ground contact: Crater Mallet 79 on 61.90. For both requests for 4/31st Inf to check for any enemy buildup. Passed to 1/1 Cav, SGT Stiltner 120815H. |
| 8    | 0735 | 196th, 3/21 AO ext request, from approval time to 122400H, grid squares BT1820 and 1920. B Co wants search and clear in area to check out highlands. Passed to Tam Ky, SGT Spiller 0912H. Cleared by LT Cuone. Approved by G-3 CPT Miller. Passed to 196th, SP Boardman.   |
| 9    | 1445 | (delayed entry) 11th, 1/20th AO ext request, BS3062 N to 3064, E to 3964 along present boundary to 3062, from 120700H to 202400H, mission: purpose: to recon suspected enemy areas. Passed to Ha Thanh, msg 67-0-120400, TOR 120715H. Reply: area will not be clear until 171200H. Approved by G-3. Passed to 11th Bde, LT Diehl.  |
| 10   | 0747 | 198th, R/1/52, BT247125 at 0715H, found 200 lbs of unpolished rice in sacks, 2 packs w/1 green uniform in each pack. 1 NVA poncho, they were found in bomb shelter and huts. Rice was destroyed.   |
| 11   | 0810 | 9th Engr, D/9, BT155455 at 0805H, 1 VN civilian gave 1x155mm projectile to sweep team leader, civilian given 200 P's reward.   |
| 12   | 0820 | 196th, A/3/21, BT129340 at 0720H, eng'd 1 VC evading into a hole, res: 1 VC KIA, age 30 to 35 yrs old, neg wpn, pack, or ID.   |
| 13   | 0825 | 9th Engr, A/9, BT201384 at 0800H, VN civilian turned in 1x105mm rd to sweep team leader. Rewarded civilian w/500 P's. Blown in place.  |
| 14   | 0840 | 1/1 Cav, B Trp, BT422438 at 0825H, 1 MAM evading, res: 1 VC KIA. VC was killed by A/1/46, neg wpn, ID, or docs.  |
| 15   | 0905 | 198th, at 0850H, LRRP Ohio, 2 men were extracted from BS430985 for medical purposes. 1 EM has bronchitis, the other has a bad cold.  |
| 16   | 0925 | 196th, A/3/21, BT107315 at 0845H, obs 2 VC evading NE at 150 meters NE of their location, eng'd w/SA, res: 2 VC KIA, ages 32 to 40 yrs old, black PJ's, neg wpn, ID, or pack.  |
| 17   | 0855 | 11th, AO request for LRRP Nevada, time: 130600H to 171600H, coords: BS7736, 7731, 8036, 8031. G-2/G-3 map posted. SSD notified.  |
| 18   | 0930 | 196th, D/3/21, BT107307 at 0900H, obs 1 VC in a black top, bright shorts, evading N at 200 meters N of their location, eng'd w/SA fire, res: 1 VC KIA, VC ages 22 yrs, had 5 lb bag of polished rice, neg wpn, ID, or pack. Rice was destroyed.  |
| 19   | 0940 | 198th, B/1/52, BT259147 at 0906H, detonated 1 M26 mine, 2 US WHA (E), Dustoff called at 0906H, complete at 0930H, evac to 312th Evac.  |
| 20   | 1015 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav, BT246460 at 0745H, 1 MAM evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn, ID, or docs.   |
| 21   | 1015 | 1st CAG, CAP 139m BS560894 at 0900H, villagers told Marines location of 2 M16 mines, res: sent patrol, found mines, mines blown in place. Paid villager 2,000 P's. (Info only).  |
| 22   | 1015 | 1st CAG, CAP 138, BS531931 at 0900H, 3 Marines and 1 PF detonated 1 M16 mine while on patrol, res: 3 USMC WHA (E), 1 PF KIA. Dustoff called at 0900H, complete at 0915H, evac to 312th Evac. (Info only).  |
| 23   | 1017 | 1/1 Cav, AO ext request, BT335305 E to water 335305, NW to 320320, E to water, from 121000H to 121800H. A lot of arty was dropped in area, 1/1 Cav wants to go in and check it out. Passed to Tam Ky, SGT Spiller. Approved by G-3. Passed to 1/1 Cav, SGT Thompson. Posted.   |
| 24   | 1020 | 198th, BS425989 at 1005H, LRRP Ohio, just N of saddle they found trails not more than 5 to 10 days old. Also found freshly chopped wood, moving N on ridgeline.  |
| 25   | 1045 | 196th, D/2/1, air move from LZ Sooner to LZ Ross, PZ 0922H, LZ 1035H.  |
| 26   | 1110 | 196th, B/2/1, BT014335 at 0945H, rec'd 10 rds of SA fire from 500 meters S of their location, neg casualties, neg action taken.  |
| 27   | 1112 | 196th, 26th Engr, BT018338 at 1030H, Dental Team from 26th Engr rec'd 4 rds od SA fire from 300 meters SW of their location, neg casualties. 4.2 mission called in, res: unk.  |
| 28   | 1140 | 11th, B/4/3, BS764350 at 1036H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA w/misc docs, docs evac to LZ Bronco.   |

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| 29   | 1158 | 11th, B/19th Engr, BS922188 at 1115H, 1/4 ton truck rec'd SA fire and AW fire, res: 1 KHA, 1 WHA (E). Arty fired on enemy location. E Trp 1st Cav sent element to check area. KHA was an officer. (Info only). O2 1LT Birely from B/19th Engr. Info from PFC Giger, 11th Bde 1315H.  |
| 30   | 1225 | 198th, A/1/52, BT246149 at 1100H, eng'd 1 MAM wearing black shirt and black pants, res: 1 VC KIA, neg ID or equip. A/1/52, BT245151 at 1045H, eng'd 3 VC, res: 1 VC KIA, carrying 19x.30 cal rds. Found M26 HG, detained VCS female, evac to LZ Bowman, then to LZ Bayonet.  |
| 31   | 1225 | USRV TOC, ARVN convoy will be leaving DaNang at 121200H, will be in our AO at approx 1330H. They will be heading for Quang Ngai. The convoy will consist of 65 vehicles. They will return to DaNang at 131130H Dec 68. They will coordinate w/each sector as they pass through. Passed to Combat Support Center, SP Hatfield. Passed to 196th Bde, LT Nickerson. Passed to 198th Bde, SP Moccabee. Passed to 1/1 Cav, SGT Bracci.  |
| 32   | 1225 | 198th, CC/1/52, BT168071 at 1030H, obs 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA. Also rec'd SA fire, ret'd fire w/neg results.  |
| 33   | 1235 | 198th, C/5/46, BS608852 at 1120H, C25 found paper in the open, notice said VC controlled. C25 also picked up 3 VCS males, ages 30, 17, and 14. Older male had an old shrapnel wound in leg. They will be extracted to LZ Gator this afternoon.   |
| 34   | 1240 | 198th, D/5/46, BS512923 at 1150H, picked up 2 detainees, 1 male 45 yrs old, 1 female approx 20 yrs old, fake pictures on ID cards. Also found 300 lbs of rice, was packaged up ready for movement. Evac to LZ Gator.   |
| 35   | 1247 | 198th, C/5/46, BS608852 at 1235H, detained 1 VC female, age 49 yrs old, had no ID.   |
| 36   | 0830 | III MAF, C Co, 5th SF, sitrep #345, operational data. Tien Phuoc A-102, Opn C-266 continued. Opn C-269 and Opn C-267 departed as scheduled. Opn P-268 closed 101800H. Gia Vuc A-103, Opn C-279 continued to support at Ba To. Opn S-302 and Opn S-303 continued. Opn P-301 closed at 101800H. Opn C-304 departed 110600H to 161800H, recon, BS3236, 3636, 3640, 3240. Opn P-305 departed 110400H to 161800H, recon, BS3217, 3517, 3622, 3222. Opn P-308 departed 110600H to 120400H, recon, BS3430, 4123, 4130, 3423 and ? 3628, 3928, 3926, 2626. Opn S-306 will depart 120500H to 171700H, recon, BS3128, 3528, 3532, 3132. Opn P-307 will depart 130400H to 192000H, recon, BS4336, 4736, 4740, 4340. Ha Thanh A-105, Opn C-279 and Opn S-280 continued. Opn S-281, Opn P-194, and Opn P-195 closed 101800H. Opn P-296 and Opn P-297 departed as scheduled. Opn S-288 departed 101700H to 150600H, recon, BS3770, 4070, 3776, 4076. Opn S-289 departed 110900H to 161800H, recon, BS3264, 3261, 3964, 3961. Opn P-298 departed 120800H to 121700H, S/D, BS3973, 4173, 4171, 3971. Opn P-299 will depart 120800H to 121700H, S/C, BS3768, 3968, 3966, 3866. Opn C-300 will depart 140600H to 191800H, S/S, BS2872, 3372, 2868, 3368. Opn P-301 will depart 130800H to 131700H, SW, BS3772, 3972, 3870, 3770. Opn P-302 will depart 130800H to 131700H, S/C, BS3670, 3870, 3868, 3668. Ba To A-106, Opn C-227 continued (Opn Robin Hood). Opn C-229 continued. Tra Bong A-107, Opn C-196, Opn S-197, and Opn C-198 continued. Opn C-195 closed 101000H. Opn P-199 will depart 120500H to 171900H, recon, BS3096, 3595, 3089. Minh Long A-108, Opn C-218 continued (Opn Robin Hood). |
| 37   | 1330 | 11th, C/1/20, BS314590 at 1250H, eng'd 3 VC, all MAM, 18-30 yrs old, 2 in khaki's, 1 in PJ's, res: 2 VC CIA, 1 VC KIA, neg wpns, ID, or docs. Evac to LZ Volunteer. Notified IPW.  |
| 38   | 1335 | 196th, B/3/21, BT159222 at 1245H, obs 12 VC wearing black PJ's, neg wpns or packs, moving W at 1500 meters NW. Arty called, 2 VC KIA, other VC evaded W into tree line. Area well covered by arty, res: unk. 2 VC KIA, age 25, neg ID, neg military equip.   |
| 39   | 1345 | 196th, C/4/31, AT904395 at 0905H, rec'd SA fire from 50 meters W from an est 10-15 NVA, arty called w/unk results. At 1105H, rec'd more SA fire, res: 1 US wounded. Wounded in arm, Dustoff not required. 1130H, rec'd more sniper fire, res: 1 US wounded in butt, Dustoff complete 1140H.  |
| 40   | 1348 | 196th, B/4/31, AT913265 at 0945H, rec'd 4 rds SA fire from 200 meters SW of their location, arty called. B Co reconned by fire. Area checked w/neg findings.   |
| 41   | 1415 | 11th, C/1/20, BS314590 at 1320H, 1 VCS CIA, evac to LZ Volunteer, neg wpn or docs.   |
| 42   | 1415 | 198th, D/5/46, BS496864 at 1320H, unit saw 10 VC taking items from baskets and hiding items in bushes, called arty, VC evaded to BS492869. Unit checking area.   |
| 43   | 1415 | 11th, D/1/20, BS365605 at 1315H, 3 VCS CIA, MAM Montangards, evac to LZ Volunteer, neg wpns, ID, or docs.  |
| 44   | 1420 | 196th, convoy departed Chu Lai 1300H, closed in 1335H at LZ Ross. Passed to Combat Support Command, SFC Cafferty.  |
| 45   | 1310 | 1/1 Cav, C Trp, BT159221 at 1230H, eng'd 2 VC evading, called 3/16th Arty, res: 2 VC KIA, neg wpns, ID, or docs.   |
| 46   | 1330 | 198th, AO for LRRP Kentucky, time 13 Dec, UL BS4301, LR BS4997 will overlap LRRP Ohio's box. G-2 and G-3 map posted. SSD notified.   |
| 47   | 1350 | 196th, B/4/31, AT913215 at 1025H, rec'd 3-4 rds SA fire from 600 meters W of their location. At 1110H they rec'd 3-4 more rds from coord AT903366, neg US casualties. Arty called w/unk results.   |
| 48   | 1425 | 196th, CC/4/31, AT907397 at 1210H, eng'd 2 VC in green uniforms w/wpns, they were evading to the NW, res: 1 VC KIA and 1 VC WIA he crawled to wood line. C/4/31 checked area and found 3 AK-47 mags w/81 AK-47 rds, and blood trails. 1 AK-47 SN 1005258. Wounded VC was not found.  |

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| 49   | 1440 | 196th, A/3/21, BT124322 at 1300H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn, ID, or docs.  |
| 50   | 1443 | D Co, 39th Engr, BT084393 at 1310H, rec'd 15 rds SA fire, neg casualties, ret'd fire, cont'd work.  |
| 51   | 1420 | 196th, AO ext request, from coords: BT1627 to 1927, S to 1921, then W to AO, time: 130300H to 171200H, reason: sweep of area. Passed to 1/1 Cav (Rumsey). Disapproved by MAJ Logan. Informed 196th Bde, LT Nickerson.   |
| 52   | 1455 | 196th, 4/31, AT910372 at 1410H, Chinook helicopter working for Redleg rec'd unk amount of SA fire. Helicopter was leaving area, neg hits. Arty called in, area covered, results unk.  |
| 53   | 1545 | 196th, 3/21, BT020320 at 1505H, CC rec'd 15 rds AK-47 fire, neg hits. Speed 10 knots, at low level, neg action taken.   |
| 54   | 1550 | 11th, A/19th Engr, BS789419 at 1345H, VIP rec'd 1x155mm rd, 1x105mm rd, paid 900 P's. Rds were destroyed.   |
| 55   | 1610 | CLDC, SGT Kent, RMK will be blasting at 1700H. Notified C/S, SP/4 Johnson, G-3, SGT France.   |
| 56   | 1530 | 1st CAG, 1-3, BS585900 at unk time, rec'd word from Dist HQ that 2 Co's of VC were at or near An Dien #4. Wpns, mission, uniforms unk at this time. A patrol from 132 and 139 were planning to check the area. Notified 198th, PFC Beer. 1635H, civilians were seen working in fields that are not normally worked.   |
| 57   | 0915 | DTOC, CPT Hayward, request clearance for defoliation mission 14 Dec 68, from ZC2015, AT8120, 9125, TOT: 0900H. Air Force requests permission for the return of fire-for-fire under control of an Amcal FAC. Air Force requests freq and call sign of units near the tgt to contact prior to mission. Passed to 196th, SP Franklin 121040H. Approved by : Defoliation mission fire-for-fire has been approved. The closest friendlies at least 10km away. Will have to contact Crater Mallet 79 on 61.90.  |
| 58   | 1525 | 11th TOC, AO ext request, purpose to have free fire area along rte this element plans to take from LZ Snoopy to Minh Long SF Camp, BS7360 N to 7365, W to 6065, S to 6057, time: 1000H 13 Dec to 161800H. AO ext request from BS6057 W to 5457, S to 5452, E to 5652, N to 5654, E to 6054, time: 131000H to 161800H, purpose: same as above and for immediate engagement w/artly if element comes under fire. Both AO ext's cancelled by CPT Heyman 1730H.   |
| 59   | 1640 | 1st CAG, RF Interpreter, BS712973, 703936, 705927 at 1530H, 1 civilian female escaped from An Thoit, she told PF's 100 NVA were at BS703936 five days ago. They moved to BS705927. They plan to ambush all US troops that come into the area. They have 1x.50 cal, 1x60mm mortar, and many AK-47's and M-2 carbines. She also stated that they have a wpn to shoot down planes that she has not seen before. Passed to 198th.   |
| 60   | 1640 | 1st CAG, CAP 135, BS709964-703955 at 1445H, patrol spotted 8 VC at above coord, patrol opened fire. They checked area, found 1 VC KIA. They also called 81mm mortar. No wpns or ID were located.  |
| 61   | 1645 | 11th, D/3/1, BS651354 at 1615H, ambush detained 1 VCS, evac to LZ Bronco, neg wpns or docs.   |
| 62   | 1810 | CLDC, SGT Kent, condition White effective 1800H. TEA is A.  |
| 63   | 1820 | 198th, G-2, Sniffer readings, mission flown 1645H-1800H today. Hot readings: BT389009, BT300015, BT402024, BT360052, BT373065, BT373072, BT379074, BT363082, BT406068, BT368045, BT368090.  |
| 64   | 1720 | 11th TOC, air moves: D/1/20 PZ BS365597 121606H, LZ Cork 121703H. 1A/1/20 PZ LZ Cork 1510H, LZ Minh Long 121518H. 1A/1/20 PZ LZ Cork, LZ at LZ Snoopy 1521H. 3A/1/20, PZ LZ Cork 1523H, LZ at LZ Snoopy 1535H.  |
| 65   | 1725 | 11th, R/4/21, BS678420 at 1630H, detained 4 females, walked into their location. Three were dressed in all black, 1 wore blue top & black bottoms, approx 35-40 yrs old, neg ID's or docs. They think these women were walking in front of someone else as an alert, moving W to E, will be evac to Duc Pho.  |
| 66   | 1748 | 11th, CC/4/3, BS755565 at 1720H, eng'd 2 VC evading, res: 2 VC KIA, neg wpn or docs, detained 1 VCS at same location.   |
| 67   | 1830 | 196th, 27th Chem Det. 1. Sniffer mission that was run by the Chem Det: AT965281, 121310H, Sniffer craft rec'd 10 rds SA fire, neg hits, speed 80 knots, alt 50 ft. 2. AT950291 at 121315H, same as above. 3. AT883223 at 121330H, eng'd 3 VC, res: 3 VC KIA. 4. AT910178 at 121340H, same as #1. 5. AT934173 at 121335H, eng'd 1 VC, res: 1 VC KIA. 6. BT155193 at 121350H, eng'd 3 VC, res: 3 VC KIA. 7. AT885235, destroyed 5 structures. 8. AT883223, destroyed 3 structures. 9. AT910178, destroyed 7 structures. 10. BT150190, damaged 5 structures. |
| 68   | 1900 | 198th, B/1/52, BT248141, enemy BT248141 at 1710H, detained 1 MAM, 33 yrs old, neg wpn or ID. Had Chieu Hoi paper in his possession. he said the VC found out he wanted to Chieu Hoi and they threatened to kill him and his family. COL Stinson brought him back to LZ Bayonet.   |
| 69   | 1905 | 198th, D/1/52, BT164145 at 1710H, obs 3 VC w/packs & wpns. 2 were wearing khaki uniforms and 1 wore black PJ's, eng'd, res: 1 VC KIA. The others evaded to the E, called arty with neg results.   |
| 70   | 1905 | 198th, Aero Scouts, 5/46, BS712882 at 1735H, 2 VC detained, they were MAM and tried to evade, evac to LZ Bayonet. At BS705905 detained 1 VCS who tried to evade. At BS719915 eng'd 1 VC, res: 1 VC KIA. At BS717922, inserted troops in village. 11 huts destroyed, found small cache of grain and 5 NVA uniforms.  |
| 71   | 1905 | (note: there are 2 reports for journal entry #71) 198th, A/5/46, BS668948 at 1830H, rec'd 35-40 rds SA fire, from 1 AK-47 and 2 M-1 carbines or M-14 rds, called arty w/neg results, neg casualties.  |
| 71   | 2045 | (note: there are 2 reports for journal entry #71) 1st Mar Div TOC, recon team "Recline" is located in the recon team "Hansworth" box at this time. Will remain at that location until extraction.   |

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| 1    | 0001 | Journal Opened.   |
| 2    | 1555 | (delayed entry) 11th, B/1/20, BS311600 at 1351H to 1420H, 3 US WHA, 2 US WHA (E), 1 WHA (M), rec'd frags from unk type explosion, Dustoff 1420H. Investigating at present, more to follow. It has been determined that the people that were wounded was result of 1x81mm mortar fire by request of the unit to suppress fire from AW wpns position that was firing on friendly troops. 1st rd went over them, thinking that that was the last rd from the mortars, they stood up, a s2d rd was fired, resulting in wounding the men. A detailed investigation will be conducted.  |
| 3    | 0107 | 198th, Base Defense, BT549016 at 0050H, spotted 6 VC between bunkers #23 & #24 coming through wire, eng'd. Readout from SGT White at 131235H, anti-intrusion device went off, bunker #18 obs 2 VC in front of bunker #23. Bunker #23 obs 6 VC between bunkers #23 & #24. Bunker #24 rec'd SA fire, bunker #18 fired M-60, bunker #24 thought they had killed 1 VC. Intrusion device sounded again with continuous alarm indicating wire was cut. Checked area with neg results. Further check to be made in the morning.  |
| 4    | 0130 | CLDC, SGT Bodine at 0115H, condition Grey at 0115H. TEA: Charlie.   |
| 5    | 0150 | 1st CAG, CAP 138, BS579929, enemy BS579927 at 2230H, while patrol was moving through village, rec'd 1 M26 HG and 10 rds SA fire, 1 USMC WHA (M), patrol ret'd fire and swept area w/neg results.  |
| 6    | 0200 | DTOC, 5th SFGA, SF sitrep #346, for period 111200H -121200H Dec 68, the following is extracted from para IIB. Tien Phuoc A-102 (see sitrep) thru H. Minh Long A-108, Opn C-266, Opn P-267, and Opn C-269 continued 121500H. C81GIA-AS-1333, Opn C-304 and Opn P-305 continued 121500H. (Gia Vuc A-103 81, Opn S-302, Opn S-303, Opn S-304). Opn C-279 and Opn P-308 closed 111800H. Opn P-307 will depart as scheduled. Opn S-306 departed as scheduled. Ha Thanh A-104, Opn C-279, Opn S-289, and Opn S-288 continued 121500H. Opn S-280 and Opn P-296 closed 111800H. Opn P-297, Opn P-298, and Opn P-299 departed as scheduled. Nong Son A-105, neg opns. Ba To A-106, Opn C-227 and Opn P-229 closed 111800H. Opn P-230 departed 111800H-151800H, recon, BS4833, 5233, 5229, 4829. Opn P-231 departed 120600H-141800H, recon, BS5238, 5638, 5634, 5234. Tra Bong A-107, Opn P-196, Opn S-197, and Opn C-198 continued 121500H. Opn P-199 departed as scheduled. Opn S-200 will depart 130800H-171900H, recon, BS4094, 4088, 4494, 4488. Opn S-201 will depart 140500H-190900H, recon, BS2289, 2286, 3089, 3086. Minh Long A-108, Opn P-222 and Opn P-223 continued 121500H. Opn C-218 and Opn P-221 closed 111930H. |
| 7    | 1900 | (delayed entry) 198th, ARVN, 1/52, BT209155 at 1700H, ARVN's at LZ Young reported they had a helicopter flying NE of LZ Young that rec'd sniper fire. Chopper was hit but was able to get inside the perimeter of LZ Young. They rec'd the fire from the above grid coord. The ARVN's spotted 1x81mm mortar from LZ Young. They are sending 2 Co size elements from LZ Young to check out area. 130700H, from Div Arty, OH-23 engine cooling fan gearbox. NCD. Hooked out of LZ Young at 1812H.   |
| 8    | 2020 | (delayed entry) 198th, G-2, Warlord request #1: BS6890, 6882, 7682, 7390, eastern boundary is coastline, friendlies: C12/5/46 BS688880, contact: Stewart Peso 79 on 59.80. Warlord request #2: BT1811, 1805, 2805, 2811, neg friendlies, contact Cold Clutter 79 on 64.15. Passed priority #1 & #2 to Aero Scouts. Passed to Div Avn.   |
| 9    | 0700 | CLDC, SGT Bodine, resume normal daylight conditions effective at 0700H.   |
| 10   | 1102 | (delayed entry) 11th, AO request for People Sniffer mission, BS4542 to 5042 to 4531 to 5031, effective 131300H to 131700H. Request return of fire-for-fire. Posted. Passed to SF LT Bernhardt. Passed to Gia Vuc, clear 273-P-121400 clear. Passed to Ba To, clear, msg 563-O-130700H. Approved by G-3. From BS5031 to 5042 to 4542 S to 4540, E to 4740, S to 4736, W to 4536, S to 4531, E to 5031. Effective 131300H to 131700H. Request return of fire-for-fire. Passed to 11th Bde, CPT Smith. Passed to Atencio at 130815H.   |
| 11   | 2020 | (delayed entry) 198th, G-2, request Blue Ghost, AT9513, 9505, BT0305, 0313, contact Cold Clutter 79 on 64.15, neg friendlies in area. Contact Stewart Peso 79 on 58.50 prior to entering AO. Passed to 1/1 Cav at 130822H to SGT Rumsey.  |
| 12   | 0050 | 1/1 Cav, B Trp, BT213437 at 2310H 12 Dec, PF's ambushed unk number VC, res: 5 VC KIA, CIA 1 B-40 rocket launcher w/2 B-40 rds, 1 B-41 rocket launcher w/1 rd, 2 AK-47's, 1 M-1 carbine, 1 panoramic telescope for B-40 rocket launcher, 6 Chicom HG's, 1 bayonet, 3 pistol belts, 1 hammock, 2 AK-47 mags, 3 first aid pouches. PF's rec'd credit for kill, SP Bracci 1000H. (Info only). PF's eng'd est VC squad, res: 5 VC KIA, 1 PF KHA, 1 B-40, 1 B-41, 1 M-1, 2 AL-47's CIA.   |
| 13   | 0820 | 198th, CC/1/52, BT240150 at 0750H, rec'd 8-10 rds SA fire, mortars will be fired in that area. A/1/52 will have some patrols in the above coord and will check for any results. Neg damage to chopper.  |
| 14   | 0845 | CLDC, 9th Support at 0837H, Supply Company (Flush B) had gas mask drill, they threw CS but did not coordinate w/anyone. Gas drifted into sub-sector II 9th Support area. The drill is over as of 0837H.   |
| 15   | 0855 | 198th, C/5/46, BS676843 at 0825H, found meeting hall or class room used by VC. Had diagrams of AK-47 drawn on walls. Also anti US propaganda on walls. Unit is still checking area.   |
| 16   | 0905 | 196th, E/4/31, AT965261 at 0730H, detained 8 VCS, 6 males age 16 to 65 yrs old, 2 females 20 to 27 yrs old. 3 males wore PJ's, 1 in NVA uniform, 1 in OD shirt, sandbag pants. Both females wore black PJ's. Neg wpns or ID's. 4 males and 2 females were detained in hut area. Then they obs 4 VCS evading E at 100 meters NE of their location, eng'd w/SA, res: 2 VC KIA, age 30 and 35 yrs old. Wore black PJ's, neg wpns, packs, or ID's. The other 2 VCS were detained in tunnel. Evac to LZ Ross. Notified IPW, SP Castillo.   |



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| 17   | 0905 | 9th Engr, C-D-1, BT158443 at 0825H, found 1 BT M.K. 2 grenades 50 meters from the road and 1 60,, HE mortar rd. VN civilian pointed them out. All were dismantled. The civilian was rewarded w/200 P's.   |
| 18   | 0910 | 9th Engr, A/9th, BT209374 at 0849H, found 3x60mm mortar rds on W side of road. Blown in rice paddy.   |
| 19   | 0956 | 196th, LRRP Alabama, PZ AT914152 130935H, extracted. Planned extraction. Notified FSE, CPT Krug 1007H.  |
| 20   | 1107 | 11th, C/1/20, CA from BS319595 to BS435590, PZ 1002H, LZ 1010H. BS319595 to BS435590, PZ 1015H, LZ 1029H. PZ 1050H to LZ 1103H.   |
| 21   | 0440 | 196th BTOC, request approval of LRRP box for Tennessee, UL BT1227, LR 1524. Passed to 1/1 Cav for approval of any area that falls within their AO, rec'd by SGT Ragny at 0445H. Approved by MAJ Logan 1/1 Cav. Passed to G-2 CPT Newkirk. Notified 196th, SP Boardman. Notified LT Masters that the area extension had been approved. Approval for insertion of LRRP is still pending. 1035H, G-2 approval 1135H. Notified SP Franklin. |
| 22   | 0945 | 11th, B/1/20, CA from BS319595 to BS435590, PZ 0909H, LZ 0924H, cold.   |
| 23   | 1120 | 198th, D/1/52, BT158142 at 1055H, 30 bunkers freshly built were found, capable of holding 2 persons. Bunkers w/equip, they were 4 ft by 5 ft underground. Neg equip found. Found 2 mouth pieces for NVA protective mask, 1 pr goggles, 1 leather ammo pouch.  |
| 24   | 1130 | 196th, B/3/21, BT159219 at 0930H, eng'd 4 VC w/SA, res: 1 VC KIA, 2 VC evaded into tunnel, eng'd w/M26 HG, res: 2 VC KIA. Total of 3 VC KIA. Detainee evac to LZ Baldy. Notified IPW, PFC Hamilton.   |
| 25   | 1145 | 196th, B/3/21, BT162222 at 0930H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn, pack, or ID.  |
| 26   | 1145 | 196th, B/4/31, AT913363 at 0910H, rec'd hvy AW fire from 150 meters NW. Arty was called, neg US casualties and unk results on arty fire mission.  |
| 27   | 1146 | 198th, A/5/46, BS637993-642998 at 1020H, rec'd approx 30 rds AW fire from 5 to 6 VC, neg casualties. Called arty w/neg results.   |
| 28   | 1201 | 11th, gunship 174th Avn, BS717556 at 1155H, 1 VC KIA while evading. Neg wpn or documents.   |
| 29   | 1215 | 198th, B/5/46, LZ Paradise, BS685963 at 1125H, rec'd 2 rds SA fire, fired 81mm, res: unk.   |
| 30   | 1330 | 198th, C/1/52, BT266104 at 1310H, rec'd light AW fire, fired arty, NCD.   |
| 31   | 1225 | 11th, C/1/20, BS459584 at 1130H, eng'd 3 VC wearing packs. Arty called, res: 3 VC KIA, neg wpns or ID.  |
| 32   | 1225 | 1/1 Cav, B Trp, BT233435 at 1215H, 1 female evading, called arty, res: 1 VC KIA, neg ID or wpn.   |
| 33   | 1230 | 196th, R/4/31, AT974261 at 0955H, found 1 VC, had been wounded badly from a previous encounter w/recon. Recon tried to move VC to a LZ, but he died of wounds on the way, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 34   | 1230 | 11th, 174th Avn, BS717556 at 1155H, a Shark of 174th Avn working with 4/3 at 717556 eng'd 2 VC evading, res: 2 VC KIA. No wpns, packs, or ID.   |
| 35   | 1244 | 11th, Aero Scouts, BS673636 at 1140H, detained 1 VCS evading, res: evac 1 VCS to LZ Cork, will be further evac to LZ Bronco.  |
| 36   | 1245 | 11th, Aero Scouts, BS656615 at 1145H, detained 2 VCS for questioning, evac to LZ Cork, will be further evac to LZ Bronco.   |
| 37   | 1247 | 11th, Aero Scouts, BS637612 at 1145H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn, pack, or ID.  |
| 38   | 1250 | 196th, B/2/1, BT013349 at 1143H, found and destroyed 1 Chicom HG BT, it was set up w/trip wire and trip lease mechanism.  |
| 39   | 1122 | 198th, D/5/46, BS550820 at 1055H to 1107H, rec'd hvy AW fire from unk size force, res: 1 US WHA (E), CC evac WHA. They are still in contact, more to follow. 4 VC firing hvy AW wounded the above. Called in 4.2 and 81mm mortars w/neg results. Mortars were fired until 1150H. Enemy broke contact 1130H.   |
| 40   | 1245 | 198th, C/1/52, BT166104-166106 at 1310H, C1 rec'd light AW fire from above coord, fired arty w/neg results.   |
| 41   | 1305 | 196th, air move by R/4/31 Inf from AT965261 to LZ West, PZ 1103H, LZ 1131H, complete. Were lifted by CC, purpose: to insure Recon closed on LZ West at a particular time. They were having trouble w/weather, so were lifted. This was an unscheduled move.   |
| 42   | 1340 | 11th, D/4/3, BS709656 at 1325H, detained 2 MAM CIA, ages 20 to 25 yrs old. Taken to Duc Pho. Neg wpns, docs, or ID's. They were evading where D/4/3 was firing and were picked up.  |
| 43   | 1346 | 198th, C/5/46, BS676844 at 0830H, detained 3 MAM VCS, 2 had ID cards. 1 VCS age 14 did not have ID. Evac to LZ Dottie and sent to LZ Gator.   |
| 44   | 1357 | 39th Engr, C/39, BS718596 at 0945H, rec'd 75 rds AW fire, ret'd fire, neg casualties.   |
| 45   | 1416 | 11th, D/19th Engr, BS833335 at 1330H, purchased for 1150 P's from villagers in My Trang: 2x40mm mortar rds, 3x105mm rds, 2x81mm mortar rds, 1x81mm white phosphorous rd. All 81mm mortar rds were new. All were destroyed. VIP Program. (Info only).  |
| 46   | 2100 | (delayed entry) 196th BTOC, AO ext request, time: 130300H to 171200H, from BT1824 W to boundary and from 1824 down S to boundary. Approved by MAJ Logan 1/1 Cav. Passed as approved to 196th, LT Hagen. Sit Map posted.   |

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| 47   | 1325 | 2nd ARVN, request AO ext, from 131800H to 141800H, from BS5860 S to 5857, E to 6357, N to 6360, reason: Chieu Hoi said that the VC were collecting rice in that area. Believe to have a rice cache there. Passed to 11th Bde to SP/4 Sheearn at 1400H. Disapproved by Bde S-3. Informed SGT Gergo at Quang Ngai that it was disapproved.  |
| 48   | 1425 | 11th, D/19th Engr, BS886288 at 0815H, mine sweep team purchased 1x105mm rd for 200 P's from VN civilian. They blew the rd in place. VIP Program.  |
| 49   | 1430 | 11th, D/19th Engr, BS833335 at 1130H, purchased 3x81mm HE mortar rds, 1x81mm WP, 1x155mm rd, 1,400 P's from VN civilians. My Trang. All 81mm mortar rds were new. All ammo blown in place.  |
| 50   | 1435 | 198th, 123d Avn, Aero Scouts, BS731952 at 1430H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.  |
| 51   | 1445 | 1/1 Cav, B Trp, BT233435 at 1215H, detained 5 MAM, evac to LZ Hawk Hill.  |
| 52   | 1450 | 196th, B/4/31, AT904364 at 1300H, rec'd SA fire from 1 VC 700-800 meters SW, neg casualties. Fire was ret'd w/M-16 and arty w/unlk results.   |
| 53   | 1453 | 196th, A/2/1, BT088401-094405 at 1015H to 1105H, rec'd 500 rds AW and SA fire, also 10-15 rds of M-79 rds from 250 to 400 meters SSE, res: 1 US WHA (M), was treated in field. Ret'd fire and called arty. Checked area and found 1 VCS, 25 yrs old male, w/shrapnel wounds in head, legs and chest. He was dusted off to LZ Baldy at 1259H. Notified IPW, LT Love.   |
| 54   | 1500 | CLDC, SGT O'Malley at 1415H, RMK will be blasting in the rock quarry at 1700H. Notified C/S SGT Loftis, G-3 SGT France, G-2 MMG Lillard.  |
| 55   | 1525 | 198th, B/1/52, air moved from LZ Bowman to Chu Lai, PZ 0940H, LZ 1230H.   |
| 56   | 1440 | 198th TOC, LRRP Ohio extracted. Extracted 1440H to Hill BS418998, reason: time period terminated. FSE notified, SGT Byers.  |
| 57   | 1505 | 198th, BS453990 at 1435H, LRRP Kentucky inserted 1435H BS453990. Posted. FSE notified, SGT Byers.   |
| 58   | 1055 | 196th, S-2 Air, Blue Ghost request for VR and screening security for 196th LIB, AT9646 to AT9645 to BT0350 to BT0448. Desired to S: starting the afternoon of 15 Dec running it 3 times a day for 1 hour at irregular intervals until 24 Dec 68. Ground contact: Loyal Blocks 79, freq 53.20. Their S-2 and S-3 put high priority on this request and consider it essential to the operation. Passed to 1/1 Cav to liaison with MAJ Paker the S-2. 196th to fly 2 missions per day for 15-24 Dec. |
| 59   | 1410 | 196th, Aero Scouts, BT080325 at 1230H. eng'd 8 VC, res: 8 VC KIA, they were wearing khaki uniforms. Also from the above grid, Aero Scouts rec'd 2-5 rds SA fire, neg hits.  |
| 60   | 1605 | 196th, A/3/21, BT085330 at 0900H to 1230H, 1st PH eng'd 3 VC, res: 2 VC KIA & 1 detainee, wearing mixed PJ's. 2d plat eng'd 7 VC, res: 7 VC KIA, 1 M-1 carbine SN 4881227. 3d PH eng'd 11 VC, res: 11 VC KIA, 4 had military haircuts, also found ID in nearby hut w/the name Pham Phong. They also detained 3 VCS, evac to LZ Center and from LZ Center to LZ Baldy. Note: all VC wore mixed PJ's and were eng'd at 250 meters, they were all evading N.   |
| 61   | 1615 | 1/1 Cav, BT091340, obs & eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA at 0900H. At BT092340 obs & eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA at 0915H. At BT088340, obs 1 MAM evading into spider hole w/wpn & HG, he committed suicide w/the HG, res: 1 VC KIA at 0900H. At BT072331, obs & eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA at 1030H. At BT071332, obs & eng'd 3 VC evading, res: 3 VC KIA at 1100H. At BT079337, obs & eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA at 1207H. At BT118317, obs 2 fresh pits.                 |
| 62   | 1628 | 198th, D/5/46, BS466830 at 1505H, spotted 15 VC in open, wearing packs and black PJ's, arty called, obs 5 VC KIA. CC was checking area air, he obs 1 VC evading, eng'd BS466830. Total: 6 VC KIA.   |
| 63   | 1655 | 196th, B/2/1, BT001348 at 1430H, rec'd 10 rds AW fire, neg US casualties, checked area, neg findings.   |
| 64   | 1700 | 198th, F/8th Cav, BT2207 at 1620H, on station 1545H, they VR'd area, found well-kept huts, well used trails, neg personnel.   |
| 65   | 1700 | CLDC, blasting at rock quarry, RMK, 1815H instead of 1708H.   |
| 66   | 1705 | 11th, S-5, AT7353 at 1630H, (VIP) rec'd 1x4.2" rd, 3x81mm rds, 2x105mm rds, 1 M26 HG, 44 rds mixed SA ammo. Paid 1850P's.   |
| 67   | 1700 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav, BT183295 at 1645H, 1 MAM evading, eng'd w/M-60, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 68   | 1721 | 196th, A/3/21, BT122323 at 1545H, eng'd 1 VC, res: 1 VC KIA, neg pack, wpn, or ID.  |
| 69   | 1719 | 196th, A/3/21, BT117327 at 1530H, eng'd 10-15 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg pack, wpn, or ID.  |
| 70   | 1703 | Sniffer mission request for 11th, 140900H-141800H, BS4542, BS5042, BS4531, BS5031, return fire-for-fire. Passed to SF, passed to Ba To: 51 clear. Passed to Minh Long: 51 clear. Passed to Gia Vuc: 51-B clear. The following areas are cleared: BS4542, 4540, 4740, 4733, 4533, 4531, 4831, 4833, 5033, 5042, 4542. Passed to 11th, PFC Flore 132010H.   |
| 71   | 1720 | 198th, 123d Avn, BT187092, VR spotted 1 green poncho, 3 green uniforms, and destroyed 3 huts. At BT185065 spotted 1 green uniform, 1 person in green uniform evading into cave, he was trying to cover many fidgeting holes in area, 5 huts destroyed.  |
| 72   | 1748 | 11th, D/1/20, LZ Cork at 1710H, air moved all elements of E/1/20, have closed on LZ Cork, move complete from FSB Volunteer.   |

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| 1    | 0001 | Journal Opened.   |
| 2    | 1614 | (delayed entry) G-5, BT159219 at 0930H, 17 refugees relocated to Nui Loc Son by B/3/21 at 0930H.  |
| 3    | 1615 | (delayed entry) G-5, BT047243 at 1430H, 6 refugees relocated to Nui Loc Son by 196th, D/3/21 at 1430H.  |
| 4    | 2345 | (delayed entry) DTOC, delete journal entry #59, see entry #61.  |
| 5    | 0230 | 196th, B/3/21, BT156228 at 0022H, rec'd 20-25 rds of M-79 fire and hvy SA fire, est 1 M-79 fired and 2 AK-47's. OP located at W end of perimeter sustained 3 WHA (E), all have frag wounds, ret'd fire w/unk results. Fire came from 300 meters W of location, Dustoff called 0033H, complete 0148H. Gunships expended ammo in area w/unk results, did not receive fire.  |
| 6    | 0340 | 196th, B/3/21, BT160228 at 0323H, rec'd 8 M-79 rds from 300 meters NW of location, neg casualties. Arty and 4.2" mortar missions called w/unk results.  |
| 7    | 0630 | CLDC at 0700H, resume normal daylight conditions effective 0700H. TEA-Alpha.  |
| 8    | 1755 | (delayed entry) 11th, Aero Scouts request for VR of Vernon Lake II, 140730H to 141130H Dec 68, ground contact: Purple Reels 79 on 52.00, location: LZ Bronco. OK. Passed to Div Avn. Passed to LT Diehl 11th Bde TOC 0655H, by CPT Gaffney.   |
| 9    | 1915 | (delayed entry) 198th, Blue Ghost request, AT9513, 9505, BT0305, 0313, neg friendlies, contact: Cold Clutter 79 on 64.15, and Stewart Peso 79 on 58.50 prior to entering AO. Passed to 1/1 Cav, SGT Stiltner 2117H. Passed to CPT Hall, 198th BTOC 0655H by CPT Gaffney. Further stated DTOC would inform 198th earliest time Blue Ghost would be available.  |
| 10   | 1915 | (delayed entry) 198th, Warlord request #1: BS6890, 6882, 7682, 7390, W boundary is coastline. Snatch MAM (preferably on peninsula), contact: Serene Talons on 59.80, friendlies C12/5/46 BS688880. Warlord request #2: BT1811, 1805, 2805, 2811, friendlies are C/1/52 BT1809 (working in this grid), contact: Cold Clutter 79 on 64.15. Also contact Stewart Peso 79 on 58.50 prior to entering 198th AO. Passed priority # 1 & #2 to Aero Scouts. |
| 11   | 0620 | 11th TOC: 11th Bde has granted ab AO ext to 2d ARVN Div from 140600H to 141600H, BS5860, 6160, 6157, 5857. Passed to Minh Long. Cleared. Passed to SF, notified Minh Long that troops will be in this area until 1600H today. Clearance given at 0940H. Notified SGT Lipin, 11th Bde cleared.   |
| 12   | 0740 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav, BT203255 at 0705H, obs and eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn, pack, or ID.   |
| 13   | 0800 | 198th, C/5/46, BS683875-675889 at 0738H, CA in 1st lift from LZ, helicopter rec'd 5 rds SA fire from vill north of LZ. Gunship eng'd w/fire, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or docs. PZ LZ Dottie, LZ BS683875, PZ 0732H, LZ 0750H, HOT.  |
| 14   | 0837 | 198th, R-C/5/46, BS683875 at 0738H, detained 3 MAM, they were evac for interrogation to LZ Gator.   |
| 15   | 0840 | 196th, 1/46, 176th Avn gunship #497 at 0820H, BT059466, rec'd 10 to 50 rds SA fire, neg hits or casualties. Gunship eng'd, expended ammo in the area, alt 1200 ft, speed 60 knots.  |
| 16   | 0930 | Amcal TOC, ext for Vernon Lake II, present time to 312400H Dec 68. Passed to SF SFC Garner. Minh Long: msg #796-P-140935H cleared. Ha Thanh: msg #384-P-111510H clear. Quang Ngai, SGT Lopez approved. Approved by G-3, CPT Miller. Passed to 11th Bde, SGT Lipin.  |
| 17   | 0940 | 196th, R/1/46, CA from LZ Baldy to BT055470, PZ 0805H, LZ 0845H, complete and cold.   |
| 18   | 0942 | 11th, Aero Scouts, BS619550 at 0900H, detained 1 VCS evading. Will be evac to LZ Bronco for interrogation.  |
| 19   | 0947 | 196th, C/3/21, air moved from Chu Lai to LZ Ross, PZ 0855H, LZ 0934H.   |
| 20   | 0947 | 196th, OP Cobra 2/1, BT047387 at 0744H, sighted 12 MAM in rice fields, eng'd w/M-60, VCS evaded 800 meters NE into wood line. Wood line was well covered by M-60, obs secondary explosion, believed to be M26 HG, black smoke rose 15 ft in air.  |
| 21   | 1010 | 198th, D/5/46, BT550820-544824 at 0945H, rec'd sniper fire, 81mm mortar fired on coord w/unk results.   |
| 22   | 1015 | 196th, F/8th Cav, AT973142 at 0950H, Blue Ghost obs 1 MAM, he was wearing black shirt and shorts, had short haircut and was evading, was eng'd, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 23   | 1015 | 11th, B/4/3, BS773362 at 1000H, spotted 1 VC evading into a tunnel, dropped 1 HG into tunnel, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn, docs, or ID.  |
| 24   | 0745 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav, BT199256 at 0720H, obs and eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg pack, wpn, or ID.   |
| 25   | 0841 | 39th, Engr, C/39, BS716600 at 0745H, rec'd 15 rds SA fire, neg casualties, ret'd fire, cont'd mine sweep. (Location interdiction).  |
| 26   | 1032 | 9th Engr, BT177419 at 1015H, found 1 M26 HG in road, appeared to be rigged as BT, blew in place.  |
| 27   | 1040 | 198th, 1/52, F/8th Cav, AT944095-979095 at 1010H, obs hvy used trail. Obs tension line w/camouflage over it. Fired at area w/neg results. Broke station at 0945H.   |
| 28   | 1050 | 196th, B/4/31, AT872386 at 1000H, rec'd SA sniper fire from 400 meters W, obs 3 NVA w/wpn, packs, and green uniforms. Arty called, res: unk.  |
| 29   | 1055 | 198th, R/5/46, BS675887 at 0950H, picked up 1 confirmed VC and detained 4 VCS, evac to LZ Gator, then to LZ Bayonet. Also picked up 1 VN civilian who needed medical attention. Evac to LZ Gator. Notified IPW, LT Love.  |

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| 30   | 0115 | DTOC, III MAF, per msg from III MAF COC DaNang RVN 131521Z (SECRET). Request AO ext vic BT2742 (Binh Tinh) 161930H to 180630H Dec, purpose: for USNAVADVDET opns. Passed to 1/1 Cav, approved by MAJ Logan. Passed to 1/1 Cav PFC Thompson. 1) Request AO ext (Kim Daiong) 161930H to 180630H, BT3429. 2) AO vic BT (Quy Thuong) 201930H to 220630H. 3) AO vic BT3331 (Vinh Giang) 221930H to 240630H. Passed to Tam Ky, SGT Spiller. Approved by LT Quang by SGT Spiller. Approved by G-3. Passed to III MAF, msg dtg 140330Z Dec 68.   |
| 31   | 1035 | 11th, C/1/20, BS459584 at 0945H, ref journal entry #31 131130H, swept through same area, found 1 US carbine, SN 678252 and also 2 Chicom HG's.   |
| 32   | 1100 | 196th, B/4/31, AT882358 at 0900H, rec'd 15-20 rds SA fire from 200-300 meters NE of their location, neg US casualties, arty called w/unk results.  |
| 33   | 1101 | 196th, B/2/1, BT007394 at 0935H, Kit Carson Scout found 1 K-44, SN RT6842, found in hole, no camouflage.   |
| 34   | 1125 | 1/1 Cav, B Trp, BT232437 at 1115H, PF's found 1x80 lb nitro starch mine, blew in place, crater 20 ft wide and 10 ft deep.  |
| 35   | 1150 | 198th, D/1/52, BT162162 at 141130H, eng'd 1 VC moving W w/SA fire at 75 meters, res: 1 VC KIA. Had docs, also detained 1 female in area. Will evac docs and detainee to LZ Bayonet.  |
| 36   | 1205 | 11th, Aero Scouts, BS665589 at 0930H, detained 2 VCS for questioning, evac to LZ Bronco.   |
| 37   | 1208 | CLDC, SGT O'Malley, RMK will be blasting at the quarry at 1700H today. Notified C/S, SGT Loftis, G-2, PFC Duke, G-3, SP/4 Morgan, FSE, SFC Byor.   |
| 38   | 1207 | 11th, B/4/3, BS785369 at 1100H, hit unk type mine, res: 1 KHA, 3 WHA (E). Dustoff complete 1140H, evac to LZ Bronco. All 3 US are in good condition.   |
| 39   | 1054 | 196th, air move 1D/3/21 from LZ Center to BT130032, PZ 0827H, LZ 0832H, complete. A/3/21, BT130302 to Chu Lai, PZ 0832H, LZ 1010H, complete. HQ/3/21 from Chu Lai to LZ Center, PZ 0806H, LZ 0855H complete. HQ/3/21 from LZ Center to Chu Lai, PZ 0823H, LZ 0855H, complete.  |
| 40   | 1100 | 11th, request 1000 meters clearance on both sides of road from Hwy #1 to Minh Long. Passed to Quang Ngai, SP Lopez. Disapproved by Quang Ngai, SP Lopez. Passed to 11th Bde, COL McCloskey.  |
| 41   | 1130 | 11th TOC, results of Sniffer mission #82 14 Dec 68, from 1000H to 1020H. Hot spots: BS484333, 498346, 478359, 484369, 463383, 473396, 472403, 471500. Bunkers sighted at coord: BS461387 and commo wire at BS472403. Passed to MAJ Smith, G-2 Air.   |
| 42   | 1240 | 11th, B/4/3, BS786368 at 1230H, eng'd 1 VCS evading, res: 1 VC WIA/CIA, evac to LZ Bronco.   |
| 43   | 1245 | 11th, A/4/21, BS678426 at 1052H, reference to 5 graves found yesterday, 4 were killed by shrapnel wounds, 1 by bullet between eyes. Dead 2 or 3 weeks, buried 3 ft deep. Also found ruck sack frame and 1 US ammo pouch. The one with bullet in head will be carried as KIA, and the other 4 will be carried as killed by air.   |
| 44   | 1254 | 198th, CAP 127, BT432042 at 1026H, PF found 7.62 ammo and devices in some wire, mine sweep team requested element from D/127, went w/mine detectors to sweep area. 1200H, also found 1 Claymore, 2 Claymore wires w/blasting cap, 1 Claymore detonator, and 1 M14 mine. (Info only).   |
| 45   | 1256 | 198th, CAP 127, BT455054 at 1030H, PF's detained 2 VCS. CAP 127 had intel on a mine BT441043, Marines took 2 VCS to this location and had VCS dig up mine which consisted of a C-ration fruit cocktail can w/explosives, smoke grenade fuse w/blasting cap inserted. 2 VC said they were given mines to plant on roads between Hill 69 and Hill 76 to destroy any armored vehicles. Will be evac to Lm Tim Dist HQ this afternoon. (Info only).  |
| 46   | 1330 | 198th, B/5/46, BS709964-7032-9551 at 1230H, spotted 4 VC w/AW's, rec'd 350-400 rds AWF, ret'd w/SAF and 81mm mortars, neg casualties.  |
| 47   | 0400 | Quang Ngai, 3/4 ARVN, gunships 71st Avn, BS610625 at 0330H, 100 VC attacking 3/4 Bn at BS610625, SA, AW, and 82mm mortars. There is a English speaking advisor on ground, Maroon Labor Delta Up Eyeball, freq 27.35. COL Hutter authorized. Gunships released at 0520H, res: 7 VC KIA by gunships, 18 VC KIA by ARVN SA, 12 IWC, 1 CSWC (B-40 rocket launcher), 1 ARVN WHA (E) evac by flare ship, 1 US WHA (E).   |
| 48   | 0800 | Sitrep #347, 121200H-131200H, operational data. Tien Phuoc A-102, Opn P-266, Opn P-267, and Opn C-269 continued 131500H. Gia Vuc A-103, Opn C-304, Opn P-305, and Opn S-306 continued 131500H. Opn S-302 and Opn S-303 closed 121800H. Opn P-307 departed as scheduled. Opn P-309 departed 120600H, closed 130400H (Neg). Opn P-310 departed 130600H-140430H, sweep, 3530, 4123, 4130, 3423, 3628, 3928, 3926, 3626. Ba To A-106, Opn P-230 and Opn P231 continued 131500H. Tra Bong A-107, Opn P-197, Opn C-198, and Opn S-199 continued 131500H. Opn S-200 departed 130500H-171900H, recon, BS4094, 4088, 4494, 4488. Opn S-201 will depart 140500H-191900H, CN, BS2289, 4488, 3989, 3986. Opn P-196 closed 121815H. |
| 49   | 1352 | 196th, convoy from LZ Baldy departed 141310H to LZ Ross 141345H. Passed to CSIC, SGT Cafferty.   |
| 50   | 1403 | 1/1 Cav, B/1/1, BT232437 at 1350H, PF found 1x80 lb nitro starch mine, blew in place, it left crater 3 ft deep and 20 ft wide.   |
| 51   | 1345 | 196th, air move A/2/1, PZ BT102415 at 140952H to LZ BT005388 at 141032H. D/2/1, PZ LZ Ross at 140955H to LZ BT102415 at 141026H. 1st Plat RF's, PZ LA Ross at 141045H to LZ Ryder at 141145H. 2nd plat PF, PZ LZ Ross at 141045H to LZ BT005388 at 141145H. ARVN's M-Forces postponed.   |
| 52   | 1407 | 1/1 Cav, B/1/1, BT238437 at 1355H, 3 MAM evading, eng'd with arty, res: 3 VC KIA.  |

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| 53   | 1445 | 196th, A/1/46, air move 2 plats, PZ BT215437 at 141302H, LZ BT031417 at 141330H.   |
| 54   | 1455 | 11th, A/4/3, AT878315 at 1425H, wounded 1 VC female evading, found 1 M-1 mag w/expended rds, Dustoff requested 141450H, evac to Duc Pho, WIA/CIA.  |
| 55   | 1535 | 198th, Aero Scouts at 1440H, VR report. BT223052, spotted 1 green shirt and destroyed 2 huts. BT220055, spotted 10 fortified bunkers. BT205071, destroyed 2 huts. BT303143, picked up docs and 1 VC flag, evac to LZ Bayonet.  |
| 56   | 1545 | 198th, R/5/46, 663885, enemy 652874 at 1409H, rec'd AW fire from above enemy coord, called arty w/neg results.   |
| 57   | 1545 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav at 1530H, obs 30 military structures, destroyed 30 military structures.   |
| 58   | 1547 | 1/1 Cav, BT196264 at 0730H, Blue Ghost and PF's got 5 VC KIA, they also detained 2 VCI, captured 1 M-2 carbine. The VCS were being brought in with the PF's. ARVN get credit for kills. Info only.   |
| 59   | 1620 | 2d ARVN's, request 1 EOD team at BS645714, tail no. of acft #547, VNDF dropped rocket pods, 2 each. Passed to EOD, CPT Rosson, will be at Admin Pad at 151000H. Passed to Quang Ngai, SP Lopez.  |
| 60   | 0752 | G-5, B/4/31, AT095365 at 1500H, 68 volunteer refugees, evac to Nui Loc Son.  |
| 61   | 1540 | 1st CAG, CAP 127, BT441043 at 1300H, patrol picked up 2 VCS in Key Ton Village. PF leader questioned suspects, suspect said VC gave them mines to plant and also to get info on 127 and other positions. Mines were at BT441043, mines were dug up: 1 M14, 2 M26 HG's, 1 C-ration can filled w/C-4, and 1 Claymore with wire and caps. Suspects were taken to Ly Tin Dist HQ by the PF's. Info Only.   |
| 62   | 1545 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav, BT225474 at 1530H, obs 1 MAM evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.  |
| 63   | 1600 | DTOC, notified 11th, 196th, 198th, 1/1 Cav, CPT Smith, CPT Razor, LT Nickerson, SGT Holly respectively, that starting tonight 2400H, period 2000H to 2000H, reports will be submitted to arrive DTOC NLT 2300Hrs. A sitrep procedural message will follow in one or two days.  |
| 64   | 1645 | 198th, B/5/46, BS709964 at 1530H, rec'd 40 rds of sniper fire w/unk results. Unit is returning to LZ Paradise. Ref journal entry #46.  |
| 65   | 1713 | Convoy left LZ Ross at 141555H, closed LZ Baldy 141637, SFC Chaele notified.   |
| 66   | 1723 | 11th, AO ext for arty purposes, 470600 N to 470635, E to 496635 to 496600, ASAP to 202400H Dec. Disapproved by SGT Greco, reason: opn in area. Passed to 11th Bde, CPT Smith.  |
| 67   | 1736 | 39th Engr, D/39, BT125428 at 1550H, rec'd 15 rds AW fire, neg casualties, ret'd fire, cont'd working.  |
| 68   | 1745 | CLDC at 1800H, alert condition Green effective 1800H. TEA-Bravo.   |
| 69   | 1753 | 11th, BS719341 at 1725H, LRRP Nevada inserted, time: 141725H, loc: 719341. Notified SSO, SP/4 Moss, FSE, SGT Griafer.  |
| 70   | 1754 | 196th, D/3/21, at 1638H, air move, lift of 1 plat from D/3/21 vic 077276 to LZ Center, PZ 077276 141600H, LZ Center 141638.  |
| 71   | 1815 | 11th, C/4/3, BS710433 at 1650H, early today PR 36 spotted 5 graves, res: discovered 5 bodies, all mid aged, 2 females and 3 males. Dead about 3 weeks, cause of death shrapnel, believe to be caused from air strikes.   |
| 72   | 1855 | 1st CAG, CAP 135, BS709964, enemy BS701959 at 1310H, patrol from CAP 135 and US elements rec'd approx 300 rds auto wpns fire from above coord. Patrol ret'd fire and called 155, while checking area patrol rec'd 200 rds auto wpns fire at which time USA higher ups told them to return to compound. While returning to compound, patrol rec'd 50 rds auto wpns fire, patrol ret'd fire and called 81mm mortar from same and ret'd to compound. Called 81mm mortars and .50 cal H&I fire on enemy location. They had neg results and will check area tomorrow. Neg US casualties. Info only. |
| 73   | 1858 | 1st CAG, CAP 138, BS575923, enemy BS575916 at 1740H, three VN children came to compound with Chicom grenade found at above enemy coord, paid children 60 P's. Info only.   |
| 74   | 1955 | 3/18th Arty TOC, at 1952H, convoy closed at Minh Long SF Camp at 141952H Dec 68.   |
| 75   | 2020 | 1st CAG, CAP 138, BS575923, enemy BS577928 at 1830H, 1 VN male, 16 yrs old, Vuong Cum, was kidnapped by 4 VC at above coord at 121930H. He was blindfolded and travelled approx 12 hrs into mountains. He was 1 of 3 people kidnapped and all 3 travelled in different directions. Man was asked to join VC, but refused. He was taken to BS557907 by 1 VC with one M-2 carbine and released.  |
| 76   | 2145 | 11th TOC, engineer element from arty convoy to Minh Long has established NDP vic BS622598.   |
| 77   | 2200 | 196th, Que Son, My Dong (H), BT025363 at 1921H, cow broke loose, VN chasing cow detonated BT, res: 1 VN child KHA, 3 VN WJA (E), Dustoff complete 1930H, believed to be a BT HG.   |
| 78   | 2215 | G-3, LTC Lawrence rec'd telephone call from LTC Owens, G-3 III MAF, ref msg #140048Z, subj: contingency reinforce SLF, date time 142215H Dec 68. Clarification was requested by LTC Lawrence concerning para 3, ref msg. LTC Owens indicated Americal would conform to its D-day plan but should consider commitment of one Bn subject to reasonable delay imposed by tactical situation if III MAF desired reinforcement of SLF. To earmark a Bn did not, according to LTC Owens, imply that a Bn must be held in readiness for immediate commitment.   |
| 79   | 2400 | Opns Summary: Americal Division units cont'd combat opns in zone with light contact being reported throughout the AO. In the Oregon AO, C/3/21 air moved from Chu Lai to LZ Ross at 0934H. (continued)   |

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| 1    | 0001 | Journal Opened.  |
| 2    | 0905 | (delayed entry) 11th TOC, Aero Scouts request for VR in Vernon Lake II & Duc Pho AO's, 151330H to 151730H Dec 68, contact: Purple Reels 79 at LZ Bronco, freq 52.00. Passed to Div Avn. Passed to 11th Bde, SP Harlock. Try to change time to afternoon to avoid pattern.  |
| 3    | 1710 | (delayed entry) 198th, Warlord request, priority #2, BT0000, BS0097, BS1097, BT1000, neg friendlies, ground contact: Cold Clutter 79, freq 64.15. Wants snatch of a military age male in this AO. Passed to Div Avn.   |
| 4    | 1710 | (delayed entry) Warlord request, priority #1, BS6890, BS6882, BS7682, BS7390, East boundary is coastline, friendlies: C12/5/46, BS687880, contact: Serene Talons 79, freq 59.80. Passed to Div Avn. Passed to 198th, CPT Hall.   |
| 5    | 0005 | 198th, 5/46, Binh Son, BS606921, enemy BS617906 at 2146H, ambush conducted by PF's from Binh Son rec'd SA fire and M-79 rds, NCD. Checked area and found 3 81mm mortar rds.  |
| 6    | 0010 | 4/3, 935225 at 2100H, 81mm mortar from B/4/3 & Navy on hard stand fired illum, 3 hootches caught fire, Sa Huyhn, res: 3 civilians killed, investigation underway.  |
| 7    | 0030 | 1st CAG, MTT-1, BT303188 at 2300H, 1 RD was wounded while on guard at BT303186. The RD's spotted 1 VC and opened fire. VC ret'd fire, wounding RD. RD was taken to MTT compound. MTT's sent out night patrol to check area. Called Dustoff at 2335H, complete at 0005H to 321th Evac.  |
| 8    | 0630 | At 0700H, normal daylight working conditions effective 0700H. (No TEA during daylight hours-only at night).  |
| 9    | 1830 | 2d ARVN, request AO ext for time only, from present time to 161600H Dec 68, BS5860 to 6160, S to 6157, W to 5857. Passed to Quang Ngai, SGT Greco. Passed to Minh Long, msg 70-0-141720. Passed to 11th Bde, LT Deale 2025H. Reply 803-P-142007, clear, TOR 142010H. Approved by G-3, CPT Miller. Notified FSE, CPT Krug.          |
| 10   | 0755 | 196th, 1st M Force, air move at 0715H to LZ Baldy.   |
| 11   | 0837 | 198th, 4/6 ARVN, 1/52, BT202152-2014 at 0715H to 0815H. #1: 4/6 ARVN report 1 VC KIA by SA fire. #2: 4/6 obs 1 squad VC w/wpns in vic BT2014. (Info only).   |
| 12   | 0905 | 196th, B/2/1, AT994374 at 0828H, eng'd 3 VC w/SA, evading S at 200 meters, res: 1 VC KIA, KIA had neg pack, wpn, or ID. Remaining 2 VC evaded S into hvy under brush, they were obs w/packs.   |
| 13   | 0930 | 196th, CC/4/31, AT967274 at 0800H, eng'd 3 VC w/packs, res: 1 VC KIA, remaining 2 VC evaded W into wood line.  |
| 14   | 0934 | 196th, S-3 4/31, AT974271 at 0820H, called 81mm mortars on 2 VC moving W, at 2000 meters NNW of his location, res: 1 VC KIA. 2 VC evaded into wood line. All VC had packs.   |
| 15   | 0940 | 11th, A/1/20, BS660597-660599 at 0915H, detained 2 VCS, 1 had false ID and wore white shirt, neg wpn. Picked up at BS660597. 1 VCS, neg ID, neg docs, or wpn. Picked up at BS660599. CC evac to LZ Liz.  |
| 16   | 0950 | 1/1 Cav, HQ 1/1 Cav, BT258290 at 0940H, mine sweep team found 2 Chicom HG's, blown in place.   |
| 17   | 0958 | 196th, A/2/1, BT010395 at 0843H, obs 15 VC males outside A Co NDP. VC were 1000 meters E and were eng'd w/art, res: 6 VC KIA. A Co also eng'd w/M-16's, res: 2 VC KIA. Remainder of VC evaded NW into wood line, neg packs, wpns were obs.   |
| 18   | 1015 | 196th, 2M Force, closed LZ Baldy at 0940H.   |
| 19   | 1051 | 196th, air move complete, D/4/31 from LZ Sooner to LZ West, PZ 0835H, LZ 0934H. A Co from LZ West to LZ Sooner, PZ 0823H, LZ 0925H.  |
| 20   | 1032 | 11th, A/1/20, air move complete, from Minh Long to BS617643, PZ 1000H, LZ 1013H.   |
| 21   | 1112 | 198th, C/1/52, BT164071 at 1045H, eng'd 2 to 3 NVA wearing green uniforms and had wpns, moving E, eng'd w/SA fire. Eng'd from 400 meters, res: 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47 CIA, SN 2009958, other 2 evaded W. Aero Scouts were called, on station at 1055H.   |
| 22   | 1114 | 39th Engr, B/39, BS609904 at 1020H, rec'd 2 rds sniper fire, no casualties.  |
| 23   | 1125 | 196th, air move complete, 12th MSSC from LZ Baldy to LZ East, PZ 0950H, LZ 1010H. 14th MSSC from LZ Baldy to LZ West, PZ 0800H, LZ 1055H.  |
| 24   | 1149 | 198th, Aero Scouts, BT083000 at 1055H, reported on station at 1055H. Destroyed 10 huts and canopy, it looked like a base camp. AS975971, eng'd 1 MAM wearing black PJ's, res: 1 VC KIA. BS011972, destroyed 1 green uniform and hut. BS012990, destroyed 15 large huts that looked like a base camp and 3 uniforms hanging to dry. |
| 25   | 1200 | 196th, Blue Ghost F/8th Cav, 1/46, BT028495 at 1000H, eng'd 1 VC evading W, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.  |
| 26   | 1209 | 198th, A/1/52, BT258134-266130 at 1130H, obs 4-5 VC, eng'd w/4.2" mortars, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 27   | 1218 | 1/1 Cav, C/1/1, BT187246 at 1200H, detained 1 male 70 yrs old, neg wpn or ID. Evac to LZ Hawk Hill.  |
| 28   | 1330 | 198th, A/5/46, BS642981-643966 at 1210H, spotted 3 VC without wpns, fired arty, 3 VC evaded S, neg results.  |
| 29   | 1404 | 11th, A/4/3, BS881329 at 1345H, detained 1 VCS, neg ID or wpn, evac to LZ Thunder.   |
| 30   | 1415 | 1/1 Cav, F/8 Cav, BT031499 at 1020H, obs and eng'd 1 MAM evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.  |
| 31   | 1455 | 198th, D/1/52, BT176178-175179 at 1425H, rec'd 7 rds SA fire which they believe came from 1 wpn. Called in arty w/neg results.   |



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| 32   | 1430 | 11th, A/4/3, BS879319 at 1145H, detained 1 VCS, had printed paper he tried to throw away. Neg ID, 40 to 45 yrs old, evac to LZ Thunder. IPW notified, PFC Hamilton.  |
| 33   | 1435 | 196th, A Trp, 1st Cav, BT035389 at 1347H, 1 VC evading W, eng'd w/.50 cal MG, res: 1 VC KIA. KIA was 900 meters W, 30-35 yrs old, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 34   | 1500 | Tien Phuoc, B-2, BT164113 at 1230H, Opn C-270 eng'd 1 plat VC in hasty ambush, res: friendly: neg casualties, enemy: 1 KIA, a CIA, 1 carbine SN 144739, 8 rds ammo, homemade grenade, poncho and web gear CIA, (info only).  |
| 35   | 1540 | 198th, CAP 135 at 1518H, rec'd hvy sniper fire from BS713963, BS709964, called arty, in contact w/10-20 VC. (info only)  |
| 36   | 1633 | CLDC, TEA for tonight id B, alert condition Gray.  |
| 37   | 1655 | 11th, CA complete, A/1/20, PZ BS617643 at 151523H, LZ BS488608 at 151638H, cold.   |
| 38   | 1715 | 196th, Cite #0642, VR report. No of flights: 1, area covered C-8. At AT905237, obs 7 sampans submerged on the NW side of the Song Tra Bong River, 150800H at 1500 ft. At AT950305, obs 7 foxholes recently dug and in a circular pattern, 150900H at 1600 ft.  |
| 39   | 1724 | 196th, A/4/31, AT836356 at 1350H, obs 40 NVA in a rice paddy, NVA were moving NE in a file formation, NVA wearing green & khaki uniforms, w/packs and wpns. At AT836356, NVA split into 3 groups, 1st group went E, another group went NE, 1 group remained at this grid. NVA sighted 3000 meters W of A/4/31 location, arty called, res: 6 NVA KBA, also west was obs large water buffalo loaded with rice.   |
| 40   | 1730 | 198th, Aero Scouts, AS975971 at 1055H, ref journal entry #24, entry has 1 VC KIA, change to 1 NVA KIA.   |
| 41   | 1825 | 1st CAG, CAP 134, BT261017, enemy BT659009 at 1545H, rec'd intel from village chief that 95th MF Co will hit Song Tra, Tam Ky, and CAP 134 compound soon, uniforms utility green, blue, gray and black, strength 120 men, weapons: 3 M-79's, 1x81mm mortar, 20 AK type rifles, 6 M-16, remainder have carbines, CO name: CPT Ngo Coy Bong, location: Dong Le #4 & #5. Action taken: zone sweep w/155 arty. 198th, SP Beer 151841H, CLDC, SGT Bodine 151837H.   |
| 42   | 1830 | 1st CAG, CAP 135, BS712973. enemy BS709964 at 1400H, compound rec'd hvy sniper fire from enemy grid, from approx 15-20 VC w/AK-47's, called 155 arty, 81mm mortars, CAP 135 fired 60mm mortar, checking area at 1600H. Rec'd hvy sniper fire from 6 VC, called arty and mortars. Due to darkness, could not check area properly. Info only.  |
| 43   | 1840 | 196th, B/4/31, AT828354 at 1630H, called arty on 10 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA by arty. All VC in black PJ's, no packs or wpns.   |
| 44   | 1730 | 196th, CC/4/31, AT836356 at 1450H, eng'd 8 VC wearing khaki uniforms, w/packs, neg wpns. VC dropped packs and began evading NE, eng'd, res: 8 VC KIA. 4/31st CO also reports large no of caves and bunker type tunnels lined with wood.  |
| 45   | 1737 | 196th, B/4/31, AT836356 at 1520H, obs 15 VC 1000 meters W of B/4/31 location, eng'd with M-60 & arty, res: 3 VC KIA (by M-60), remaining VC scattered W, NW, and N. 3 KIA, neg packs, wpns, or ID.   |
| 46   | 1745 | 11th, S-2, BS783343 at 1725H, LRRP Nevada extracted at 1725H, coord BS783343, movement to the east of them, unk size, did see 3 VC in the morning and arty was called.   |
| 47   | 1930 | 196th, D/2/1, 093396 at 1748H, while at day laager, rec'd 10 rds sniper fire, ret'd fire, arty called w/unk results, neg US casualties.  |
| 48   | 1934 | 196th, A/2/1, 993392 at 1720H, obs 15 VC evading and rec'd AW fire from 980408, neg US casualties, arty called on grid, res: unk.  |
| 49   | 1935 | CLDC, MAG-12 at 1800H, MAG-12, bunker #421, rec'd 1 sniper rd. Tower #41 obs indiv who fired rd evade into tree line about 100 meters from wire.   |
| 50   | 1945 | 198th, C/5/46, BS669911, enemy BS654913 at 1740H, obs 13 VC with wpns 1500 meters to W, fired arty, VC scattered to the NW, res: unk.  |
| 51   | 1945 | 198th, C/5/46, BS669911, enemy BS675903 at 1656H, obs 6 VC w/wpns moving SW, fired arty, VC ran into tree line, res: unk.  |
| 52   | 1955 | Counter Intel, (B-2 rating), BS493976 at 0900H, a 165 man unit armed w/14 unidentified rockets. Passed to 198th, SP/4 Moccabee, 1st CAG, SGT Cunningham.   |
| 53   | 2120 | 11th, MAJ Hayman at 2100H, 1 piece Engr equip that moved guns to Minh Long has broken down at BS667634. It is remaining there, guarded by E Trp (3 APC's) until it is repaired. The remainder of the task force has closed at 1800H.   |
| 54   | 2355 | 198th, 5/46, LZ Gator, BS578961 at 2240H, bunker line at LZ Gator, bunker #14, rec'd 5 rds SA fire, fired 2 rds of illum, ret'd SA fire, neg results. NCD.   |
| 55   | 2355 | 198th, 5/46, Binh Son PF's, BS612855 at 2000H, PF's had contact w/VC plat (armed w/1 MG & indiv wpns), arty was fired, neg results. NCD.   |
| 56   | 2100 | Opns Summary: Americal Div units cont'd combat opns in zone with light contact being reported throughout the AO. In the Oregon AO, 2 MSF Companies air moved from DaNang to LZ Baldy at 0940H. 1 MSF air moved from LZ Baldy to LZ West at 1055H. 1 MSF air moved from LZ Baldy to LZ East at 1010H. A/4/31 air moved from LZ West to LZ Sooner at 0925H. D/4/31 air moved from LZ Sooner to LZ West at 0934H. In Opn Vernon Lake II, A/1/20 air moved from Minh Long to an LZ vic BS617643 at 1013H. A/1/20 conducted a CA from a PZ vic BS617643 to a cold LZ vic BS488608 at 1637H. |



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| 1    | 0001 | Journal Opened.  |
| 2    | 1755 | (delayed entry) 1st CAG, CAP 122 & CAP 125, BT393168, enemy BT416123 at 1735H, called in about civilians moving out of Diem Pho #1. Marines questioned civilians why they were moving out, civilians said that Hill 54 at BT396145 was supposed to get hit hard tonight w/100 VC and 2a105mm howitzers. Command action passed to Hill 69 and other supporting units. Passed to 198th, SO Moccabee at 151801H. CLDC, SGT Bodine. Info only.   |
| 3    | 0215 | 198th, 5/46, Binh Son Dist HQ, BS608924, BS610934, rec'd unk type incoming, fired arty w/unk results.  |
| 4    | 0255 | 1/1 Cav, B/1/1, BT213435 at 0225H, rec'd 4x60mm mortar rds, NCD.   |
| 5    | 0300 | DTOC, 5th SFGA, passed to 198th, rec'd by SGT Stover 160220H, 196th, rec'd by PFC Trogon 160220H. Sitrep #349 for period 121400H to 151200H Dec 68 extract. Tien Phuoc A-102, Opn P-167 and Opn C-269 cont'd 151500H. Opn C-266 closed 141800H. Opn C-270 departed 150500H - 191800H, search/clear, BT0912, 0915, 1305, 1309, 1410, 1412. Opn C-272 will depart 170500H-211800H, search/clear, BT0214, 0210, 1010, 1011. Ga Vuc A-103, Opn C-304, Opn P-305, Opn S-306, and Opn P-307 cont'd 151500H. Opn P-311, cpld 140500H (same as Opn P-310). Opn P-312, Opn P-313, Opn P-314, and Opn P-315 to depart in order, 1 day opn (same as Opn P-310). Ha Thanh A-104, Opn C-300, Opn S-289 cont'd 151500H. Opn S-288, Opn P-303, and Opn P-304 closed 141800H. Opn P-306 and Opn P-305 departed as scheduled. Opn S-307 departed 141900H-191700H, recon, BS2872, 2876, 3372, 3376. Opn S-308 will depart 160600H-211700H, recon, BS3377, 3380, 4077, 4080. Opn P-309 will depart 160800H-161700H, S/D, BS3571, 3771, 3769, 3569. Opn P-310 will depart 160800H-161700H, S/D, BS3569, 3769, 3767, 3567. Nong Son A-105, neg opns. Bat To A-106, Opn P-230 cont'd 151500H. Opn P-231 closed 141800H. Opn P-232 departed as scheduled. Tra Bong A-107, Opn C-198, Opn S-199, Opn S-200, and Opn S201 cont'd 151500H. Opn C-202 departed as scheduled. Minh Long A-108, Opn P-225 and Opn P-226 cont'd 151500H. |
| 6    | 0315 | 1/1 Cav, B/1/1, BT213435 at 0245H, LZ Fiddlers Green rec'd 4x60mm mortar rds. NCD.   |
| 7    | 0400 | 11th Bde, R/4/21, BS692426 at 0322H, 5 VC moving E to W, threw HG's at R/4/21 ambush w/NCD. Ret'd fire, res: 1 VC KIA, possibly more, will check at first light.   |
| 8    | 0650 | Tam Ky, Phuoc An (advisory team), BT214435 at 0315H, rec'd 10 rds 60mm mortar, 1 VN KHA, 12 WHA (E).   |
| 9    | 0015 | 11th, C/26th Engr, Minh Long SF Camp at 2230H, 1 HG thrown into Quonset hut occupied by 8 US personnel, all were sleeping, res: 8 US WHA, 7 evac, 1 minor (1 extremely serious, 1 serious, 3 minor, 3 "walking wounded-multi frag"). 3 casualties from C/26th Engr, 1 from HHC/26th Engr, 4 from 6th Support Bn. Source of HG unknown, investigation initiated by SF. Dustoff complete 2340H.  |
| 10   | N/A  | CLDC, at 0715H, normal working conditions effective at 0715H.  |
| 11   | 1200 | (delayed entry) 198th, AO ext request, from BS5277 W to 435770, NW to 422795 to 422800 to 411819 to 425850 to your AO boundary at 430875, time: 060600H to 262400H Dec 68. Passed to 198th, Moccabee 1926H. Passed to Quang Ngai, SGT Greco. Approved by CPT Que, Asst G-3. Approved by G-3, CPT Miller.   |
| 12   | 1250 | (delayed entry) 11th, Aero Scouts request for VR in Vernon Lake II and Duc Pho AO's, from 160730H to 1130H, Purple Reels 79 at LZ Bronco on 52.00. OK. Passed to 123d Avn. Passed to Div Avn. Changed to afternoon by CPT Beale due to need for gunships to support 198th CA in the morning. 0700H, 16 Dec, notified SGT Bacon 11th Bde.   |
| 13   | 1405 | (delayed entry) 196th, request AO ext, from AT8435 W to 8235, N to 8237, E to 8537, time: 151400H to 162400H, for elements of B/4/31 to conduct opns. Passed to SF LT Bernhardt 1430H. Passed to Nong Son. Msg #73-0-151430 QSL 151535. Reply: clear, Nong Son 32, LT Bernhardt. Passed to 1st Mar Div, LT Cronin. Approved by 1st Mar Div, LT Cronin. Approved by G-3. Passed to 196th, LTC Longino.  |
| 14   | 1625 | (delayed entry) 198th G-2, Warlord request #1: from BS6890, 6882, 7682, 7390, eastern boundary is coastline. Snatch of MAM, contact: Serene Talons 79 on 59.80, neg friendlies. Request #2: BT0000, BS0097, 1097, BT1000, contact: Cold Clutter 79 on 64.15, neg friendlies, snatch of MAM. Before entering AO's, contact Stewart Peso 79 on 58.50. OK afternoon, passed to AS. Passed to Div Avn. Change to morning 0730H to 1130H by CPT Beale. 0710H, passed to 198th.  |
| 15   | 1740 | (delayed entry) 11th, AO ext request, from BS4960 N to BS4963 to 4763 (W), S to 4760, time: 151800H to 202400H, passed to Quang Ngai, SGT Lopez. Approved by Quang Ngai, COL Thin. Passed to 11th, LT Deal.  |
| 16   | 2005 | (delayed entry) 196th S-2, LRRP Alabama AO request, UL BT0218, LR 0614, LZ BT039162. If approved, will be inserted after 1300H 16 Dec. If not, will be inserted 17 Dec. Passed to Tien Phuoc SF 160240H. Msg # 74-0-160200, time 162400H to 212400H. Reply: msg 229-0-160730, request granted. Passed to G-2, CPT Newkirk. Notified G-2, MAJ Hayes, approved. Notified 196th, SP Ewing 1030H.  |
| 17   | 0910 | 196th, Tracker Dog team request, for 5 days, standby at LZ Baldy. Pick up on LRRP Pad 170715H. Passed to Support Command, LT Obenmier. Approved by G-3. Passed to 196th, SP Boardman.  |
| 18   | 1018 | 9th Engr, D/9th, BT093544 at 0934H, found bamboo road block across road. Swept and found neg results. Removed road block and cont'd sweep.   |
| 19   | 1000 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav, BT205258 at 0910H, 1 enemy HG was thrown, res: 2 PRU WHA, 1 PRU KHA, 1 VC KIA. Evac to LZ Baldy. Notified IPW, PFC Hamilton. Wounded VCI was leading friendly forces to enemy location.  |

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| 20   | 0945 | 196th, B/3/21, BT094241 at 0920H, eng'd 2 VC, res: 2 VC KIA. 1 M-16 rifle CIA, SN 1008749, 1 pack containing black PJ's and small amount of rice.  |
| 21   | 0945 | 196th, MiRoe SF, 4/31, AT982226 at 0845H, found 1 K-44 SN 6118. Detainee lead them to wpn, detainee evac to LZ West, then to LZ Baldy.   |
| 22   | 1041 | 198th, LRRP Kentucky, BT475015 at 0950H, extracted LRRP Kentucky, normal extraction, mission complete. G-2/G-3 maps posted. FSE and SSD notified, CPT Kirk and LT Everret.   |
| 23   | 1105 | 198th, 4B/1/6, air moved from Hill 76 to LZ Fat City, PZ 0930H, LZ 0940H. C/1//6 from Hill 54 to Hill 76, PZ 0925H, LZ 1025H, complete.  |
| 24   | 0345 | 198th, Tien Phuoc SF at 0345H, have rec'd changes from sitrep of opns following. Opn C-270, new grids: BT1910, 1513, 1512, 1410. Opn C-272 is cancelled. New grids were BT0914, 0910, 1414, 1811, 1810. Passed to 198th, SP Boardman. Sit Map changed. New SF opn posted.  |
| 25   | 0730 | 1st CAG, CAP 131, BS603954-604954 at 2200H, element obs VC and opened fire. Patrol then rec'd hvy AW fire, action taken: sent reaction force to area, fired illum arty, neg results at this time. (Info only). 198th, SGT Stover 0950H.  |
| 26   | 0735 | 1st CAG, CAP 134, BT622020*623007 at 2230H, VC opened fire on Son Tra #1, CAP 135 position, on 2 of 134's patrols. Element 134 rec'd 4 explosive charges, 5 grenades, 600 rds small arms fire. CAP 134 position rec'd 250 rds SA. 134-B, 6x60mm mortars, 300 rds SA. Action: called arty illum on VC positions and escape routes. Enemy strength is est between 30 to 35 men. Three combined positions, element 134, obs VC flag on top of hill BT620022. 134-D obs VC flag on top of hill BT620022. 134-D has recovered flag. (info only). 198th, SGT Stover 0945H. |
| 27   | 0740 | 1st CAG, CAP 131, BS553894-555893-556890-546886-546899 at 1900H, rec'd intel from RD leader of 1 Co of VC wearing black PJ's, res: 10 called arty consisting of 2 batteries resulting in 1 secondary explosion. 1 hut destroyed, heard much screaming from village and enemy area. RF obs area and called H&I on positions and escape routes. They are checking area at this time. During the night, 1 illum rd was fired every hour. (Info only). 198th, SGT Stover 0950H.  |
| 28   | 0745 | Lined out with comment "See journal entry #22". <del>198th, MP at 0015H, VC opened fire on Son Tra #1, BT621019, MP's at Son Tra #1 rec'd 4 explosions, 5 HG's, 600 rds AK-47 and BAR fire. LZ River Boat South rec'd 250 rds AK-47 and BAR. CAP 134 rec'd 6x60mm mortar rds, 25 to 30 AK-47 rds. MP called arty and illum on positions and escape routes. Est VC force at the 3 positions to be 30 to 35. CAP 134 element obs 1 NVA enemy on top of hill vic BT620022 and will investigate this morning.</del>  |
| 29   | 0805 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav, BT260418 at 0750H, 1 MAM evading was eng'd w/M-60, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 30   | 0900 | 198th, A/1/52, air move from LZ Bowman to BT201077, PZ 0807H, LZ 0855H, complete.  |
| 31   | 0900 | 198th, C/1/52, air move from BT201077 to LZ Bowman, PZ 0815H, LZ 0842H, complete.  |
| 32   | 0920 | 9th Engr, A/9th, BT210372 at 0830H, VN civilian turned in 1x60mm rd and 1 M26 HG, 1000 P's reward. Blown in rice paddy. (info only).   |
| 33   | 0925 | 9th Engr, A/9th, BT205376 at 0855H, sweep team found and 2 ARVN's w/gunshot wounds. Dustoff called in, sweep team cont'd mission.  |
| 34   | 0942 | 9th Engr, D/9th, BT155447 at 0910H, VC civilian turned in 1x60mm mortar rd to sweep team, brought to CP. Paid civilian 200 P's reward.   |
| 35   | 1024 | 196th, request AO for LRRP Nevada, BS7736, 8036, 7781, 8031, 161200H to 201800H Dec. SSD LT Everette. G-2/G-3 maps posted. Approved by G-3.  |
| 36   | 1035 | 26th Engr, CC, BS798399 at unk time, culvert blown, road passable. Informed SFC Cafferty, Combat Support Information.  |
| 37   | 1040 | 36th Engr, CC, BS684658 at unk time, bridge at above coord, north abutment of bridge blown. By-pass passable. Informed SFC Cafferty, Combat Support Information.   |
| 38   | 1123 | 196th, LRRP Tennessee, inserted at BT150264 at 1000H. G-2/G-3 map posted. FSE and SSD notified, CPT Krug and CPT Shay.   |
| 39   | 1128 | CLDC, 1300H, RMK will be blasting, blast will be extra-large. Notified C/S, SP/4 Johnson, G-3, SP/4 Morgan, G-3, SP/5 Oberlin.   |
| 40   | 1140 | 1/1 Cav, C Trp, BT192284 at 1135H, found 500 lbs of rice in bunker, evac to LZ Hawk Hill.  |
| 41   | 1150 | 9th Engr, A/9th, BT225347 at 1129H, be advised VC were not successful in an attempt to blow bridge, 2 PF's were wounded last night.  |
| 42   | 1150 | 9th Engr, A/9th, BT196532 at 1125H, found 1x105mm HE rd in road, blew in place.  |
| 43   | 1235 | 1st CAG, CAP 116, BT337310 at 1200H, while on patrol, discovered and destroyed 2 bunkers and had 1 secondary explosion from 1 of the bunkers. In the same area the patrol discovered 8 BT's which they blew in place. BT's: 1 shape charge, 3x105mm rds, and 3x60mm rds. Marines believe this area to be a VC ammo dump. Patrol is still searching area. (Info only).  |
| 44   | 1237 | 1st CAG, CAP 116, BT347296 at 1000H, mine detector was taken to CAP 116 on 15 Dec 68 to search for BT's and mines. The following was found and destroyed: 1x155mm rd, 2x105mm rds, 2x60mm rds. (Info only).  |

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| 45   | 1303 | 39th Engr, A/39th, BT188422 at 1255H, 3 VN children stepped on 1 approx 10 lb mine. The mine was between 3 US Army vehicles. Dustoff called, 2 KHA, 1 WHA. Dustoff complete approx 1300H.  |
| 46   | 1323 | 11th, D/4/21, BT624428 at 1241H, rec'd SA fire, swept through area and located 2 VCS, female, 20 to 25 yrs old, neg ID's, were evac to Duc Pho. They were captured at a hut that had a tunnel and packs. Neg ID or wpns. Notified IPW, PFC Hamilton.   |
| 47   | 0812 | 196th, A Trp, 1st Cav, BT032397 at 0708H, had 1 VC Chieu Hoi, carrying 1 M-1 carbine, SN 2946562 and 1 M-14 rifle, SN 144342 w/2 mags and 2 bags of rice, neg ID, extracted to LZ Ross and then to LZ Baldy. Notified IPW, PFC Hamilton.   |
| 48   | 1345 | 198th, A/1/52, BT199060 at 1150H, rec'd 2 Chicom HG's from hut 25 meters away. Also obs 3 VC evading, eng'd w/SA fire, res: 3 VC KIA. After searching area they found 2 females and 1 MAM. Also found docs and a cigarette lighter with #403. Also in search they found 2 additional MAM's hiding in tunnel. They eng'd them with a HG, res: 1 VC KIA and 1 VCS CIA. After continuing search, they detained 2 females and 1 additional MAM. Total 4 VC KIA, and 7 VCS CIA. Notified IPW, PFC Hamilton. |
| 49   | 1350 | CLDC, at 1346H, RMK will be blasting at 1700H. Notified C/S, SGT Loftis, G-1, SP/4 Morgan, G-2, SP/5 Oberlin.  |
| 50   | 1335 | 11th, C/4/3, BS808416 at 1315H, eng'd 1 VC, res: 1 VC WIA/CIA, evac to LZ Bronco, neg wpn.   |
| 51   | 0940 | 198th, Aero Scouts, BS768847 at unk time, snatched 1 MAM, they eng'd 1 MAM evading at same coord, res: 1 VC KIA. The CIA will be evac to LZ Bayonet. Departed station at 0900H. Notified IPW, PFC Hamilton.  |
| 52   | 1346 | 1/1 Cav, C Trp, BT204264 at 1325H, found the following: 1 AK-47, SN 9473211, 4 US HG's, 1 US pistol belt, 1 flashlight, 1 book documents, 1 wallet, 1 M-1 barrel and receiver group, SN 480977, 2 SKS-44, SN 7190H, only 1 SN was visible. All were found in tunnel at above coord. All items will be brought back to LZ Hawk Hill. Notified IPW, PFC Hamilton.  |
| 53   | 1410 | 196th, LRRP Alabama inserted, BT038163 at 1330H. At 0218H FSE notified, CPT Miller.  |
| 54   | 1420 | 11th, LRRP Idaho ext request, BS4945, 5245, 4962, 5242, time: 170600H to 201600H, purpose: observation of area. Posted on G-2, G-3 maps. Notified SSD. Posted LRRP chart.  |
| 55   | 1420 | 11th, D/4/21, BS624428 at 1241H, ref journal entry #46. Add: 1 US WHA (E), wounded in head, Dustoff complete 1430H.  |
| 56   | 1428 | 26th Engr, CC, BS762482 at 1050H, 2 VN riding Lambretta motor bike detonated mine at above coord, res: 2 VN KHA. (Info only).  |
| 57   | 1435 | 11th, C/4/3, BS684514 at 1428H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.  |
| 58   | 1510 | 11th, D/4/3, BS788456 at 1400H, detained 2 VCS, evac to LZ Bronco.   |
| 59   | 1422 | 11th, C/4/3, BS788489 at 1410H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC CIA, neg wpn, possible draft dodger.   |
| 60   | 1423 | 198th, R/1/52, BT232128 at 1240H, obs 4 VC, 2 w/wpns, called arty, ineffective. 4.2" mortars called, res: neg casualties.  |
| 61   | 1645 | 196th, convoy departed LZ Ross at 1550H, arrived at LZ Baldy at 1635H.   |
| 62   | 1540 | 11th, C/4/3, BS747444 at 1445H, detained 14 MAM, ages 18 to 35, dressed as Buddha's, holding for extraction to Duc Pho.  |
| 63   | 1550 | 1/1 Cav, B Trp, BT219424 at 1520H, found 1x600 lb bomb booby trapped with a Chicom grenade, both were destroyed. The 600 lb bomb left a crater 10 ft deep and 25 ft wide.  |
| 64   | 1607 | 198th, B/1/6, BT438086 at 1615H, detained 13 VCS, all had ID. 1 female 33 yrs old, her husband is a VC CO, evac to LZ Fat City and then to LZ Bayonet. Found in immediate area, 150 ft of time fuze and 100 ft det cord. Notified IPW, SP Powers.  |
| 65   | 1610 | 198th, R/5/46, CA complete, cold, PZ LZ Gator, LZ BS528910 at 161448H.   |
| 66   | 1615 | CLDC, condition Gray effective 161800H. TEA is Bravo.  |
| 67   | 1630 | 198th, F/8th Cav, BT005472 at 1358H, obs a well-used trail, direction couldn't be determined. BT005472, obs trail running W to E, trail looked like it was used last night. AT961454, obs a trail showing moderate use, trail was running E.   |
| 68   | 1637 | 196TH, f/8TH Cav, AT944385 at 1315H, BDA: 5 large bunkers were destroyed. AT936382, spotted a large rock with a door in the back of it, the top of the rock had been caved in and the area seemed to be well fortified.  |
| 69   | 1734 | 11th, D/4/21, BS624428 at 1241H, found 2 VC killed by air strikes, 4 weeks old.  |
| 70   | 1445 | 1st CAG, CAP 116, BT342327 at 1445H, while sweeping area on a search and destroy, patrol rec'd SA fire from the NW while sweeping along the beach. Patrol headed toward above coord to investigate and rec'd hvy SA fire from above coord. VC tried to assault towards S. Action taken: broke contact and ret'd to compound. Will return at a later date due to fact Marines believe the area is an enemy ammo dump. CAP 116 killed 8 VC. (Info only). 198th.  |
| 71   | 1615 | 198th, air moves: D/5/46, PZ LZ Buff at 161551H to LZ BS459806 at 161555H. CAP 139, PZ BS555895 at 161450H, LZ BS470867 at 161529H.  |
| 72   | 1659 | 1st CAG, CAP 136, BS574937, enemy BS545955 at 1130H, Marines while on patrol obs VN working in rice paddy. Kit Carson questioned these people and at the time 1 VCS was apprehended. Patrol was returning to compound when they obs 1 VN male fleeing BS535954. Patrol fired warning shots and man halted, res: 2 VCS CIA (continued)  |

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| 72   | 1689 | (continuation) and sent to Binh Son for questioning. Binh Son confirmed 1 as being VC.  |
| 73   | 1715 | 11th, A/4/3, BS848283 at 1615H, four men went into tunnel, tunnel collapsed, Dustoff was called and complete at 1620H, 2 urgent, 2 priority, they were using explosives in the tunnel. US personnel will be carried as NBK (E), S/M Burnick.  |
| 74   | 1838 | 1st CAG, CAP 135, BS702934 at 1808H, from VN people, villagers said 100 VC are S of CAP 135 position, VC plan to attack CAP 135, CAP 133, and Army outposts, leader Pham Cong, he was district chief and trained in NVN, res: plotting H&I, will fire during night. Info only.  |
| 75   | 1855 | 198th, D/1/52, BT175178 at 1600H, were searching area when they had contact on 161425H Dec 68. They had fired arty on the grid yesterday. They found 1 VC KIA at grid.  |
| 76   | 1906 | 198th, D/5/46, BS466805, enemy BS452794 at 1715H, obs 40 VC in open w/wpns, fired arty w/unk results, will check area in morning.   |
| 77   | 1945 | CLDC, at 1930H, bunker #436 (SS IV) rec'd 8 sniper rds, neg casualties.   |
| 78   | 2000 | CLDC, BT517065 at 1935H, bunkers on the N bunker line are receiving sniper fire from vic An Tan Village. Believe that fire is coming from PF element. This info passed to CPT Blanco at 198th, to be relayed to Ly Tin Dist HQ Advisor.   |
| 79   | 2030 | 196th, 1/46th, 132461 at 1820H, bunker #3 rec'd 40-50 rds SA fire from approx 150 meters N of their location. At 1825H, bunker #2 saw 1 VC carrying a carbine 100 meters N of their location, eng'd with M-16, M-79, res: unk.  |
| 80   | 2100 | 198th, D/5/46, LZ Buff, BS524829 at 2025H, obs 4 VC evading, fired mortars, movement ceased, unk results.   |
| 81   | 2116 | 198th, 1/52 (ARVN ambush), BT179151, enemy BT179151 at 1950H, ARVN ambush reports 1 VC crawled to perimeter and threw 2 HG's, ambush ret'd fire w/unk results and neg casualties. Will check area in morning.   |
| 82   | 1735 | 11th, B/3/1, BS652352 at 1500H, eng'd 1 NVA with SA fire, NVA fell but check of the area resulted in AK-47 rifle captured with no body found. NVA wore helmet and carried pack when first observed.   |
| 83   | 1922 | 11th, D/4/3, BS703555 at 1725H, 4 VC eng'd with air strikes, res: 4 VC KBA.   |
| 84   | 1925 | 11th, D/4/3, BS705548 at 1825H, eng'd 2 VC by arty, res: 2 VC KBA.  |
| 85   | 1928 | 11th, D/4/3, BS739576 at 1730H, detained 1 VCS.   |
| 86   | 2030 | 196th, B/4/31, AT842336 at 1730H, eng'd 2 NVA w/SA from 5 meters, res: 2 NVA KIA, aged 20 & 22, carrying 2 packs, 1 AK-47, SN 110751258. Pack contents: 2 hammocks, 2 pistol belts, 1 canteen w/cup and cover, 5 lbs rice, 1 khaki shirt, 1 Chicom HG, 1 US helmet cover, medical supplies, 2 letters contents unk, personal notes. Letters and notes will be sent to 196th tomorrow.   |
| 87   | 2030 | 196th, 4/31, F/17 Cav, 3rd plat, AT963278 at 1740H, found a camouflaged cache containing 1 M-1 carbine w/full mag, SN 6895117, 1 M-28 Thompson SMG w/full mag, SN 2269608, 10 M-16 mags w/ammo, 1 entrenching tool cover, 1 US canteen.   |
| 88   | 2030 | 196th, 4/31, F/17 Cav, 3rd plat, AT965277 at 1700H, PRV's found 2 VC in tunnel, eng'd, res: 2 VC KIA, aged 16 and 18 approx, wearing black PJ's, neg wpn or ID. In same vicinity, 3 VC suspects were detained, 2 males 17 & 20 yrs old, neg wpns, packs, or ID. 1 female 30 yrs old, neg pack, wpn, or ID. Have been extracted to 4/31 location.  |
| 89   | 2215 | 198th, 1/6, RD 15, BT455150 at 2130H, RD 15 made contact w/unk size force, eng'd and rec'd SA fire, res: 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47 CIA, neg casualties or damage.   |
| 90   | 2240 | 1st CAG, CAP 134, BT624005, enemy BT635004 at 1900H, 6 VC ambushed CAP 134 unit on patrol, CAP 134 rec'd 300 rds AK-47, M-16, BAR, carbine fire, ret'd fire and called arty, res: 1 PF wounded and evac to 27th Surg.   |
| 91   | 2330 | 11th TOC, Minh Long SF Camp, ref journal entry #9, 16 Dec 68, 7 WHA (E) and 1 WHA (M) changed to Non Battle Casualties. One box of HG's, inside the hut where men were wounded had 1 HG missing. Investigation revealed that this was possibly the HG that caused the casualties.   |
| 92   | 2400 | Opns Summary: Americal Div units cont'd combat opns in zone with light contact being reported throughout the AO. In the Oregon AO, A/1/52 air moved from LZ Bowman to an LZ vic BT201077 at 0855H. C/1/52 air moved from a PZ vic BT201077 to LZ Bowman at 0842H. In the Chu Lai TAOR, C/1/6 air moved from Hill 54 to Hill 76 at 1025H. 4B/1/6 air moved from Hill 76 to LZ Fat City at 0940H. R/5/46 conducted a CA from LZ Gator to a cold LZ vic BS528910 at 1448H. D/5/46 air moved from LZ Buff to an LZ vic BS459806 at 1624H. |
| 93   | 2400 | Americal Daily Totals: 1 WHA (E), 2 WHA (M), 2 NVA KIA, 21 VC KIA, 2 VC discovered, 13 IWC.   |
| 94   | 2400 | Journal Closed.   |
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| 1    | 0001 | Journal Opened.   |
| 2    | 0110 | 1st CAG, CAP 137, BS616924 at 2330-0030H, rec'd intel report, 1 plat NVA vic BS616924, called arty, fired WO & HE. CAP 137 swept area where 15-20 VC spotted, res: village 75-80% destroyed, no bodies. Will sweep area again tomorrow. Rec'd 1 large explosion from arty with black smoke. After firing arty, Binh Son reported a mortar tube was being set up S of Binh Son.  |
| 3    | 0120 | 198th, D/1/52, BT190165 at 0101H, obs several flashlights and trip flares set off, called arty, will check at daylight.   |
| 4    | 0455 | 1st CAG, CAP 132, BS567904, 571891 at 2110H, patrol rec'd intel that VC would burn village chief's house. Moved through area leaving one ambush. Later 1 squad of VC opened fire w/1,000 rds SA/AW fire. Also rec'd 2 B-40 rockets, res: 1 USMC WHA (E), ret'd fire and called arty, searched area, found blood trails, neg bodies.   |
| 5    | 0455 | 1st CAG, CAP 138, BS575523 at 0001H, patrol tripped trip wire, mine did not explode, will destroy mine at first light.  |
| 6    | 0455 | 1st CAG, CAP 132, BS567907, 564904 at 0230H, ambush was checking area for possible VC escape routes and came under hvy AW fire, approx 2,000 SA rds and 15-20 satchel charges, res: called arty and swept area. During sweep villagers said there were 30-40 VC. These are part of a VC Co in Nguc Tri area. Mission of this Co is to harass and destroy CAP 132.   |
| 7    | 0945 | (delayed entry) 11th, request Aero Scouts, VR Vernon Lake II AO, time: 171330H-171730H, Purple Reels, freq 52.00. Passed to Div Avn 161320H. Passed to 11th, SP Bacon at 170610H.   |
| 8    | 1820 | (delayed entry) 196th, Blue Ghost request, box BT8840, 8837, 9238, 9236, VR & snatch, TOS: 170900H Dec 68 for as long as possible. Crater Mallet 76A, freq 61.90, friendlies 1500 meters SE on LZ Sooner, enemy positions unk. To 1/1 Cav at 0625H.   |
| 9    | 1830 | (delayed entry) 198th, Warlord request #1: BS6890, 6882, 7682, 7392, right boundary is coast, Serene Talons 79, freq 59.80, no friendlies, Request #2: BT0000, BS0097, 1097, BT1000, Cold Clutter 79, freq 64.15, no friendlies. Both missions snatch with fire-for-fire. Also contact Stewart Peso 79. freq 58.50 before entering AO. Passed to Div Avn, Aero Scouts, 0730H-1130H, to SGT Stover.  |
| 10   | 0640 | CLDC, resume normal daylight conditions effective at 0715H.   |
| 11   | 0738 | 11th, LRRP Montana, inserted at BS7736-0831, 790340. Posted. FSE notified, SGT Byers. SSD, LT Thompson.   |
| 12   | 0744 | 198th, D/5/46, BS454798 at 0718H, obs 5 VC, 1,000 meters in open, 2 w/wpns, 3 w/packs, arty has been called. VC were not moving, res: unk. 0730H, arty hit hut which 2 VC had entered, res: 2 VC KIA. Aero Scouts will go into the area.  |
| 13   | 0821 | 26th Engr, CC, BS607909 at 0800H, culvert at above coord was blown but road is still passable.  |
| 14   | 0830 | 198th, 5/46th w/Aero Scouts, BS573795 at 0816H, snatched 1 MAM, will be evac to LZ Bayonet.   |
| 15   | 0830 | 198th, A/5/46, BS516865 at 0730H, detained 2 VN males, evac to LZ Gator, neg wpns or docs. Evac from LZ Gator to LZ Bayonet.  |
| 16   | 0830 | 198th, CC/5/46, BS512862 at 0730H, eng'd 1 VC evading. res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.  |
| 17   | 0845 | 9th Engr, A/9th, BT204381 at 0820H, VN civilian turned in 1x60mm mortar rd to sweep team. VN civilian was rewarded w/500 P's. 60mm rd blown in place.   |
| 18   | 0859 | 198th, 5/46 w/Aero Scouts, BS556763 at 0830H, rec'd SA fire, eng'd sniper, res: 1 VC KIA, neg dam to ship, neg wpn.   |
| 19   | 0905 | 26th Engr, CC ship, BS748510 at 0830H, W end of culvert blown, but still passable. Informed SFC Cafferty CSIC.  |
| 20   | 0915 | 196th, C/2/1, AT927374 at 0815H, rec'd 7 to 9 rds AW fire from 4 VC at 250 meters N, neg casualties. VC had green uniforms and Ho Chi Minh sandals w/wpns. Fire was ret'd w/M-79 and VC evaded NE into hvy vegetation. Area was well covered w/SA fire, C/2/1 checked area w/neg findings.  |
| 21   | 0920 | 198th, A/5/46, BS505883 at 0900H, detained 8 MAM, 2 are VC according to interpreter. Evac to LZ Gator and then to LZ Bayonet. Notified IPW, PFC Hamilton.   |
| 22   | 0804 | 198th, A/5/46, CA complete. A (-) from LZ Gator to BS515870, PZ 0710, LZ 0733H. 1A from BS470867 to 515870, PZ 0745H, LZ 0755H, cold.   |
| 23   | 1030 | 196th, E/3/21, BT113223 at 0945H, obs 3 VC in white PJ's moving NW at 2700meters, called 106mm RR, res: 1 VC KIA, the other 2 VC evaded into wood line, neg packs or wpns.  |
| 24   | 0935 | 11th, D/3/1, air move from BS656378 to 486606, PZ 0811H, LZ 0900H, complete.  |
| 25   | 0945 | 11th, B/4/3, BS915216 at 0910H, detained 2 VC evading, evac to LZ Bronco, no wpns, packs, or ID.  |
| 26   | 0950 | 196th, C/3/21, OPCON 2/1, BT007338 at 0805H, A M26 HG pressure type was stepped on, res: 3 US WHA (E). While trying to find an LZ, another M26 HG w/trip wire was struck, res: 4 US WHA (E). A 3rd HG w/trip wire was found (new), it was blown in place. The plat leader said the area would have been an excellent ambush site. People being ambushed from the E would have detonated all 3 mines seeking cover to the W. All mines were off side of trail. Dustoff complete 0846H for all 7 WHA (E). |
| 27   | 1020 | 9th Engr, A/9th, BT232336 at 1000H, sweep team found 2 Chicom grenades and 1 RPG rd, blew in place.   |

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| 28   | 1031 | 196th, air move for 3/21 Inf. D1 from LZ Center to LZ East, PZ 0830H, LZ 0850H. D3 from LZ Center to BT098248, PZ 0842H, LZ 0820H. B from BT098248 to Chu Lai, PZ 0838H, LZ 0920H. R from LZ East to LZ Center, PZ 0838H, LZ 0848H. A from Chu Lai to LZ Center, PZ 0855H, LZ 0940H.  |
| 29   | 0950 | 11th, air move D/4/3 from LZ Dragon to LZ Bronco, PZ 0850H, LZ 0942H.   |
| 30   | 1005 | 11th, air move, A/1/20 from BS486606 to LZ Dragon, PZ 0838H, LZ 0934H.  |
| 31   | 1055 | 11th, air move, C/4/3 from LZ Liz to LZ Bronco, PZ 1015H, LZ 1043H. C/1/20 from BS486625 to LZ Dragon, PZ 0935H, LZ 1035H. B/1/20 from LZ Cork to LZ Liz, PZ 1000H, LZ 1029H.   |
| 32   | 1035 | 11th, air move, B/3/1 from BS656378 to LZ Cork, PZ 0920H, LZ 1010H. C/3/1 from BS656318 to 486625, PZ 0851H, LZ 0920H.  |
| 33   | 1243 | 196th, 12 MSF 3/21, BT169226 at 1040H, 12th M-F and IPW team were led by detainee to wpns cache (bunker), res: 2 B-40 rocket rds, 3 Chicom CS HG's, 1 K-50 SN unk, 1 K-15 mag, 20x60mm rds, 2 AK-47 mags, 2 B-40 rocket primers, 12 M-79 rds, 2 M-16 mags, 1 BAR mag, 1 M-1 carbine SN 55806, 7 primers for explosives, 12x60mm fuses, 3 cans primer caps, 3 rolls of (coded) copper wire, 12 M-16 rds, 2x9mm rds. All cache items evac to LZ Center, then to LZ Baldy. Bunker will be destroyed. |
| 34   | 0955 | 196th, C/3/21, OPCON 2/1, BT007338-010335 at 0925H, rec'd 30 rds AW fire, believe to be AK-47 w/1 US WHA (E). Fire was ret'd w/SA and M-60, enemy fire came from 400 meters SE and neg VC were sighted. At this time checking area. Note this 1 US WHA (E) was 1 of the WHA (E) caused by HG incident. Ref journal entry #26.   |
| 35   | 1103 | 11th, A/4/3, BS874345 at 1100H, detained 1 VCS female, no wpn, docs, evac to LZ Bronco.   |
| 36   | 1110 | 198th, Aero Scouts, 5/46, BS438803 at 1045H, eng'd 2 NVA, had helmet, pack, web gear, poncho loner, wpn, result: 2 NVA KIA. Unit could not find wpn.  |
| 37   | 1115 | 196th, C/3/21, OPCON 2/1 at 0805H, ref journal entry # 26, 1st HG (mine) was struck at 0805H, res: 4 US WHA (E). 1st Dustoff at 0817H, 2nd 0846H. Total should read 8 WHA (E). Notified C/S, SP Johnson, G-3 SP Morgan.   |
| 38   | 1133 | 39th Engr, B/39th, BS620826 at 0810H, found 15 lb mine w/bamboo firing device, blew in place, cont'd mine sweep.  |
| 39   | 1135 | 198th, 5/46, Aero Scouts, BS482878 at 1103H, snatched 1 VN female, evac to LZ Bayonet.  |
| 40   | 1135 | 39th Engr, B/39, BS629828 at 0855H, found 10 lb mine w/bamboo firing device, blew in place, cont'd mine sweep.  |
| 41   | 1138 | 39th Engr, B/39, BS631825 at 0940H, found 10 lb mine w/electric firing device, destroyed mine, cont'd mine sweep.   |
| 42   | 1140 | 39th Engr, B/39, BS609904 at 1010H, culvert blown, crater 7 ft x 2 ft. Road passable to 2 lane traffic. Cont'd sweep, will repair after sweep completed.  |
| 43   | 1153 | 198th, A/1/52, BT214050 at 1120H, obs 15 enemy, all w/packs, helmets, and some w/wpns. Air strike being called.   |
| 44   | 1300 | 11th TOC, air move of R/3/1 from BS685360 to LZ Cork, PZ 1100H, LZ 1110H, cold, complete.   |
| 45   | 1300 | 196th, C/1/46, BT007432 at 1155H, obs SA fire from grid AT987432. Fire was directed at an air strike at AT987440. Helix will put air strike on enemy grid. Fire was about 1800 meters W of C/1/46. Sounded like 20 to 30 rds AW fire.   |
| 46   | 1045 | 196th, 3/21, request that SF Opn C-272 stay S of 22 E-W grid line, time: 170500H to 201800H, LNO from 196th. Passed to Tien Phuoc, msg #70-0-171100 GR. Reply, msg #244-0-171325 from Tien Phuoc to Chu Lai. Ref msg #74. Will comply. Passed to 196th, SP Franklin.  |
| 47   | 1303 | 198th, Aero Scouts, BS551765 at 0930H, 1 NVA KIA in the area of insertion. They then rec'd hvy wpns fire N of coord. The KIA was wearing green PJ's and had no wpn, ID, or pack.  |
| 48   | 1320 | 198th, A/5/46, BS526884 at 1134H, detonated 1 M16 mine on trail, think it was pressure type, res: 3 WHA (E), urgent Dustoff. Dustoff complete 1146H. CC made Dustoff.   |
| 49   | 1350 | 11th TOC, air move complete and cold, D/1/20 from LZ Cork to LZ Bronco, PZ 1310H, LZ 1325H.   |
| 50   | 1355 | 198th, A/1/52, BT214048 at 1310H, obs 6 or 7 VC w/steel pots, wpns, and wearing black PJ's. The VC were spotted at BT214048, arty was called and VC were seen evading S to grid BT209041. CC/1/52 is firing in the vic where the VC were last spotted, neg results.   |
| 51   | 1400 | 11th, air moves complete. D/1/20 from LZ Cork to LZ Bronco, PZ 1310H, LZ 1325H. E/1/20 from Mit to LZ Cork, PZ 1320H, LZ 1345H.   |
| 52   | 1420 | 11th, air move of A/3/1 from Mit to LZ Cork, PZ 1325H, LZ 1340H.  |
| 53   | 1425 | Air move, R/3/21 from LZ Center to BT076276, PZ 1100H, LZ 1130H.  |
| 54   | 1425 | 11th, air move R/1/20 from LZ Cork to LZ Dragon, PZ 1130H, LZ 1142H.  |
| 55   | 1410 | 196th, 1/46, Blue Ghost, BT020500 at 1315H, obs 2 VC swimming in river, eng'd, lost sight of VC, but saw large blood spots in water.  |
| 56   | 1425 | CLDC, SGT Kent, RMK will be blasting at 1700H today in rock quarry. Notified C/S, SGT Loftis, G-2 SGT Fry.  |
| 57   | 1430 | 196th, D/3/21, BT055234 at 1345H, eng'd 1 VC, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.   |



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| 58   | 1450 | 196th G-2, Sniffer readout for 27th Chemical Detachment, on station at 1015H until 1130H. Max readings at: AT980279, 973281, 968280, 960279, 963279, 953279, 837236, 892241, 890238, 889237, 887234, 885230, 884228, 870198, 871204. Substantial readings at: AT919330, 864338, 857343, 816278, 859270, 890273, 901273, 975296, 980280, 978280, 970280, 968280, 953279, 950280, 950282, 946285, 948284, 833236, 876212, 880211, 871204, 75205, 876191, 903213, 906214, 906218, 909218, 929176. |
| 59   | 1455 | 196th, F/17th Cav, OPCODE 4/31, AT925275 at 1430H, found 8 VC in graves, graves 2 days old, 6 were males, 2 were females. 3 VC were killed by .50 cal, 5 by arty. They were naked. Bodies 18 to 25 yrs old. Neg packs, wpns, or ID.  |
| 60   | 1545 | 39th Engr, C/39, BS719593 at 1440H, 1 VC Chieu Hoi'd to C Co, he was turned over to MACV Team #2 personnel at LZ Snoopy. PFC Hamilton of IPW was notified.   |
| 61   | 1615 | 198th, C/1/3, 5/46 air moved from BS669913 to LZ Dottie, PZ 1550H, LZ 1555H.   |
| 62   | 1618 | 198th, A/1/52, BT214048 at 1400H, detained 3 VCS in vic of above coord, detained 1 MAM, 1 young female, and 1 old woman. Will evac to LZ Bayonet.  |
| 63   | 1620 | 198th, CC/5/46 and gunships 176th Avn, BS548871 at 1610H, travelling N to S rec'd fire from above coord. Both ships ret'd fire w/unk results. Neg hits on choppers.  |
| 64   | 1630 | Ha Thanh A-1, BS313708 at 1345H, Opn C-300 eng'd 1 plat of VC at distance of 50 to 100 meters, res: friendly: 2 WIA, enemy: 2 KIA. (Info only).  |
| 65   | 1645 | 5th SF Nong Son, friendlies will be in the following area from 180600H to 181200H Dec 68, coord: AT8036 to 8436, to 8340 to 8640. Informed 196th Bde, SP/4 Franklin.   |
| 66   | 1710 | CLDC, SGT Bodine, alert condition Gray effective at 1800H. TEA: Bravo.   |
| 67   | 1550 | 196th, F/8th Cav OPCODE 4/31, AT910376 at 1420H to 1500H, time on station was 1420H to 1500H, they snatched 1 MAM and evac to LZ Baldy. Neg wpn, age 22 yrs, had docs and a picture of NVA flag. 1450H, eng'd 2 VC at AT903377 evading NW, res: 2 VC KIA. IPW notified, PFC Hamilton.  |
| 68   | 1755 | 11th, A/4/3, BT866345 at 1740H, detained 3 MAM VCS, 1 had no ID, 2 had ID and said were Buddhist Monks. CC evac to Duc Pho.  |
| 69   | 1755 | 11th, A/4/21, BS642449 at 1535H, eng'd 2 NVA evading, res: 2 NVA KIA. Captured 4 ruck sacks, both in green uniforms, had 100 lbs of rice, 1 US first aid pack, 1 NVA pistol belt, 1 Russian first aid pack, 1 quart kerosene, 2 pith helmets, no wpns of ID.   |
| 70   | 1405 | 196th, C/2/1, AT954384 at 1201H, rec'd 40-50 rds SA/AW fire, neg us casualties. Fire came from approx 4 VC approx 75 meters N of C Co, used SA & M-79 fire on area, C Co checked out the area and found 1 NVA KIA. The KIA had AK-47, SN 202390, KIA had neg field gear. Also found blood trail leading N, C Co was following trail.   |
| 71   | 1450 | 11th, request Sniffer mission, 4861, 4856, 5060, 5458, 5461, fire-for-fire requested, today 1530H until 1800H. Passed to SF. Passed to Minh Long, msg #75-0-171515, TOR 1530H. Passed to Quang Ngai, reply: msg #821-P-171655 from 32, neg clearance. The Sniffer mission is approved only to the 52 grid line. Approved by G-3, CPT Miller. Passes to 11th, PFC Conrin.   |
| 72   | 1800 | 198th, 5/46, CAP 139, BS484837 at 1745H, CAP 139 compound saw 3 VC in open, fired arty, res: 2 VC KIA by arty, credit to 198th Arty. 1 VC evaded, area was not searched for wpns. KB Arty credited to B/1/14 Artillery.  |
| 73   | 1830 | 11th, S-2, LRRP Nevada inserted 786334 at 171830H. LRRP's Montana & Nevada extracted because of contact with 3 VC. FSE SGT Chaffee. SSO SP/4 Brantley. LRRP Nevada extracted 786334 at 171835H. LRRP Montana extracted 790340 at 171835H.  |
| 74   | 1835 | 198th, D/5/46, BS464804, enemy BS472798 at 1809H, obs 3 VC in open wearing black PJ's w/wpns, eng'd with arty, res: neg findings.  |
| 75   | 1836 | 198th, D/5/46, BS464794, enemy BS456793 at 1825H, obs 10 VC w/wpns & packs, eng'd with arty, res: unk.   |
| 76   | 1903 | 11th, D/4/21, BS614472 at 1900H, spotted 5 NVA w/web gear and small arms, eng'd w/SA, called arty, res: 1 NVA confirmed KIA.   |
| 77   | 1905 | 196th, A/1/1, AT997336 at 1835H, A Trp was reconning by fire at coord AT997336 with .50 cal, obs 1 secondary explosion that had a fireball 30 ft high with a column of smoke 150 ft high, gray to black in color.  |
| 78   | 1910 | 198th, A/1/52, BT208077, enemy BT216077 at 1840H, obs 20 VC w/packs moving S, fired arty, arty landed on target, res: unk. Will fire N&I all night, check area in morning at first light.  |
| 79   | 1936 | 196th S-2, at 1548H, LRRP Tennessee extracted 1548H, BT157265, routine extraction.   |
| 80   | 1945 | 198th, A/5/46, BS526884 at 1134H, change journal entry # 48 to read: 1 US KHA, 2 US WHA (E).   |
| 81   | 1800 | 1st CAG, CAP 133, BS690958 at 1800H, village Phuoc Hoa #1 reported VC are going to hit CAP 133 tonight from direction of An Loc. VC left 1 NVA flag on gate and propaganda leaflets. Truong Hoa #2 also reported 1 VC Co in An Loc area. Fired mortar s and are calling arty in area.  |
| 82   | 1630 | 2d ARVN, G-3, request all Americal Div locations, directed to LTC Lawrence G-3, only Bde & Bn CP locations. 196th Bde, LZ Baldy, BT133453. 2/1 Inf Bn, LZ Ross, BT027342. 4/31 Inf Bn, LZ West, AT090250. 3/21 Inf Bn, LZ Center, BT052253. 198th Bde, LZ Bayonet, BT549016. 1/46 Inf Bn, LZ Baldy, BT133453. 1/6 Inf Bn, Hill 69, BT462072. 5/46 Inf Bn, LZ Gator, BS578961. 1/52 Inf Bn, LZ Bowman, BT239142. 11th Bde, LZ Bronco, BS812883. (continued)                                     |

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| 1    | 0001 | Journal Opened.  |
| 2    | 0125 | 11th, E/4/21, BS465513 at 0115H, 4.2 personnel at LZ Amy obs 10 enemy moving S, fired 4.2 mortars, obs 1 small secondary explosion, neg assessment.  |
| 3    | 0156 | 1/1 Cav TOC, BT231315 at 0155H, rec'd 1 rd possibly 60mm mortar, NCD.  |
| 4    | 0220 | 1/1 Cav, B/1/1, BT213435 at 0210H, rec'd 1 60mm mortar, 8-10 rds AK-47, NCD.   |
| 5    | 0335 | 198th, CAP 127, BT452057 at 0235H, rec'd 15-20 rds 60mm/82mm mortars, enemy loc unk, res: 2 PF KHA, 1 USMC WHA (E), 1 VC KIA. Dustoff complete 0315H.  |
| 6    | 0355 | 2d ARVN, Tam Ky, BT247255 at 0130H, took 20 rds 75mm RR, 5 rds of 82mm mortar at base camp, RF102 & RF136 Co's, NCD.   |
| 7    | 0355 | 2d ARVN, Tam Ky, BT304284 at 0200H, rec'd 3x60mm mortar rds and SA harassing fire, RF 922 & RF 725 Co's, NCD.  |
| 8    | 0355 | 2d ARVN, Tam Ky, BT210440 at 0200H, RF 820 Co rec'd 2 rds of 60mm & harassing SA fire, NCD.  |
| 9    | 0400 | 1st CAG, CAP 111, BT342190, enemy BT364204 at 0145H, compound rec'd 1 rd 81mm mortar, also rec'd 4 B-40 rockets and 20x60mm mortar rds. Searched area w/neg results, res: 2 PF WHA (M), 3 USMC WHA (M).  |
| 10   | 0412 | 198th, 1/6, 435079, enemy 440094 at 0235H, rec'd 2x82mm rds, NCD, arty fired, results unk.   |
| 11   | 0416 | 5/46, CAP 133, 666978, enemy 668978 at 0315H, patrol obs 3 VC crossing rice field, patrol eng'd w/SA, neg results.   |
| 12   | 0440 | 198th, D/1/6, BT437054 at 0230H, obs 8 mortar rds landing in that vicinity, could not locate mortar position. Impact area was 400 meters NW from their location.   |
| 13   | 0510 | 1st CAG, CAP 127, at 0230H, additional info: rec'd approx 15-25 rds 82mm, 20 rds M-79, SA/AW fire, attacked by est 1-2 VC plats, had dinks in wire. 1 VC KIA (C), 1 AK-47 CIA.   |
| 14   | 0345 | 198th, D/1/6, CAP 127m request 1 tracker team for 0615H 18 Dec, to be on LRRP Pad for pickup, to be used for locating of mortar sites. Called Tracker Dog Team, LT Obermeyer, will go himself with 3 of his men. Notified SGT Stove 198th, check times, no. of people. Notified LT Obermeyer that times and people were sent to 198th.   |
| 15   | 0630 | CLDC, at 0700H, resume normal daylight working conditions effective 0700H.   |
| 16   | 1145 | (delayed entry) CLDC, SGT Kent, at 1130H, C-123 crashed w/36 pax. Plane crashed near MAG-13 bomb dump, casualties unk at this time. There will be further info ASAP. #1: Follow-up from LTC Foster from CLDC Co. Emergency vehicles are on the scene, Dustoff for injured personnel have commenced, appears to be dead and injured. MP's are on the scene. Exact location BT565024. #2: The crew do not need any wreckers at the present time. #3: BT566027 revised coord. #4: Area secured by MAG-13 personnel. Plane manifest not being released until notification of next of kin. TOR 1700H, source SP Abdo. 18 individuals in hospital, 2 seriously injured, 14 individuals Graves Registration, 8 personnel unaccounted for. 40 personnel passengers on acft. Unofficial. #5: CPT Jergenson called MAG-13 base opns, base opns will not release any report until initial investigation is complete. Probably not until 18 Dec 68. Have asked CLDC for official casualty list, location of individuals who is conducting investigation. |
| 17   | 1305 | (delayed entry) 11th TOC, Aero Scouts request for visual recon mission of Vernon Lake II, from 180730H until 181130H Dec 68, contact: Purple Reels 79 on 52.00, located on LZ Bronco. OK. Passed to 123d Avn DMC. Passed to Div Avn 1830H 17 Dec 68. Passed to 11th 180708H.   |
| 18   | 0915 | 39th Engr, C/39, BS717596 at 0800H, rec'd 10 rds sniper fire, neg casualties, ret'd fire, cont'd sweep.  |
| 19   | 1655 | (delayed entry) 198th S-2, Warlord request #1: BS6890, 6882, 7682, 7390, E boundary coastline, Serene Talons 79 on 59.80, snatch MAM from Peninsula. Request #2: BT0000, BS0097, BS1097, BT1000, Cold Clutter 79 on 64.15, snatch MAM. Also contact before entering 198th AO, Stewart Peso 79 on 58.50. Neg friendlies in either area. Passed to 123d Avn. Afternoon. Passed to 198th 0708H. Passed to 123d, SP Copper 0915H Dec 68.   |
| 20   | 2345 | 11th, COC, BS932251, request Mike Boat support for amphibious assault to be conducted from LZ Charlie Brown to landing site vic BS932251 at 190700H Dec 68. Unit will be 2nd plat B/4/3 with 60-65 packs to be moved. Called MSAD opn, requested call back after 0700H. Coordinate with LT Harrison. LT Harrison stated that all Mike Boats for amphibious assaults come from DaNang and require 1 week for planning. Passed to 11th Bde, SGT Lipin.   |
| 21   |      | DTOC, 5th SFGA, 0430H, ref sitrep #351 for period 161200H0171200H Dec 68. Tien Phuoc opns passed to: 198th Bde, rec'd by SGT Stover. Tra Bong Opn S-204 passed to 198th Bde, rec'd by SGT Stover.  |
| 22   | 0800 | Tien Phuoc, 5th SF, will send patrol into the following coord: BT0415 and will be there until 181800H Dec 68. Passed to 196th Bde, SP Boardman. Tien Phuoc will not move patrol in above coords, SP Boardman.  |
| 23   | 0830 | 9th Engr, D/9th, BT102517 at 0805H, found a sign on a pole in gutter of road, swept w/neg results, removed sign with grapnel hook.   |
| 24   | 0840 | 198th, CA 5/46, CA complete, cold, 2-3-4C/5/46, PZ LZ Dottie, LZ BS440779, PZ 180728H, LZ 180752H. CA complete, cold, 1C/5/46, PZ LZ Dottie, LZ BS455800, PZ 180745H, LZ 180817H.  |
| 25   | 0900 | CLDC, Americal EOD Team will blow 15 tons explosives from 1030H-1100H 18 Dec 68.   |
| 26   | 0915 | 11th Bde, C/4/3, BS781375 at 0908H, 3 VC evading, 2 w/wpns, res: 1 VC KIA, had web gear. Now following blood trail of the other 2 VC.  |

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| 27   | 0905 | 196th Bde, 4/31, MSF-14, AT960190 at 0905H, eng'd 1 VC w/SA fire, evading 10m W of location, res: 1 VC KIA, age 33, black PJ's, neg wpn, ID, or pack.   |
| 28   | 0930 | 198th, C/5/46, BT447798 at 0915H, detained 2 MAM with neg ID. 1 female also detained. All will be evac to LZ Gator today.   |
| 29   | 0950 | 198th Bde, 4/6 ARVN, BT221169, 219619, 215167 at 0830H, reported by 1/52, found 3 anti-tank mines in road, 1 at each of above coord, dug up mines and blew in place.  |
| 30   | 0954 | 11th Bde, CA complete, cold, C/3/1, PZ BS484623, LZ BS502588, PZ 180844H, LZ 180933H.   |
| 31   | 1010 | 11th Bde, C/4/3, BS789383 at 0950H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 32   | 1003 | 196th Bde, Blue Ghost request for 196th LIB, target: at 9740, type of mission: to engage NVA in the area, time on station: ASAP. Length of time on station: for duration of ground contact, Candid Critic 79, freq 46.70, friendly location: 1k E and 1k NE of enemy location. Request Blue Ghost check with Candid Critic and Candid Critic will make on station coord. Passed secure to 1/1 Cav to SGT Stutler at 181005H.  |
| 33   | 0715 | CLDC, 0644H, 1st rd incoming, 0645H, CLDC yellow alert, 2 rds N portion of west runway MAG-13. 0650H all Bde's notified: 11th, 1/1 Cav, 198th, 196th. 0654H, III MAF notified, SGT Woodruff. 0700H normal. 0705H, all Bde's notified and III MAF, total of 4 incoming rockets, 2 impacted vic BT539059 subsector 6, 1 impacted vic BT543047 subsector 6, 1 impacted vic BT545055 subsector 4, from CLDC 180945H, 4x140mm rockets. Neg casualties, neg damage, light damage to 1 building in subsector VI, 2 power lines damaged, 2 power lines severed. 0807H, est launch site of 140mm rockets, BS547993, CPT Hall. COL Foster's office: 53940574, 54360490, 5470470, 5400615. The above coord at=re the locations where the 140mm rockets hit. End azimuth (1) 55639500, (2) 56629500, (3) 56529500, (4) 56369500, these coord are the back azimuth, they may not be 100% correct from impact area. |
| 34   | 0830 | 26th Engr, D/26, BT440094 at 0235H, LZ Fat City: 10x82mm mortar rds, no casualties, no rds in compound area, coord: BS440094 where rds are believed to have come from.  |
| 35   | 1415 | 196th, CC/4/31, AT892362 at 0950H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or pack, black PJ's.  |
| 36   | 1020 | 196th, A/1/1, BT053392 at 0915H, 1 APC hit mine of unk size, res: damage to left track and 2 US wounded, 1 from concussion, 1 from shock. Dustoff completed at 180956H.   |
| 37   | 1050 | 198th, D/1/52, BT174130 at 1035H, found 1 VN female 20 yrs old hiding in bomb shelter. Questioned villagers in area, said they never seen her in area before, evac to LZ Bayonet.   |
| 38   | 1000 | 11th Bde, CA complete, cold, A/3/1, PZ BS486606, LZ BS502588, PZ 180935H, LZ 180950H.   |
| 39   | 1100 | 196th, D/3/21, BT019241 at 1000H, obs 2 VC evading NW at 150 meters, eng'd w/SA, res: 2 VC KIA, were approx 30 yrs old, neg pack, wpns, or ID.  |
| 40   | 1104 | 196th, D/3/21, BT025244 at 1020H, eng'd 2 VC w/SA 75 meters E, res: 2 VC KIA, ages 20 and 25, in black PJ's, neg pack, wpn, or ID.  |
| 41   | 1102 | 198th, CAP 139, BT173133 at 1030H, 1 VN male aged 34, came voluntarily to CAP 139 and told them he had been working with VC. He said they had 1 M-16, 1 carbine, 1 Thompson sub MG. he helped 8 VC plant many AP mines in the following locations: BT5088, BT5188, BS5288. The individual will be evac to LZ Gator for further questioning. Called IPW, PFC Hamilton was notified.  |
| 42   | 1125 | 198th, B/5/46, BS567978 at 1100H, unit rec'd unk amount of sniper fire from BS693963-BS690958. Arty called, res: unk.   |
| 43   | 1125 | 196th, CC/4/31, AT896378 at 1050H, eng'd 1 VC evading w/M-60, res: 1 VC KIA in black PJ's, neg wpn or pack.   |
| 44   | 1130 | 196th, CC/4/31, AT892387 at 1055H, obs 3 NVA evading, eng'd w/M-60, res: 3 NVA KIA, wore tan uniforms, neg wpns, ID, or packs.  |
| 45   | 1059 | (delayed entry) 196th, OP Com, F/8th Cav, 1/46, BT006509 at 1005H, obs 1 MAM at above coord. From a hut BT006512, neg hits, ret'd fire, res: 1 hut destroyed, 1 secondary explosion.  |
| 46   | 1300 | 198th, C/5/46, BS437775-434784 at 1143H, eng'd 1 VCS evading, res: 1 VC WIA/CIA. Dustoff called at 1145H, complete at 1210H. Where VC evac to is unk at this time. IPW notified, PFC Hamilton.  |
| 47   | 1338 | 198th, C/1/52, BT254147 at 1243H, obs 5 VC wearing white shirts and black shorts, they moved into hut at above coord. Also obs 2 VC, 1 in green and 1 in black uniform, who also moved into hut in the same area. LZ Bowman fired 4.2 mortars and 106 RR, res unk.  |
| 48   | 1400 | 196th, A/2/1, AT971411 at 1325H, found 2 NVA packs containing green uniform and papers. Packs have the number 302 printed on them, evac to LZ Ross. IPW PFC Hamilton notified.  |
| 49   | 1210 | Tra Bong USSF, 180930H, Opn S-203 ambushed 2 local VC at BS359924, res: friendly neg, enemy: 1 KIA, 1 M-1 carbine CIA. 0930H, Opn C-202 attacked bunker system at BS362810. Enemy still in bunkers, res: friendly 1 WHA, enemy: 5 KIA, 2 AK-44, docs, knives, med kit, and 5.56 ammo CIA.   |
| 50   | 1228 | 11th, D/4/3, BS810320 at 1155H, 2 WHA (E) due to mine (M26 HG). Dustoff called at 1200H by CC ship. EM's injury is not serious, wounds to head and chest on 1 EM.   |
| 51   | 1240 | 196th, 3/21 MSF-12, BT157230-163233 at 1015H, rec'd unk amount of AW fire from above location, neg casualties, ret'd fire w/SA, called arty. Area well covered, res: unk.   |

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| 52   | 1245 | 196th, C/4/31, F/8th Cav OPCON, AT943272 at 1205H, working with C/4/31, eng'd 1 VC at point-blank range hiding in tunnel, res: 1 VC KIA, neg ID or wpn.  |
| 53   | 1247 | 11th, R/4/3, BS843304 at 1240H, 1 VCS CIA, evading, age 30 to 35 yrs old, had ID card, evac to Duc Pho.  |
| 54   | 1305 | 198th, A/1/52, BT223070-215080 at 1230H, obs 8 enemy w/wpns moving S, fired arty, res: unk.  |
| 55   | 1315 | 11th, D/4/21, BS620434 at 1042H, found 2 fresh graves, 2 VC KBA. Badly decomposed.   |
| 56   | 1315 | 1st CAG, CAP 125, BT418112 at 1100H, patrol 125B checked report of village concerning a 105mm rd dropped at above grid from a chopper. At 171700H, res: patrol found 1 WP rd, 105mm. Round did not have a fuze, and was taken back to compound, will be destroyed in a safe place. (Info only).  |
| 57   | 1317 | CLDC, SGT Kent, BS5600, there will be a scout dog team from 181330H to 1600H at above coord. Passed to 198th, SGT White, 1500H.  |
| 58   | 1350 | 196th, A/2/1, AT971411 at 1218H, eng'd 1 NVA evading out of hole 10 meters to their front w/M-16, res: 1 NVA KIA, age 20. Wore green uniform, had wpn, 1 AK-47, SN 10137256, docs and diary w/present entry date. Wpn and docs will be evac to LZ Ross. Notified IPW, PFC Hamilton.  |
| 59   | 1350 | 196th, C/2/1, AT955389 at 1200H, obs 4 NVA moving SW at 150-200 meters, green uniforms, have wpns and packs, eng'd w/SA, NVA evaded N into hvy vegetation. Area searched, found 1 fresh bloody bandage, and 1 Russian Assault wpn, type drum fed, SN BA8699, wpn will be extracted to LZ Ross.   |
| 60   | 1400 | 196th, A/2/1, AT971411 at 1225H, eng'd 1 NVA at 75 meters evading SW into hvy vegetation. Area searched, recovered 1 Chicom MG, SN 303915, wpn will be evac to LZ Ross.  |
| 61   | 1405 | 196th, OP 2/1, AT993370 at 1240H, obs 2 VC moving W at 1000 meters. VC had neg wpns or packs, dressed in black PJ's. 81mm mortar mission fired, area well covered, VC evaded W, res: unk.  |
| 62   | 1425 | 198th, A/1/6, BS502948 at 1320H, found 1 enemy bunker, 4 ft x 7 ft x 3 ft, took direct hit by arty H&I in the past 18 hrs. Also found 1 M26 HG. Evac back to LZ Chippewa.  |
| 63   | 1510 | 198th, 1/52 LZ Bowman, BT239142-246157 at 1420H, obs bunker at above coord. 1 man in blk PJ's entered bunker. Fired 106 RR and destroyed bunker, res: unk.   |
| 64   | 1518 | 198th, Warlord 5/46, BS693810 at 1440H, Warlords eng'd 2 VC, res: 1 VC KIA, wearing black PJ's, other VC evaded, wearing green uniform.  |
| 65   | 1315 | DTOC, MAJ Craver, 198th gunships will cover chemical mission at 1800H 18 Dec. Passed to MAJ Borg 1352H.  |
| 66   | 1340 | 26th Engr, Hwy #1 will be closed from 1100H to 1130H 19 Dec, vicinity Quang Ngai Bridge, N side of river, reason: pulling bridge. Passed to Asst Div Trans Officer, CPT Checkers, CSIC, SFC Cafferty.  |
| 67   | 1108 | 198th, D/1/52, BT173133 at 0825H, found 3 mines, they are homemade, pressure type, measuring 6 in x 4 in x 1 ft. Each weighed between 15 to 20 lbs. Mines were dug up and taken off the road and blown.  |
| 68   | 1152 | 9th Engr, A/9, BT219359 at 1102H, Bridge 29 is 15% blown, road passable to 1-way traffic.  |
| 69   | 1155 | 9th Engr, A/9, BT275265 at 1117H, USA personnel reported 1 9th Engr tractor & trailer hit a mine. No casualties, wheels were blown off, recovery vehicle sent.   |
| 70   | 1630 | 1/1 Cav, C Trp, BT275265 at 1240H, 1 dump truck from 9th Engr hit a mine, shrapnel hit 1 EM from HQ Trp. EM was behind dump truck in another truck. EM from HQ Trp was evac to LZ Baldy. 1 USMC also wounded (M) but not evac.   |
| 71   | 1700 | 11th BTOC, CA, C&R/1/20 from LZ Dragon to BS763573, PZ 1551H, LZ 1637H, complete and cold.   |
| 72   | 1240 | 1st CAG, CAP 135, BS707965-703955 at 1000H, CAP 135 patrol made contact w/45 VC at above coord. Also a Swift Boat checked area of impact spotted 6 VC, called in more arty, res: secondary explosion from arty. Helix 21 reported smoke from tunnel complex. Action resulted in 14 VC KIA and CAP 135 captured 1 AK-47. 14 VC KIA credited to 1/82nd Arty, per SGT White 198th 1503H.  |
| 73   | 1440 | 11th, A/4/3, BS899305 at 1410H, rec'd sniper fire from est 10 to 15 AW and SA fire positions. 2 plats of B/4/3 and 1 plat R/4/3 are moving to location to assist A Co. At this time gunships and air strikes are being put in. B/4/3 rec'd hvy AW, SA fire from BS884273. A/4/3 eng'd 2 VC in spider hole w/HG, res: 2 VC KIA, had neg wpn or docs, except a poorly drawn map. B/4/3 detained 4 MAM evading, also 2 MAM not evading. All 6 have ID's, evac to Duc Pho. |
| 74   | 1541 | 198th, A/1/52, BT222064 at 1530H, discovered 1 carbine, SN 67753, it has been there at least a week.   |
| 75   | 1450 | 196th, F/17th Cav, AT952254 at 1320H, eng'd 1 VC evading N at 25 meters, res: 1 VC CIA, age 18 to 20, wore black PJ's, neg wpn, pack, or ID. Dustoff complete 1347H, evac to DaNang NSA.   |
| 76   | 1615 | 9th Engr, C/9, BT272268 at 1500H, sweep team found 35 lb mine, blew in place.  |
| 77   | 1620 | 196th, convoy left 1530H from LZ Ross, arrived at LZ Baldy at 1615H. Passed information to SFC Cafferty, CSIC.   |
| 78   | 1643 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav, BT144284 at 1635H, eng'd 1 MAM evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.  |
| 79   | 1715 | 11th, CC/1/20, BS764574 at 1615H, detained 3 VCS evading, evac to LZ Liz, neg wpns or docs.  |
| 80   | 1725 | 196th, F/8th Cav, 1st Cav from 1500H to 1600H, Blue Ghost readout. At 1505H, BT006509, obs 3 VC evading, eng'd w/M-60, res: unk. Also eng'd several huts in same area, res: 1 secondary explosion. (continued)   |

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| 80   | 1725 | (continuation) Also at same time rec'd unk amount of SA fire, and took 1 hit in main rotor. 1515H, BT004510, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA. 1520H, AT998507, eng'd 1 VC w/M-60, res: 1 VC KIA. 1525H, BT014508, eng'd 1 VC, res, 1 VC KIA. 1530H, BT018513, eng'd 1 VC, res: 1 VC KIA. 1535H, BT015512, eng'd 1 VC, res: 1 VC KIA. 1535H, AT960430, obs heavily used trails running from S to N. 1545H, AT948430, obs heavily used trail moving to hvy wooded hill. AT948438, obs recently used trail running from E to W. |
| 81   | 1740 | 11th, CC/1/20, BS753579 at 1655H, detained 1 VCS, will evac to LZ Bronco.  |
| 82   | 1743 | 11th, 174th Avn, 1/20, BS743573 at 1655H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg docs, wpns, or pack, wearing black.   |
| 83   | 1800 | 1/1 Cav, B Trp, BT189423 at 1510H, found 1x155 dud HE type rd, blown in place.   |
| 84   | 1809 | 11th, C/1/20, BS742554 at 1735H, 3 VCS CIA, they left area where chopper rec'd fire. VCS were evac to Duc Pho.   |
| 85   | 1655 | CLDC, SGT Bodine, condition Gray effective 1800H. TEA: Charlie. Notified S/S, SP/4 Johnson, G-2 MAL Hayes.   |
| 86   | 1312 | DTOC, To: CO 198th Inf Bde, secure Quang Tin Province HQ at Tam Ky nights of 18-19-20 Dec 68 w/1 ACAV plat, effective immediately LNO w/advisory team at Tam Ky. Advise Div TOC when moving and leaving Tam Ky. Passed to 198th, MSJ Borg. Starting time 1345H, closed Tam Ky 1425H.   |
| 87   | 1315 | DTOC, to: CO 1/1 Cav, 1 plat secure province HQ at Tam Ky released from present mission. Advise Div TOC when unit is moving and closed at Ky My. Passed to 1/1 Cav, SGT Paul. Moving 1515H, closed Ky My 1533H.  |
| 88   | 1459 | 196th, D/3/21, BT019244 at 1310H, eng'd 2 VC w/SA, res: 1 VC KIA & 1 VC WIA/CIA. KIA age 25, CIA female age 20, wore black PJ's, she says she knows where there is a wpns cache. Will be evac to LZ Center.  |
| 89   | 1645 | 11th, C/4/21, BS621488 at 1350H, eng'd 2 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA. 1 US carbine CIA, SN 7059918, 2 NVA packs w/med supplies, he wore uniform and was a VC officer, rank unk. 22 yrs old, he had docs, evac to LZ Amy.   |
| 90   | 1817 | 11th Bde, R/1/20, 763585 at 1735H, 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC WIA/CIA, he was 20 to 30 yrs old, dressed in black, evac to Duc Pho.  |
| 91   | 1825 | 11th, C/1/20, BS762584 at 1755H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC WIA/CIA, had docs believed to be of military significance, docs will be evac to Duc Pho tomorrow. CIA is being evac to Duc Pho now.   |
| 92   | 1835 | 196th, MSF-12, 3/21, BT157235 at 1515H, EM detonated Chicom HG that was connected to pressure device, res: 1 KHA. After booby trap was detonated, unit rec'd 20 rds of SA at 200 meters S of location (above coord), called arty on suspected enemy location, neg results. 1 KHA was VN member of MSF #12, OPCON to 196th.   |
| 93   | 1900 | 198th, C/1/6, BT424026 at 1840H, found 1 mine (M26) HG, blew in place.   |
| 94   | 1905 | 11th, B-1 Cav, BS915257 at 1844H, track detonated mine, track total combat loss, 2 KHA & 2 WHA (E).  |
| 95   | 1917 | 1/1 Cav, BS707965, enemy BS703955 at 1915H, CAP 135 patrol is being credited with the 14 VC KIA. Reference journal entry #72.  |
| 96   | 2000 | 198th, BTOC, 26th Engr, has CEV located 4 km N of Quang Ngai approx BS6377. 198th is sending 2 tracks & 12 personnel to protect. H/17 Cav elements arrived at CEV location at 2025H.   |
| 97   | 2005 | 11th, B/4/3, BS931215 at 2000H, sampan following small Navy supply boat, B/4/3 fired on sampan, res: 2 VC KIA.   |
| 98   | 2005 | 1st CAG, CAP 139, BS594890, enemy BS425172, BS415872, village report approx 30 VC or NVA were on road at above coord. VC in black PJ's and spoke w/northern accent, wpns: M-16's, M-79's, carbines, 1x82mm mortar, 1 .30cal, all wpns in good condition. Villagers report up to 1 VC Co located farther up the road in tree line. Called arty w/unk res.   |
| 99   | 2030 | 11th, D/1/20, BS763575 at 1937H, rec'd 20 rds of SA fire, also possible 7 rds of RPG, arty called, res: unk.   |
| 100  | 1950 | 11th, D/3/1, BS491582 at 1830H, found 1 K-44, SN 1121451, also 1 French Mauser, SN unreadable, 1 barrel & receiver group, type and SN unk, small at of SA ammo and small amt of rice.  |
| 101  | 2045 | 196th, S-2, Chieu Hoi captured by 2/1 Inf identified himself as a member of the 6th sqd, 3rd plat, 3rd Co, 2d Bn, unk Regt, 2d NVA Div, said he was a member of E-45 unit which was composed of 2 elements, X-1 and X-2. A check of OB files identifies X-1 and X-2 as associated with the 31st Regt, 2d NVA Div.  |
| 102  | 2110 | 196th, B/2/1, AT970405 at 1605H, eng'd 3 NVA at 75 meters, res: 2 NVA KIA, 1 NVA WIA, captured 1 AK-47. WIA stated that is fellow NVA deserted due to contact earlier in day. NVA later died, res: 3 NVA KIA, 1 IWC.   |
| 103  | 2220 | 198th, C/1/52, BT247113, enemy BT244152 at 2150H, obs unk number of enemy, called 81mm and 4.2" mortars w/unk results.   |
| 104  | 1352 | Ref journal entry #16, CLDC, there were 14 DOA, 30 varying conditions, they were taken to 27th Surg & 312 Evac. Info from COL Carpenter MAG T. Above information pertaining to C-123 crash.  |
| 105  | 1510 | 196th, S-2, LRRP request, LRRP Tennessee, UL AT8617, LR AT9013, insert 19-24 Dec, 1300H-2400H, no LZ yet. Passed to SP Cogner, Tam Ky, 2d ARVN 1945H. Approved by 2d ARVN, LT Quien.   |
| 106  | 1526 | 198th, S-2, LRRP request, LRRP Indiana, LL 3062, UR 3905, time: 20 Dec (sometime), stay behind type insertion. OK G-3, CPT Miller, FSE.  |
| 107  | 1834 | G-5 Americal, passed by 4/31 S-2, AT945274 at 1655H, 14 refugees picked up by F/17 Cav, action taken to 4/31 at LZ West, evac to Nui Loc Son Refugee Camp.   |
| 108  | 2112 | 196th, B/2/1, AT977412 at 1819H, eng'd 1 NVA, 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47 CIA.  |

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| 1    | 0001   | Journal Opened.   |
| 2    | 0940   | (delayed entry) 11th, Aero Scouts request for VR in Vernon Lake II AO, time: 191300H to 1800H Dec 68, contact: Purple Reels 79 on 52.00, located at LZ Bronco. OK. Passed to Aero Scouts. Passed to Div Avn at 181620H. Passed to 11th Bde, MAJ Heyman.   |
| 3    | 1708   | (delayed entry) 198th S-2, Warlord request #1: BS6890, 6882, 7682, 7390, E boundary coastline, snatch from peninsula. Request #2: BT0000, BS0097, 1097, BT1000, neg friendlies, Cold Clutter 79 on 64.15. Also snatch. Prior to entering AO contact Stewart Peso 79 on 58.50. OK. Passed to 123d Avn. For morning. Passed to Div Avn at 1735H. Passed to 198th, CPT Demsdale. |
| 4    | 0059   | 198th, CLDC, BT514059 at 2241H, 18 Dec, report unk number or type of explosions in front of sub-sector 7 bunker line BT514059. NCD. Went to Yellow alert.   |
| 5    | 0058   | 198th, CLDC at 2230H, 18 Dec, CLDC rec'd SA fire from vic BT505063 and 523035, NCD, did not return fire.  |
| 6    | 0100   | 198th, 5/46, BS578631-548939 at 182245H, obs flashes vic BS548939, suspect rocket locations, requested gunships. Gunships went on station at 2255H, 5/46 fired arty until gunships were on station. Gunships checked area w/neg results.  |
| 7    | 0100   | 198th, A/5/46, BS543993-544993 at 181200H, A2 located at BS543993 obs movement 100 meters N in vic BS543993. Did not fire arty or engage because of arty check fire in area. Neg results.   |
| 8    | 0105   | 198th, 123d Avn, BS552897 at 2320H, gunships rec'd AW fire from vic BS527897, neg hits, ret'd fire, results unk.  |
| 9    | 0055   | 198th, C/1/6, BT449023 at 2218H, C3 obs flashes from rocket site vic BS431982, fired arty (counter rocket fire).  |
| 10   | 0109   | 198th, 123d Avn, BS530899 at 2328H, gunships rec'd hvy AW fire from vic BS530899, neg hits, ret'd fire and called arty upon departing station. Departed station at 2330H.   |
| 11   | 0005   | Div Arty, 18th Arty at LZ Arty Hill at 2220H, LZ Arty Hill rec'd 4 explosions, 2 identified as 122mm rockets (back azimuth 42 degrees and 44 degrees), res: 1 WHA (E), several lights broken, also 2 WHA (M). Posted Sit Map.   |
| 12   | 0315   | 198th TOC, 1st CAG, CAP 122, BT455084, CAP 122 heard loudspeaker and eng'd unk number VC, res: 1 RD KHA, moved to CAP 122 compound.   |
| 13   | 0345   | 11th, A/4/21, BS615670 at 2330H, found 1 VC KBA, res: 1 VC discovered. Posted on Sit Map.   |
| 14   | 0345   | 11th, LRRP Nevada, BS786333 at 1825H, eng'd 3 VC, res: 1 VC KIA. Posted Sit Map.  |
| 15   | 0256   | 198th, 1/6, BT462072 at 0200H, Hill 69 rec'd 20 rds SA fire, NCD. Ret'd fire w/SA, results unk.   |
| 16   | 0259   | 198th, Ly Tin, BT469077 at 0200H, rec'd 8 to 10 rds 60mm mortars.   |
| 17   | 0655   | CLDC, LT Carney, CLDC requested 2 Slicks to assist in recapture of escaped POW. Approved by MAJ Craver (1 each from 196th and 198th Bdes) for 1 hour only, commencing 0700H. Passed to Div Avn, LT McCreary. (See item #56).  |
| 18   | 0640   | 198th, B/1/6, BT399105 at 0415H, B/1/6 ambushed unk number VC, VC ret'd fire w/AW and grenade, NCD either side.   |
| 19   | 170400 | (delayed entry) DTOC, 5th SF, all Tien Phuoc opns from Sitrep #350 151200H to 161200H Dec passed to 198th, SP Fulsam, 196th, LT Masters.  |
| 20   | 1018   | 196th, LRRP Tennessee inserted at 191015H at AT890162. LRRP is working in 2 teams, (Mom) at AT890162, other (Dad) is at AT882141, UL AT8617, LR AT9013.   |
| 21   | 0830   | 1st CAG, CAP 132, BS580906-567947-568905 at 2000H, 18 Dec, patrol was in ambush site when VC approached, patrol fired w/SA and BAR, called arty and swept area, found drag marks, blood trails. Called arty on possible escape routes, villagers informed patrol that VC dragged off 3 dead and 2 wounded. (Info only).   |
| 22   | 0853   | 11th, A/4/21, CA complete and cold, from BS610480 to BS488441, PZ 0810H, LZ 0827H.  |
| 23   | 0900   | 196th, D/3/21, BT014247 at 0815H, obs 3 VC in assorted clothing evading, eng'd w/SA, res: 3 VC KIA.   |
| 24   | 0903   | 198th, Aero Scouts, 5/46, BS667046 at 0815H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA. 0830H, BS796851, detained 1 MAM, sent to LZ Gator. 0830H, Aero Scouts also found several positions that had not been previously reported.   |
| 25   | 0910   | 1st CAG, CAP 131, BS612952-634964 at 0800H, patrol spotted 1 VC across river, eng'd and sent patrol across river, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn, ID, or docs. (Info only).   |
| 26   | 0913   | 9th Engr, D/9, BT164433 at 0845H, VN civilian pointed out 1x81mm mortar rd to sweep team, 50 meters off road. Rewarded civilian with 300 P's. Round will be taken to their CP.  |
| 27   | 0915   | 1st CAG, CAP 117, BT339264 at 2055H, swept area this morning and found 1 additional VC KIA. They also had 1 Chieu Hoi at BT341262, had neg wpn. He was taken to Tam Ky by Viet Lop honcho. (Info only).   |
| 28   | 0925   | 11th, 19th Engr, BS922214 at 0900H, picked up 1 VCS for questioning, evac to LZ Bronco, neg wpn or ID.  |
| 29   | 0937   | 39th Engr, C/39, BS718594 at 0815H, rec'd 5 rds sniper fire, neg casualties, ret'd fire and cont'd mine sweep.  |
| 30   | 1008   | 11th, E Trp/1st Cav, AT917239 at 0950H, 1 Chieu Hoi turned himself in, he was taken to LZ Thunder. Notified IPW, PFC Hamilton.  |
| 31   | 1008   | 11th, A/1/20, BS760525 at 0940H, 1 US WHA (E), wounded by booby trap. Dustoff complete at 0945H by CC, evac to Chu Lai.   |
| 32   | 1012   | 196th, D/3/21, BT013248 at 0945H, obs 1 VC in black PJ's evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn, ID, or pack.  |



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| 33   | 1015 | 198th, C/5/46, BS437801 at 0910H, rec'd SA sniper fire from right flank, res: 2 US WHA (E), ret'd fire, res: 1 VCS WIA/CIA, Dustoff complete at 0915H, evac to 27th Surg, neg wpn. Notified IPW, PFC Hamilton.   |
| 34   | 1045 | 196th, A/1/1 OPCON, BT004340 at 0925H, obs and eng'd 1 VC evading E at 100 meters. VC was trying to enter a tunnel, res: 1 VC KIA, wearing black PJ's, neg wpn or pack, age 35 yrs old. Tunnel was 2 ft in diameter and 30 ft long with 3 exits. Tunnel was destroyed.   |
| 35   | 1050 | 196th, A/1/1 OPCON, BT001340 at 1020H, eng'd 1 female VCS, res: 1 VC KIA, wore black PJ bottoms with red top. Neg wpn, ID, or docs.  |
| 36   | 0830 | III MAF, C Co 5th SF, sitrep #350, 151200H to 161200H. Late entry. Tien Phuoc A-102, Opn P-267 and Opn C-270 continued. Opn C-269 closed 151800H. Opn C-271 departed 160500H to 191800H, search & clear, BT0912, 0905, 1305, 1309, 1401, 1412. Opn C-272 will depart 170500H to 201800H, search & clear, BT0421, 0423, 0843, 1018. Gia Vuc A-103, Opn C-304, Opn P-305, Opn P-306, and Opn P-307 continued. Opn P-312 closed 151800H. Opn P-313 departed 160500H (1 day, same as Opn P-312). Ha Thanh A-104, Opn C-300, Opn S-307, and Opn S-289 continued. Opn P-305 and Opn P-306 closed 151800H. Opn S-308, Opn P-309, and Opn P-310 departed as scheduled. Opn S-315 departed 160700H - 201800H, recon, BS3569, 3969, 3564, 3964. Opn P-311 will depart 180800H - 181700H, S/Swp, BS3870, 4070, 3868, 4068. Opn P-312 will depart 170800H, BS3974, 4174, 4172, 3972. Opn P-313 will depart 180800H - 181700H, S/Swp, BS3773, 3973, 3991, 3771. Opn P-314 will depart 180800H - 181700H, s/Swp, BS4171, 4371, 4369, 4169. Ba To A-106, Opn P-230 closed 151800H. Opn P-232 departed 150500H - 181800H, recon, BS5926, 5922, 5526. Opn P-233 departed 151800H - 181800H, recon, BS6039, 6035, 5635, 5639. Tra Bong A-107, Opn S-199, Opn S-200, Opn S-201, and Opn C-202 continued. Opn C-198 closed 151800H. [Minh Long A-108], Opn P-225, Opn P-226 continued. Opn C-224 closed 151700H. Opn P-227 will depart 170500H - 201730H, recon, BS5651, 5648, 6048, 6051. Opn C-228 will depart 170630H - 201800H, search/clear, BS5260, 5256, 5656, 5660. Opn P-229 will depart 180530H - 211700H, search/clear, BS5654, 5641, 6051, 6054. |
| 37   | 0830 | III MAF, C Co 5th SF, sitrep #351, 161200H - 171200H. Late entry. Tien Phuoc A-102, Opn C-270 and Opn C-271 continued. Opn P-276 closed 161800H. Opn C-272 departed as scheduled. Opn C-273 departed 170500H - 20180H, BT0421, 0422, 0843, 1018, 0718. Opn C-274 will depart 191800H - 201800H, search/clear, BT1613, 1113, 1110, 1610. Gia Vuc A-103, Opn S-306 and Opn P-307 continued. Opn C-304, Opn P-305, and Opn P-313 closed 161800H. Opn P-314 departed 170500H, same as Opn P-313. Opn P-318 departed 170300H - 221700H, recon, BS4425, 4429, 4829, 4825. Opn P-319 departed 170400H - 231700H, recon, BS4424, 4420, 4824, 4820. Ha Thanh A-104, Opn C-300, Opn S-307, Opn S-308, and Opn S-315 continued. Opn S-289, Opn P-309, and Opn P-310 closed 161800H. Opn P-311 and Opn P-312 departed as scheduled. Ba To A-106, Opn P-232 and Opn C-233 continued. Tra Bong A-107, Opn S-199, Opn S-200, and Opn S-201 continued. Opn S-203 departed. Opn S-204 will depart 180430H - 231900H, recon, BS4088, 4080, 4588, 4580. Minh Long A-109, Opn P-225 and Opn P-226 continued. Opn P-227 and Opn C-228 departed as scheduled.  |
| 38   | 0800 | III MAF, C Co, 5th SF, sitrep #352, 171200H - 181200H Dec 68, operational data. Tien Phuoc A-102, Opn C-172, Opn C-272, and Opn C-273 continued. Opn C-270 closed 171800H. Gia Vuc A-103, Opn P-318 and Opn P-319 continued. Opn S-306, Opn P-307, and Opn P-314 closed 171800H. Opn P-315 departed (same as Opn P-314). Opn C-321 departed 180500H - 231800H, recon, BS3640, 3636, 4140, 4136. Opn P-322 will depart 190200H - 251800H, recon, BS4337, 4332, 4732, 4737. Opn S-323 departed 180300H - 231800H, recon, BS4024, 4027, 4324, 4327. Opn P-320 departed 180300H - 231800H, recon, BS3617, 4017, 3622, 4022. Ha Thanh A-104, Opn C-300, Opn S-307, Opn S-308, and Opn S-315 continued. Opn P-311 and Opn P-213 closed 171800H. Opn P-313 departed 180800H - 181700H, S/S, BS3773, 3973, 3971, 3771. Opn P-314 departed 180800H - 181700H, S/S, BS4171, 4371, 4369, 4169. Opn S-316 will depart 190800H - 191700H, S/S, BS4173, 4373, 4171, 4371. Opn P-317 will depart 190800H - 191700H, S/S, BS3671, 3871, 3869, 3669. Ba To A-106, Opn C-232 and Opn C-233 continued. Minh Long A-108, Opn P-226, Opn P-227, and Opn C-228 continued. Opn P-225 closed 171800H. Opn P-229 departed 180500H - 211700H, search/clear, BS5654, 5651, 6051, 5154.  |
| 39   | 0750 | CLDC, CPT Beale, recap of incidents for attacks on 18 Dec. At 182222H, LZ Arty Hill rec'd incoming 4x122mm rockets, res: 1 WHA (E), 5 WHA (M). 182223H, subsector 8 on Yellow alert. 182241H, CLDC Yellow alert. 3 suspected grids fired on BS548939, 422989, 431985. 182250H, 198th, MAJ Borg scrambled gunships, report to BS5493, 198th command freq. Gunships rec'd AW fire from vic BS527897, neg hits. Gunships rec'd AW fire from vic BS530899, neg hits. 182252H, passed info at 182235H to LT Shulze III MAF. 182252H, all Bdes notified. 182245H, 23rd MP's 100% alert. 182300H, all subsectors quiet at this time. 182315H, CLDC reported Gray alert at this time. 182320H, CLDC LTC Foster reported bunkers #1, #7 & #8 rec's SA fire, bunkers # 729 & #730 reported 5 to 6 explosions in their area. Gate #2 reported 2 explosions west of Hwy #1.  |
| 40   | 0756 | 196th, B/2/1 at 1900H, ref journal entry #108, correction, AK-47, SN 10086189.   |
| 41   | 0808 | 39th Engr, HQ 39th Engr, BT541029 at 0730H, 39th sweep team captured VCS and was turned over to MP's. Positive ID made by MP's.  |
| 42   | 0810 | 11th, C/3/1, BS491582 at 1830H, ref journal entry #100 181830H. (reads) reported finding 1 K-44, 1 MAS-36, and 1 barrel and receiver group. (Add) the barrel and receiver group is a D-44 B&R, SN 1174638.   |

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| 43   | 0819 | 196th, 12 Mike Force 3/21, BT151232 at 0710H, detonated BT Chicom device, res: 5 personnel WHA, 4 WHA were dusted off at 0712H, 1 WHA (M). 1 WHA (m) was treated and returned to duty. 1 WHA was hit by SA from an unk force.  |
| 44   | 0825 | 11th, B/4/3, BS928266 at 0805H, air strike results: 4 VC KBAS, neg wpns, ID's, or docs.  |
| 45   | 0915 | 198th, B/1/6, BS406093 at 0415H, ref journal entry #18, 190415H, change friendly coord to read BS406093. Add, unit checked area and found 7 expended AK-47 cartridges. Found a HG. VC evaded NW to a ditch. Neg casualties.  |
| 46   | 0920 | 198th, D/1/52, BT173163 at 181800H (late entry), detained 1 MAM, age 38 yrs old, neg wpn or ID, wearing civilian clothes, Evac to LZ Bowman, claims he is a VC courier from Tam Ky.  |
| 47   | 1100 | 11th, D/4/21, BS483427 at 1014H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, wearing green uniform, he had 1 M-16 mag and a wallet w/papers. Papers evac to LZ Amy. Notified PFC Hamilton, IPW.   |
| 48   | 1104 | 9th Engr, A/9, BT219359 at 1030H, VN civilian turned in M26 grenade to sweep team. Civilian rewarded w/500 P's. Grenade was blown in rice paddy.   |
| 49   | 1106 | 9th Engr, D/9, BT102515 at 0920H, found 7 VN civilians w/shrapnel wounds, 4 are litter, 3 are ambulatory, called in Medevac.   |
| 50   | 1110 | 196th, 4/31, LRRP Tennessee, AT882141 at 1025H, found spear type BT, believe to have been made in the past 48 hrs, left in place, reason, didn't want to give away position.   |
| 51   | 1135 | 11th S-5, VIP, BS8136 at 1000H, rec'd 3x105mm rds, 2x155mm rds, 7x81mm rds, 23 rds M-79, 3 M-1 rifle smoke grenades, 1 rd 57mm RR, 2 rds 60mm mortar, 2 Chicom mines, 1 rd VC 105mm. Paid 4952 P's. All ordnance was destroyed.  |
| 52   | 1144 | 198th, 5/46, CAP 139, BS504884 at 1055H, obs 10 to 15 VC blocking road, they are making people take another route. Aero Scouts checked the area and found no one w/wpns. Fired 3 rockets to check road for mines w/neg results.  |
| 53   | 1150 | I Corps, ref ARVN convoy from DaNang to Quang Ngai today, 65 vehicles will return 20 Dec 68. Notified CPT Reeves, road open at 1155H. Passed to 196th, SP Franklin 1159H. Passed to 1/1 Cav, SGT Strtler 1155H. Passed to 198th, SP Beer at 1158H. No requirement necessary except to be ready to react should convoy get hit in your AO. CSIC, SGT Cafferty notified. |
| 54   | 1150 | 198th, A/1/52, BT220073 at 0930H, detained 1 MAM wearing civilian clothes and he had no ID. Enroute to LZ Bayonet, along with another detainee from D/1/52 for further questioning.  |
| 55   | 1002 | 11th, CA complete and cold, D/4/21 from BS610480 to BS488441, PZ 0836H, LZ 0859H. C/4/21 from BS610480 to BS488441, PZ 0855H, LZ 0930H. R/4/21 from BS610480 to BS488441, PZ 0932H, LZ 0940H.  |
| 56   | 0742 | CLDC, COL Foster at 0730H, 1 POW was apprehended near Gate #2. Security conditions returning to normal. Ref journal entry #17.   |
| 57   | 1008 | 11th, C/4/21, BS487432 at 0937H, eng'd 7 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, 1 K-44 wpn CIA, SN 14924, 1 Chicom HG (destroyed), 1 VCS WIA/CIA evac to LZ Bronco. Notified IPW, PFC Hamilton.  |
| 58   | 1045 | 196th, R/3/21, BT085300 at 0900H, obs 1 VC in black PJ's evading SE at 150 meters, eng'd w/SA, res: 1 VC KIA, VC approx 23 yrs old, neg ID or military equipment.  |
| 59   | 1102 | 196th, R/3/21, BT083300 at 0930H, obs 4 VC evading E at 150 meters, eng'd w/SA, res: 1 VC KIA, the others cont'd to evade E, KIA was 14 yrs old, wore black PJ's, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 60   | 1140 | 11th, CC/1/20, BS753592 at 1040H, detained 3 VCS evading, neg docs, wpns, or packs. Evac to LZ Liz. Notified PFC Hamilton IPW.   |
| 61   | 1145 | 11th, A/3/1, BS495593 at 1045H, found 1 VC KBA, body was about 1 day old, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 62   | 1200 | 11th, A/4/3, BS840338 at 1140H, detained 3 VCS for questioning, 1 VCS had ID, neg docs, packs, or wpns. Evac to LZ Bronco. Notified PFC Hamilton IPW.  |
| 63   | 1225 | 196th, A/2/1, AT976415 at 1017H, found 5 NVA packs, 1 contained assorted med supplies, 1 contained maps, maps had some areas marked in red. Also found in packs were: 1 homemade grenade, 1x82mm rd, assorted AK-47 rds, assorted personal items, civilian clothes and green uniform. IPW notified, PFC Hamilton 1530H.  |
| 64   | 1238 | 196th, D/3/21, BT001253 at 1030H, obs 3 VC wearing black PJ's evading SE into hut. D Co searched hut and found underground bunker where the VC were hiding. After trying to talk them out to no avail, D Co eng'd w/M26, res: 3 VC KIA. Neg wpns, approx age 25 to 30yrs old.  |
| 65   | 1255 | 198th, D/1/52, BT169169-169168 at 1140H, obs 2 VC w/wpns, eng'd w/SA fire, enemy ret'd fire w/SA, VC evaded to W. Fired 81mm mortar mission on suspected VC location w/neg results.  |
| 66   | 1303 | 1/1 Cav, C Trp, BT177248 at 1245H, found 20 lb mine consisting of nitro starch, it had bamboo type detonator. It was blown in place, it left a crater 5 ft deep x 10 ft wide.  |
| 67   | 1321 | 1/1 Cav, C Trp, BT177248 at 1310H, detained 1 MAM, age about 50 yrs old, evac to LZ Hawk Hill, neg wpn or ID. Notified PFC Hamilton IPW.   |
| 68   | 1340 | 196th, B/2/1, AT977412 at 1350H, found 2 huts containing 6 tons of polished rice, rice was in bin, rice was destroyed.   |
| 69   | 1345 | 196th, C/1/46, AT991436 at 1200H, found old base camp consisting of 28 bunkers, in one of the bunkers found 5 rolls of NVA commo wire. Approx 2 days have passed since used. Could have been NVA company. A document with the following grid AT992432 evac to LZ Baldy. Notified IPW, PFC Hamilton 1531H.  |

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| 70   | 1220 | 196th, B/2/1, AT965401 at 1000H, found 11 NVA graves, believed to have been killed in the contact yesterday. The 11 NVA had been killed by SA fire. Ages 17 to 30 yrs old. Dressed in green uniforms, neg wpns or military equipment. Around same location, 2000 lbs of polished rice was found in a small cave. Rice was destroyed.  |
| 71   | 1302 | 196th, MFS-14, AT985215 at 1205H, struck trip wire attached to M26 HG, res: 2 WHA (E). Dustoff complete at 1231H, evac to LZ Baldy. (info only).  |
| 72   | 1324 | 11th, D/3/1, BS499593 at 1035H, eng'd 5 NVA, res: 5 NVA KIA, 3 AK-47's, SN's not available yet, 2 Chicom grenades, misc docs, 1 US WHA (M), but evac at 1045H.  |
| 73   | 1330 | 11th, A/4/21, BS488456 at 1319H, eng'd 2 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, CIA 1 M-1 carbine, SN 605640, binoculars, SN 55566.   |
| 74   | 1338 | 11th, A/1/20, BS768535 at 1245H, 1 VC WIA/CIA, attempted to escape, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 75   | 1343 | 198th, A/1/52, BT223076 at 1230H, detained 1 VN female approx 19 yrs old, and 1 MAM, both had neg ID, wore civilian clothing, evac to LZ Bayonet. Notified IPW, PFC Hamilton.   |
| 76   | 1351 | 196th, B/2/1, AT964401 at 1154H, found under hut, 1000 lbs salt, Salt was in cans, salt was destroyed.  |
| 77   | 1410 | 11th, Aero Scouts, BS779517 at 1355H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC WIA/CIA, evac to LZ Bronco, neg wpn or ID.  |
| 78   | 1545 | 196th, D/3/21, BT013318 at 1425H, obs 1 VC wearing black PJ's evading NW at 50 meters, eng'd, res: 1 VC KIA, 25 yrs old, neg ID, wpn, or equipment.   |
| 79   | 1340 | 196th, A/2/1, AT974412 at 1210H, found 20 NVA KIA by arty. These were all soldiers, wore green uniforms. Also 2 additional of the KIA's were female wearing black PJ's. Found 2 AK-47's, 1 field telephone, 1 reel of commo wire, 20 packs, 20 loaded AK-47 mags and found many bandoliers of AK-47 ammo, 3 Chicom grenades, 1 NVA pistol belt and cleaning kit. 1x82mm mortar tube and sight. All bodies were 17 to 30 yrs old. SN's to follow. Notified to following: C/S, SGT Loftis, G-3, SP Morgan, III MAF, CPL Cigney, USARV, MAJ Pishudear. |
| 80   | 1658 | 198th, C/1/46, AT990436 at 1400H, found VC/NVA training center, 58 fox hole type sleeping positions, 32 bunker type sleeping positions, 31 recently built huts. Several 15 ft x 15 ft cleared areas under canopy, several trails in the area, 2 meters wide showing hvy and recent use. Equip found: 2 silhouette targets, 1 NVA gas mask, 1 NVA canteen, small amount of AL-47 and MG ammo, 1 US KAC from Nov 68. Fresh cooked rice and evidence showing area used until this morning.   |
| 81   | 1811 | 196th, B/2/1, AT964385 at 1715H, found base camp hospital, surgical ward, recovery ward, 5 mess halls, 50 graves, graves had decomposed NVA bodies. It is believed that these individuals died from wounds while in hospital.   |
| 82   | 1335 | 11th, A/1/20, BS768535 at 1250H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA.   |
| 83   | 1400 | 11th, A/4/3, BT840338 at 1230H, detained 4 VCS. 1300H, C/4/3 detained 2 VCS evading, were evac to LZ Bronco. Notified IPW, PFC Hamilton.  |
| 84   | 1403 | 196th, B/2/1, AT971411 at 0930H, ret'd to place of contact they had yesterday 18 Dec 68 and found 9 additional NVA bodies which were killed by SA.  |
| 85   | 1410 | 196th, D/3/21, BT133220 at 1230H, saw 5 VC evading east, eng'd w/106mm RR, res: 1 VC KIA, 4 VC evaded into wood line.   |
| 86   | 1413 | 11th, LRRP insertion at BS497428, UL BS4945, LR BS5242, LRRP Idaho. Notified FSE, SGT Byers, and SSD.   |
| 87   | 1420 | 11th, A/1/20, BS786535 at 1405H, detained 80 VCS. Walking them to Mo Duc MACV Advisory Team Compound.   |
| 88   | 1432 | 11th, B/1/20, BS808457 at 1420H, detained 2 VCS evading w/expired ID cards. Evac to LZ Bronco.  |
| 89   | 1435 | 196th, A/2/1, AT972410 at 1410H, obs 1 NVA in green uniform evading 50 meters W of their location, neg pack or wpn, eng'd, res: 1 NVA KIA, age 20, neg ID or equip.   |
| 90   | 1445 | 196th, C/2/1, AT956385 at 1200H, found six fresh graves, 1 grave consisted of 6 NVA KIA, the other 5 graves had 1 NVA a piece, total of 11 NVA KIA. All killed by B-52 strike. Neg wpns or ID's.  |
| 91   | 1455 | 11th, R/1/20, BS758598 at 1450H, detained 2 VCS, evac to LZ Bronco.   |
| 92   | 1510 | 11th, C-D/4/21, BS475430-C, BS472446-D at 1500H, in contact, rec'd AW/SA fire. Jets and gunships on way. Contact broken at 1630H w/neg results.   |
| 93   | 1510 | 11th, A/4/21, BS475449 at 1450H, found a small base camp, 5 huts, 1 fighting bunker, 500 lbs of rice, 1000 lbs salt, 1 set black PJ's, 1 khaki uniform, 1 blue uniform, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 94   | 1519 | 196th, A Trp/1st Cav, AT989368 at 1435H, obs 1 bunker 100 meters W of location. Bunker approx 8 ft x 8 ft was destroyed by 106mm RR.  |
| 95   | 1526 | 196th, E Trp/1st Cav, BT917239 at 0950H, detained 1 MAM, he was an escapee from VC. He belonged to 2d ARVN. Subject saw US troops and turned himself over to them. Ref journal entry #30. PFC Hamilton was notified.  |
| 96   | 1550 | 198th, D/1/6, BT439047 at 1430H, heard an explosion, searched area and detained 1 MAM, evac to LZ Bayonet. PFC Hamilton, IPW, notified.   |
| 97   | 1615 | 196th, A/2/1, AT974412 at 1210H, ref journal entry #75, SN for AK-47 is 11351044, trigger and barrel for 2 AK-47's, 10045446 and 10138661. SN for 82mm mortar tube is 140190.   |
| 98   | 1630 | 11th, D/1/20, BS745546 at 1610H, detained 2 VC, evac to LZ Bronco.  |

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| 99   | 1645 | 26th Engr, D/26, BT438075 at 1545H, 1 adult VN injured w/fractured right arm and left leg, taken to 27th Surg. Believed to have kicked M-79 rd (not confirmed). (Info only).   |
| 100  | 1710 | CLDC, condition Gray effective 191800H. TEA is Charlie.  |
| 101  | 1712 | 11th, B/4/3, AT931215 at 2000H, ref spot report rec'd 2000H last night, 4 VC instead of 2, ref journal entry #97, 182000H.   |
| 102  | 1715 | 196th, B/2/1, AT964385 at 1551H, found 80-90 NVA bunkers, area had taken hvy hits from air strikes, 5-10 were destroyed by bombs, dried blood & flesh, but no bodies were found in area. Have destroyed 60 bunkers and will destroy rest in morning.   |
| 103  | 1715 | 196th, A/2/1, AT974412 at 1600H, found land slide area where arty was fired yesterday. Very foul smell in area, think NVA are buried there. Will dig up area to find out. Trail at AT986424 blocked by B-52 strike.  |
| 104  | 1720 | 196th, B/2/1, AT964385 at 1550, obs 1 NVA w/green uniform w/wpn evading into bunker, 600 meters NE of friendly location, eng'd w/SA fire, res: 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47, SN 10037321, docs extracted from location, evac to LZ Ross.   |
| 105  | 1740 | 196th, MF-12, BT146234 at 1610H, found in hut concealed under brush, 1 AK-47, SN F4564, 60 rds M-60, 1 pack, 800 lbs rice that was destroyed. Also docs evac to LZ Center.   |
| 106  | 1800 | Black Hawk, 1/1 Cav, BT237439 at 1054H, 3 VC KIA by arty, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 107  | 1804 | CLDC, bunker #322, rec'd 1 rd of sniper fire, rd impacted inside bunker.   |
| 108  | 1837 | 1st CAG, CAP 134, BT621017, enemy BT653026 at 1600H, obs 20 VC at above enemy coord, CAP 135 called arty and sent patrol to check area. VC were again obs and patrol went in to check the area. Called more arty and found 3 VC KIA. Info only.  |
| 109  | 1355 | III MAF, COC, there is a high probability of rocket attack in DaNang area this afternoon and tonight. Passed to 196th, from 1st Mar Div intel source (NFI). Passed to SP Trobbilin, 196th Bde at 191455H, 198th, SP Kelly, 11th, PFC Cotton, 1/1 Cav, SGT Bracci, CLDC, CPT Jorgenson.   |
| 110  | 1723 | <del>2d ARVN, 1/82, D Battery, BS6977 at 0730H, eng'd VC company on unk size w/8" howitzers, res: 30 VC KIA, not confirmed. Info only. See journal entry #114.</del>   |
| 111  | 1920 | 11th, CC/1/20, BS742558 at 1750H, eng'd 2 VC hiding under tree, res: 1 VC KIA, other evaded.   |
| 112  | 1950 | 196th, A/1/1 OPCON, BT009349 at 1845H, eng'd 1 VC w/M-16, res: 1 VC KIA, was evading NW approx 35 yrs old.   |
| 113  | 2121 | Tam Ky, MACV, BT313218 at 2020H, Naval jeep booby trapped by time fuze, neg casualties, jeep destroyed. Medical jeep, military fabrication.  |
| 114  | 1815 | Quang Ngai, BT199177 at 1615H, Raker Payroll D, freq 32.0 is in contact w/reinforced VC plat. Contact has been going on for 2 hours, res: 5 VC KIA, 1 IWC, 7 KHA and 8 WHA. Request gunships, from Tam Ky on station 1850H. 1912H, 30 VC KIA unconfirmed, SP Bishop, Tam Ky. 2 clicks N of LZ Young.   |
| 115  | 1946 | 196th, C/2/1, AT957385 at 1725H, C Co in base camp found in earlier report, found 20 ponchos, 15 NVA packs w/15 green uniforms & personal items. Medical supplies found were Penicillin, plasma, surgical books, stethoscope. Ammo and military supplies found: 1 M-72 RR disarmed for training purposes, 5 NVA protective masks, 1x60mm mortar rd, 3x60/82mm fuzes, 3 homemade grenades, 3 Chicom HG's, 1,000 rds AK-47, 3 AK-47 mags, 350 rds 9mm for pistol, 300x7.62mm MG linked rds, 15 rds of .15 cal, 1 .45 cal mag, 300 lbs of rice destroyed.                       |
| 116  | 1948 | 196th, B/2/1, AT973409 at 1545H, dug up ten fresh graves, res: 10 NVA several days old, KIA by B-52 strikes. 10 NVA discovered, killed by Arc Lights 4 days ago.   |
| 117  | 2137 | 11th, B/4/3, BS932222 at 2107H, B Co CO evac'd at 2107H w/temp of 104 degrees, condition of CO delirious and irrational.   |
| 118  | 2205 | 198th, 1/6, RF, BT424107 at 2050H, RF eng'd unk number VC, 2 VC KIA, 2 RF WHA (E).   |
| 119  | 1320 | 11th, Aero Scouts request, for VR in Vernon Lake II AO, time: 200730H to 201130H Dec 68, ground contact Purple Reels 79, freq 52.00 at LZ Bronco. Passed to 123d Avn at 1945H, SP Kubert.  |
| 120  | 1735 | 198th, G-2, Warlords request, priority #1: BS6890, 6882, 7682, 7390, eastern boundary is coastline, contact Serene Talents 79 of 59.80, neg friendlies in area, request a snatch off the peninsula. Priority #2: BT0000, BS0097, BS1097, BT1000, neg friendlies in area, contact Cold Clutter 79 on 64.15, a snatch. Contact Stewart Peso 79 on 58.50 prior to entering any AO. 1330H-1730H approved. Passed to ASC 1945H, SP Kubert.  |
| 121  | 2228 | 198th, 2d ARVN, scattered incidents 2d ARVN: (illegible) 25 VC KIA, 2 AK-47, 1 shotgun, 1 .50 cal MG, 1 M-60 MG, 1 PRC-10 radio. Friendly: 15 ARVN KHA, 14 ARVN WHA (E), lost 3 M-16's. Add 1 PRC-10 (item # 18,200945 Dec 68). From LZ Young.   |
| 122  | 2400 | Ops Summary: Americal Div units cont'd combat ops in zone with light to moderate contact being reported throughout the AO. In the Chu Lai TAOR, C/5/46 conducted a CA from LZ Dottie to 2 cold LZ's vic BS455800 & 440779 at 0817H. R/5/46 air moved from a PZ vic BS545872 to LZ Gator at 1350H. In Opn Vernon Lake II, A/3/1 conducted a CA from LZ Cork to a cold LZ vic BS502588 at 0950H. C/3/1 conducted a CA from a PZ vic BS486625 to a cold LZ vic BS502588 at 0933H. In the Duc Pho AO, C-R/1/20 conducted a CA from LZ Dragon to a cold LZ vic BS763573 at 1637H. |
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| 1    | 0001 | Journal Opened.   |
| 2    | 0050 | 1st CAG, MIT, BT302186, enemy BT302186 at 2305H, heard noise in wire, called illum, SA fire, res: 1 VC KIA in wire with 1 AK-47, 6 Chicom HG's. After illum mission completed, thorough search of wire revealed: 1 BF rocket w/launcher, 3 satchel charges, 4 anti-personnel mines and 1 ladder. Following illum, rec'd SA fire from east end of air strip, ret'd AW fire. 1st ambush moving from BT306177 to search area found 2 more VC bodies, believed to be result of AW fire. Bodies found at BT317182.   |
| 3    | 0110 | 196th, A/3/21, LZ Center, BT052253, 053248, 053252 at 2330H, 2 bunkers rec'd 3 grenades, ret'd fire w/grenades, 4.2 mortars and arty w/unlk results. NCD. 1 bunker obs 2 VC evading.  |
| 4    | 0205 | Tam Ky, 6th Regt ARVN, BT314215 at 0105H, 6x81mm incoming around vil from SE. Last incoming rd at 0200H. 1 KHA, 6 WHA ARVN.   |
| 5    | 0420 | 198th, D/1/6, BT433042 at 0157H, D3 plat, 2 trip flares went off 150 meters from perimeter, 2 HG's went off inside perimeter. No sighting of enemy, but est 2 VC. Ret'd fire at suspected locations, fired mortar H&I, NCD, res: unk.   |
| 6    | 0620 | 1/1 Cav, C Trp, BT188268 at 0815H, during area recon, ACAV hit mine (approx 30 lbs nitro starch), res: 4 WHA (E), 1 WHA (M), ACAV combat loss. Posted Sit Map. Notified following: C/S, III MAF, and USARV.   |
| 7    | 0620 | 1/1 Cav, B Trp, BT199448 at 0810H, mine est to be 155mm rd was detonated in front of ACAV, res: 1 WHA (M), neg damage to ACAV. Posted Sit Map.  |
| 8    | 0630 | 2d ARVN Tam Ky, BT250217 at 0015H, 1/15 ARVN Bn rec'd 4x82mm rds and harassing SA fire. 2130H, BT245220, 2 ARVN's from 1/15 Bn stepped on mine, res: 1 KHA, and 1 WHA (E).  |
| 9    | 0630 | 198th, INTSUM, BS418998 at 0820H, 19 Dec, LRRP Ohio, BS418998, inserted, team will act as radio relay for LRRP Indiana which will be inserted on 20 Dec.  |
| 10   | 0645 | CLDC, SGT O'Malley, normal work day activities as of 0700H.   |
| 11   | 0755 | 1st CAG, CAP 139, BS478872-482842 at 191530H, patrol obs 4 VC, 2 had wpns, called arty, res: 1 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA. The other 2 dragged wounded VC into tree line and escaped, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 12   | 2045 | (delayed entry) 11th, S-2 request ext of LRRP Idaho box, BS4941 to 5241 to 4945 to 5245, time: ASAP until 221600H. Posted. Passed to Minh Long, MSG 83, clear 200705H. Notified LRRP of SF box, Opn P-231 running E border of their box. Approved by G-3. Passed to SP Froli 0725H 11th Bde. Passed to G-2, CPT Newkirk. Notified 11th Bde, SP Cauldron 0840H.  |
| 13   | 0820 | 11th, CA complete and cold, C&R/1/20 from BS747586 to 655585, PZ 070H, LZ 0734H.  |
| 14   | 0830 | III MAF, C Co, 5th SF, sitrep #353, 181200H to 191200H. Tien Phuoc A-102, Opn C-271, Opn C-272, and Opn C-273 continued. Opn C-274 will depart 191800H-201800H, search/clear, BT1214, 1613, 1610, 1210. Opn P-275 will depart 200500H-241800H, recon, AT9920, 9922, BT0620, 1816. Opn C-276 will depart 260700H-301800H, search/clear, BT1312, 2012, 2415, 2412, 2108, 1908. Opn C-277 will depart 210500H-241800H, search/clear, BT1520, 2020, 2120, 2012, 1512. Gia Vuc A-103, Opn P-318, Opn P-319, Opn P-320, Opn C-321, Opn S-323, and Opn P-322 continued. Opn P-315 closed 181800H. Opn P-316 departed (same as Opn P-315). Ha Thanh A-104, Opn S-307, Opn S-315, and Opn S-308 continued. Opn C-300, Opn P-313, and Opn P-314 closed 181800H. Opn S-316 and Opn P-317 depart as scheduled. Opn C-318 departed 190100H-241810H, S/S, BS3181, 3781, 3176, 3776. Ba To A-106, Opn C-232 and Opn C-233 closed 181500H. Opn C-234 departed 190500H-231800H, recon, BS6126, 6626, 6130, 6630. Opn C-235 departed 190500H-231800H, recon, BS4733, 4737, 5133, 5137. Tra Bong A-107, Opn S-201, Opn S-203, Opn S-204, and Opn C-202 continued. Opn S-200 closed 181800H. Opn S-205 departed 190500H-241900H, recon, BS2486, 3280, 2480, 3286. Minh Long A-108, Opn P-227, Opn C-228, and Opn P-229 continued. Opn P-226 closed 181800H. Opn P-230 departed 190600H-221730H, recon, BS5757, 5754, 6054, 6057. Opn P-231 will depart 200530H-231830H, search/clear, BS5415, 5242, 5642, 5645. |
| 15   | 0845 | 196th, F/17 Cav, AT893246 at 0720H, obs 1 VCS evading across river in sampan, eng'd at 200 meters, res: 1 VC KIA, age 30 yrs old.   |
| 16   | 0945 | 196th, B/3/21, air move from Chu Lai to BT085308, PZ 0800H, LZ 0900H, complete.   |
| 17   | 0945 | 198th, C/5/46, BS440770 at 0905H, rec'd 12 rds of SA fire, did not return fire. Had neg casualties.   |
| 18   | 0945 | 198th, 2d ARVN, BT199173 at 192228H, ref journal entry #121, 192228H. Add 1 PRC-10. (Posted #121 Que).  |
| 19   | 0807 | 198th, C/5/46, BS434798 at 0745H, 1 NVA walked into their perimeter, no wpn, will be evac to LZ Bayonet. He was wearing a pack. LT Love IPW was notified.   |
| 20   | 0905 | 11th, D/3/1, BS500597 at 0840H, eng'd enemy squad, res: 1 KHA, 1 WHA (E), frag wounds in leg, Dustoff complete at 0845H. Enemy meg assessment.  |
| 21   | 0815 | 9th Engr, A/9, BT248308 at 0805H, rec'd 1 rd sniper fire, no casualties.  |
| 22   | 0820 | 198th, LRRP Indiana, inserted at 0743H at BT389034, UL BT3605, LR 3092. Notified MAJ Contiwine.   |
| 23   | 0900 | Amcal TOC G-3, ref LRRP Alabama was inserted at 1330H, coord UL BT0218, LR BT0614, run to 211630H. Passed to SF, LT Bernhardt 0800H. Passed to Tien Phuoc: TM CO 29.  |
| 24   | 0950 | 39th Engr, C/39, BS720586 at 0845H, found 40 lb mine (homemade anti-vehicle), blew in place, left crater 10 ft x 5 ft.  |

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| 25   | 1005 | 9th Engr, A/9, BT208344 at 0900H, VIP Program. VN civilian turned in grenade rewarded w/500 P's. Bringing grenade back to CP.   |
| 26   | 1056 | 196th, B/2/1, AT964405 at 1015H, rec'd 15 rds of AK-47 fire, ret'd fire, res: 1 NVA KIA. SN on AK-47 is 36512, NVA wearing green uniform, neg pack or docs.   |
| 27   | 1130 | Amcal. Subject: Prepared LZ code name for arty fire support base at Minh Long Special Forces Camp. It is proposed that the fire support base at Minh Long Special Forces Camp in vic BS534516 occupied by C Battery, 3rd Bn, 18th Arty to be named LZ Crunch. Approved by the C/S. FSE CPT Miller notified.   |
| 28   | 1050 | 11th, request for LRRP Nevada, 210700H to 251600H, UL BS4148, LR BS4548. OK, G-3, CPT Miller.   |
| 29   | 1100 | Amcal TOC, Road in our AO is open, Hwy #1. Passed to I Corp, SGT Moore. Change on road clearance, rec'd word from CSIC 201145H. Passed to I Corp. SGT Moore. Road clear in our AO, CPT Reeves.  |
| 30   | 1115 | 196th, LRRP Alabama, extracted 200920H at BT033163, normal extraction.  |
| 31   | 1140 | 196th, C/2/1, AT957385 at 1040H, found tubes from electrical equip and some docs, evac to 196th LZ Baldy. Found stars from uniform, believe this to be a higher HQ. IPW notified, PVT Smith.  |
| 32   | 1155 | 196th, C/1/46, AT988440 at 1130H, obs 1 NVA evading N at 150 meters, eng'd w/SA fire, res: 1 NVA KIA, wore black PJ's and pistol belt, approx 20 yrs old, neg wpn or ID.  |
| 33   | 1158 | 11th, A/4/21, BS474471 at 1106H, eng'd 2 VC evading, res: 2 VC KIA, females, 18 to 20 yrs old, carrying packs w/rice.   |
| 34   | 1215 | 196th, B/2/1, BT963405 at 1047, rec'd 25 rds from 150 meters N of their location, ret'd fire, res: 1 NVA KIA. He had the following equip: pack, AK-47, SN 49239, green uniform. Pack contained personal items and small amount of rice.   |
| 35   | 1220 | 39th Engr, D Co, BT086404 at 1145H, found 1 HG BT in road, blew in place, neg casualties.   |
| 36   | 1235 | 1st CAG, CAP 111, BT350180 at 0930H, PF's came to compound and reported 6 VC at above grid. Patrol was sent to search area, made contact, 2 VC KIA, then rec'd hvy SA fire and 2 incoming mortar rds, Reaction group from CAP 112 sent E to block area. Reaction from CAP 113 sent to block from S. Arty called, now sweeping area S. 1 WHA (M), 2 AK-47 mags, 4 Chicom grenades, 2 cartridge belts, 2 VC KIA, confirmed. (Info Only).  |
| 37   | 1240 | 11th, A/1/20, BS785495 at 1215H, rec'd sniper fire from vil, ret'd fire and entered vil. Search revealed 2 VC KIA. Unit still searching for spider holes and bunker/tunnel systems.   |
| 38   | 1245 | 196th, B/4/31, AT95359 at 1205H, rec'd 20-30 rds SA fire from 60 meters E of location, obs 3 NVA w/packs and wpns, eng'd, NVA evaded E, res: unk.   |
| 39   | 1300 | 1/1 Cav, C Trp, BT180272 at 1255H, found 1 NVA uniform, destroyed.  |
| 40   | 1301 | 11th, R/4/21, BT504434 at 1243H, found 1 NVA KIA, dead about 2 days. Killed by SA fire, wearing green uniform and found inside hut. He had pack and documents. Approx 20 to 25 yrs old. Also had 75 lb of polished rice which was destroyed. Docs will be evac to LZ Amy, then to LZ Bronco. IPW notified, PFC Hamilton.  |
| 41   | 1305 | 26th Engr, A/26, BT081389 at 1240H, found mine 1-1/2 ft off road, blown in place. Crater 5 ft x 6 ft x 3 ft. Black smoke 30 ft high.  |
| 42   | 1305 | 11th, D/4/21, BS480427 at 1231H, eng'd 1 NVA evading into spider hole, eng'd w/ HG, res: 1 NVA KIA. Had wallet w/papers, hammock and first aid pack. Evac papers to LZ Amy. Approx age 20 yrs old. IPW notified, PFC Hamilton.  |
| 43   | 1340 | 11th, E Trp/1st Cav, BS921211 at 1325H, APC was hit w/B-40 rocket, neg injury to personnel in vehicle, however APC is a total combat loss.  |
| 44   | 1345 | 196th, A/2/1, AT973425 at 1300H, at above grid found 2 huts, 1 was mess hall. Found in same area, 30 AK-44 rds, 200 M-16 rds, 20 carbine rds, 1 small Chicom grenade, 40 AK-47 rds, 10 bottles of antibiotics, 3 blasting caps, 1x60mm mortar rd, and documents and papers. They will be evac to LZ Ross. Notified IPW, PFC Hamilton.   |
| 45   | 1410 | 11th, A/4/3, BS860357 at 1350H, detained 47 MAM, all in their AO, evac to LZ Bronco. PFC Hamilton, IPW, notified 1420H. See journal item #80, total 59.   |
| 46   | 1500 | Quang Ngai, request gunships, unit in contact vic BS4670, in contact 15 to 20 minutes, est VC Co, Maroon Labor on 37.75. Gunships on the way 1515H. Passed to Quang Ngai, SP Lopez. VC moving to BS464698, SP Lopez. Passed to 11th Bde, SP Couldon.  |
| 47   | 1320 | DTOC, CPT Roe, request APD and operator (EM) be loaned to 196th LIB on 21 Dec. If request is approved, have APD available for pickup 0900H at VIP Pad (198th). Request was cleared w/CPT Crammer, until 221200H. Passed to 198th, 1335H. Approved by MAJ Borg, 11th Bde. Passed to Div Chem, CPT Roe.   |
| 48   | 1420 | DTOC, Div Chem Section, request the Detachment Commander 90th Chem Det and four (4) of his EM be attached to Div Chem Section from 1800H 20 Dec to 1000H 21 Dec for purpose of assisting in a combined operation. The officer and four EM will be billeted at Div HQ. Approved and passed to 11th Bde. Direct coordination between CO 90th Chem and Div Chem Section authorized. Passed to 11th Bde, SP Selk. Approved by 11th Bde, CPT Smith. Team will arrive tonight. Passed to CPT Roe. |
| 49   | 1455 | 198th, from 201330H to 1430H, Sniffer mission readout, flown from 1330H to 1430H. Hot spots (most of them being max readings): BS112987, 130936, 126954, 123967, 132977, 143992, 121987, BT103022, 106023, 110022. Passed to G-2 Air, SGT Blake.  |

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| 50   | 1000 | 196th, A/4/31, AT850367 at 0845H, found 1 NVA body on trail, had been stripped of clothing. A Co moved up trail 25 meters E and found 6 more NVA bodies in green uniforms. 6 NVA bodies had 5 packs. Packs had been ripped open and contained nothing. Neg wpns. In same vicinity, found 3 rocket launchers, 2 of which were destroyed beyond use. 1 launcher was still useable and had 4 prong type objects used for stands. Launcher was extracted to LZ West. NVA were killed by mortars. Total: 7 NVA KIA. |
| 51   | 1315 | 11th, A/1/20, BS785495 at 1305H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn, ID, or documents..  |
| 52   | 1327 | 198th, C/5/46, BS441805 at 1108H, unit detonated mine, believe command detonated, res: 2 WHA (E), Dustoff called at 1108H, came on station at 1125H. Hvy AW fire started when Dustoff approached. Dustoff ship dropped stretchers and requested unit to carry WHA (E) to cold LZ. Gunships called to suppress enemy fire. Unit believes enemy unit is a squad size element. While running w/stretchers 1 EM fell and broke ankle. When reaching cold LZ the 2 WHA (E) were dead. Arty and air strikes called.  |
| 53   | 1418 | 198th, A/1/52, BT235080 at 1220H, detained 4 MAM, 1 female, will evac to LZ Bayonet. IPW notified, PFC Hamilton.   |
| 54   | 1420 | 198th, A/1/52, BT245080 at 1220H, found 2 VCS females, called IPW team but no one was available. 2 females will be evac to LZ Bayonet. Also found sand bag made up as a pack, it was BT but did not go off. IPW notified, PFC Hamilton.  |
| 55   | 1422 | 198th, C/5/46, AT987443 at 1245H, found ammo supply containing 500x.50 cal rds, some linked and some loose, 3 Russian made rockets, 3x107mm rds, 12 AK-47 rds, 6x60mm rds, 4x60mm fuses, 12 fuses of unk nature in 2 boxes, 30 RPG rds.  |
| 56   | 1430 | 196th S-3, 196th Bde does not have a Co to commit to N sector of 1/46th area. Request additional Bn to 196th LIB.  |
| 57   | 1445 | III MAF SLF, in contact, cannot be released to Amcal. Desire to know if III MAF should ask 1st Mar Div for Bn to work w/Amcal. (Neg request 1st Mar Div).  |
| 58   | 1510 | 196th, C/4/31, AT970344 at 1410H, C/4/31 OPCON to 2/1, obs 1 VC evading, wearing black PJ's, eng'd, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.  |
| 59   | 1535 | 196th, B/2/1, AT971411 at 1130H, ref journal entry #84, 191130H, add 12 KIA to old count of 9 KIA KBASA. (Total: 22).  |
| 60   | 1535 | 196th, A/2/1, AT974412 at 1210H, ref journal entry #79, 191210H, add 10 KIA to old count of 22 KIA, KB Arty. (Total: 32).  |
| 61   | 1610 | 198th, D/1/52, BT164168-172165 at 1335H, obs 2 VC w/wpns, eng'd w/mortars, checked area w/neg results.   |
| 62   | 1622 | 196th, B/4/31, AT905358 at 1440H, rec'd hvy AK-47 fire and grenades, res: 3 US WHA and 1 US KHA. Dustoff complete at 1515H. Element is of unk size, arty and gunships eng'd. Fire came from N and E. 1522H, still in contact.  |
| 63   | 1428 | 196th, C/1/46, AT984440 at 1330H, obs 1 NVA w/pack and wpn moving S towards their location, they eng'd at 450 meters. NVA dropped his pack and evaded N. Pack contained 1 bottle of plasma, opium, rice. Results: unk.   |
| 64   | 1240 | (Delayed entry to further check report) 1st CAG, MTT-1, BT302186 at 192305H, heard noise in wire, called arty illum, opened up w/SA fire killing 1 VC. Had 1 AK-47 and 6 Chicom grenades. After search of wire found 1 B-40 rocket launcher and 1 B-40 rd, 3 satchel charges. Ambush found 3 VC (317182), 1 ladder, 4 B-40 rds, 2 B-40 launchers, 10 grenades, 1 AK-47, 4 AK-47 mags, 3 satchel charges, 4 anti-personnel mines. (Info only). CLDC, CPT Jorgenson notified.                                    |
| 65   | 1425 | 196th, C/1/46, AT984438 at 1300H, obs 4 NVA w/packs, green uniform, wpns, moving S at 200 meters N of Co location, eng'd w/SA, res: 1 NVA KIA, 3 NVA evaded N. NVA KIA age 20, pack containing 4 Chicom grenades, 3 anti-personnel mines.  |
| 66   | 1430 | 196th, D/3/21, AT988277 at 1245H, obs 4 VC in black PJ's evading W at 200 meters NW of their location. 1 VC had a wpn, eng'd w/SA, 1 VC w/wpn ret'd fire wounding 1 PF in the stomach, res: 3 VC KIA, 2 VC evaded, wpn not recovered. Both KIA were 25 yrs old. Wounded PF was dusted off at 1310H.  |
| 67   | 1435 | 196th, B/2/1, AT962410 at 1213H, rec'd 200 rds of AW fire from a bunker 25 meters NNW of their location, res: 1 US KHA. Ret'd fire w/SA and called arty mission, area well covered by arty. Gunships on station, results unk.  |
| 68   | 1440 | 196th, F/8th Cav, 1/46, BT015490 at 1340H, Blue Ghost 22 spotted 1 VC in black top and white bottom, evading N, eng'd w/1 VC KIA. Neg military equip observed.   |
| 69   | 1500 | CLDC, 198th at 1400H, bangalore torpedoes were being exploded by EOD at 198th Bde CP.  |
| 70   | 1505 | 11th, A/1/20, BS784500 at 1400H, detained 9 VCS, will be evac to Mo Duc, neg wpns or ID.   |
| 71   | 1505 | 11th, LRRP Idaho, BT511425 at 1426H, spotted 2 VC w/packs evading into hut. Called gunship, res: 2 huts destroyed, 2 VC KIA, neg wpns or ID.   |
| 72   | 1505 | 196th, C/1/46, AT987437 at 1420H, found 1 VC KIA by arty from last night, wearing black PJ's, dead for 1 day, cannot tell age. Neg wpn or ID.  |
| 73   | 1505 | 11th, C/1/20, BS664584 at 1455H, detained 2 MAM, questioned one, is confirmed VC. He is from C-65 unit, evac to LZ Liz, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 74   | 1520 | 1/1 Cav, C Trp, BT185268 at 1505H, found NVA documents, evac to LZ Hawk Hill.  |
| 75   | 1540 | 11th, C/1/20, BS667585 at 1430H, spotted 4 VC evading, eng'd, res: believed 1 was wounded, but all got away. Unit found 1 M-79 G/L #66505 and 1 M-1 rifle, SN 3632350, 4 M-79 rds, 1 US pistol belt, 3 US M26 HG's, (continued)  |



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| 75   | 1540 | (continuation) 2 homemade HG's, 30 rds .30 cal, evac to LZ Liz.  |
| 76   | 1540 | Amcal TOC to 2d ROK, Amcal will provide fire support (air, arty as required) if situation develops. Amcal will commit additional forces.   |
| 77   | 1620 | 196th, gunships from 196th, BT010380 at 1542H, obs 4 VC in rice paddy, 1 had black PJ's. Gunships opened fire w/4 VC KIA.  |
| 78   | 1715 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav, from 1300H to 1500H, Blue Ghost results of mission run for 196th. BT021513, LOH rec'd hvy AW fire, took 1 hit in rotor blade. BT006511, obs 35 spider holes and 1 .50 cal pit that showed recent use. BT010521, obs trail running NW to SE showing recent use. BT015490, obs and eng'd 1 MAM evading, res: 1 VC KIA, 201455H.  |
| 79   | 1721 | CLDC, Gray effective 201800H. TEA: Charlie.  |
| 80   | 1730 | 11th, A/4/3, at 1350H, ref journal entry #45, 201350H, add 12 detainees to old count of 47. Should read 59 detainees in all.   |
| 81   | 1741 | 11th, D/3/1, BS513598 at 1600H, in contact w/unk size enemy force, receiving hvy SA/AW fire, putting in air strikes at this time, res: so far 3 US KHA, 7 US WHA, 3 of 7 have been evac. Change #1 (this item) 201830H to 4 US KHA, 6 WHA, SGT Lipton 11th Bde. Contact broken at 1730H. CPT Smith 1905H, lost Co secure radio, do not know if it was captured. 1925H, did not lose radio, lost KY-38 element. 1908H, passed to Div Signal, MAJ Feeley. See journal entry #95.   |
| 82   | 1815 | 196th, R/3/21, BT094320 at 1645H, obs 1 VC in green uniform evading S, eng'd w/M-16, res: 1 VC WIA, age 20, neg ID. Dustoff required. 1815H, evac to LZ Baldy complete.  |
| 83   | 1816 | 196th, A/2/1, AT965424 at 1720H, found assorted documents in hut, docs extracted to LZ Baldy.  |
| 84   | 1820 | 196th, B/4/31, AT905358 at 1645H, found 1 AK-47, SN 11089913, also 1 drum, neg ammo.   |
| 85   | 1830 | 196th, B/2/1, AT954415 at 1720H, reported base camp found yesterday to be 82 bunkers. Demo team from 26th Engr were at location, destroyed 115 bunkers. Additional 36 bunkers found.   |
| 86   | 1830 | Tien Phuoc, USASF, BT155106 at 1100H, Opn C-274 came in contact w'est plat of VC, withdrew and called in hvy arty. After arty fire was lifted, Opn C-274 proceeded to search area and found 5 VC killed. Recovered 2 AK-47's, 5 Chicom HG's, 3 AK-47 mags, and 75 rds of AK-47 ammo. Enemy withdrew E. Contact took place at BT1550106, no significant info gained. (Info only).   |
| 87   | 1840 | 196th S-2, at 1810H to 2030H, LRRP Tennessee Dad extracted 1810H. LRRP Tennessee Mom extracted 1830H. Both LRRP's thought position was compromised. FRRP Tennessee Dad, 874154, 201810H. LRRP Tennessee Mom, 892161, 201830H.  |
| 88   | 1907 | 198th, A/1/52, BT245080-256077 at 1710H, obs 7 VC in open w/packs and steel pots, 2 w/wpns, moving SE. Fired arty, res: unk.   |
| 89   | 1918 | 198th, D/1/52, BT199188-202189 at 1835H, rec'd SA fire from 3 to 4 snipers, fired arty and 81mm mortars, res: unk.   |
| 90   | 1915 | 198th, D/5/46, BS466804-478802 at 1750H, obs 1 NVA w/pack and AK-47. Fired arty, results unk.  |
| 91   | 2100 | III MAF, COL Joiner called to report that the LOH acft that crashed vic DaNang was not Amcal acft. Passed to Div Avn, LTC Brown.   |
| 92   | 1933 | CLDC, 198th will be test firing Quad 50's.   |
| 93   | 2020 | 198th BTOC, Spooky request for Antenna Valley ASAP, unit receiving mortars in area. Unit, B/2/1, call sign Pogo Canyon on 43.55. Enemy location AT902361, friendly location AT9036. Authorized by LTC Longine.   |
| 94   | 1912 | 198th, D/1/52, BT164166-165164 at 1715H, obs 2 VC w/packs and wpns, eng'd w/SA, res: 2 VC KIA, captured docs. When spotted, VC threw packs and wpns away, packs and wpns could not be found.   |
| 95   | 2000 | 11th, D/3/1, BS513598 at 1600H, ref change to journal entry #81. Change friendly casualties to 3 KHA, 8 WHA.   |
| 96   | 2020 | 198th, CAP 139, BS474864-477834 at 1745H, obs 10 VC around a building w/packs, eng'd w/arty fire, VC fled. 4 VC ret'd to retrieve equip left behind, arty fired again, res: 4 VC KIA. 5 VC ret'd to retrieve equip and bodies, again arty fired, res: 2 more VC KIA.   |
| 97   | 2055 | 198th, 1/6, CAP 123, BT485082 at 1945H, VN civilian reported to personnel from 1/6 Inf that 2 US personnel fell in river vic BT485082. Investigation results: 1 USMC EM in water alive and was dusted off. Search for other man in progress. Passed to 1st CAG, the EM evac was from CAP 123. The CAP team reported that the missing man was US Army. They were swimming river to pick up mail. 198th, SGT White, reports that a Medic from 27th Surg assigned to Ly Tin. 1st CAG reports missing man is E-5 Newbeer (Negro w/mustache). See journal entry #105. |
| 98   | 2100 | III MAF, COC G-3, BS7192, request confirmation for Navy opn in grid BS7192 from 201930H Dec 68. Approved, passed to LCDR Campbell on secure radio at 202250H.  |
| 99   | 2200 | 11th, COC, request clearance to fire protective fires from 202200H to 210700H in area S of E-W 61 grid line, and W of 64 N-S grid line. Approved by MAJ Schreck thru LT Bean for Quang Ngai 2d ARVN at 202345H. Passed to MAJ Heyman at 202350H. AO ext in this area to be submitted after 210700H.  |
| 100  | 2250 | 198th, C(-)/5/46, BS434798-435798 at 1900H, obs 2 VC w/wpns, eng'd w/SA fire, rec'd AW fire from 3 additional VC, res: 2 US WHA (E), Dustoff 1900H, complete 1947H. Gunships arrived w/Dustoff. (continued)  |

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| 1    | 0001 | Journal Opened.   |
| 2    | 1013 | (delayed entry) 11th, request Aero Scouts for VR in Vernon Lake II AO, from 211330H to 1730H Dec 68, ground contact: Purple Reels 79 at LZ Bronco on 52.00. Told 11th Bde to be more specific for request, too much area. 2d request, VR in NE sector in vic 3/1 Inf. Passed to Div Avn 1900H, 20 Dec. Passed to SGT Hadlock, 11th Bde at 0650H.  |
| 3    | 1700 | (delayed entry) 198th S-2, Warlord request #1: BS6890, 6882, 7682, 7390, E boundary is coastline. No friendlies. request snatch off peninsula, contact: Serene Talons 79 on 59.80. Request #2: BT0000, BS0097, 1097, BT1000, no friendlies, snatch, contact Cold Clutter 79 on 64.15. Also contact Stewart Peso 79 on 58.50 before entering either AO. OK after Chem mission, if time permits on priority basis. Passed to Div Avn 201900H. Passed to SP Macabee, 198th Bde at 210650H.   |
| 4    | 2210 | (delayed entry) 196th, B/4/31, AT905369 at 1925H, rec'd 1 mortar rd, detonated outside perimeter, observed flash at AT905369. Called in arty w/unk results. Obs hvy movement to S. Rec'd more mortar rds. Called gunships, they expended and left station at 2125H. Obs flashes at AT902361. Radar from LZ Sooner picked up movement all around B Co. Called arty w/unk results. Rec'd 10 unk mortar rds at 2125H, neg further incoming, neg further movement observed, neg casualties.   |
| 5    | 0110 | CLDC, 9th Engr, BT510052 at 0100H, obs 2 VN walking W on Route 22 towards Tic Tay carrying candles.   |
| 6    | 0130 | ARVN, BS728763 at 0120H, rec'd 60mm and 82mm mortar fire along w/SA and AW. Estimate Bn size.   |
| 7    | 0455 | 196th, 1/46 (LZ Baldy) BT133453 at bunker line at 2340H, rec'd 6 to 7 rds AW fire, neg casualties. Bunker #25 at 210249H rec'd 1 M-79 rd, neg casualties.   |
| 8    | 0640 | CLDC, SGT O'Malley, resume normal daylight conditions effective at 0700H.   |
| 9    | 1011 | 196th, PF's Que Son, BT060360-057371 at 202230H, PF's ambush site at 2230H rec'd 6 to 7 rds of 60mm fire. LZ Ross fired arty, PF's checked area and found 1 VC KIA, dressed in black PJ's, neg pack or ID, Chicom made pistol. Also found blood trails. Pistol was kept by PF's, no info on machine pistol. (Info only).  |
| 10   | 0830 | 198th, R/1/52, BT233129-233128 at 0730H, obs 1 MAM evading E to W at 500 meters, eng'd w/SA fire w/neg results.   |
| 11   | 0831 | 11th, R/1/20, BT659583 at 201350H, found 5 graves w/5 VC in black PJ's. VC had SA wounds, were 3 days old.  |
| 12   | 0905 | 39th Engr, C/39, BS717595 at 0745H, rec'd 10 rds sniper fire, neg casualties or damage, ret'd fire w/neg findings. Cont'd to sweep road.  |
| 13   | 1035 | 1/1 Cav, C Trp, BT230093 at 0950H, detained 1 female, 19 yrs old, she was evading, evac to LZ Hawk Hill.  |
| 14   | 0835 | 196th, B/2/1, found 1x82mm rd, 2 AK-47 mags. Ref journal entry #85, 20 Dec 68.  |
| 15   | 0855 | 1/1 Cav, B Trp, BT201434 at 0839H, western mine sweep team from LZ Fiddlers Green, found 1 US HG w/bamboo type detonator. It was blown in place and left crater 3 ft deep x 3 ft wide.  |
| 16   | 0910 | 196th, A/2/1, AT971426 at 1500H, found and destroyed 10 huts, 50 lbs of polished rice in cans in each hut. Total of 500 lbs of rice.  |
| 17   | 1013 | 196th, C/3/21, BT088308 at 0824H, patrol was moving into open area, 1 US detonated M26 HG, res: 1 US WHA (M), dusted off, it was complete at 0822H. Man hit trip wire, he slid into it. The man started back up the bank before it went off.  |
| 18   | 1040 | 196th BTOC, ref AO request for SF Opn P-275. Area in 4/31 Inf AO, has been cleared by MAJ Bayes, 196th Bde. Passed to SF SGT Garner.  |
| 19   | 0850 | 11th TOC, D/3/1 at 201900H, found secure radio complete, never fell into enemy hands. Unit was in contact, it was dark, and the man that was carrying the secure radio was wounded. With darkness and being in contact, the radio was misplaced. This morning at 1st daylight, unit made a sweep of area and found the radio, complete with KY-38. At this time, 11th Bde notified Div.   |
| 20   | 0912 | 196th, A/2/1, AT969423 at 201300H, found a printing press weighing approx 400 lbs, used to print propaganda in Vietnamese language. The press was destroyed. Plates and leaflets being sent in to LZ Baldy. Also 20 lbs paper was destroyed. IPW notified, CPT Wolfe.   |
| 21   | 0930 | 2d ROK Marines at 0925H, 2d ROK Marines in AO ext area reports scattered contact, no report on air strikes as yet. Will continue to operate in area. Operation should terminate approx 1400H today. Will continue to keep Amcal informed.   |
| 22   | 0800 | III MAF, C Co, 5th SF, sitrep #354, 191200H-201200H, operational data. Tien Phuoc A-102: Opn C-272 and Opn C-273 continued. Opn C-271 closed 191800H. Opn C-274 departed as scheduled. Opn P-275 departed 200600H-241800H, LLRP, AT9920, 9922, BT0816, 0620. Opn C-276 will depart 260700H-301800H, search/clear, BT1312, 2012, 2415, 2412, 2108, 1908. Opn C-277 will depart 210500H-251800H, search/clear, BT1520, 2020, 2115, 2012, 1512. Gia Vuc A-103: Opn P-318, Opn P-319, Opn P-320, Opn C-321, Opn P-322, Opn S-323 continued. Opn P-316 closed 191800H. Opn P-317 departed (same as Opn P-316). Ha Thanh A-104: Opn S-308 and Opn S-315 continued. Opn P-316 and Opn P-317 closed 191800H. Opn S-307 closed 191800H. Opn P-319 departed 200800H-201700H, search/clear, BS3669, 3869, 3867, 3667. Opn P-320 departed 200800H-201700H, search/clear, BS3970, 4170, 4169, 3969. Opn P-321 will depart 210800H-211700H, search/clear, BS3673, 3873, 3871, 3671. Opn P-322 will depart 210800H-211700H, search/clear, BS4072, 4272, 4270, 4070. Opn S-323 departed 180600H-201800H, recon, BS3170, 3172, 3372, 3370. |

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| 22   | 0800 | (continuation) Ha Thanh A-104: Opn P-327 will depart 230800H-231700H, search/clear, BS4073, 4273, 4271, 4071. Opn P-328 will depart 240800H-241700H, search/clear, BS3571, 3771, 3769, 3569. Opn P-329 will depart 240800H-241700H, search/clear, BS3669, 3869, 3867, 3667. Ba To A-106: Opn C-234 and Opn C-235 continued. Opn C-236 will depart 221800H-261800H, recon, BS4824, 4827, 5227, 5224. Opn C-237 will depart 230500H-261800H, recon, BS5137, 5140, 5540, 5537. Tra Bong A-107: Opn C-202, Opn S-203, and Opn S-204 continued. Opn S-201 closed 191800H. Minh Lon A-108: Opn P-229, Opn P-230, and Opn P-227 continued. Opn C-228 closed 191800H. Opn P-231 departed as scheduled. |
| 23   | 0750 | 196th BTOC, air move complete, A/3/21 from LZ Center to BT077226, PZ 0705H, LZ 0735H.  |
| 24   | 1015 | 11th, D/4/3, BS908284 at 1000H, detained 1 VCS, evac to LZ Bronco.   |
| 25   | 1017 | 11th, 174th gunship, BS901293 at 0920H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA.   |
| 26   | 1019 | 11th, D/4/3, BS907285 at 0935H, detained 2 VCS, neg ID, evac to LZ Bronco.   |
| 27   | 1025 | 11th, D/4/3, BS907285 at 0940H, detained 1 MAM, evac to LZ Bronco.   |
| 28   | 0930 | 11th BTOC, CA complete, cold. D/4/3 from LZ Thunder to BS906288 and BS912285, PZ 0838H, LZ 0910H.  |
| 29   | 1021 | 11th, C/4/3, BS771344 at 0930H, hit 81mm mortar rd, res: 2 US WHA (E), Dustoff complete 0937H.   |
| 30   | 1023 | 11th, CC/4/3, BS912280 at 1008H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg pack, ID, or wpn.  |
| 31   | 1030 | 198th, LRRP Indiana, BT392035 at 1020H, Dustoff #54 rec'd sniper fire, no hits rec'd. (1 man appeared to be hit, the Dustoff was called, before Dustoff arrived the man crawled back to other men. He was shaken up).  |
| 32   | 1045 | 196th, C/2/1, AT957388 at 1012H, found 4 graves containing 9 NVA bodies, wearing green uniforms. Markings on piece of wood which said 15 Dec 68. Believed to be victims of B-52 strikes. Carried as discovered.  |
| 33   | 1110 | III MAF, CAP 139 was activated at BS467875 on 16 Dec 68. CAP 116 activated at BS247296 on 9 Dec 68. Passed to G-3 Plans, MAJ Jones 1120H.  |
| 34   | 1050 | 198th, at 1041H LRRP Indiana extracted from BT387035, reason: team made contact w/est 5 to 6 enemy. The team rec'd hvy AW fire from Lt MG and HG's were thrown in perimeter. LRRP Indiana expended all of their ammo. Helix on station and an air strike in vic of contact is pending. A Dustoff ship rec'd fire from vic of contact. Dustoff was called because 1 EM was believed hit, however he was merely shaken up from concussion of grenades.   |
| 35   | 1117 | 196th, S-2 Air, Blue Ghost request. Request 2 Cobras to assist w/Sniffer mission. 1530H, fixed wing turn around for briefing prior to mission at 1600H. Rural Tricker 76 on 61.25. Will be briefed on friendlies, etc at 1530H, reason: 196th guns not being used, they are standing by for reaction to unit's request. Disapproved: 196th use its own guns, alert Blue Ghost that if 196th has need of guns during the period we will divert to support 196th, not EC use of assets. Passed to LT Masters, 196th at 1235H. 1137H, passed to 1/1 Cav, SGT Ragney.  |
| 36   | 1155 | 196th, MSF-12 OPCON 3/21, BT161257 at 0930H, found ammo cache under floor of hut, contained: 21x60mm mortar rds (HE type-Chinese made), 3x60mm WP, 300 rds assorted SA ammo, 1 PPSH-41 sub MG mag, 1,000 lbs of rice. All will be destroyed.   |
| 37   | 1150 | 198th, request CS drop, 1330H, 21 Dec, between the following coords: BS677812 to 687834. Passed to 198th, SP Macabee. Approved by 198th, SGT Stover. Passed to Div Chem, CPT Roe.  |
| 38   | 0910 | 198th, Aero Scouts, BS794841 at 0830H, snatched 1 VCS MAM, evac to LZ Bayonet, neg wpn or documents. IPW, CPT Wolfe notified.  |
| 39   | 1055 | 11th, A/4/3, BS854371 at 202300H, obs movement, fired M-79, res: 1 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA/CIA, dusted off to LZ Bronco, complete at 210830H.   |
| 40   | 1125 | CLDC, SGT Kent, Subsector I, River Rats North are going to blow ordnance on Fist Island, BT4812 at 1200H.  |
| 41   | 1130 | 198th, 123d Avn, BT245013-180001 at 0915H, Warlord eng'd 4 to 5 VC, res: 1 VC KIA, wearing black PJ's, others evaded, they wore green uniforms and web gear at the 1st above coord. Observed 5 to 6 structures under canopy, destroyed 3 at 2nd above coord.   |
| 42   | 1130 | 11th BTOC, CA complete, D/1/20 from LZ Bronco to BS685585, PZ 0940H, LZ 1115H. LZ cold and CA complete.  |
| 43   | 1134 | 11th, A/1/20, BS748506 at 1050H, detained 25 females and 13 males. Will walk them to Mo Duc, MACV Compound.  |
| 44   | 1136 | 11th, D/4/3, BS915269 at 1110H, detained 12 VCS coming from lake, 1 dressed in web gear and canteen, evac to LZ Thunder. There are 10 males and 2 females. Notified IPW, CPT Wolfe.  |
| 45   | 1150 | 11th, D/1/20, BS685588 at 1000H, eng'd 6 VC, res: 6 VC KIA. Searching for wpns at present. 1245H, 174th Avn eng'd 3 VC, res: 3 VC KIA.   |
| 46   | 1150 | 198th, A/1/52, BT254087 at 1130H, rec'd 3 rds SA fire w/neg casualties, ret'd fire and searched area. Found Chicom grenade BT, it was blown in place.  |
| 47   | 1203 | 196th, F/17th Cav, AT925277 at 0935H, eng'd 10 VC in black PJ's, assorted packs, neg wpns, moving NW at 200 meters N of above grid, res: 1 VC KIA, 25 yrs old, neg wpn, pack, or ID. 1 VC WIA/CIA, neg wpn, pack, or ID. VC WIA evac to LZ West. Will be extracted to LZ Baldy. Obs 14 more VC later at same location, arty called, res: unk. Total of 24 VC observed.   |

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| 48   | 1226 | 196th, OP Tiger 2/1, BT010364 at 1206H, found 1 mine, consisted of M26 HG attached to trip wire, approx 4 ft long stretched across trail. Mine blown in place.  |
| 49   | 1235 | 11th BTOC, CA complete, cold, R/3/1 from LZ Cork to BS490603, PZ 1150H, LZ 1220H. (CC Chopper).   |
| 50   | 1258 | 1/1 Cav, B Trp, BT204459 at 1230H, found 1 VC KIA as res of arty, neg ID, wpn, or pack. Carried as discovered.  |
| 51   | 1300 | 11th S-2, request LRRP Idaho time ext, from 1600H 22 Dec to 1600H 24 Dec. OK, G-3, CPT Miller. Passed to 11th, SP Caudron 1340H.  |
| 52   | 1316 | 9th Engr, A/9, BT196425, BT209304 at 1300H. At coord BT196425, found 2x155mm rds, they were blown in place. At coord BT209304, found 1 M26 grenade, it was blown in rice paddy.   |
| 53   | 1318 | 9th Engr, A/9, BT255293 at 1300H, VN civilian turned in 1 M-79 rd, blew in place, rewarded civilian w/500 P's.  |
| 54   | 1230 | 196th BTOC, air move complete, D/4/31 from LZ West to AT900368. B/4/31 back to LZ West, PZ 1130H, LZ 1200H.   |
| 55   | 0745 | DTOC, 0718H rec'd incoming rds. 0720H, went to condition Yellow-CLDC, CPT Stansfield. 0722H, all Bde's notified. 0725H, III MAF notified, MAJ Carroll G-3 Watch. 0726H, suspected rocket locations are BT478013 and BS521998. 0730H, Dustoff has been requested to MAG-13. Amount of casualties unk at present. 0729H, MP's 100%, ret'd to normal conditions at 0730H. 0740H, notified III MAF, SSG Barnes, that we have ret'd to normal conditions. Subsector 6 rec'd 3 rds 140mm rocket fire vic BT533059, Navy open storage dump, light damage to acft parts and supply building. 1 USMC WHA (M). Vic BT537060, destroyed 1st two layers of sandbagged bunker, res: 7 USMC KHA, 3 WHA (E), 4 WHA (M), individuals were outside of bunker. Vic BT544060, 1 Huey Slick minor damage. Subsector 4 rec'd 1 rd 140mm rocket fire vic BT544060, 1 CH-47 damaged, hole in fuel tank, 1 hole in fuselage, light damage to ramp. Total 4 rds 140mm rockets. 7 USMC KHA, 1 WHA (E), 5 WHA (M). 348 HE rds counter rocket fire in following area: BT478013 to BT483015. |
| 56   | 1345 | 198th, the report that a body with a stake driven through it was erroneous. The area was checked by helicopter and ground troops. A body was found by 1/6 Inf, coord BT483083. This was the individual reported drowned, ref journal entry #97, 202055H.  |
| 57   | 1632 | 196th, A/2/1, AT959430 at 1542H, obs 1 NVA 25 meters W of their location, NVA evaded W 30 meters into a spider hole, eng'd w/SA, res: 1 NVA KIA, 20 yrs old, dressed in green uniform, neg pack, ID, had documents. Documents will be extracted to LZ Ross. IPW notified, PFC Hamilton.   |
| 58   | 1651 | 196th, D/4/31, AT900364 at 1625H, obs 1 VC evading at 300 meters, eng'd, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn, ID, or documents. Wearing black PJ's.  |
| 59   | 1652 | CLDC, SGT Bodine, alert condition Gray effective 1800H. TEA: Charlie.   |
| 60   | 1705 | 198th, A/5/46, BS474870-459883 at 1640H, spotted 5 VC wearing flak jackets and carrying 1 unk type wpn, eng'd w/81mm mortar w/unk results.  |
| 61   | 1733 | 196th, E/4/31, AT878381 at 1500H, obs 4 VC w/packs in khaki uniforms, called 81mm mortar mission, res: 4 VC KIA.  |
| 62   | 1550 | 11th, Aero Scouts, BS334487 at 1402H, eng'd 2 VC evading, res: 2 VC KIA, neg wpns or ID.  |
| 63   | 1550 | 11th, D/4/21, BS476417 at 1250H, found 1 fresh grave w/1 NVA wearing green uniform, neg wpn or ID. Carried as KIA.  |
| 64   | 1610 | 11th, A/4/21, BS453467 at 1415H, found 1 fresh grave w/1 VC killed by SA. Carried as KIA.   |
| 65   | 1610 | 11th, A/4/21, BS461469 at 1415H, found small base camp, 1 hut 100 ft x 40 ft, 1 hut 40 ft x 10 ft, 2 bomb shelters, 75 lbs of polished rice, also 11 graves l area appeared to be 3 to 5 days old. Looked like VC were KBA. Carried as discovered.  |
| 66   | 1632 | 11th Bde, C/1/20 air move complete, from BS663588 to LZ Bronco, PZ 1505H, LZ 1555H.   |
| 67   | 1635 | 198th, A/1/52, BT254087 at 1540H, unit detained 1 male and 1 female. AT256095, detained 3 females, will evac to A Co CP for interrogation.  |
| 68   | 1734 | 196th, D/4/31, AT897360 at 1700H, found fresh grave containing 1 NVA body. He was buried nude, neg uniform, pack, wpn, or documents. Discovered.  |
| 69   | 1835 | 2d ARVN Quang Ngai, BS5365, request for gunships. 25 VC in open. American speaking on ground, call sign: Marrow Labor on 37.75. Passed to COL Lawrence. Disapproved by MAJ Craver. Acft committed. Passed to Quang Ngai, SP Lopez.  |
| 70   | 1530 | 1/1 Cav, B/1/1, BT204459 at 1410H, A3/1/46 OPCON 1/1 Cav, obs 6 MAM, were evading, eng'd, res: 6 VC KIA, neg wpns or ID. 1/1 Cav is taking credit for kills.  |
| 71   | 1754 | 39th Engr, C/39, BS684659 at 1430H, found M14 anti-personnel mine. Removed mine & mine sweep continued.   |
| 72   | 1830 | MAJ Crow, request AO ext, "Free Fire Zone" given to TF Yankee be extended until 221800H. Passed to 196th, LTC Longino. Request refused, reason: 1/46 will be in the area at that time, LTC Longino. Passed to 1st Mar Div, MAJ Crow.  |
| 73   | 1845 | DTOC, request 198th conduct cordon & search with Co size element & RIF opn vic Ly Tin in area where EM was lost and Ly Tin Dist HQ has been receiving harassment. Passed to 198th, MAJ Borg, at 211817H.  |
| 74   | 1910 | 196th S-2, at 1615H to 1730H, Sniffer mission readout, time: as above. AT971497, AT973482, AT931436, AT968497, AT923451, AT964496, AT965465, AT920429, AT961491, AT941431, AT915430, AT988497, AT935428, AT914429, AT981492, AT929429, AT910427, AT978490, AT928431, AT913425, AT979488, AT931431, AT912422, (continued)  |

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| 74   | 1910 | (continuation) AT978487, AT928435, AT910419, AT975487, AT928437, AT929419, AT971485, AT915410, AT935415, AT920410, AT921405, AT911408, AT923407, AT936402, AT941399, AT949397, AT 951392, AT954385, AT953389, AT950382, AT 948381, AT945380, AT916392, AT919395. Passed to G-2.   |
| 75   | 1608 | 11th, at 1529H, LRRP Idaho was extracted at 1529H, they eng'd enemy element and rec'd hvy AW wpns fire, extracted from vic BS503405.  |
| 76   | 2054 | 11th, R/4/3, BS892273 at 1920H, obs 3 VC w/wpns evading, eng'd w/M-79 w/neg assessment.   |
| 77   | 2054 | 11th, D/4/3, BS888311 at 1905H, obs 10-20 VC vic BS889308 moving toward night location, eng'd w/artly with neg assessment.  |
| 78   | 0940 | 1st CAG, CAP 135, BS732954, enemy BS728954 at 0900H, patrol obs 4 VC throwing HG into water, patrol went to VC location to detain them, 2 VC fled to tree line, and 1 VC started swimming, 1 female remained in water. Patrol captured VC female and believe VC swimming drowned. Checked area for body w/neg findings. VC female was taken to Binh Son for questioning, also documents were found. VC female gave names and ranks of all VC in area to PF's. IPW: PFC Hamilton.  |
| 79   | 1345 | 11th, A/3/1, BS507575 at 0915H, eng'd 2 NVA evading, res: 1 NVA KIA, other evaded SE with KIA's wpn, KIA had M-16 ammo.   |
| 80   | 1355 | 198th, LRRP Relay team, BS412983 at 1300H, obs 9 enemy w/wpns evading SW, called arty. More to follow, res: 4 VC KBA, neg wpns or ID.   |
| 81   | 1356 | 198th, C/1/46, AT975436 at 1145H, found possible hospital, docs, payroll record, 40 AK-47 rds, 2 carbine mags, 6 green NVA uniforms, 4 NVA blankets, 2 Chicom HG's, 6 M-16 rds, 27 huts, 4 of the huts were large enough for 30 persons, assorted pots & pans, 800 lbs rice, 1 VC gas mask, 2 nurse uniforms, loose .50 cal rds. Time: 1305H. 100-200 cans of US fish, 2 gals cooking oil, 4 gals soy bean oil, 2 panties w/lace on them. Rice and huts will be destroyed, all other items will be evac to LZ Baldy.  |
| 82   | 1414 | CLDC, EOD team will be blasting south end of CLDC at 1600H today.   |
| 83   | 1424 | 9th Engr, A/9 Engr, BT198389 at 1345H, unit evac 3 PF's, they had received shrapnel wounds, called Dustoff 1345H, Dustoff complete 1410H.   |
| 84   | 1445 | 198th, A/1/52, BT256095 at 1410H, eng'd 4 VC, res: 4 VC KIA, 2 were wearing black PJ's, the other 2 wore gray uniforms. Neg ID, evading N from hut, found 3 nags of med supplies in hut, two had hypo needles and penicillin, 12 blasting caps, 6' of det cord, 400 lbs of rice, all was destroyed.   |
| 85   | 1454 | 196th, A/1/46, AT984455 at 1420H, found 5 huts, inside huts were 1 NVA helmet, 1 NVA ammo pouch, assorted bandages. Area was believed to be a holding point for patients until they were moved to hospital. Huts will be destroyed.   |
| 86   | 1510 | 1/1 Cav, C/1/1, BT252391 at 1445H, detained 1 MAM, evac to LZ Hawk Hill.  |
| 87   | 1525 | Amcal, DTOC G-3, a Cav plat, Tam Ky, will continue to secure Province HQ through night of 21 Dec 68. Released from Tam Ky mission morning of 22 Dec, return to 198th Bde control.   |
| 88   | 1531 | 196th, A/4/31, AT850367 at 0845H, ref journal entry #50, 20 Dec 68, in same vicinity found 3 rocket launchers, should be changed to read 3 tail fins from bombs were found.   |
| 89   | 1745 | 196th, A/4/31, AT875383 at 1515H, obs 4 VC w/packs run into bunker and hut at 2500 meters SE of location. Arty called in, res: 2 VC KIA, bunker destroyed.  |
| 90   | 1756 | 196th, B/4/31, AT905358 at 1440H, B unit eng'd 2 NVA (1 in fox hole, 1 evading), res: 2 NVA KIA.  |
| 91   | 1810 | 196th, B/3/21, BT074306 at 1715H, obs 1 VC and 1 female evading N at 50 meters, eng'd, 1 VC KIA, woman was wounded in leg and Dustoff has been requested.   |
| 92   | 1815 | 196th, B/3/21, BT074306 at 1700H, obs 2 VC in black PJ's, 1100 meters NE of their location evading N, arty was fired and upon check of area, found 2 VC KIA, 22-27 yrs old, neg ID or military equipment.   |
| 93   | 1820 | 198th, A/1/52, BS245080, enemy BS251081 at 1730H, obs 4 enemy entering hut, fired arty w/unk results.   |
| 94   | 1825 | CLDC: 1. Reported unk amount or type of incoming rds on S border of Chu Lai. 2. Went on Yellow alert at 211826H. 3. CLDC reported 4 rds of unk size at main runway, don't know if they were mortar or rocket rds, 211830H. 4. Called and notified 11th, 196th, 198th, and 1/1 Cav at 211830H. 5. Rds fired from vic BT483040. 6. Notified C/S, ADC, A&B, at 211830H. 7. Condition Gray ADC, A&B at 211840H. 8. Condition Gray at 211831H. 9. Notified all Bde's on condition Gray. 10. CLDC origin BT483040. 11. CLDC reported 2 more rds at east side of cross wind runway 211855H. 12. Condition Yellow for 2d time at 211855H. |
| 95   | 1840 | 11th, C/4/3, BS797374 at 1630H, detained 1 VCS, evac to LZ Bronco.  |
| 96   | 1850 | 196th, gunship 71st Avn, AT928419 at 1625H, Sniffer ship eng'd 1 VC evading in blk PJ's, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.  |
| 97   | 1905 | 1/1 Cav, A/1/1, BT259259 at 1845H, tank hit small mine, crater 6' x 4', vehicle damage light, res: 1 WHA (E). Damage to tank. left track and 4 road wheels, repairable.   |
| 98   | 1915 | MAG-13, F-4B, BS543933 at 1824H, F-4B (Phantom) on test mission obs 2 rockets being launched from site at above coord. Saw total of 4 rockets sent up. Obs another launch site north of above coord, coord unk. CPT Potter, LT Simpson, pilot and Radar Operator. Passed to 198th, SGT White.   |

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| 99   | 1920 | MAG-13, pilot F-4B, BS543933 at 1824H, while flying test mission, obs 2 rockets fired. He also obs 2 more rockets on the launch site. Total 4 rockets, farther N from that vicinity he obs another launch site, distance not given. This coord is the same as coord plotted by FSE. Passed to 198th, SP Slager at 1935H. G-3, G-2, FSE notified.   |
| 100  | 1923 | 11th, R/4/3, BS885274 at 1850H, obs 7 VC in bushes evading, eng'd w/SA fire, res: 1 VC KIA, he had pistol belt w/canteen, US type.   |
| 101  | 2050 | 198th, A/1/6, An Tan Bridge, BT498067 at 2031H, 2 unk individuals threw grenade at east side of An Tan Bridge, unit ret'd w/SA fire, enemy evaded.   |
| 102  | 1600 | 23d MP, BT605002 at 1500H, a patrol led by L/CPL Patton found 20-25 fresh graves loc BT605002, on the right side of QL-1 down to the beach on south side of CLDC perimeter.  |
| 103  | 1804 | 198th, 123d Avn, BS742766 at 1745H, obs 5 VC dressed in white and blue uniforms, 123d Avn rec'd fire, ret'd fire, res: 4 VC KIA, 1 M-1, SN 2514730, extracted, web gear and documents, misc equip evac to LZ Bayonet.  |
| 104  | 1940 | 196th, A/2/1, AT951433 at 1418H, A Co found 5 huts, huts contained 1,350 AK-47 rds, 4 NVA packs, 2 lbs med supplies, 1 US radio handset, 15 lbs of documents, 3x10 gal pots, 1 gas mask, 10 blasting caps, 3 NVA sweaters, 2 ponchos and straw hats, 1 VC mess kit. Destroyed huts, remaining items evac to LZ Ross.   |
| 105  | 2020 | CLDC, CPT Jurgenson, recap on rocket attack on CLDC in afternoon of 21 Dec 68. 1815H rec'd incoming, went to Yellow condition, rec'd 4 rds of 140mm rockets, 3 confirmed grids: BT522069, 529055, 540045, NCD. 1830H, ret'd to condition Gray. 1845H, MAG-13 rec'd incoming, CLDC went to condition Yellow, rec'd 2 rds 140mm rockets at BT529054, 522068, possible 3 additional rds outside of perimeter. 1900H, ret'd to condition Gray.   |
| 106  | 2037 | CLDC, Sub-Sector at 2023H, Sub-Sector IV reported EM escaped from custody at 212023H, Amcal PVT Reed, James S, 5' 8", light build, sandy hair, Reed was reported as having stolen a wpn from another man in his hootch at 2145H, Reed is believed to be heading to An Tan Village. MP's have been notified.  |
| 107  | 2115 | 198th BTOC, BS418999, LRRP Ohio extracted at 212020H at BS418999. Helicopter rec'd fire during extraction, neg hits on acft, res: 1 WHA (M) from LRRP Ohio. Posted to Sit Map.   |
| 108  | 2123 | III MAF, COC, G-2, III MAF informed DTOC that primary challenge and password for 21 Dec 68 were compromised. Effective immediately, alternates are in effect for 21 Dec 68 only. Notified the following: CLDC, SGT Bodine, 198th, SP Hansen, 1/1 Cav, SP/4 Evers, 11th, SGT Hadlock, 196th, SP Brackanaw.  |
| 109  | 2140 | 196th, C/2/1, AT961394 at 1800H, found 4 NVA gas masks, 5 NVA ponchos, 4 NVA packs, 3 partially destroyed commercial radios, 2 NVA canteens, 1 US canteen, 2 Chicom HG pouches, 5 mosquito nets, 8 green uniforms, 20 poncho liners, 4,000 lbs rice. Rice was destroyed.   |
| 110  | 2150 | DTOC, Div Chem Officer, Sniffer mission and chemical drop scheduled for 198th Inf at 220650H has been cancelled.   |
| 111  | 2205 | Tam Ky Dist HQ, BT100174, enemy BT098187 at 2040H, PF Co's 95 and 97 rec'd 26 rds 82mm mortar, also rec'd SA fire, neg casualties reported, called arty w/unk results.   |
| 112  | 2215 | 198th, 5/46, BS611917, 618902, 613917 at 2200H, Binh Son Dist HQ rec'd 7-8 rds 60mm, neg casualties or damage, called arty w/neg assessment.   |
| 113  | 2228 | 198th, D/5/46, BS454803 at 1835H, called arty on unk size VC force, res: 8 VC KIA. Observed 3 VC evading into tree line, called arty again, neg results.   |
| 114  | 1940 | 196th, D/2/1, BT073380 at 1805H, rec'd report that 5 VC, 1 w/wpns, kidnapped 6 VN civilian girls working in the area. No further info 0015H. Passed to LT Schultz, III MAF 0030H.  |
| 115  | 0945 | 11th BTOC, Aero Scouts request, VR mission of Vernon Lake II, 22 Dec 68, 1300H to 1800H, Purple Reels 79, freq 52.00, will be briefed on friendlies when they contact Purple Reels at LZ Bronco. Will be working in SE sector of Vernon Lake II opn area vicinity 4/21. Passed to Div Avn 211750H. Passed to 11th Bde, SGT Hadlock 0440H, 22 Dec 68.   |
| 116  | 1608 | 198th, S-2, Warlord request for 198th LIB whenever possible for Warlord. Priority #1: BS6890, 6882, 7682, 7390, eastern boundary of AO is the coastline, neg friendlies in area, request a snatch off the peninsula, ground contact: Serene Talons 79, freq 59.80. Priority #2: BT0000, BS0097, 1097, 1000, neg friendlies in area, request a snatch, ground contact: Cold Clutter 79, freq 64.15. Prior to entering any AO, contact Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50. Passed to Div Avn 211750H. Passed to 198th, PFC Ball 220450H Dec 68.   |
| 117  | 2300 | 198th, 5/46, LZ Gator at 2154H, front gate of LZ Gator rec'd 4 rds sniper fire from 400 meters E, NCD. Ret'd SA fire w/unk results.  |
| 118  | 2400 | Ops Summary: Americal Div units conducted combat opns in zone with light contact being reported throughout the AO. In Opn Fayette Canyon, D/4/31 air moved from LZ West to an LZ vic AT900368 with B/4/31 back loading to LZ West, complete at 1200H. In the Oregon AO, 1 plat A/3/21 air moved from LZ Center to an LZ vic BT077226, complete at 0735H. In Opn Vernon Lake II, R/3/1 conducted a CA from LZ Cork to a cold LZ vic BS490603, complete at 1220H. In the Duc Pho AO, D/4/3 conducted a CA from LZ Thunder to a cold LZ (two LZ's) vic BS906288 & BS912285, complete at 0910H. D/1/20 conducted a CA from LZ Bronco to a cold LZ vic BS685585, complete 1115H. C/1/20 air moved from a PZ vic BS663585 to LZ Bronco, complete at 1555H. |
| 119  | 2400 | Americal Daily Totals: 8 KHA, 16 WHA (E), 4 NVA KIA, 54 VC KIA, 11 NVA discovered, 18 VC discovered, and 1 IWC.  |
| 120  | 2030 | (delayed entry) DTOC, to CO 198th from CG Amcal: Conduct opns west of LZ Gator and along ridge N and W of LZ Chippewa to locate and destroy rocket launching sites in area.  |

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| 1    | 0001 | Journal Opened.   |
| 2    | 0022 | CLDC, CPT Jorgensen at 212335H, ref journal entry #106, 21 Dec, change escaped American prisoner to read recaptured and returned to custody.  |
| 3    | 0554 | Tam Ky, 2d ARVN, BT259218 at 212030H, 1/15 Bn, 1 plat 496 Co (RF) rec'd 5 B-40 rockets, res: 1 WHA.   |
| 4    | 0425 | CLDC, LT Carney, CLDC will assume normal daylight working conditions as of 0730H.   |
| 5    | 0815 | 198th, R/5/46, BT547973 at 0750H, eng'd 1 VC female moving from Tri Binh #4. She was carrying pack w/soap and combs. Believed to be a nurse. She was running from vil when told to halt, she didn't, 1 warning shot was fired, she kept going, patrol opened fire, res: 1 VC KIA.   |
| 6    | 0817 | 198th, D/5/46, BT465800-453801 at 0650H, obs 4 VC dragging 2 bodies. All were wearing packs, no wpns, VC were moving SSE. Arty called, res: unk.  |
| 7    | 0827 | 196th, A/5/46, BT552972 at 0705H, obs 3 VC w/wpns, VC were eng'd w/SA fire, res: 1 VC KIA, area still being checked.  |
| 8    | 0845 | 196th, A/3/21, BT079236 at 0745H, eng'd 1 VC w/SA fire, evading Eat 50 meters, res: 1 VC KIA, age 25, gray uniform, neg pack, wpn, or ID.   |
| 9    | 0907 | 196th, A/1/46, AT983455 at 0820H, while digging a sump, found 1 NVA body, no clothes, no military equip. He had been dead approx 3 days. NVA was killed by arty.  |
| 10   | 0915 | 198th, air moves complete, 3D/5/46 from LZ Buff to LZ Dottie, PZ 0820H, LZ 0833H. 3A/5/46 from LZ Dottie to LZ Gator, PZ 0835H, LZ 0847H. A/1/6 from Hill 69 to LZ Chippewa, PZ 0747H, LZ 0757H.  |
| 11   | 0925 | 11th, B/4/3, BS926225 at 1930H, 20 Dec, detained 7 MAM at Co CP, came into Sa Huynh by sampan. They are VCS, evac to LZ Thunder. neg wpns or ID. Notified IPW, LT Love.   |
| 12   | 0928 | 196th, MSF/4/31, AT930221 at 0800H, obs 2 VC at 50 meters W of location, they had wpns, eng'd w/SA, VC ret'd fire. Area checked w/neg results.  |
| 13   | 0930 | CLDC, SGT Bodine, EOD will detonate ordnance at 1045H, BS5999. 39th Engr will detonate demo at 1100H.   |
| 14   | 0945 | 198th, air moves complete. 1, 4A(-)/5/46 from BS473870 to LZ Gator, PZ 0900H, LZ 0912H. C/5/46 from BS450799 to BS535934, PZ 0841H, LZ 0911H.   |
| 15   | 0957 | 9th Engr, A/9, BT181411 at 0930H, blown culvert at above coord, road not passable, ext time to repair is 2 hrs.   |
| 16   | 1010 | 198th, air moves complete, 1D/5/46 from BS463798 to LZ Buff, PZ 0941H, LZ 0948H. 2D(-)/5/46 from BS455795 to LZ Buff, PZ 0951H, LZ 0956H.   |
| 17   | 1015 | 11th, CC/1/20, BS658521 at 0745H, detained 2 VCS, evac to LZ Liz.   |
| 18   | 1020 | 11th, A/1/20, BS752502 at 0920H, detained 7 VCS, 5 males, 2 females, 1 is confirmed nurse. They were turned over to MACV and evac to Mo Duc. Notified IPW, PFC Hamilton.  |
| 19   | 1024 | 11th, D/1/20, BT680584 at 0950H, discovered grave less than 24 hrs old, body was wrapped in plastic. He was killed by HG, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 20   | 1030 | 198th, ref journal entry #102, 211600H. The 20 to 25 graves had recently been redecorated by the villagers living in the area, according to the CAP team that checked the area.   |
| 21   | 1040 | DTOC, conduct mine sweep for Tam Ky on morning of 23 Dec. Sweep soccer field. Direct coord w/Tam Ky Advisor. Det authorized. 221100H, SGT Johnson Tam Ky stated that the Advisory Team from Tam Ky would handle the mine sweep and there was no requirement from the Amcal Div.   |
| 22   | 1045 | 198th, air move complete, 2A/5/46 from BS640995 to LZ Gator, PZ 1025, LZ 1035H.   |
| 23   | 1047 | 11th, D/4/3, BT844308 at 1030H, detained 2 VCS, 1 male approx 40 yrs old w/ID. 1 female evac to LZ Thunder. IPW notified, PFC Hamilton.   |
| 24   | 1140 | 196th, B/3/21, BT119316 at 0930H, eng'd 2 VC, res: 2 VC KIA, neg ID, wpns, or military equip, dressed in black PJ's.  |
| 25   | 1144 | 198th, S-3, 1/6 (CAP 124), BT449071 at 1100H, found 1 AK-47, 1 radio (?), HG, and ammo. Found small VC base camp at above location. Detained 1 VCS, evac to Ly Tin. (Info only).  |
| 26   | 1045 | <b>(note: there are 2 reports for journal entry #26)</b> DTOC, Attn S-3, avoid the use of meaningless clichés, eg: search and clear, combat opns, etc. Instead describe what is taking place, eg: attack, detailed search, reconnaissance in force, cordon and search, raid, etc. This pertains to all reports submitted to Div from this time until further notice. Passed to 196th, SP Contacts, 198th, SP Ball, 11th, SGT Lipton, 1/1 Cav, SGT Ragni.                |
| 26   | 1055 | <b>(note: there are 2 reports for journal entry #26)</b> 11th, A/4/21, BS453487 at 1025H, eng'd 2 NVA evading, res: 2 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47 and 1 K-44 CIA, SN's to follow. (1) AK-47, SN 63R4383, (2) K-44, SN H6363.   |
| 27   | 1215 | 11th, D/3/1, BS513598 at 1000H, found 1 VC KIA, killed by SA fire, dead 24 hrs. Also found 1 PRC-25, set on freq 36.10. VC carried as discovered.   |
| 28   | 1225 | 11th, C/4/21, BS449450 at 1129H, found base camp, consisted of 1 hospital and 8 other huts. Misc med supplies, blacksmith tools, 1 shotgun stock, misc documents, 1 bipod for mortars (type unk), 1 French MG, SN 660300, 1 French rifle, had no SN, 200 engr stakes, misc parts for wpns, 2 tons of unpolished rice, 3 rds 60mm mortar. Wpns, documents, and med supplies will be evac to LZ Bronco. All other destroyed. Type wpn to follow. IPW notified, CPT Wolfe. |

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| 29   | 1310 | 9th Engr, A/9, BT203375 at 1140H, turned in 2x60mm rds, 1 M-79 rd, 3 Chicom HG's, 4 clips M-1 ammo, 1x20mm AA rd, 16 M26 HG's. VN paid 2,700 P's. VIP Program.   |
| 30   | 1150 | 196th, Sniffer mission readout, time: 1020H to 1100H. Sub: BT115208, 119210, 124212, 143212, 164210, 167209, 178206, 152180, 155180. Max: BT162211, 197214, 199212, 202210, 202208, 200207.  |
| 31   | 1305 | DTOC, CPT Scibelli, Aerial Observer at 1202H, the possible rocket site for the rocket attack the evening of 21 Dec is loc vic BS544983. Ground troops from 5/46 Inf searched area and reported the ground was searched, the site measured 7 ft across w/2 aiming stakes. This site was large enough to launch 4 rockets. A back azimuth of 170 degrees from the impact of the rocket attack 21 Dec confirms rocket site for 140mm rockets.   |
| 32   | 1153 | 198th, A/1/52, BT262092-259089 at 1100H, rec'd 3 to 5 rds sniper carbine fire, proximity 400 meters. Arty is being fired, res: neg.  |
| 33   | 1347 | 11th, R/1/20, BS643586 at 1100H, eng'd 9 NVA, res: 9 NVA KIA, 8 wpns CIA, 5 B-40 rockets, 7 Chicom HG's, 5 M26 HG's, individuals were dressed in khaki uniforms. 2 US M-1 carbines, 3 SKS, 2 AK-47, 1 RPG rocket launcher. All will be brought to LZ Liz. Ref journal entry #64.   |
| 34   | 1350 | 198th, R/5/46, BS543982 at 1210H, found 4 aiming stakes, they were pointed in the direction of Chu Lai. Area was cleared and burned. Found homemade carrying handles to carry rockets. It seemed like the rockets were fired 2 days ago.   |
| 35   | 1400 | 39th Engr, B/39, BS611901 at 1315H, rec'd 8 rds sniper fire, neg casualties.   |
| 36   | 1400 | 39th Engr, C/39, BS716600 at 0800H, rec'd 2 rds sniper fire, neg casualties.   |
| 37   | 1400 | 39th Engr, C/39, BS719590 at 0830H, rec'd 2 rds sniper fire, neg casualties.   |
| 38   | 1410 | 198th, air move complete, 3D/5/46 from BS448784 to LZ Dottie, PZ 1332H, LZ 1340H.  |
| 39   | 1420 | 11th, A/4/21, BS451490 at 1208H, found base camp, approx 300 meters in diameter, 2 very large bunkers, 7 other smaller bunkers, 13 huts, ext Bn size camp. Destroyed.  |
| 40   | 1510 | Amcal Div DTOC, msg from CG to 198th Bde, continue to conduct intensive recon and search opns in suspected rocket firing location according to current plans until 270700H Dec 68. Thereafter revert to normal opns in AO as deemed appropriate to the tactical situation. Passed to 198th, SP Hansen by LTC Lawrence 1503H.   |
| 41   | 1247 | 11th, G-2, LRRP Montana inserted at BS421430, time of insertion 221030H, UL BS4148, LR BS4548, SGT Lipton, 11th Bde. 1200H, LRRP Montana made contact, res: 4 NVA KIA, 1 VCS female wounded but escaped, 3 K-44 CIA, SN's: 1223123, 4018215, 1184501, 50 rds K-44 ammo, 140 rds AK-47 ammo, 1 pistol belt, 1 helmet, 1 pack, requested extraction 1230H, coord BT421430. Team went to LZ Amy.  |
| 42   | 0800 | 111 MAF, C Co, 5th SF, sitrep #355, 201200H - 211200H, operational data. Tien Phuoc A-102: Opn C-272 and Opn P-275 continued. Opn C-273 and Opn C-274 closed 201800H. Opn C-277 departed as scheduled. Opn C-278 will depart 220500H - 241800H, search/clear, BT1312, 1210, 2012, 1010. Passed to 196th, SP Franklin. Opn C-279 will depart 251800 - 301800H, search/clear, BT0117, 0112, 0512, 1017. 196th, SP Franklin. Gia Vuc A-103: Opn P-318, Opn P-319, Opn C-321, and Opn P-322 continued. Opn S-323 closed, Opn P-317 closed 201800H. Opn P-329 departed, same as Opn P-317. Ha Thanh A-104: Opn C-318 and Opn S-323 continued. Opn S-308, Opn S-315, Opn P-319, and Opn P-320 closed 201800H. Opn S-337 departed as scheduled. Opn P-321 and Opn P-322 cancelled. Opn C-340 departed 210900H - 221800H, BS4370, 4377, 4570, 4577. Opn S-336 departed 200600H - 241700H, recon, BS4073, 4078, 4473, 4478. Opn S-338 will depart 220600H - 261700H, recon, BS2968, 2972, 3372, 3368. Opn C-341 departed 210900H - 221800H, blocking force, BS4370, 4377, 4570, 4577. Ba To A-106: Opn C-234 and Opn C-235 continued. Opn C-236 will depart 221800H - 261800H, recon, BS4824, 4827, 5227, 5224. Opn C-237 will depart 230500H - 261800H, recon, BS5137, 5140, 5540, 5537. Tra Bong A-107: Opn S-203, Opn S-204, and Opn S-205 continued. Opn C-202 closed 201800H. Opn C-206 will depart 220500H - 311900H, recon, BS2486, 2480, 3286, 3280. Minh Long A-108: Opn P-229, Opn P-230, and Opn P-231 continued. Opn P-227 closed 201800H. Opn P-232 departed as scheduled. Opn P-233 will depart 220400H - 251800H, search/destroy, BS5249, 5245, 5545, 5549. Opn P-234 will depart 230400H - 261200H, ambush, BS5261, 5256, 5556, 5561. Opn S-235 will depart 230030H - 260930H, recon, BS5657, 5655, 6055, 6057. |
| 43   | 1455 | 196th, C/1/46, AT977455 at 1255H, C Co was approaching 6 huts, they started receiving light SA fire, heard voices, res: 1 US WHA (E). Ret'd fire, called arty. After arty fired, area was checked. Est 2 enemy squads in area. Dustoff complete at 1410H.  |
| 44   | 1530 | 198th, A/1/52, BT259089 at 1100H, detained 1 VCS male, age 8 to 12, evac to LZ Bayonet, neg wpn or ID. IPW notified, PFC Hamilton.   |
| 45   | 1530 | 198th, A/1/52, BT249078 at 1730H, detained 1 MAM, 1 female, evac to LZ Bayonet, neg wpns or ID. IPW notified, PFC Hamilton.  |
| 46   | 1610 | 11th, C/4/21, BS437450 at 1520H, found 1 VC KIA by SA fire, laying on trail.   |
| 47   | 1640 | 198th, D1/52, BT192144-192142 at 1515H, eng'd 8 VC w/SA and mortars, neg casualties, are checking the area at this time.   |

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| 48   | 1528 | CLDC, CPT Brent, a village chief stated that there is a large build-up of enemy personnel at BT440024, 485024, 440006, 485006. Passed to 198th, SGT Stover.   |
| 49   | 1530 | 1st CAG, CAP 124, BT456092-447097-454026 at 0900H, rec'd call from 12 HQ, were in contact at above coord, res: CAP 124 moved into area and began to sweep. Army element moved in as support. Air Observer could not spot VC, but spotted possible VC base camp at BT449071. CAP 124 swept area, found tunnels and gear listed below: 1 AK-47, SN unk, w/3 maps and 200 rds SA ammo, 1 B-40 launcher w/3 rds and 3 fuses, 2 Chicom HG's, 1 C-ration can w/TNT in it, 2 packs of med gear, large amount of documents, male and female uniforms, rain gear, hammocks and cots, hammocks were still hung up, 1 PRC-10 battery still in box. Documents, med supplies evac to Ly Tin. Wpns evac to 1st CAG, all other destroyed. 1 AK-47, SN 31280889, 1 B-40 rocket launcher, SN 5611660. Vo AE544 is a check out number found on the B-40. IPW Notified, PFC Hamilton. (Info only). |
| 50   | 1622 | 196th, convoy departed LZ Ross at 1335H, closed LZ Baldy at 1615H. Passed to SFC Cafferty at 1625H.   |
| 51   | 1630 | 198th, LRRP Ohio, BS419998 at 1655H, obs 15 VC w/wpns moving toward their location, eng'd VC, VC ret'd fire. 1710H, obs 10-15 VC w/wpns at BT418000, VC tripped flare, LRRP threw HG, res: 1 VC KIA. 1855H, gunship on station rec'd AW fire, eng'd w/unk res. While gunships were being fired at, LRRP Ohio eng'd 1 VC, res: 1 VC KIA. Gunship rec'd neg hits. 1900H, gunship broke station. LRRP rec'd 5x60mm rds from BS424926, Also AW fire from BS425990, res: 1 US WHA (M). Called arty, ret'd fire w/unk res. 2020H, 123d Avn extracted LRRP Ohio. Extraction rec'd AW fire w/neg hits. LRRP planted 13 M15 AP mines on top of Hill 707 BT416000, BS418988, 148966. Also left 13 trip flares in place.   |
| 52   | 1630 | 198th, C/5/46, BS509933-492918 at 1555H, obs 2 VC w/wpns, eng'd w/arty. Are checking area, more to follow. 1655H, found ruck sack and destroyed.  |
| 53   | 1632 | 196th, D/3/21, RF's, BS994295 at 1415H, found 1 SKS, SN scratched off. RF's have the SKS, also found 800 lbs unpolished rice in baskets in a hut, destroyed rice.   |
| 54   | 1725 | CLDC, SGT O'Malley, condition Gray effective 1800H. TEA: Charlie.   |
| 55   | 1730 | 123d Avn gunships, BS753017 at 1630H. BS472429, destroyed 1 hut. BS490440, found 1 green uniform and destroyed 2 huts. BS753817 obs 4 or 5 MAM evading, gunships eng'd, res: 1 VC KIA, wearing green shirt and khaki trousers, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 56   | 1804 | 11th, B/1/20, BS739482 at 1715H, 1 VCS detained, neg ID, wpn, or docs, evac to LZ Bronco.   |
| 57   | 1805 | 11th, A/1/20, BS729523 at 1705H, 1 VCS detained, neg ID, wpn, or docs, evac to LZ Bronco.   |
| 58   | 1807 | 11th, B/1/20, BS739463 at 1725H, 1 VCS detained, neg wpn, ID, or docs, evac to LZ Bronco.   |
| 59   | 1900 | 198th, A/1/52, BT192144-193143 at 1755H, obs 1 NVA moving S to N, eng'd w/SA, found blood trail and 1 M-1 carbine, SN 6946253.  |
| 60   | 1747 | 11th, D/3/1, BS512598 at 1630H, found 15 NVA KIA by SA and frag wounds laying on the ground, believed from action on 20 Dec 68.   |
| 61   | 1857 | 198th, D/1/52, BT192144 at 1515H, eng'd 2 VC, res: 2 VC KIA w/SA fire. Found pack w/documents and NVA uniform, also found blood trails in the area. IPW notified, PFC Hamilton.   |
| 62   | 1910 | 198th, A/1/52, BT275087 at 1750H, found small hut full of rice, will obs hut tonight. Will evac rice on 23 Dec.   |
| 63   | 1815 | 11th, MAJ Erickson, 11th Bde, granted 2d ARVN Div an AO ext into Opn Vernon Lake II, time 202400H to 242400H, coord for AO ext: BS540600 to BS540610 to BS500610 to BS500690, NW to VS453700, SW to BS450697, S to BS450670, E to BS470670, S to BS470600, E to BS540600. Received by DTOC 221815H.   |
| 64   | 1900 | 11th, R/1/20, BS643586 at 1100H, ref journal entry #33. 3 SKS SN's: 7063221, 187254, 7060947. 2 AK-47 SN's: 11052175, 11057058. 2 M-1 carbine SN's: 353096, 474872. RPG SN 904823.  |
| 65   | 1047 | 198th, D/1/52, BT214146 at 1910H, discover 1 VC pack containing 6 Chicom HG's, 1 poncho, and documents. Docs will be evac tomorrow.   |
| 66   | 1640 | Navy. US Navy will conduct troop movement & land opn sweep in the Chu Lai TAOR. Opns will start 230300H, units will depart Chu Lai, proceed by water to BT472085. At this location, troops will board watercraft and proceed vic water to BT435172, Song Cho River. At this point troops will disembark. H-hour is 230600H. Troops will sweep from that point to BT474146. Pickup by watercraft at 231600H. Call sign: Basic Errand Echo, freq 35.25. MP River Rats have been informed. Passed to 198th, 221700H, PFC Fults.  |
| 67   | 1930 | 11th, R/1/20, BS643586 at 221232H, CC/1/20 eng'd unk size enemy force, res: 3 US WHA (M). 1 EM and 2 officers from Bn CP. Bn Cmdr, S-3, and EM rec'd minor wounds from HG frags. HG thrown by enemy after CC landed at area of R/1/20 previous contact. Injuries all very minor and did not interrupt duty.   |
| 68   | 2200 | 196th, 4/31 (14th MSF), AT902366 at 1835H, rec'd 10x82mm rds from 600 meters ENE of friendly location. Neg casualties, called arty w/unk results.   |
| 69   | 1540 | 11th, BS427439, LRRP Montana, BS4148, BS4548, BS4143, BS4543, made contact at above grid, they were extracted from BS443438.  |
| 70   | 2010 | 198th, SGT White called, requesting confirmation of briefing on combat tracker team. This office called Tracker Team and team NCOIC confirmed that he will arrive at Hill 69 w/organic transportation at 230940H.   |

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| 1    | 0001 | Journal Opened.  |
| 2    | 1120 | (delayed entry) 11th, Aero Scouts request for VR in 3/1 Vernon Lake II AO, time: 230730H to 231130H, contact Purple Reels 79, freq 52.00, location LZ Bronco. 198th guns will be utilized to cover Sniffer mission, if 198th guns committed, then mission will be flown in afternoon. Passed to 11th at 230400H, SGT Hadlock.  |
| 3    | 1920 | (delayed entry) 198th, S-2, Warlord request from 198th LIB for 23 Dec 68 when possible for Warlords. Priority #1: BS6890, BS6882, BS7682, BS7390, neg friendlies. Eastern boundary of AO is coastline. Request a snatch if possible. Serene Talons 79, freq 59.80. Priority #2L BT0000, BS0097, BT1000, BS1097, neg friendlies, request snatch if possible, contact: Cold Clutter 79, freq 64.15. Prior to entering any AO, contact Stewart Peso 79, freq 58.50. At 230400H passed to 198th, SGT Holly.  |
| 4    | 0217 | 198th, CAP 124, BS467083 at 0110H, rec'd 10-20 rds SA rds, initially believed to be sniper fire, however after a further check it was found that the rds came from a PF ambush site.   |
| 5    | 0245 | NSAD (Chu Lai) Opns. At 221245H, LCU departed Chu Lai bound for DaNang. Craft was overdue and had not communicated with anyone. Reporting HQ stated that NSAD at DaNang would assume responsibility for search and rescue, but requested assistance in soliciting information on sightings which could limit possible area of search. Reporting HQ stated that CLDC had been contacted previously. Inquiry was forwarded to 198th Bde, 1/1 Cav, 2d ARVN (Tam Ky), 2d ROK Bde, 1st Mar Div. Neg reports at this time. (see DJF, item #8, 23 Dec). |
| 6    | 0305 | Tam Ky, ARVN, BT274260 at 0110H, 1 plat of VC attacked RF 723 Co w/SA fire. Arty was called, res: 2 RF WHA, 3 VC KIA. Contact broken at 0210H.   |
| 7    | 0510 | 196th, B/3/21, BT098316 at 222305H, obs 10-12 rds RR fire impacting 800 meters E of their location. The rds were adjusted to within 300 meters of NDP. Co OP obs flashes (vic BT098313) 1000 meters W of NDP. Counter arty fired w/neg assessment. NCD friendly.   |
| 8    | 0522 | CLDC, NSAD, ref journal entry #5, NSAD reports LCU arrived safely in DaNang. Delay and lack of comms attributed to power failure.  |
| 9    | 0555 | III MAF, COC at 0355H, DaNang rec'd rockets, 3 rds VNRG 152 Marine, NCD. 1 rd 1st Mar Air Wing, 5 WHA. 1 rd 1st LAAM mess hall, neg casualties. 1 rd 1st Mar Div, neg casualties or damage. 4 rds outside Gate 12 AT9975, 11 civilians KIA, 12 WHA. Total: 11 rds. Fired counter battery w/neg assessment.   |
| 10   | 0610 | 11th, MACV Duc Pho, BS790385 at 0400H, 1 PF squad was ambushed by 1 VC squad, res: 1 PF KHA and 1 M-1 carbine lost.  |
| 11   | 0700 | CLDC, SGT Kent at 0730H, normal daylight working conditions effective 0730H.   |
| 12   | 0825 | 1/1 Cav, at 0729H, the Blue Ghost Blues were inserted at BT280412.   |
| 13   | 0850 | 198th, D/1/52, BT204154 at 0815H, reported detaining 1 MAM, was evading when captured, neg wpn or ID, evac to LZ Bayonet.  |
| 14   | 0859 | 11th, CC/1/20, at 0750H, detained 1 VCS male, picked up at BS843403. Detained 5 VCS, all females, at BS825414, neg wpns or ID's for all VCS. Evac to LZ Liz. IPW notified, PFC Hamilton.   |
| 15   | 0900 | 11th, CA complete, cold, B/1/20 from LZ Liz to BS835415, PZ 0714H, LZ 0748H.   |
| 16   | 0903 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav, BT260408 at 0855H to 0910H, rec'd fire from bunker, ret'd fire, res: 3 VC KIA. Eng'd and killed 2 VC evading. Total of 5 VC KIA in 2 contacts, neg wpns or ID's.   |
| 17   | 0910 | 9th Engr, A/9th, BT199387 at 0820H, VN civ turned in 1 M26 HG. M26 blown in place. Civ was rewarded with 500 P's.  |
| 18   | 0858 | 198th, B/5/46, BS698969 at 0830H, rec'd 12-16 rds sniper fire, eng'd w/81mm mortar and arty, neg results.  |
| 19   | 0915 | 196th, A/4/31, BS877370 at 0825H, rec'd 3 unk type mortar rds from NE and S. Rds impacted between 100 and 200 meters from unit's location with NCD reported.   |
| 20   | 1003 | 9th Engr, CA-2, BT210372, 300 meters S of RVN compound at 0945H, VN civilian turned in M-72 rd, paid VN civilian 700 P's. Just the round was turned in, not the complete system.   |
| 21   | 1010 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav, BT260408 at 0900H, detained 1 VCS, had pistol belt and 1 blasting cap. Evac to LZ Hawk Hill. IPW notified, SP Mong.  |
| 22   | 1023 | 196th, D/3/21, AT976302 at 0925H, obs 2 VC in black PJ's evading N at 150 meters, warning shots fired, VC did not stop, eng'd w/SA, res: 2 VC KIA, neg ID, docs, ages 25-40 yrs old.   |
| 23   | 1025 | 196th, air move complete, C/1/46 from AT973461 to LZ Baldy, PZ 0906H, LZ 0935H. 2 plats B/1/46 from LZ Baldy to AT973461, PZ 0900H, LZ 0915H.  |
| 24   | 1025 | 1/1 Cav, Blue Ghost Blues extracted 1020H, BT280412 to LZ Hawk Hill, PZ 1020H, LZ 1025H.   |
| 25   | 1037 | 196th, air move complete, R/3/21 from BT075324 to BT066227, PZ 0946H, LZ 1015H.  |
| 26   | 1047 | 9th Engr, Check Point (St Paul) was compromised. SP Hatfield notified Combat Support.  |
| 27   | 1055 | 11th, D/4/21, BS490431 at 1050H, eng'd 1 VC w/SA, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.  |
| 28   | 1155 | USARV, ARVN convoy will move from Quang Ngai to DaNang, starting out 1230H, they will have 65 vehicles. Amcal units have only to provide a reaction force in case convoy gets hit in their AO. 196th, SP Franklin, 198th, SP Mocbee 1206H. 1/1 Cav, SGT Thompson 1202H.  |

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| 29   | 1205 | 11th, B/1/20, BS834415 at 1130H, detained 8 VCS for questioning, neg wpns, ID's, or packs. Evac to LZ Bronco. IPW notified, PFC Hamilton.  |
| 30   | 1233 | CLDC, SGT Bodine, TAC Air dropping ordnance along Song Tra Bong River. Notified C/S, SGT Loftis, CG, CPT Katouch, G-3, LTC Lawrence, G-3 Air, MAJ Olsen.   |
| 31   | 1445 | 1/1 Cav, B/1/1, BT205456 at 1314H, 1 MAM evading, eng'd, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 32   | 0800 | (delayed entry) III MAF, Co C, 5th SF, Sitrep #356, 211200H - 221200H, operational data. Tien Phuoc A-102: Opn P-275 continued 221500H. Opn C-272 and Opn C-277 closed 211800H. Opn C-278 departed as scheduled. Gia Vuc A-103: Opn P-318, Opn P-319, Opn C-321, Opn P-322 continued 221500H. Opn P-325 closed 211800H. Opn P-327 departed same as Opn P-325. Opn S-326 departed 220100 - 271800H, Recon, BS4027, 4023, 4423, 4427. Opn P-328 will depart 230200 - 291730, Recon, BS3222, 3217, 3617, 3622. Opn S-329 will depart 240400 - 291730H, Recon, BS4528, 4524, 4924, 4928. Ha Thanh A-104: Opn C-318, Opn S-336, Opn C-340, Opn C-341 continued 210500H. Opn S-323 closed 211800H. Opn P-325 departed 220800 - 221700, Search/Clear, BS3874, 4074, 4072, 3872. Opn P-326 departed 220800H - 231700H, Search/Clear, BS3672, 3872, 3870, 3670. Ba To A-106: Opn C-234 and Opn C-235 continued 221500H. Opn C-236 and Opn C-237 will depart as schedules. Tra Bong A-107: Opn S-203, Opn S-204, and Opn S-205 continued 221500H. Opn C-206 and Opn S-207 departed as scheduled. Opn S-208 will depart 230500H - 281900H, Recon, BS3687, 3680, 4087, 4080. Opn S-209 will depart 240500H - 291900H, Recon, BS3194, 3189, 3594, 3589. Minh Long A-108: Opn P-230, Opn P-231, and Opn P-232 continued 221500H. Opn P-229 closed 211500H. Opn P-233 departed as scheduled. Opn P-236 will depart 240600H - 271930H, Search/Clear, BS5651, 5648, 6048, 6051. |
| 33   | 0923 | (delayed entry) 11th Bde, Aero Scouts request for VR in Vernon Lake II for 3/1 Inf, from 240730H to 241130H Dec 68, Purple Reels 79, freq 52.00. Passed to 11th Bde, SGT Lipin. Disapproved, priority Div mission.   |
| 34   | 1240 | Americal Div, request permission to insert Aero Scouts plat in vic BS456739. Passed to Quang Ngai, SGT Grego 231235H. Approved by SGT Grego 231410H. Passed to Aero Scouts 231410H.  |
| 35   | 1245 | III MAF, recap of the 18 rounds rec'd in DaNang area. Possible 122mm rounds. Results: 1 USMC KHA, 9 USMC WHA. Village at end of airstrip: 12 civ KHA, 19 civ WHA. The village took 7 rounds, 1st LAAM Bn 1 rd, Navy 1 rd, 1st Mar CP, 4 rds outside of perimeter wire. Airstrip took 5 rds.  |
| 36   | 1247 | 11th Bde, R/4/21, BS422454 at 1200H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn, pack, or ID.  |
| 37   | 1315 | 11th Bde, R/3/1, BS491588 at 1200H, eng'd 3 NVA evading, res: 1 NVA KIA, 1 German Mauser, SN 15489.  |
| 38   | 1321 | 196th, B/3/21, BT129322 at 1230H, obs 1 VC in black PJ's evading E 300 meters S of location, eng'd with SA fire, res: 1 VC KIA, age 25-30 yrs old, neg wpn, ID, or pack.   |
| 39   | 1324 | 11th Bde, B/1/20, BS827425 at 1245H, detained 7 VCS. Turned them over to VN National Police.   |
| 40   | 1330 | 11th Bde, B/1/20, BS816417 at 1320H, checking out area where arty was called from, found 4 VC KIA/KBA. Neg wpns or ID's.   |
| 41   | 1338 | CLDC, Sub-Sector #3, message to sub-sectors that this was not an alert. Message follows: notified sub-sectors to sound their sirens for 5 minutes to signal a Yellow alert. A change of the SOP is forthcoming to make sure that everyone in your sub-sector gets the word about this change to present procedures. COL Foster: 1317H sirens were sounded. Message to tower was misunderstood.   |
| 42   | 1400 | 198th, CAP 139, BS476833 at 1243H, CAP 139 obs 8 VC carrying 1 body and 3 large bags, fired arty, res: 4 VC KIA, neg wpns or ID. (Info only).  |
| 43   | 1405 | 198th Bde, A/5/46, BS545977 at 1320H, obs 2 VC, 1 started to evade, other reached for a wpn. A Co eng'd w/SA fire, res: 2 VC KIA, CIA 1 map, 1 book, 1 carbine, SN 647063. IPW notified, PFC Hamilton.   |
| 44   | 1410 | 196th Bde, C/2/1, AT943397 at 1245H, at this location found 15 newly built huts, 1 fresh grave containing 1 NVA body killed by SA fire approx 3 days ago. Neg military equip, body was stripped. Huts will be destroyed.   |
| 45   | 1503 | 11th Bde, 1/20, unscheduled CA, 1/20 PZ BS661524 at 231414H to LZ BS613585 at 231452H, complete and cold.  |
| 46   | 1510 | CLDC, at 231700H, there will be blasting in the rock quarry by RMK.  |
| 47   | 1515 | 11th Bde, C/3/1, BS518598 at 1155H, detonated unk type booby trap, res: 1 US WHA (E), Dustoff complete to Duc Pho.   |
| 48   | 1350 | 123rd Avn Opns. Aero Scouts, BS456739 at 1220H, Aero Scouts eng'd 8 NVA wearing green and khaki uniforms, res: 8 NVA KIA, 1 lt MG believed to be RPD-56, and receiver group for 12.7 AA wpn and 3-4 packs were CIA. 231545H, ground troops working w/Aero Scouts killed 1 NVA same vicinity, also found remaining portion of 12.7 AA wpn, 1 AK-47, HG's, small med kit and documents. Totals for action: 1x12.7 AA hvy MG, HG's, med kit, 4 packs, and documents. 9 NVA KIA. Notified IPW, CPT Wolfe. Also captured 1 IWC, 2 CSWC, 1 lt MG RPD-56.   |
| 49   | 1457 | 196th Bde, A/1/1, AT985335 at 1440H, obs 1 VC evading west at 150m, eng'd w/SA fire, res: 1 VC KIA, neg equip or ID.   |
| 50   | 1513 | 1st CAG, CAP 133, BS664985 at 1415H, 1 USMC carry ammo (that had been turned in by VN civilian) to the ammo bunker. Marine entered the bunker, bunker exploded, res: 1 USMC NBC. Investigation was initiated.  |
| 51   | 1623 | 198th Bde, A/1/52, BT276087 at 1610H, rec'd light AW fire from 3 to 4 snipers. Fired arty, results unk.  |

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| 52   | 1703 | 11th Bde, C/3/1, BS523588 at 1530H, 1 US stepped into punji pit and broke his leg. He was dusted off at 1600H by CC.  |
| 53   | 1730 | Air move complete, 1B/1/46, PZ LZ Baldy, LZ AT988472, PZ 231630H, LZ 231647H.   |
| 54   | 1728 | CLDC, condition Gray effective 1800H. Tea: Charlie.   |
| 55   | 1730 | 11th Bde, A/4/3, BS822374 at 0800H, detained 2 VCS for questioning, evac to LZ Bronco.  |
| 56   | 1731 | 198th Bde, A/1/52, BT274083 at 1610H, helicopter while on resupply mission rec'd 1 hit on the ground. The helicopter was flown to Tam Ky and will have to be Hooked from there to Chu Lai.  |
| 57   | 1740 | 39th Engr, C/39th, BS726563 at 1530H, found command detonated mine, 30 lbs, commo wire electric blasting cap was used to detonate. A VN civilian showed unit where mine was. Blew mine in place, crater 5' deep x 8' wide.  |
| 58   | 1310 | DTOC, Aero Scouts will fly Rocket Pocket and Rocket Ridge during morning of 24 Dec. Blue Ghost will fly the same area in the afternoon from 1300H to dark. Passed to Div Avn 231400H. Passed to 198th, MAJ Borg 1438H.  |
| 59   | 1530 | 198th, A/1/52, BT276087 at 1505H, A Co found 1 Chicom carbine, Type K-53, SN PB188. Buried in rice, found yesterday.  |
| 60   | 1540 | 196th, by direct coordination between CO 196th and 5th Marines. AO extension granter to Task Force Yankee in 196th. Fayette Canyon AO will revert to control of 196th Bde. 240600H Dec 68, Marines unable to continue mission in the AO ext area.   |
| 61   | 1642 | Div Chem, during unloading, an E-158 (Tear Gas) went off at 127th Avn Pad. Strong wind carried fumes aloft and no report of anyone being gassed at this time.   |
| 62   | 1736 | 198th BTOC, air move completion, 5/46 B2 & 44, PZ at LZ Paradise 231515H, LZ at LZ Gator 231720H. LZ Paradise has ceased to exist.  |
| 63   | 1750 | 11th, B/1/20, BS896403 at 1727H, 2 VCS CIA, neg wpns or ID. Evac to LZ Bronco.  |
| 64   | 1830 | 1st CAG, CAP 131, BS574882 at 1610H, obs 10 VC on hill near hut, called arty and patrol sweep of area, res: 1 VC KIA, also found many blood trails. Neg wpns or packs. (Info only).   |
| 65   | 1845 | 11th, gunships 174th Avn, BS772425 at 1830H, eng'd 1 VC evading into tree line, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 66   | 1900 | 198th, A/1/52, BT276088 at 1515H, found 3 B-40 rockets, blew them in place.   |
| 67   | 1330 | DTOC to 198th, request info on why LRRP Team Ohio employed and left AP mines in place on Hill 707. This constitutes a nuisance mine field and requires USARV/MACV approval (MAJ Craver), must be retrieved (G-3 notified).  |
| 68   | 1605 | Ref journal entry #67, LRRP Ohio employed mines as part of defensive position. Requirement for rapid extraction precluded recovery of mines. 198th Bde intended recovery today, but was prevented by bad weather. 198th Bde will attempt recovery of mines tomorrow.  |
| 69   | 1715 | Div G-5, D/4/31, AT898382 at 0900H, 6 refugees evac to Nui Loc Son, voluntary.  |
| 70   | 1716 | Div G-5, D/4/31, AT898382 at 1130H, 4 refugees evac to Nui Loc Son, voluntary.  |
| 71   | 1835 | 1st CAG, CAP 139, BS474864, enemy BS476833 at 1745H, obs area where air strikes were flown this morning. Obs 8 VC moving out of area with 1 body, called arty, res: 4 VC KIA, other retreated into tree line and escaped. OP obs 30 VC moving across open area in groups of 2-8, VC dressed in green w/packs and wpns. BS459841, 456838, 459835, outpost lost sight of VC because of terrain and weather. Follow-up: 2020H, BS455846, enemy BS455844, patrol moved to OP area and obs 10 VC, patrol eng'd, res: 2 VC KIA, VC fled and patrol pursued, res: 2 additional VC KIA. 1 M-2 carbine CIA, SN 173452, sniper scope and propaganda leaflets were also CIA. |
| 72   | 1910 | 198th, Base Defense, LZ Bayonet at 1830H, Bunker #7 rec'd 1 rd of carbine fire, eng'd w/M-79, checking area for results at this time. Neg friendly casualties.  |
| 73   | 1937 | 198th, Warlord request #1: BS6890, 6887, 7682, 7370, E boundary is coastline, no friendlies, snatch request from peninsula, Serene Talons 79, freq 58.50. Request #2: BT0000, BS0097, BS1097, BT1000, no friendlies, snatch, Cold Clutter 79, freq 64.15. Also contact Stewart Peso 79 prior to entering either AO, freq 58.50. Disapproved. Passed to 198th 240500H, SP Micabee.   |
| 74   | 2040 | 196th, 14th MSF, AT898363, enemy AT899376 at 1845H, obs VC setting up mortar position approx 1300 meters NE of friendly position, called arty, res: 17 secondary explosions w/red flame and white smoke rising to height of 100 ft.   |
| 75   | 2154 | 11th, HHC/4/21, LZ Bronco, BS812383 at 2200H, bunkers #19 and #6 rec'd SA fire, res: 1 WHA (M), assumed Yellow alert, at 232154H, ret'd to Grey alert.  |
| 76   | 2230 | DTOC, 123d Avn, BS509937 at 1600H, eng'd and killed 1 VC.   |
| 77   | 2235 | 198th, 5/46, BS549978, enemy BS551983 at 2125H, A-1 obs movement and fired 81mm mortar with unk results.  |
| 78   | 2400 | Opns Summary: Americal Div units cont'd detailed search opns in zone with light contact being reported throughout the AO. In the Oregon AO, B/1/46 air moved from LZ Baldy to an LZ vic AT973461. C/1/46 back hauled to LZ Baldy, complete at 0935H. 1B/1/46 air moved from LZ Baldy to an LZ vic AT988472 at 1647H. R/3/21 air moved from a PZ vic BT075324 to a LZ vic BT075226 at 1015H. In the Duc Pho AO, B/1/20 conducted a CA from LZ Liz to a cold LZ vic BS835415 at 0748H. A/1/20 conducted a CA from a PZ vic BS661524 to a cold LZ vic BS613585 at 1452H. In the Chu Lai TAOR, B/5/46 air moved from LZ Paradise to LZ Gator, complete at 1720H.      |

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| 1    | 0001 | Journal Opened.   |
| 2    | 0010 | III MAF COC, DTOC rec'd Red Rocket Practice exercise message on dedicated circuit at 231610Z. LT Schultz, III MAF COC, informed of receipt at 240012H. Rec'd Red Rocket Practice exercise message on common user at Americal Command Center at 231615Z, rec'd at DTOC at 231619Z. Transmission time 4 minutes. LT Schultz, III MAF COC, notified at 240023H.  |
| 3    | 0450 | 196th Bde, 1/46, BT133453 at 0130H, bunker line at LZ Baldy rec'd 3 M-79 rds, impacting 50-75 meters in front of bunker #35, neg casualties.  |
| 4    | 0608 | CLDC, at 0700H, resume normal daylight conditions effective 0700H.  |
| 5    | 0805 | 198th Bde, request plat attached to 1/1 Cav, 3A/1/46, Opn Hardin Falls, be returned to control of 196th Bde. Plat needed to secure Rock Crusher in order to repair QL-1, 196th has no more forces available.  |
| 6    | 0825 | 11th Bde, A/4/3, BS823402 at 0820H, 1 VCS CIA name is on enemy black list. Will be evac to LZ Bronco. IPW notified, PFC Hamilton.   |
| 7    | 0835 | 26th Engr, CC/26th Engr, BS700510 at 0835H, CC rec'd moderate SA fire, neg hits, cont'd mission.  |
| 8    | 0725 | 1st CAG, CAP 1310, BS544885 at 1945H, RF's were ambushed by 5 VC, res: 1 RF KHA by M-79 fire. RF ret'd fire, res: 2 VC KIA. VC were wearing black PJ's. Called arty and swept area. Found blood trails, also found 1 M-79 w/6 rds and 2 M26 HG's CIA, M-79 SN53253.   |
| 9    | 0800 | III MAF, Co C, 5th SF, sitrep #357, 221200H - 231200H, operational data. Tien Phuoc A-102: Opn P-275 and Opn C-278 continued 231500H. Opn C-276 and Opn C-279 will depart as scheduled. Gia Vuc A-103: Opn P-319, Opn P-320, Opn P-322, and Opn P-326 continued 231500H. Opn P-318, Opn C-321, and Opn P-321 closed 221800H. Opn P-328 departed as scheduled. Opn P-331 departed 230600H - 240400H, recon, BS3430, 4123, 4230, 3423, 3628, 3928, 3926, 3626. Opn S-329 and Opn P-330 will depart as scheduled. Ha Thanh A-104: Opn C-318, Opn S-336, Opn C-340, and Opn C341 continued 231500H. Opn S-338 departed 220600H - 261700H, recon, 2968, 2972, 3368, 3372. Opn P-326 departed as scheduled. Opn P-327 departed 230800H - 231600H, recon, 4073, 4273, 4271, 4071. Opn P-325 closed 221800H. Opn P-328 will depart 250800H - 261700H, search/clear, 3571, 3771, 3769, 3569. Opn P-329 will depart 240800H - 241700H, search/clear, 3669, 3869, 3867, 3667. Opn P-330 will depart 250800H - 251700H, search/clear, 5171, 4377, 4369, 4169. Ba To A-106: Opn C-234 and Opn C-235 closed 221800H. Opn C-237 departed as scheduled. Tra Bong A-107: Opn S-204, Opn S-205, Opn C-206, and Opn S-207 continued 231500H. Opn S-203 closed 221800H. Opn S-208 departed as scheduled. Minh Long A-108: Opn P-232 and Opn P-233 continued 231500H. Opn P-230 and Opn P-231 closed 221530H. Opn P-234 and Opn P-235 departed as scheduled. Opn P-236 will depart as scheduled. |
| 10   | 0925 | USARV, Attn: G-1, 21 enlisted and 4 officers will arrive this afternoon on flight #862 departing from Bien Hoa. SFC Piper in charge. They'll need transportation. Passed to G-1, MAJ Clifford 240950H.  |
| 11   | 0930 | 198th Bde, Air move complete, A/1/52, PZ BT276084 to LZ Bowman, PZ 240828H, LZ 240854H.   |
| 12   | 0947 | 39th Engr, C/39th Engr, BS717596 at 0845H, rec'd 5 rds sniper fire, neg casualties, ret'd AW fire, spotted VC, called in 6 rds 105mm, neg results.  |
| 13   | 0955 | 196th Bde, R/3/21, BS104216 at 0900H, rec'd 25 rds of sniper fire from 1 AW and 2 SA weapons, 800 meters NW of their location, arty mission called. Area checked w/unk results, no US casualties.   |
| 14   | 1008 | 196th Bde, air move complete, A/2/1, PZ AT945455 to Chu Lai, PZ 240737H, LZ 240915H.  |
| 15   | 1038 | 196th Bde, C/2/1, AT936394 at 0845H to 1010H, rec'd approx 8 rds sniper fire, could not locate sniper. C Co would open fire each time the sniper would fire. Could not call arty because of friendly patrol in the area. No US casualties.  |
| 16   | 1030 | 198th Bde, 5/46, CAP 133, BT661015 at 1000H, CAP 133 has 1 confirmed VC female, they detained her at above grid. She's from Doig Le #4, evac to Binh Son. (Info only).  |
| 17   | 1100 | 196th, B/1/46, AT982486 at 1015H, while searching out day laager, found a bomb w/pressure release type firing device, on side of bomb was written "Frag-Blue 3/5, Lot 2-195-66" bronze in color w/yellow markings. Blown in place, crater 8 inches x 2 ft, black smoke, frags 20 meters from detonation. Reason for small crater, it was blown on solid rock.   |
| 18   | 1104 | 198th, A/5/46, BS546974 at 1055H, obs 1 VN male and 1 VN female, male evaded and was eng'd w/SA fire, res: 1 VCS WIA/CIA. Female detained, CC will dust off male to 312th at 241105H. Female will be evac to LZ Bayonet.  |
| 19   | 1120 | 198th, A/1/52 moved from LZ Bowman to LZ Bayonet, PZ 1033H, LZ 1050H.   |
| 20   | 1035 | 196th, R/3/21, BT099210 at 0945H, obs 1 VC evading, in black shirt and khaki pants, eng'd w/SA fire, res: 1 VC KIA, neg ID, found 1 rd AK-47 ammo near body.  |
| 21   | 1130 | MID 198th CI at 231600H (delayed entry). On 231600H an 80 man VC unit was obs at BS519992 w/an unk number of rocket launchers. No rockets were seen. The unit had come from Ky Sanh. (F/6).   |
| 22   | 1140 | 198th, 3C/1/6, air move from Hill 76 to LZ Bayonet, PZ 0745H, LZ 0755H.   |
| 23   | 1156 | 1/1 Cav, B Trp, BT197425 at 1139H, VN boy pointed out a 105mm rd, rd did not show evidence of being mined. It was blown in place.   |
| 24   | 1220 | 9th Engr, A/9, BT219360 at 1030H, VNN civilian turned in 58 M-16 rds to sweep team leader, rewarded VN civilian w/1,000 Piasters.   |

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| 25   | 1220 | 9th Engr, A/9, BT206377 at 0845H, VN civilian turned in 2 M26 HG's, turned in to sweep team, rewarded VN civilian w/1,000 Piasters.   |
| 26   | 1225 | 11th. air move complete, B/4/21 from LZ Amy to BS453448, PZ 1041H, LZ 1154H. 1C/4/21 from BS453448 to LZ Bronco, PZ 1120H, LZ 1201H. A/4/21 from BS457477 to LZ Amy, PZ 1059H, LZ 1140H.  |
| 27   | 1230 | 198th, C/5/46, BS515945 - 513945 at 1120H, detonated unk type mine, res: 1 US KHA, 1 US WHA (E), CC started dust off and rec'd SA fire from 4-5 VC w/AL-47's, took hit in blade and fuel tank, CC made it back to LZ Gator, from there WIA (E) was taken to 27th Surg. VC were eng'd w/81mm mission and gunships on station at 1130H. Results unk as of now, more to follow. Type of mine was US Claymore.          |
| 28   | 1230 | 198th, 123d Avn at 1030H to 1115H, results of VR. At BS529946 obs AW position. At BS463961 obs comms wire which looked like a TV antenna. At BS421959 obs 3 well-camouflaged structures. At BS439962 obs 4 structures. At BS521981 obs trenchline.  |
| 29   | 1230 | 11th, R/3/1, BS495590 at 1120H, found 4 NVA in graves. The NVA had been killed 4 days ago, killed by SA fire. Had green uniforms, 1 body had documents. Documents evac to Duc Pho, neg wpns. IPW notified, PFC Hamilton.  |
| 30   | 1245 | 198th, 123d Avn at 1230H, approx. At BS383991 spotted 7 VC w/packs and Chicom HG's, eng'd, res: 4 VC KIA. At BS378987 destroyed 7 structures. At BS378983 spotted 7 bunkers, destroyed them. At BS375985 spotted 1 structure w/AW position, did not engage. At BS370979 spotted well-used trail. Broke station at 1230H.  |
| 31   | 1253 | 198th, Helix 21, 5/46, BS635960 at 1240H, air strike destroyed 2 bunkers, Helix 21 believes there are more in the area.   |
| 32   | 1300 | 196th, A/26th Engr, BT080385 at 1225H, found 1 anti-personnel mine, on east side of road, consisting of pull type device, mine blown in place. The crater was 2 ft x 1 ft, black smoke, small amount of shrapnel.   |
| 33   | 1305 | 196th, A/1/1 OPCON 2/1, BT005348 at 1145H, found 14x82mm mortar rds hidden in a well, not BT'd, they will be blown in place.  |
| 34   | 1330 | 11th, A/19th Engr, BS758488 at 1100H, A290 earth moved hit mine, tractor combat loss. Operator WHA (M), mine was 30 to 35 lb TNT, pressure type.  |
| 35   | 0955 | (delayed entry) 198th Bde, 123d Avn, BS420961 at 0940H, obs 6-12 NVA w/packs and wpns, wearing khaki uniforms. Also 7 structures at same grid, eng'd, results unk. At BT455055 obs 1 VC flag, blue w/red star. PFC Fultz reported at 241335H. Neg results.  |
| 36   | 1310 | 196th Bde, A/1/1, AT981329 at 1216H, obs 3 VC evading west, 2 were wearing black PJ's, other in brown PJ's, eng'd at 150m, res: 1 VC KIA.   |
| 37   | 1248 | 11th, C/4/21, BS449450 at 1133H, found 2 M-1 carbines, SN's 728611 and 3524609, 2 .30 cal rifles, SN's 367435 and 3122756, 1 K-44 SN unreadable, 1 8mm French rifle SN MLE4886, 1 French 7.5mm rifle, SN FG45358, 1x12 gauge shotgun, SN unreadable, 1 French SM, SN B22771, 6x81mm rds, 10 trigger assemblies. Add 1 shotgun not reported, ref journal entry #28, 22 Dec.  |
| 38   | 1345 | 11th, CA 1A/4/3 from LZ Bronco to BS882402, PZ 0630H, LZ 0652H, cold.   |
| 39   | 0740 | 198th, 1/52 TOC (ARVN unit at LZ Young) BT174168 at 231830H, (delayed), VC Psyops team were broadcasting over loud speaker system, transmission was inaudible, called arty, the speaker system was silenced, unk results.   |
| 40   | 1430 | 11th, air move complete, R/1/20 from BS624566 to LZ Dragon, PZ 1330H, LZ 1430H. From LZ Dragon to LZ Bronco via truck.  |
| 41   | 1455 | 196th, convoy move from LZ Baldy to LZ Ross at 1406H, close at 1450H. Passed to SFC Cafferty at 1500H.  |
| 42   | 1505 | Div Arty, Div Avn Section, Arty Btry at Minh Long sent in too many troops to Opn Holly, need them back tonight. Request CH-47 return them to camp after show. Negative. Will lay on CH-47 return to Minh Long this afternoon. (MAJ Craver) Div Arty called back at 1420H, cancelled acft request. Not necessary to return troops today. Have sufficient troops to fill opn requirement. (MAJ Fuller to MAJ Craver). |
| 43   | 1516 | Div Chem, Chem mission for today is cancelled. Notified C/S, SGT Loftis and G-3, SMG Skita.   |
| 44   | 1535 | 198th, C/5/46, BS500922 at 1525H, enemy coord BS500917, rec'd 3 rds of sniper fire, ret'd fire w/neg results.   |
| 45   | 1545 | 196th, A/1/1 OPCON 2/1, BT011349 at 1430H, A/1/1 rec'd 1 M-79 rd from 250m W of their location, neg casualties. Ret'd fire w/organic wpns, area checked w/neg results. While engaging enemy w/.50 cal, the wpn exploded, res: 1 US WHA (M).   |
| 46   | 1635 | 198th, D/1/52, 2D moved from LZ Young to LZ Bowman, PZ 1600H, LZ 1626H.   |
| 47   | 1710 | 196th, convoy departed LZ Ross at 1630H, arrived at LZ Baldy at 1700H.  |
| 48   | 1630 | 11th, air move completion, 4/21. A. PZ LZ Amy 241140H, LZ BS448608 at 2411415H. B. PZ BS448608 at 241148H, LZ BS453448 at 241155H.  |
| 49   | 1625 | 1/1 Cav, B/1/1 Cav, BT219447 at 1615H, obs 2 MAM evading, eng'd, res: 2 VC KIA, neg wpns or ID.   |
| 50   | 1720 | DTOC, request that DTOC be informed ASAP after 241800H when stand down of forces has been achieved. Passed to 196th Bde, SP Contact, complete at 241900H. 198th Bde, SGT Stover, complete at 241800H, MAJ Berg. 11th Bde, SP Stroup, complete at 241807H, SGT Lipin. 1st Sqdn, 1st Cav, SGT Ragney, complete at 241805H, SGT Thompson.  |

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| 1    | 0001 | Journal Opened.  |
| 2    | 0110 | 196th, F/17 Cav, AT925238 at 2335H, radar detected movement 40 meters from NDP, illum revealed 3 VC. 4 rds M-16 were fired overhead to disperse VC. When VC failed to disperse, 4 rds M-79 were fired on either side of VC and they evaded W.  |
| 3    | 0120 | 196th, 14th MF Co, AT880384 at 0100H, rec'd 2x82mm mortar rds 100 meters E of NDP, NCD. Observed movement 100 meters S of NDP, eng'd w/SA, neg assessment. Information reported to III MAF at 250210H to LT Schultz.   |
| 4    | 0200 | 1st CAG, CAP 131, BS611947 at 1950H, patrol apprehended 2 MAM in village of Giao Thug #1. One MAM had M26 HG's, other had .45 cal pistol. Pistol bearer had permit, but SN on pistol did not correspond to permit. Incident coincides with current intelligence reports concerning 2 similarly armed VC tax collectors. VCS presently interned CAP 131 compound and will be evac to Binh Son tomorrow.   |
| 5    | 0626 | CLDC, SGT Kent, normal work day activities as of 0730H.  |
| 6    | 0735 | 1st CAG, CAP 135, BS711971 - 698974 at 242300H, Le Thuy PF made contact w/approx 15-20 VC. CAP 135 sent reaction force which made contact shortly after CAP 136 broke contact with the help of Navy Swift Boats and 4.2 mortars from CAP 133, res: 1 WHA (E). Le Thuy and was medevac to 27th Surg at 0110H. PF's brought in 1 SKS rifle to compound w/blood stains and stated they thought they had 10 VC KIA. (Info only).   |
| 7    | 0845 | 11th, A/19th Engr sweep team, BS771461 at 0715H, found a culvert destroyed at BS771461. Also found a booby trapped 155mm rd w/powder packed around it, blew in place.  |
| 8    | 0905 | 1st CAG, CAP 127, BT450056 at 0745H, 4 USMC were enroute to wash up point BT453057 when they tripped a booby trapped Chicom HG. The 4 USMC received minor shrapnel wounds, called Dustoff at 0805H, complete at 0820H, evac to 27th Surg. Patrol checked area and found 2 more Chicom BT's which they blew in place. (Info only).  |
| 9    | 0945 | 39th Engr, B/39, BS625847 at 0730H, mine sweep team found many propaganda leaflets on ground, removed leaflets.  |
| 10   | 1000 | 39th Engr, C/39, BS718593 at 0800H, found 2 Xmas trees and an archway, propaganda leaflets on trees, saying "Go Home". Blew archway w/demolitions, removed trees, swept area and cont'd mine sweep.  |
| 11   | 0905 | 198th CIDG, Opn C-276, AO boundary, time: 260700H to 301800H Dec 68, personnel: 120 VN plus 2 US. Boundary until 261800H will be BT1313, 1908, 2108, 2412, 2415, 2021. After 261800H boundary will move to the 22 N-S grid line. They have same objective in area. Obj A: BT218113, Obj B BT211099, Obj C BT190093, Obj D BT192108, Obj E BT165110. CIDG will CA into LZ Bowman and move out from there. D/1/52 will block VC BT1711, already coordinated with 1/52. |
| 12   | 0950 | 1st CAG, CAP 135m BS6897 at 0935H, rec'd 250-300 rds AW fire, have called arty, res: will follow. Went to search area, w/neg results. 1105H, rec'd light sniper fire. (Info only).   |
| 13   | 1025 | 11th, A/19th Engr, BS748508 at 0940H, found arch across road, 20 ft high decorated w/flowers and (illegible). Across top written in English "Welcome Christmas". SVN NLF and "GI's", lay down your wpns. 1 flag w/white dove on it.  |
| 14   | 1115 | 198th, 2D/1/52, air move complete from LZ Bowman to LZ Young, PZ 0815H, LZ 0915H.  |
| 15   | 1223 | 198th, 123d Avn, BS501947 at 1145H, obs 4 fighting positions. BS498025, 495025, obs 25 MAM, they snatched 2 MAM. They were wearing khaki shorts and shirts. They have been brought to LZ Bayonet. 123d Avn had permission from 1/6 Inf for this. Approved by Bn Cmdr 1/6 Inf. 1330H, MAJ Berg informed by MAJ Craver to return detainees to original location without interrogation. Notified CG, ADCA, ADCB, C/S, G-3, and G-2.                                     |
| 16   | 1235 | 11th, 39th Engr, BS717596 at 1145H, obs approx 30 VC in rice paddy and several more on road, total of 75 in that area. 20-30 had wpns, AK-47's and K-44's, some unk type. Wearing black PJ's, and some in blue PJ's. Have FAC observing area, also CC is checking area.  |
| 17   | 1326 | 196th, A(-)/1/1 Cav, air moved from LZ Ross to LZ Hawk Hill, PZ 1240H, LZ 1320H, complete.   |
| 18   | 1330 | 11th, B/4/3, BS918238 at 1225H, 1/4 ton vehicle was ambushed by AW/M-79 fire, res: 3 US WHA, 1 evac to Chu Lai in serious condition. the other 2 were taken to Duc Pho. G-3, C/S, ADC informed. SP Strop, 1 KHA, 2 WHA (M). Final casualty figures.  |
| 19   | 1330 | 198th, 5/46, SGT Neil, BS582958 at 1130H, 1/4 ton, 3/21, E-6 (Bumper No) hit 2 VN boys aged 8yrs, killed him, another boy was hit but was taken away before the S-5 Officer arrived. Driver said boys on bicycle swerved in front of him, he couldn't stop in time. BS582958, MP's, National Police, 198th, Binh Son, they arrived and took charge.  |
| 20   | 1342 | 11th, 1/20 at 1230H, LZ Liz reported that approx 100 VN, mostly children came to the gate. One (1) female was passing out leaflets. She was detained by personnel at LZ Liz. She stated that she was working for the VC. The Bde XO went to the scene of the incident. Female came from Saigon. (NFI) IPW notified.  |
| 21   | 1435 | 11th, B/4/3, BS935225 at 1425H, a track from E/1 Cav at BS935225 receiving hvy SA and AW fire. Request permission to use gunships. Approved by G-3, LTC Lawrence. Passed to 11th Bde, MAJ Erickson. B/4/3 rec'd SA and AW fire, ret'd fire, res: 5 VC KIA.   |
| 22   | 1745 | 11th, B/4/3, BS932234 at 1535H, B/4/3 while searching area of air strike from this afternoon, found 1 VC, res: 1 VC KBA/S.   |
| 23   | 0800 | III MAF, C Co, 5th SF, sitrep #358, 231200H - 241200H, operational data. (continued)   |

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| 24   | 1545 | T DTOC (MAJ Craver), SF desires to know PZ and time from which 12th & 14th MSF Co's will be picked up on 29 Dec 68 to return to DaNang. SF will arrange transportation from LZ. Passed to 196th, LTC Longino. LZ will be LZ Baldy, time 1000H (or after), suggest C-7A acft. Passed to SF LNO.   |
| 25   | 1645 | III MAF, inform III MAF when all units are back to combat status. Inform the following units: 11th Bde, SGT Lipin 251655H. 196th Bde, SP Franklin 251659H. 198th Bde, CPT Thomson 251657H. 1/1 Cav, SGT Stiltmer 251658H. All units at combat status: 11th, SP Stroup 251816H. 196th, SP Trogon 251808H. 198th, PFC Fultz 251809H. 1/1 Cav, SGT Thompson 251805H.  |
| 26   | 0945 | DTOC, 26 Dec, Aero Scouts will screen the Rocket Pocket during the morning. Blue Ghost will work from 1300H to 1600H, 1 light team on station. Passed to 1/1 Cav, MAJ Logan. Passed to 198th, SP Swegler. Passed to Div Avn.   |
| 27   | 1705 | 11th, Aero Scouts request, for Vernon Lake II AO, 260730H - 261130H Dec 68, contact Purple Reels 14, freq 52.00, LZ Bronco, neg: Div mission (priority), approx 1300H-1500H avail for mission, specify area. DMC. Passed to 11th, SGT Lipin. Work vic 4/21, check area of enemy base camp discovered on 24 Dec. Easy Guide, 36.95, SGT Lipin. Passed to Div Avn 251710H.   |
| 28   | 1708 | 196th, F/8th Cav, 4/31, AT836243 at 1605H, found 1 VC decomposed body w/black PJ's, discovered.  |
| 29   | 1725 | 1st CAG, CAP 138, BS575923 at 1645H, VN male age 15 yrs came to compound w/intel info as to whereabouts of booby trap, res: found 1 M-79 rd booby trapped w/command detonating device, was disarmed. Paid 750 P's. Info.   |
| 30   | 1735 | CLDC, alert condition Gray, effective 251800H. TEA is Bravo.   |
| 31   | 1740 | 196th, D/4/31 & RF, AT896377 at 1400H, RF's found 1 NVA KIA by SA fire, this incident relates to D/4/31 action they had yesterday when they eng'd 1 NVA w/unk results.   |
| 32   | 1818 | 11th, D/4/3, BS883306 at 1810H, detained 3 VCS evading, ID's appeared to be altered, evac to LZ Bronco.  |
| 33   | 2020 | 196th, 2/1, Cobra, enemy BT039398 at 1815H, obs 7 VC crossing rice paddy 2000 meters north. VC were wearing black PJ's and carrying packs, no wpns were obs. Arty was called, res: 1 VC KIA, confirmed and 1 VC KIA possible. Surviving VC evaded north to wood line. Posted on Sit Map.   |
| 34   | 2100 | 196th, D/4/31, AT885395 at 1907H, obs light moving back and forth, fired arty, res: 1 small secondary explosion.   |
| 35   | 2115 | 196th, B/1/46, at 2030H, entire Company B/1/46 evac to LZ Baldy, 22 w/serious food poisoning. 14 men from D/1/46, 3 men from A/1/46, and 1 man from R/1/46 were also evacuated. Source of food poisoning unk. All food prepared in one kitchen. One doctor has been sent to the field w/each Company. This is the 24 hour type of infection, not expected to result in extended incapacitation of personnel afflicted.   |
| 36   | 2315 | TF Yankee, 5th Marines, AT957500 at 2255H, est Co of VC in column formation were sighted moving along river toward Fayette Canyon AO. Arty was fired and VC moving in same direction. Info passed to 196th Bde at 2320H, SP Graklanoff.  |
| 37   | 2400 | Opns Summary: Americal Div units conducted local security opns in conjunction with the Christmas Cease Fire with very light enemy initiated activity reported throughout the AO. In the Oregon AO, A(-)/1/1 Cav air moved from LZ Ross to LZ Hawk Hill at 1320H. 2D/1/52 air moved from LZ Bowman to LZ Young at 0915H.  |
| 38   | 2400 | Americal Daily Totals: 1 KHA, 1 WHA (E), 1 WHA (M), 1 NVA KIA, 7 VC KIA, 1 VC discovered.  |
| 39   | 2400 | Journal Closed.  |
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| 1    | 0001 | Journal Opened.  |
| 2    | 0002 | 1st CAG, CAP 124, BT453109 at 2150H, eng'd unk number of VC, res: 2 VC KIA, 1 PF Corpsman WHA, 2 AK-47's CIA.  |
| 3    | 0205 | 198th, CAP 133, BS693978 at 0004H, rec'd large number (exact number unk) satchel charges of undetermined size, res: 3 USMC WHA (M), 3 PF KHA, 3 PF WHA (E).  |
| 4    | 0310 | 1/1 Cav, C/1/1, BT215438 at 0300H, rec'd 3 M-79 rds and SA fire, NCD.  |
| 5    | 0350 | 198th, CIDG, Opn C-281 will take place from 260700H - 291800H, AO is defined by grids BT0912, BT0909, BT1612, BT1506. CIDG Opn 276 was cancelled. Posted on Sit Map.   |
| 6    | 0420 | 198th, 1/46, LZ Baldy at 2105H, bunkers #6 & #7 rec'd 4 rds M-79 fire from unk location, NCD.  |
| 7    | N/A  | 198th, A/1/6, LZ Chippewa at 0415H, unk detonation within perimeter, believed to be mortar or rocket because of whistling sound. Arty and mortars fired on suspected enemy locations, NCD.   |
| 8    | 0430 | 1st CAG, CAP 135, BS692977 at 252300H, patrol from CAP 133 was attacked w/satchel charges, res: 2 USMC WHA (E), 2 PF WHA (E), 3 PF MHA, 1 radio destroyed, 2 VC KIA. Patrol regrouped and moved to CAP 135 compound. Reaction force from CAP 135 was sent to outskirts of vil Le Thuy #2 where VC were reported, but there was neg contact. Search of area will be conducted at first light. |
| 9    | 0616 | CLDC, at 0725H, resume normal daylight conditions effective at 0725H.  |
| 10   | 0715 | Tam Ky, 2d ARVN Div, BT448105 at 252100H, PF ambush eng'd est squad VC, res: 2 VC KIA, 2 IWC (AK-47's).  |
| 11   | 1000 | (delayed entry) DTOC, CPT Roe, request the 90th Chem Detachment support the 2d ARVN Div in a tunnel clearing opn on 28 Dec 68. The Detachment Commander will contact MAJ Schrock, Quang Ngai 110, for coordination. The personnel involved will report to Quang Ngai on 27 Dec 68. Passed to 11th Bde at 251545H to PFC Atencio. Will comply, SGT Lipin 251545H.                             |
| 12   | 1030 | DTOC, CPT Roe, request 87th Chem Detachment conduct an APD mission on 261300H Dec 68. Bde Chem Officer has all necessary information. Direct coordination between Div Chem Officer 87th Detachment. Passed to 198th Bde, SP/4 Schwegler. Today's mission cancelled. Passed to 198th, Benham DMC, 251532H.  |
| 13   | 0805 | 39th Engr, D/39, BT097526 at 0735H, found 1x81mm mortar rd, 50 meters off side of road, rd was blown in place.   |
| 14   | 0828 | 1st CAG, CAP 124, BT446103 at 0730H, swept entire area this morning and found 1 VC KIA w/no wpn at above coord. Also found blood trails and drag marks, res: VC dispersed into smaller groups. The VC found today was also wearing gray uniform. Ref journal entry #8, 26 Dec 69.  |
| 15   | 0840 | Tam Ky, there will be meeting today at 261500H, ref AO ext for Thang Binh area. MAJ Shepard requests that LTC Lawrence or his representative to be there.  |
| 16   | 0840 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav, BT146332 at 0810H, obs 1 MAM evading, eng'd, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 17   | 0937 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav, BT247147 at 0930H, 1 MAM evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn.  |
| 18   | 0924 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav, BT230417 at 0912H, 1 MAM evading, eng'd, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn.   |
| 19   | 0940 | Tam Ky, Thang Binh PF's, BT164394 - 155415 at 242140H, made contact e/est squad, neg casualties. (Info Only).  |
| 20   | 0940 | Tam Ky, Ly Tin PF's, BT440105 at 252100H, made contact w/1 VC plat, res: 3 VC KIA, CIA 2 AK-47's. (Info Only).   |
| 21   | 0945 | 11th, D/3/1, XA complete, from BS512573 to BS524618, PZ 0830H, LZ 0920H, complete and cold.  |
| 22   | 0947 | 39th Engr, A/39, BT235330 at 0915H, sweep team found one 8-second delay detonator on E side of road, ret'd to CP.  |
| 23   | 1028 | 11th, C/4/3, BS806367 at 0950H, detained 5 VCS evading, 3 MAM's and 2 females, neg wpns or ID's, evac to LZ Bronco.  |
| 24   | 1040 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav, BT194244 at 1035H, 1 MAM evading, eng'd, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 25   | 1047 | 1/1 Cav, F/8th Cav, BT155220 at 1040H, 2 MAM evading, res: 2 VC KIA, neg wpns.   |
| 26   | 1102 | 196th, 3/21, F/8th Cav, BT155219 at 1040H, eng'd 2 VC in black PJ's, res: 2 VC KIA, neg packs or wpns.   |
| 27   | 1111 | 196th, D/2/1, BT098403 at 1053H, rec'd 3 rds SA sniper fire from 800 meters E of their location, ret'd fire w/unk res. Neg US casualties.  |
| 28   | 1115 | 198th, C/5/46, BS513936 at 1035H, detained 2 VCS, 35-40 yrs old, 1 detainee had neg ID, evac both to LZ Bayonet.   |
| 29   | 1120 | 11th CA's: B/3/1 from LZ Cork to BS487607, PZ 1040H, LZ 1050H, and at 0941H to 0950H, complete and cold. A/3/1 from BS515569 to BS487607, PZ 0937H, LZ 0951H, complete and cold.   |
| 30   | 1142 | 198th, Aero Scouts, BS475848 at 1125H, obs 2 MAM evading wearing black PJ's, eng'd, res: 2 VC KIA.   |
| 31   | 1200 | 9th Engr, A/9, BT260386 at 1045H, VN civilian turned in 100 rds M-60 ammo, paid civilian 100 Piasters, ret'd rds to CP. 1050H, BT259290, VN civilian turned in 1 M-79 rd, 1x105mm illum canister, paid 500 Piasters reward, ret'd to CP.   |
| 32   | 1202 | 196th, R/3/21, BT122218 at 1100H, obs 1 VC in black PJ's, eng'd, res: 1 VC KIA, 40 yrs old, neg ID or equipment.   |
| 33   | 1420 | Blackhawk, C Trp 1st Cav, BT204428 at 1410H, mine sweep team found 1x155mm rd and 1x105mm, duds, blew in place.  |

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| 34   | 0045 | 11th, LZ Bronco, BS812383 at 252330H, bunker #56 rec'd SA fire, res: 1 WHA (E), rd struck individual's wpn, wpn exploded. Trip flare was detonated by VC trying to penetrate wire, ret'd fire, gunships and arty called in w/neg results.   |
| 35   | 1200 | 196th, S-2 Air, Blue Ghost request, time: ASAP, snatch of rocket launcher sighted by Blue Ghost yesterday on river bank loc at AT881232. Suggest that UH-1 be substituted for LOH so rocket launcher can be loaded externally. Ground contact: Crater Mallet 14 on 61.90, nearest friendly 5k East and 7k NE. 196th wants launcher brought to LZ Baldy if possible. Wants reply ASAP so if mission cannot be flown they can find other means of getting launcher out. Passed to 1/1 Cav to determine when mission can be flown, (1 BG Team light) presently on Div mission in Rocket Pocket. Passed info to 196th, Stiltner. Snatch mission cancelled, request launcher site be destroyed (LT McFarland). Passed to Div G-3 Air.  |
| 36   | 1230 | 11th, C/4/21, BS444463 at 1125H, found small base camp w/10 huts, 1 was mess hall, 1 frag HG, misc manuals for M-16 and carbines, misc documents. Everything destroyed, except documents, they were evac to LZ Amy. At 1225H unit found 1 M-1 rifle, SN 400838, 1x12 gauge shotgun, US pump, SN 56020. 2 tons of rice, 40 lbs salt, 6 lbs of explosives and 2 AM radios. Notified IPW, PFC McLaughlin.  |
| 37   | 1242 | 1/1 Cav, C Trp, BT184422 at 1230H, mine sweep team found 1 155mm rd, blew in place, left crater 4 ft x 2 ft.  |
| 38   | 1333 | 196th, MSF-14, 4/31, AT843351 at 1029H, obs 7 NVA w/wpns and packs, khaki uniforms, evading NW at 1400 meters, arty called, res: 1 NVA KIA, remainder dispersed in all directions, are being checked.   |
| 39   | 1355 | 11th, A/1/20, BS608587 at 1205H, 3 US WHA (E) result of BT, type unk. Dustoff complete at 1230H, evac to Duc Pho. Notified C/S, SP Vanable, G-3, SP Morgan. Ref journal entry #62.  |
| 40   | 1404 | 196th, CC/1/46, BT020515 at 1230H, spotted 4 VC KIA by bombs this morning. CC rec'd fire at this location. Air strike was in at coord.  |
| 41   | 1410 | 1/1 Cav, C Trp, BT202428 at 1400H, found 1x105mm dud, blew in place, crater 2 ft x 1 ft deep.   |
| 42   | 1415 | 11th, D/4/21, BS478456 at 1426H, found 3 huts, 2 graces 3 days old, 2 NVA males wrapped in NVA ponchos, bodies were too decomposed to determine how they were killed. Discovered.   |
| 43   | 1416 | 11th, D/3/1, BS518618 at 1345H, eng'd 1 NVA evading in green uniforms, res: 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47 CIA, SN 1007812.   |
| 44   | 1420 | 196th, R/4/31, AT933272 at 1255H, eng'd 3 VC w/SA, res: 1 VC WIA/CIA, age 35, wearing gray uniform, neg ID or wpn. Dustoff at 1333H to LZ Baldy. Notified IPW, CPT Wolfe. Ref journal entry #70.  |
| 45   | 1436 | 196th, Cobra OP 2/1, BT028397 at 1330H, obs 4 VC, 2500 meters E of location, 106 RR and 81mm mortars, res: 1 VC KIA, others evaded NE. KIA had black PJ's, neg military equip.  |
| 46   | 1445 | CLDC, SGT Bodine, RMK blasting at quarry at 1700H. Notified C/S, SP Vanable, SP Morgan G-3, SMG Lillard G-2.  |
| 47   | 0800 | III MAF, Co C, 5th SF, sitrep #358, 241200H - 251200H. Tien Phuoc A-102: Opn P-275 and Opn C-278 closed 241800H. Opn P-276 and Opn C-279 will depart as scheduled. Opn P-280 departed 241200H - 260100H, recon, BT0714, 0914, 0912, 0712. Gia Vuc A-103: Opn P-322, Opn S-326, and Opn P-328 continued. Opn P-329 and Opn P-330 departed as scheduled. Opn P-332 closed 241800H. Opn P-334 departed (same as P-332). Ha Thanh A-104: Opn S-337 and Opn S-338 continued. Opn C-318, Opn S-336, and Opn P-328 closed 241800H. Opn P-330 and Opn P-331 departed as scheduled. Opn P-332, Opn P-338, and Opn C-334 will depart as scheduled. Opn P-334 will depart 270800H - 271700H, search/clear, BS3870, 4070, 4068, 3868. Opn P-335 will depart 270800H - 271700H, search/clear, BS4173, 4373, 4371, 4171. Ba To A-106: Opn C-236 and Opn C-237 continued. Opn C-238 will depart 261800H - 301800H, S/D, BS4935, 5335, 5331, 4931. Opn C-239 will depart 270500H - 030600H, S/D, BS5639, 6039, 6036, 5636. Tra Bong A-107: Opn C-206, Opn S-207, Opn S-208, and Opn S-209 continued. Opn S-205 closed 241800H. Minh Long A-108: Opn P-233, Opn P-234, Opn S-235, and Opn S-236 continued. Opn P-232 closed 241000H. Opn P-237 will depart 260530H - 291800H, search/clear, BS5748, 5745, 6145, 6148. Opn C-238 will depart 260530H - 291800H, search/clear, BS5755, 5751, 6151, 6155. |
| 48   | 1145 | 198th, air move complete, A/1/52 from LZ Bayonet to LZ Bowman, PZ 0850H, LZ 1123H.  |
| 49   | 1510 | 196th air move, 3B/1/46 from BT214436 to AT981485, PZ 1423H, LZ 1439H. 2B/1/46 from LZ Baldy to BT214436, PZ 1405H, LZ 1423H. A/1/1 Cav from LZ Hawk Hill to LZ Ross, PZ 1415H, LZ 1455H.   |
| 50   | 1513 | 198th, C/1/52, BT260122 at 1410H, obs 1 hut and captured 1 VCS w/pack and medical supplies. Will be evac to LZ Bayonet. 1425H, eng'd 1 VC who threw Chicom HG, res: 1 VC CIA. Notified IPW, PFC Hamilton.   |
| 51   | 1520 | 196th, convoy departed 1442H and closed LZ Ross at 1514H. Informed SFC Cafferty 1525H.  |
| 52   | 1003 | 196th, request for LRRP Alabama, time: 27 Dec to 31 Dec, 0800H to unk, UL BT0020, LR BT0317, purpose: area survey. G-2/G-3 map posted, SSO notified. Passed to Tien Phuoc. Passed to SF SFC Gardner 1045H. Msg 85-P-261035, TOR 261148H. Reply 306-P-261300 clearance granted. Notified SP Franklin 196th 1740H.  |
| 53   | 1355 | 11th, A/1/20, BS608588 at 1202H, found 1 hut made w/metal walls, inside found 2 AK-47's, 1 shotgun, 6 BAR magazines. Serial nos. will follow. AK-47's SN's: 9895 and 39243, Shotgun SN 53030.   |
| 54   | 1557 | 198th, C/5/46, BS515930 at 1520H, obs 5 VC w/wpns, eng'd w/SA fire w/unk results. Found blood trails. Tracker team called in. Ref journal entry #72.  |
| 55   | 1600 | 11th, B/4/3 at 1530H, detained 7 VCS, will evac to LZ Thunder, then to LZ Bronco. Neg wpns or ID's. BS890315, 1 VCS. BS923376, 1 VCS. BS887304, 2 VCS. BS914272, 1 VCS. BS897286, 1 VCS. BS 898278, 1 VCS.  |

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| 56   | 1630 | 11th, VR, 123d Avn. BS412520, obs 3 huts and 1 pack. BS408480, obs 2 huts. BS428482, obs bunkers and 2 huts. BS415478, obs indications of hvy movement through area.  |
| 57   | 1630 | S-3, 1st CAG, 25 Dec 68, 2 USMC and 2 PF's were wounded 25 Dec 68. The radio set was destroyed. CAP 133 ret'd this morning to find that the battery and hand set had been taken. The freq could be read on the set. (1st CAG needs new freq before dark). Div Signal said they had to call G-2 TOC for a reading before a new freq could be assigned. Action: called LT Myers, Div Signal, MAJ Hayes authorized this. |
| 58   | 1815 | 1st CAG, CAP 116, BT364272 at 1635H, 2 VN civilians were brought to compound w/gunshot wounds. They stated they had been shot by a passing helicopter. Avn at Hill 29 has been notified. Dustoff 1635H, complete 1700H to LZ Baldy.   |
| 59   | 1635 | 198th, HQ/5/46, request 1 tracker dog team ASAP, 1 day. Pick up LRRP Pad 261700H. Passed to Div Support Cmd, CPT Bolt. 1636H, approved by CPT Bolt. Passed to 198th, SP Schigler. Dog got sick, sent team back to Chu Lai 1820H.  |
| 60   | 1710 | 196th, OP/3/21, BT077276 - 082289 at 1530H, obs 4 VC wearing black PJ's in a hamlet carrying large boxes, 1500 meters NE of their position. Took 2 men to carry 1 box, box size of mortar ammo box. Arty mission called, secondary explosion seen. Seemed to be a mortar rd exploding.  |
| 61   | 1730 | 11th, B/4/21, BS443449 at 1715H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg pack or ID. 1 AK-47 CIA, SN 11052864.   |
| 62   | 1739 | 11th, A/1/20, BS608587 at 1739H, 1 US KHA, 2 US WHA (E). KHA is at Duc Pho, ref journal entry #39.  |
| 63   | 1750 | CLDC, condition White effective 261800H. TEA is Alpha.  |
| 64   | 1800 | 198th, C(-)/1/6, BT442037 at 1745H, detained 1 VCS female, 45-50 yrs old. She was the mother of a VC who was killed a few days ago, evac to LZ Bayonet.   |
| 65   | 1801 | 196th, 4/31, MSF-14, AT915394 at 1715H, obs 4 VC in black PJ's, eng'd w/art, res: 1 VC KIA, rest of VC evaded in wood line to SW.   |
| 66   | 1547 | 198th, at 1545H, LRRP request for Kentucky, UL 3697, LR 4095, possible insertion date is 30 Dec 68, mission: recon of old base camps and infiltration routes. G-2/G-3 map posted. SSO, LT Everett 1800H. G-2 notified 1750H. Approved by G-3.   |
| 67   | 1635 | 196th, air move completions. D/3/21, PZ BT018269 261515H PZ East (1 plat), LZ Ross 261535H. C/3/21, PZ LZ Ross 261520H, LZ BT018269 LZ East (1 plat) 261545H.   |
| 68   | 1647 | 196th, CC/4/31, AT800301 at 1605H, eng'd 5 VC, 5 VC KIA, neg packs, wpns, equip. 3 had gray, 2 had black PJ's.  |
| 69   | 1650 | 196th, air move completion, 1 plat B/4/31, PZ AT993281 261608H, to LZ West 261639H.   |
| 70   | 1900 | IPW, at 1900H, ref journal entry #44, dtg 261255H, VC WIA/CIA was evac from LZ Baldy to DaNang.   |
| 71   | 1920 | 11th, Primo, 11th Avn, BS813438 at 1755H, obs 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn, ID, or military equip.  |
| 72   | 1912 | C/5/46, BS515930 at 1520H, point man was obs wearing helmet, green uniform, with M-79. He was camouflaged w/brush and carrying a pack. Ref journal entry #54.   |
| 73   | 1930 | 196th, F/17 Cav, AT926279 at 1800H, found 2 VC bodies killed by arty preparation at 231015H. Bodies had neg clothing and were badly mutilated, res: 2 VC discovered. Posted to Sit Map.   |
| 74   | 1940 | 11th, C/1/20, BS768424 at 0645H, obs 5 MAM evading, res: 5 VCS CIA.   |
| 75   | 2005 | 196th, D/2/1, (LZ Ross), BT027342 at 1915H, 2 EM wounded by SA fire originating near Que Son. Posted to Sit Map.  |
| 76   | 2030 | 198th, CAP 127, BT462072 at 1841H, 1 Marine moving from Hill 69 to CAP 127, rec'd 2 rds M-79. Marine ret'd fire, patrol elements from Hill 69 and CAP 127 were dispatched to assist Marine, res: negative.  |
| 77   | 2030 | 198th, A/1/6, BT393104 at 1907H, ambushed 10 VC, VC evaded and were pursued, res: negative.   |
| 78   | 2130 | 198th, C/5/46, request tracker dog team to be picked up at 270730H on LRRP Pad. Team will be utilized to follow blood trails for 1 day period. Passed to LT Obermeyer (tracker team), approved. Approval passed to 198th, SGT Stover.   |
| 79   | 2145 | 11th, Duc Pho MACV, BS792387 at 2100H, ARVN reported 1 VC KIA and 1 M-14 CIA.   |
| 80   | 2215 | 196th, R/3/21, BT108217 at 2040H, obs 1 VC wearing black PJ's evading into hole 10 meters from friendly location, eng'd w/SA, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 81   | 2230 | 11th, C/4/21, BS455457 at 2000H, obs light moving, eng'd w/art. After arty was fired, ambush located in a close proximity to location of moving light heard movement. Ambush eng'd movement w/SA fire and M-79 fire, res: 1 WHA (M) from ricochet of friendly M-79 fire. Posted to Sit Map.   |
| 82   | 2230 | 198th, GAC #23, AS981968 at 1738H, acft from 21st RAC w/Div Arty AO obs 5 VC w/packs and wpns, unloading sampans on shore. USAF in area called in air strike, res: 2 VC KBA, 3 sampans & cargo destroyed. Posted on Sit Map.  |
| 83   | 2237 | 11th, CC 11th Bde, BS920260 at 1545H, CC 11th Bde while conducting high altitude VR, eng'd 1 VC, res: 1 VC WIA. Subsequently, at 1825H, 3 wounded VCS surrendered to 11th Bde element vic BS918234. VCS were dusted off to 27th Surg Hospital. Bde CO believes VCS wounded in previous engagement above.  |
| 84   | 2303 | USARV (Long Binh), COC, request location of Bde and Bn CP's to include Infantry & Armored Cav units on 25 Jan 1968. Purpose: for historical records. Info passed to MAJ Green at 262325H.   |



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| 1    | 0001 | Journal Opened.  |
| 2    | 0240 | 196th, 2/1 Inf, BT038348 at 0104H, Que Son rec'd 8 rds of 82mm mortar which were believed to have impacted near refugee area. A light ground attack was also rec'd, res: 2 PF KHA, 2 PF WHA, 15 VN civ WHA. Arty fired at following suspected enemy locations: BT050363, BT052363, BT054372, BT053375, BT043339.   |
| 3    | 0300 | 11th, B/4/3, BS932234 at 1145H, found 3 VC killed by air within the past 24 hours, res: 3 VC KIA.  |
| 4    | 0325 | 198th, CAP 138, BS575923 at 0225H, rec'd 1 HG, NCD, ret'd fire w/neg results.  |
| 5    | 0325 | 198th, B/1/52, BT378174, enemy BT373177 at 0235H, rec'd 3 rds SA fire, NCD, ret'd fire w/neg assessment.   |
| 6    | 1040 | (delayed entry) 11th, 3/1, Aero Scouts request for VR in Vernon Lake II AO, BS538664, BS528688, contact Purple Reels 14, location LZ Bronco, freq 52.00, time 270430H - 271130H. Passed to 11th, SGT Baker. Passed to Div Avn.   |
| 7    | 1733 | (delayed entry) 198th, S-2, Warlord request #1: BS6890, 6887, 7687, 7390, east boundary is coastline, neg friendlies. snatch requested, Serene Talons 14, freq 59.80. Request #2: BT0000, BS0097, BS1097, BT1000, neg friendlies, snatch requested, Cold Clutter 14, freq 64.15. Also contact prior to entering AO, Steward Peso 14, freq 58.50. Passed to 198th, SP Kelley. Passed to Div Avn.  |
| 8    | 0250 | 2d ARVN, Quang Ngai, BS638769 at 0245H, Son Tinh receiving mortar rds, 10 rds 82mm, 7 WHA (E), 2 KHA., ARVN.   |
| 9    | 0633 | CLDC, normal working activities as of 270705H.   |
| 10   | 0733 | CLDC, SGT Kent, at 0718H, bunker #431 rec'd 1 rd of sniper fire from 500 meters out at 0718H.  |
| 11   | 2030 | (delayed entry), request for LRRP AO for LRRP Nevada, box BS3847, 4247, 4243, 3843, time: 28070H Dec 68 until 011600H Jan 69. G-2/G-3 maps posted. SSO notified. Approved by G-3 until 312400H Dec if patch RZ is extended, then the LRRP AO will be approved for the time period desired. CPT Miller. Notified 11th Bde, CPT Simmons.   |
| 12   | 0850 | 198th, A/1/6, BT393104 at 0730H, while searching area, found 4x82mm mortar rds w/Chinese writing, 1 bag of rice, and blood trails. Have requested tracker dog team.  |
| 13   | 0907 | Quang Ngai, BS7376, enemy contact at BS7376 early this morning, 5 ARVN troops KHA, 3 ARVN WHA (E), 1 SR Advisor CPT WHA (E). (Info only).  |
| 14   | 0908 | 1/1 Cav, HQ/1/1, BT220358 at 0845H, while Marines were sweeping Hwy #1, found 1 M-79 rd, were going to blow it but they dropped the rd, res: 2 USMC WHA (E) and 2 VN civ WHA (E). Evac to LZ Baldy. (Info only).   |
| 15   | 0927 | 39th Engr, C/39, BS717595 at 0810H, rec'd 8 rds SA fire, no casualties, cont'd mine sweep.   |
| 16   | 0943 | 196th, A/3/21, BT087256 at 0830H, obs 4 VC, 1 w/khaki shirt and black pants, 1 w/green shirt and black pants, 2 w/black PJ's, evading N at 50 meters, eng'd w/SA, res: 4 VC KIA, ages 16 to 35. Captured 4 homemade ponchos, 1 NVA mess kit, 1 US canteen, documents that were extracted to LZ Baldy, neg wpns or ID's.  |
| 17   | 0956 | 39th Engr, C/39, BS722580 at 0830H, found Chicom HG placed under rock in middle of road, HG set to detonate when rock was moved. Blew in place.  |
| 18   | 0956 | 11th, C/4/3, BS929259 at 0930H, detained 1 VCS evading, neg wpn or ID, evac to LZ Bronco.  |
| 19   | 0810 | 9th Engr, D/9, BT144163 at 0750H, found 2 Chicom HG's, blown in rice paddy.  |
| 20   | 0812 | 9th Engr, A/9, BT245317 at 0800H, VN civilian turned in 1 M-79 HE rd to sweep team. Rewarded civilian w/500 P's. Blown in rice paddy.  |
| 21   | 0840 | 26th Engr, D/26, BT444079 at 0640H, mine sweep team found mine consisting of 2 M-16 rds bound together with rubber bands, attached to bamboo and placed in reeds. No detonator or other charge was found. Device was confiscated by Operations Section.  |
| 22   | 0750 | 198th, 1/6, (1) 1 tracker dog team. (2) ASAP to 270800H - 272400H. (3) Pick up: 270830H at LRRP Pad. (4) Number of days, one. Passed to S/C: LT Rahaim 270758H. Approved by LT Rahaim 270800H. Approved by G-3, CPT Miller. Passed to 198th Bde, SP Senfton 270802H.   |
| 23   | 0755 | 1st CAG, CAP 139, BS464856-4778 at 1900H 26 Dec, villagers told marines that they obs 1 Company of VC. VC were wearing tiger striped uniforms, carrying packs, some wearing boots. One VC wearing .45 cal pistol, asked how many USMC and PF's were in the area. VC informed villagers to watch out because the VC were going to fight the USMC and PF's, and also attack the village on An Pho Ngi. The VC had the following wpns: 8 M-16's, 1 pistol .45 cal, 2 M-79, 2 BAR. Action taken: CAP 139 moved reaction force into the area. |
| 24   | 0845 | 11th, CA complete and cold, C/4/3 from LZ Bronco to BS922258, PZ 0705H, LZ 0715H. From LZ Bronco to BS927263, PZ 0724H, LZ 0734H. From LZ Bronco to BS925261, PZ 0740H, LZ 0875H.  |
| 25   | 1014 | 11th, CA by D/1/20, from BS623544 to BS755595, PZ 0827H, LZ 0915H, complete and cold.  |
| 26   | 1035 | 196th, A/1/1 Cav, BT114378 at 1000H, obs 2 VC evading S at 75 meters, eng'd w/M-16, res: 2 VC KIA. KIA had 1 M-26 HG, each wearing black PJ's, approx 35 yrs old, neg ID or wpn.   |
| 27   | 1040 | 196th, air move complete, A/2/1 from Chu Lai to AT918429, PZ 0805H, LZ 1000H. B/2/1 from AT918429 to Chu Lai, PZ 0834H, LZ 1015H.  |
| 28   | 0935 | 11th, B/4/3, BS930253 at 0835H, found 1 VC EIA hiding in a hole. Questioned him and found out that he is a VC cadre, been in area for 1 year. Evac to LZ Bronco. Neg wpn or ID. PFC Hamilton, IPW was notified.  |

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| 29   | 1110 | 198th, C/1/52, BS272116 at 0955H, eng'd 3-4 NVA evading, res: 2 NVA KIA, 2 AL-50's CIA, 1 KIA was wearing green uniform, 1 wearing gray uniform, CIA 10 Chicom HG's, 1 pistol belt, binocular case, wpn SN TX1216n (n was upside down u), 1071938n (upside down L after 0 and upside down u after 8).  |
| 30   | 1119 | 11th, D/4/21, BS479449 at 1050H, found 1 grave, 1 VC KBA, wrapped in green plastic, dead 2-3 weeks.  |
| 31   | 1135 | 196th, OP 3/21, BT064227 - 076209 at 0915H, obs 7 VC wearing black PJ's, w/packs and wpns, evading E at 1200 meters S of their location. Arty called, res: 1 VC KIA, was confirmed by Bn CO.   |
| 32   | 1135 | 196th, R/3/21, BT103218 at 0800H to 1015H, obs VC ambush, moved to within 25 meters before sighting and engaging it from the E, VC ret'd fire, then broke contact, evaded 400 meters W before being eng'd by another element of Recon. This element eng'd approx 25 VC w/packs and wpns. They were 700 meters to the W, eng'd w/M-60's and SA fire. VC evaded N. Gunships called 270825H, arrived 0842H, they expended and left at 0900H. Area being checked, 1 detainee wearing blue sweatshirt and blue shorts, evac to LZ Center. Detainee had a bag w/3 ponchos and papers in it. Found 2 bags w/pens, paper, medical supplies, note books, evac w/detainee. Found 3 blood trails, area being checked. IPW notified, PFC Hamilton.                       |
| 33   | 1155 | 198th, D/1/52, BT216156 at 1100H, eng'd 3 NVA, res: 2 NVA KIA. Also following blood trail leading away from contact. KIA's wearing green uniforms, 1 AK-47 w/200 rds ammo, SN 10062168, 1 S/G SN 247090, 12 Chicom grenades, and documents. Evac to LZ Bayonet. IPW notified, PFC Hamilton.  |
| 34   | 1210 | 11th, C/4/3, BS929259 at 1140H to 1225H, found 1 M-1 carbine, SN 1544238 and found 1 K-44, SN D2762.   |
| 35   | 1130 | 196th, A/3/21, BT096251 at 1000H, rec'd 50 rds AW fire from 500 meters N of their location, arty called w/unk results. Neg casualties, are being checked.  |
| 36   | 1159 | 198th, Aero Scouts, 5/46, BS489828 at 1130H, obs 2 MAM evading, eng'd, res: 2 VC KIA, neg wpns or ID.  |
| 37   | 1115 | 196th, S-2 Air, Sniffer mission flown for 196th from 0945H to 1045H Dec 68. Max readings at: AT861338, 879316, 880313, 875311, 873313, 869317, 853310, 858305, 855305, 852302, 850302, 848301, 832298, 840297, 838293, 835291, 831291, 838296, 826296, 833296, 832297, 832292, 816319, 861338, 865339, camp fire sighted at AT876318. Sub readings at: AT913350, 918353, 898318, 898320, 899322, 890340, 891339, 889340, 880340, 880313, 875310, 874310, 864339, 862317, 865316, 870318, 850313, 851312, 850293, 842294, 846296, 840293, 826290, 828291, 827293, 825295, 821297, 824300, 827300, 827302, 829304, 831301, 814318, 818321, 820321, 828330, 830335, 830339, 831340. Drew fire from AT875318 at altitude of approx 25 ft, traveling at 90 knots. |
| 38   | 1135 | (delated entry) Tam Ky TOC, BT447102 at 242330H, 3 VN males were kidnapped (ages 14 & 15) by the VC. IPW notified, PFC Hamilton.   |
| 39   | 1310 | 1/1 Cav, B/1/1, BT157317 at 1240H, eng'd 1 MAM evading, res: 1 VC KIA, age approx 35 yrs, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 40   | 1325 | 198th, air move, EM 5/46 from LZ Buff to LZ Gator, PZ 1115H, LZ 1130H.   |
| 41   | 1330 | 1/1 Cav, B/1/1, BT157316 at 1315H, detained 1 MAM, age 28-30, carrying a Chieu Hoi slip, neg wpn, suspicious ID, evac to LZ Hawk Hill.   |
| 42   | 1403 | 196th, LRRP Alabama inserted at 271330H at BT029183, UL BT0020, LR BT0317. FSE, SGT Myers, SSD, SP Moss.   |
| 43   | 1416 | 198th, D/1/52, BT216156 at 1312H, rec'd 6-8 rds sniper fire, ret'd fire, res: 1 NVA KIA, wearing green uniform, CIA 1 AK-47, SN 2L17254, 6 Chicom HG's, 12 rds AK-47 ammo, HG's blown in place. 1320H, rec'd 4-5 rds sniper fire, ret'd fire, res: 1 NVA KIA, wearing green uniform, 1 Chicom MG RPD CIA, 1 US WHA (E), evac by CC/1/52.   |
| 44   | 1421 | 196th, A/4/31, AT879383 at 1013H, obs 3 NVA in khaki uniforms, packs, 1 wpn, evading at 400 meters E. Arty called, res: 2 NVA KIA. Obs 7-10 NVA in khaki uniforms, packs and wpns, in same area. Arty called, NVA evaded N, res unk.   |
| 45   | 1431 | 196th, A/1/1, BT116399 at 1345H, rec'd 1 rd of sniper fire from 500 meters NE of their location, ret'd fire w/SA, checked area w/neg findings, neg US casualties.  |
| 46   | 1444 | 196th, Cobra OP, 2/1, BT049395 at 1147H, obs 7 VC in black PJ's and wpns around a hut, at 1000 meters NE of their location. Arty called and 7 VC ran into hut, hut was destroyed. A fire team from D/3/21 CA'd and checked out area. They confirmed 7 VC KIA by arty.  |
| 47   | 1456 | 198th, Aero Scouts, BS757818 at 1430H, eng'd 1 VCS evading (female), she was evac to 312th. At same grid snatched 2 MAM and 1 female. Also found 1 green uniform, 1 pack, obs 3 bunkers. BS720931, obs 1 VC evading. BS787963 obs 4 fresh graves. IPW notified, PFC Hamilton.  |
| 48   | 1458 | 11th, B/4/3, BS913213 at 1435H, detained 1 VCS, evac to LZ Bronco. IPW notified, PFC Hamilton.   |
| 49   | 1230 | 11th, Aero Scouts, at 1130H. BS499354, well used trails. BS501355, military uniform. BS502359, 1 VCS evaded. BS489399, detected movement. BS484388, destroyed 3 huts. BS517404, obs 3 camouflaged huts and bunkers in construction. BS 428424, 8 huts and fortified bunkers. BS396475, destroyed 1 hut. BS337515, 1 MAM evaded, eng'd w/neg results. Captured 1 khaki uniform, 80 rds AK ammo, 1 pistol belt, 5,500 Piasters.  |
| 50   | 1240 | 198th, C/1/52, BT271116 - 264118 at 1145H, rec'd AW fire, called arty and gunships. They are sweeping area at this time.   |
| 51   | 1310 | 196th, R/2/1, AT981362 at 1143H, rec'd 30-40 rds AK-47 fire from 900 meters W of their location, neg US casualties. Arty called, results unk.  |

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| 52   | 1330 | CLDC, at 1030H, VN civilian boy turned in 1 HG to COL Foster, in front of Tower #21. Paid 600 Piasters.   |
| 53   | 1509 | 1/1 Cav, C/1/1, BT198478 at 1500H, detained 1 MAM, he pointed out location of a 105mm rd, will evac to LZ Hawk Hill. BT198428, detainee pointed out 3x105mm rds, blown in place.  |
| 54   | 1533 | 11th, C/4/3, BS929259 at 1220H, detained 7 confirmed VC, one is local VC village chief, evac to Duc Pho. Detained 20 VCS, evac to Duc Pho. IPW notified, PFC Hamilton.  |
| 55   | 1540 | CLDC, RMK blasting in Quarry at 1700H.  |
| 56   | 1541 | 1/1 Cav, C/1/1, BT210435 at 1450H, VN child pointed out 1 M-79 rd and 1 M26 HG to road sweep team. BT200426, found 1x105mm rd and 1 M26 frag HG, blown in place. BT205458, 5 bunkers destroyed, they were steel reinforced, 8 ft wide, 10-20 ft long, with 3 entrances. BT193424, found 155mm rd and blew in place.   |
| 57   | 1555 | III MAF, Co C, 5th SF, sitrep #360, 251200H - 261200H, operational data. Tien Phuoc A-102: Opn C-279 departed as scheduled. Opn C-276 cancelled. Opn P-280 closed 260500H. Opn C-281 departed 260500H - 291800H, search/clear, BT0912, 1612, 0906. Gia Vuc A-103: Opn S-326, Opn P-328, Opn S-329, and Opn P-330 continued 261500H. Opn P-322 closed 251800H. Opn P-334 closed 251800H. Opn P-335 departed (same as Opn P-335). Ha Thanh A-104: Opn E-337 and Opn S-338 continued 261500H. Opn P-330 and Opn P-331 closed 251800H. Opn KP-332 and Opn P-333 departed as scheduled. Opn P-343 departed 260800H - 261700H, search/clear, 4072, 4069, 4372, 4369. Ba To A-106: Opn C-236 and Opn C-237 continued 261500H. Tra Bong A-107: Opn C-206, Opn S-207, Opn S-208, and Opn S-209 continued 261500H. Minh Long A-108: Opn S-235 and Opn P-236 continued 261500H. Opn P-237 and Opn C-238 departed as scheduled. Opn P-233 and Opn P-234 closed 251830H. |
| 58   | 1555 | 11th, C/1/20, BS795465 at 1510H, detained 2 VCS, evac to LZ Liz.  |
| 59   | 1610 | 198th, Aero Scouts at 1300H-1550H, VR reports. #1: at BT720931 obs 1 VCS, evaded. #2: at BS789863 obs 4 fresh graves. #3: at BS757819 snatched 2 VCS MAM & 1 VCS female, was wounded, evac to 312th. Large number of bunkers in area, 3 VCS evaded. #4: at BS470827, eng'd 2 VC, res: 3 VC KIA, 1 M-1 rifle CIA, SN 4203929, 1 female from group snatched, all VCS evac to LZ Bayonet. #5: at BS537896, eng'd 1 VC, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 60   | 1700 | 196th, A/3/21, BT102253 at 1330H, rec'd 45 rds AK-47 fire from E, ret'd fire, results unk.  |
| 61   | 1700 | 196th, C/3/21, BT044291 at 1000H, rec'd 10 rds of SA fire, ret'd fire & checked area, rec'd 40 rds, neg casualties.   |
| 62   | 1705 | 196th, A/3 21, BT094258 at 1300H, found VC canteen, M-14 bayonet & scabbard, 8 rds of M-16 ammo, 12 rds of AK-47. Found in hut.   |
| 63   | 1725 | CLDC, condition White at 1800H, TEA is A, SGT O'Malley.   |
| 64   | 1740 | 198th, Warlord request, one area from BS6890, BS6882 to BS7682 to BS7390, E boundary is coastline, neg friendlies in area, contact: Serene Talons 14, freq 59.80. Request snatch at Peninsula. Prior to entering AO, contact Stewart Peso 14, freq 58.50. Passed to Div Avn 271915H.  |
| 65   | 1802 | 198th, D/1/52, BT222150 at 1700H, eng'd 1 NVA w/SA & M-79 fire, he was walking along trail vic above grid, res: 1 NVA KIA, w/pack, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 66   | 1808 | 198th, LRRP Ohio, BS418998, went back to Hill 707 and destroyed mines left in place on 21 Dec 68.   |
| 67   | 1817 | 198th, D/5/46, LZ Buff, BS547814 at 1705H, rec'd approx 15 rds of SA fire, ret'd fire w/SA & gunships, res neg.   |
| 68   | 1830 | 11th, D/4/3, BS769505, enemy BS754532, 772502, 775547 at 1605H-1655H, 7 VCS CIA, evac to Duc Pho.   |
| 69   | 1842 | 196th, R/3/21, BT095216 at 1715H, obs 1 VC in black PJ's, evaded N at 25 meters, eng'd w/SA fire, res: 1 VC KIA, age 24, neg wpn, ID, or military equipment.  |
| 70   | 1918 | CLDC, West Runway, BT540038, will be closed for 3-5 minutes for damage repair.  |
| 71   | 1320 | 11th, 3/1, Aero Scouts request for VR in Vernon Lake II AO, from 281300H to 281800H Dec 68. Purple Reels 14, LZ Cork, freq 52.00. Start at BS4268, SE to BS435650, SW to 415615 along river to BS395615, follow river to 24 E-W grid line staying on S side of river. Passed to MAJ Hymen at 280315H. Passed to Div Avn.  |
| 72   | 1710 | 196th, 4/31, request for VR mission, target area from AT9029 to 9629 to 9627 to 9327 to 9323 to 9023 and back to 9029, time on station 281300H Dec 68 for duration of 60 minutes, ground contact: Crater Mallet 14, freq 61.90, nearest friendly E two km, F/17 Cav. Reason: to gain info on enemy activity in area since US operations ceased. Passed to 1/1 Cav 272245H. Passed to 196th, LT Nicholson at 280255H.  |
| 73   | 1710 | Request for Snatch mission, target box UL BT0931, LR 1130, want to pick up from 2 to 4 personnel, time on station anytime in morning or afternoon 28 Dec 68. Ground contact: Candid Critic 14, freq 56.80, nearest friendlies 3 km, neg friendlies M of 27 E-W grid line. Request mission to gain info about effect of the US operations in the area, also to gain info of VC infrastructure. Passed to 1/1 Cav: Bracci 272245H. Passed to 198th, LT Nicholson at 280255H.  |
| 74   | 1800 | 198th, Air Move completions: D/5/46, PZ LZ Buff (closed down), PZ 270730H, LZ Gator LZ 271740H.   |
| 75   | 1810 | 1st CAG, CAP 112, BT341165 at 1635H, CAP 112 saw 5 arty rds impact at grid BT341165 among a group of civilians and water buffaloes. 1/14 Arty was the unit firing, time 1635H. CAP 112 could not find any civilians or buffaloes when they arrived. SGT Byers, FSE reported that 4 rds of 155mm were fired by 1/82 Arty. FSE reported that target grid had been cleared.  |

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| 76   | 1900 | Tien Phuoc, B-2, BT133077 at 1830H, Opn C-281 eng'd est Bn of NVA/VC armed with SA, mortars, B-40 rockets, distance of contact was 200 to 1000 meters. Enemy withdrew S and SW, darkness prevented sweep of area. Results: friendly 5 WIA, enemy unk. Passed to SP Grakenhoff 280115H. Passed to 1/1 Cav, PFC Hausman 272400H.   |
| 77   | 1921 | 11th, D/1/20, 770595 at 1845H, rec'd 7 rds sniper fire and 2 rds 82mm mortar, res: 1 US WHA (M), will be dusted off in morning. Posted on Sit Map.   |
| 78   | 1945 | 198th, Warlords 123d Avn, at 1835H, 1655H-1835H VR report. BS1288-1289, rec'd 2 bursts of AW fire. BS041962 obs 3 packs, ponchos & uniforms outside structures, structures destroyed. BS037968 obs bunkers and excavations, these were destroyed. BS026937 obs 3 large trees with tops bent down and tied to ground. BT964003 destroyed camouflaged structure approx 30' x 20' in size. BT250077 eng'd 3 VC in black PJ's, res: 3 VC KIA. BT256085 eng'd 4 NVA in green uniforms, res: 4 NVA KIA. BT144074 eng'd 1 VC in black PJ's, res: 1 VC KIA. Posted Sit Map.  |
| 79   | 1955 | Tam Ky, Vinh Phuoc (725 RF Co), BT305280 at 1840H, 1 plat 725 RF Co eng'd est plat VC w/SA fire & arty. Neg friendly or enemy casualties.  |
| 80   | 2000 | 1st CAG, CAP 133, BS669975, enemy: BS567969 at 2000H, patrol made contact in vil Phuoc Hos (2). Patrol was attacked from rear by possible mortar and arty. NCD, neg assessment.  |
| 81   | 2015 | 198th BTOC, plan to move B/1/14 Arty from LZ Dottie to vic BS480827. Btry will be secured by R/5/46 Inf, 5/36 will move a jump CP to Btry location. On 29 Dec, two Inf companies will begin opns moving west from the Btry location. On 28 Dec CIDG elements from Ha Thanh and Tra Bong will begin moving E and establish blocking positions for US companies. Duration of opn 2-4 days and will not interfere with Mo Duc panned opn. 14 sorties required to move arty & Bn jump CP from LZ Dottie to vic BS480827. This move can be completed with the hooks allotted for 28 Dec 68.   |
| 82   | 2020 | 198th, D/1/52, 224159, enemy: 225167 at 2000H, heard movement & voices, fired arty, neg assessment.  |
| 83   | 2013 | 198th, D/1/6, BT449063 at 1925H, detonated BT HG, res: 3 WHA (E), Dustoff complete 271954H. Posted Sit Map.  |
| 84   | 2035 | CLDC, declared Yellow Alert for all sub-sectors. NSAD made preliminary report of 2 mortar rds in sub-sector 1. DTOC notified all brigades as of 272040H, Support Command reported 85% at 272040H. At 272045H, LTC Foster, CLDC, returned sub-sectors IV-VIII to condition Gray. At 272049H, LT Carney, CLDC, reported all sub-sectors returned to condition Gray. At 272115H, LTC Foster, CLDC, reported that two mortar rds impacted vic vil An Hai, BT517113, one rd in vil, one rd in water or on beach. Neg determination of casualties, damage, or size of rds. Total of 2 rds in present assessment. LTC Foster also reported obs of movement outside sub-sector VII and SA fire directed against helicopter approaching Ky Hoa ramp. NCD, neg assessment.   |
| 85   | 2050 | 198th, Aerial Observer 198th, BT137074 at 1830H, rec'd 20 rds of possible .50 cal, altitude 1500', speed 90 knots, rec'd 1 hit, res: 1 WHA (M) from HQ 198th Bde. Posted Sit Map.  |
| 86   | 2050 | 198th, Aerial Observer, BT198198 at 1700H, rec'd 5-7 rds SA fire, neg hits, altitude 1500', speed 90 knots.  |
| 87   | 2050 | 11th, C/4/3, BS934258 at 2045H, eng'd 3 VC from ambush, res: 3 VC KIA. Posted Sit map.   |
| 88   | 2100 | DTOC, Div Arty S-2, 123d Avn, BT096024 at 1820H, Div Arty AO obs 7-10 NVA w/packs & wpns. 123d Avn gunships eng'd, res: 3 NVA KIA.   |
| 89   | 2100 | DTOC, Div Arty S-2, 123d Avn, BS009969 at 1805H, Div Arty AO obs 6 VC w/wpns. 123d Avn gunships eng'd, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 90   | 2130 | 198th, confirmed that there are no ARVN or PF troops on LZ Buff at this time. Confirmation requested because of scheduled Sky Spot mission.  |
| 91   | 2137 | 11th, D/1/20, BS768593 at 2010H, rec'd 25 rds of AK-47 and 3 rds 82mm mortar. NCD.   |
| 92   | 2240 | 196th, 2-1 Que Son, BT046349, enemy BT055370 at 1913H-1926H, Cobra OP reported hearing mortars being fired at 1910 hrs from above grid. Que Son rec'd 4x82mm rds inside village, NCD.. Fired arty at suspected grid.   |
| 93   | 2245 | 198th, D/1/52, BT215163 at 1415H, discovered large tunnel e/est 60 person capacity. Called artillery with neg present assessment.  |
| 94   | 2345 | 198th, River Boat North MP's, BT465105 at 2143H. Detained 6 MAM in small sampan for curfew violation. MAM stated that they were fishing but had no fishing equipment on hand. MAM were evac to LZ Bayonet.   |
| 95   | 2225 | 11th, E/1 Cav, BS840330 at 2055H, PF's at Brg No. 108 were reported to have killed one VC wearing pistol belt and carrying 5 Chicom HG's, neg ID Card. (Info only).  |
| 96   | 2355 | 2d ARVN, Tam Ky, BT215170 at 0600H-1800H, summary of 2d ARVN action. 72 PRU's were conducting recon when they were surrounded by est NVA Bn. 1/6, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6 3/4 APC moved to assist. Gunships, arty, and air strikes were employed, res: enemy: 44 NVA KIA, 9 IWC. Friendly: 10 KHA, 17 WHA, 2 MIA, 1 IWL, 2 CSWC (1 82mm mortar and 1 B-40 rocket launcher complete). 1330H, DTOC to 198th (MAJ Borge) PRU's, ARVN units reported in hvy contact vic BT217176. Request you appraise the situation to see if 1/52 Inf should help. 1340H, 198th to DTOC (MAJ Borge), COL Tully on LZ Bowman feels sufficient ARVN forces in area. 1405H, DTOC to 1/1 Cav, 198th, 196th: request you make plans and effect coordination to block enemy escape routes should the ARVN action north of LZ Young and east of LZ East continue to develop. Div will supply helicopters for CA into positions (priority 198th-196th) if situation warrants. (MAJ Borg 198th, MAJ Logan 1/1 Cav, LTC Longino 196th). 1/1 Cav CO with Province Advisor watching situation. Blue Ghost on station, neg enemy sightings. PRU's have taken some casualties, (continued) |

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| 1    | 0001   | Journal Opened.   |
| 2    | 1945   | (delayed entry) CLDC, CLDC declared Yellow alert at 271845H. All brigades notified as of 271900H. A-6 aircraft was landing when hung ordnance became detached. Subsequent explosion destroyed revetment on S end of West runway. No report of damage to plane. Ordnance identified as 500 lb bomb. CLDC returned to condition White at 271858H. Brigades notified as of 271900H.  |
| 3    | 0022   | 1st CAG, CAP 131, BS612952, enemy BS670952 at 2200H, PF's opened fire on VC element, VC ret'd fire with SA & HG's. Illumination was called and search of area disclosed propaganda materials and blood trails.  |
| 4    | 0145   | 196th, 3/21, LZ Center BT052253, enemy BT035223 at 0045H, obs lights and fired arty, res: 1 small secondary explosion.  |
| 5    | 0310   | 198th, 5/46, BT621017, BS632021, enemy BT623007, BT632021, BT624016, BT632013 at 0130H, est 15 VC fired on village Son Tra (1) and CAP 134 compound, with 3-4 rds 600mm mortar, 10-12 rds M-79, and SA fire. Illumination & arty were fired on enemy locations, res: 1 RD WHA, unk assessment of enemy casualties.  |
| 6    | 0350   | 198th, Ly Tin HQ, BT484068 at 0255H, An Tan Bridge rec'd 6x82mm mortar rds, res: 2 US WHA (M), 1 Advisor, 1 from H Trp, 17th Cav. Posted Sit Map.   |
| 7    | 0435   | Tam Ky, 2d ARVN, BT278262 at 0355H, VC floated mine down river, ARVN's spotted mine, detonated the mine w/SA fire, NCD.   |
| 8    | 0630   | CLDC, at 0710H, resume normal daylight working conditions effective at 0710H.   |
| 9    | 161530 | (delayed entry) AO request #3, from 196th Bde, SP Franklin, time 171200H to 212400H, purpose: conduct opns MSFC, time extension. Passed to 1/1 Cav, SGT Ramsey. Approved by 1/1 Cav, MAJ Logan. Approved by G-3. Passed to 196th Bde, SP Franklin. FSE notified, CPT Miller.  |
| 10   | 161135 | (delayed entry) AO request #2, from 196th Bde, SP Franklin, time: 161200H to 21240H, purpose: opns by MSF OPCON to 3/21st. Area: BT1626 E to 1826, S to 1822, W to 1422. Passed to 1/1 Cav, Ramsey. Disapproved by MAJ Logan, 1/1 Cav, will approve w/eastern boundary on 16 N-S grid line. Passed to 196th, LT Masters. 196th cancelled this request, SP Franklin.   |
| 11   | 161111 | (delayed entry) 11th Bde, AO request #1, SP Friel, time 161800H to 202400H, purpose: to extend block and search, area BS4963 E to 5063, S to 5060, W to 4960. Passed to Quang Ngai, SP Lopez. Disapproved by Quang Ngai, SP Lopez. ARVN troops will be out of area late on 17 Dec, time unk at this time. Approved by COL Nghin G-3 (SGT Lopez). Approved by G-3. Passed to 11th Bde, SGT Lipin. FSE notified, CPT Miller.  |
| 12   | 172100 | (delayed entry) AO request #4, from 2d ROK Marines, LT Ziegler, time 180500H to 232400H Dec 68, from BT075490 along 196th boundary to Hwy #1, from 075490 along province boundary to Hwy #1, and down hwy to 1150. Passed to SP Trogdon at 2215H by SFC Susac, description of area and the ROK request. This is an area that we have request from 2d ROK's and have approved time until the 312400H Dec. They are asking for portion of their area back. Approved by LT Hagen, 196th Bde at 172330H. Passed to 2d ROK, SP Anders, at 172335H.   |
| 13   | 181055 | (delayed entry) AO request #5, III MAF, LCDR Campbell, time 201930H to 220630H, purpose: blacklist apprehension, area: vic BS7192 An Cuong. Passed to 198th to SGT Stover at 181107H. Approved by G-3, MAJ Borg at 181145H. Approved by G-3. Passed to III MAF, msg dated 180350Z Div TOC. FSE notified, CPT Miller.  |
| 14   | 201650 | (delayed entry) AO request #8, Chung Young, 2d ROK, SP Eppli, time 201900H to 211600H, purpose: to fire arty missions, area: BT0250 to 0150 to 0050, N to present boundary. Passed to SP Franklin, 196th Bde. Approved by 196th, SP Franklin. Passed to Chung Young, SP Eppli. FSE notified, CPT Miller.  |
| 15   | 202130 | (delayed entry) AO request #12-9, 11th Bde, MAJ Heyman BTOC, time ASAP to 222400H, purpose: to follow up hvy contact of 3/1 Inf, area: BS5268 E to 5363, S to 5357, W to 5257. Passed to Minh Long 202145H, LT Bernhardt, SF LNO. Approved by LT Bernhardt until 222400H only. Passed to Quang Ngai 202200H, SGT Krego. Disapproved by Quang Ngai 202230H (phone conv CPT Gaffney and LT Dean). ARVN planning opns in area. Disapproved. Passed to 11th Bde. 11th Bde requests clearance for protective fires S from 61 E-W grid line and W from 54 N-S grid line until 210700H. Approved by Quang Ngai 202349H, MAJ Schrock (phone conv CPT Beale, LT Dean). Passed to 11th Bde, MAJ Heyman at 202350H. Original request to be resubmitted at 210700H. |
| 16   | 201305 | (delayed entry) AO request #6, 11th Bde, CPT Smith, time ASAP to 242400H, purpose: check area for reported VC base camp, area: BS4542 to 4538 to 5342 to 5338. Passed to SF, PFC Stouts. Passed to Gia Vuc, Msg 334-P-201435 clear. Passed to Ba To, Msg 604-0-201500 clear. Passed to Minh Long, Msg 847-0-201520 clear. Approved by G-3. Passed to 11th Bde, SP/4 Friel 201720H. FSE notified, CPT Miller.  |
| 17   | 201330 | (delayed entry) AO request #7, 2d ROK, LT Jones, time ASAP to 211400H, purpose: exploit contact of est enemy Bn, area: from AO boundary vic BT010518 S to 010500, E to 037500. Passed to 196th Bde, LTC Longino at 1345H. Approved by LTC Longino. Passed to 2d ROK, LT Jones (if needed for more time, request as needed). FSE notified, CPT Miller.   |
| 18   | 210732 | (delayed entry) AO request #11, 2d ARVN, SGT Spillar, time 220001H to 232400H Dec 68, purpose: opn where they had contact 19 Dec 68, area: from BT210165 SW along Tien Phuoc Road to 170140, W to 162140, N along 198th in Tien Phuoc AO boundary to 198th and 196th Bde's boundary, then go to 200200, then S to 210165. Bn Cmdr, LTC Stinson 1/52 approved of AO ext at Tam Ky. Notified SP Bishop, Tam Ky 2020H on change and approval. Passed to 198th, PFC Fuels, approved by MAJ Borg. Passed to SF, SFC Gardner 211800H. (continued)   |

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| 18   | 210732 | (continuation) Passed to Tien Phuoc, msg 78-0-211800. Answer: 28 (Intel SGT) 211822. Notified 198th Bde on change, PFC Fults 211935H. S boundary SW along W to 150140 to W to 162140, N to 196th-198th boundary line, must be 1 km from SAFE area line. (This is change).   |
| 19   | 220950 | (delayed entry) 11th Bde, AO request #12, SP/4 Selk, CPT Turner, 19th Chem Det, time 221300H to 221800H, purpose: Sniffer mission, fire-for-fire, area: BS4938, 5338, 5340, 5740, 5732, 4932. Passed to SF, SGT Gardner 221135H. Passed to Ba To, msg 79-0-221135, TOR 22221150. Reply msg 608-0-221230 clear. Approved by G-3 (J.M.). Inform 11th Bde, SGT Lipin 221212H. Also informed him that the SE corner of the Sniffer mission falls in Ba To control fire zone and that the W side falls in a SF opn, Opn C-235 which has been in effect since 190500H to 231800H. (SFC Delgado).  |
| 20   | 221457 | (delayed entry) AO request #14, 11th Bde, SP Selk, time ASAP to 262400H, purpose: suspected enemy location, would like to operate and check out area. Area: from BS5261, 5461, 5456, 5256. Passed to SFC Gardner 221500H. Passed to Minh Long, msg 81-0-221520 TOR. Passed to Quang Ngai, SP Lopez. Approved, msg 810 clear 221615H by CPT Dang, Duty Officer. Approved by G-3 (J.M.). Passed to 11th Bde, MAJ Heaman 221705H. FSE notified, SGT Byers.   |
| 21   | 230535 | (delayed entry) AO request #19, III MAF, LCDR Campbell (Navy), time 262000H to 280630H Dec 68, purpose: blacklist apprehension at Binh Tinh, area: BT2742. Passed to 1/1 Cav 231900H, SGT Stutler. Approved by MAJ Logan, SGT Stutler 231909H. Approved by G-3, CPT Miller. Msg dtg 241123Z Dec 68. FSE notified, CPT Miller.   |
| 22   | 231710 | (delayed entry) AO request #17, 11th Bde, SGT Lipin, time 242400H to 312400H, purpose: continue combat opns, area: BS5342 to 5338 to 4538 to 4542, time ext for present AO ext. Passed to SF, LT Bernhardt 231730H. Passed to Gia Vuc, clear Limp Sigger 29, msg 77-0-201330. Passed to Minh Long, clear Black Zenith 51. Passed to Ba To, clear Corky Guide 29. Approved by G-3, CPT Miller. Passed to 11th Bde, PFC Giger 231835H. S/S by #27.  |
| 23   | 231000 | (delayed entry) AO request #16, 11th Bde, CPT Smith, time ASAP to 312400H Dec 68, purpose: to conduct CA and detailed search of area, area: BS5761 to 5754 to 6055 to 6861. Passed to SF, LT Bernhart 231115H. Passed to Minh Long. Passed to Quang Ngai, SGT Grago 231200H. Approved by Quang Ngai, SGT Grago. Disapproved by Minh Long, SGT Gardner 231220H. Passed to 11th Bde, SGT Lipin. Approved by G-3. FSE notified, CPT Miller.  |
| 24   | 231000 | (delayed entry) AO request #15, 11th Bde, CPT Smith, time ASAP to 312400H, purpose: to check out area and conduct combat opns, area: BS5263 to 5463 to 5256 to 5456. Passed to 2d ARVN Quang Ngai, SGT Crego 231200H. Passed to SF, LT Bernhardt 231110H. Passed to Minh Long. Approved by SF, SFC Gardner 231220H. Passed to 11th Bde, SGT Lipin. Approved by G-3. FSE notified, CPT Miller.   |
| 25   | 231625 | (delayed entry) AO request #18, III MAF COC, time 270001H Dec 68 to 022400H Jan 69, area: req AO ext from present boundary at BT171470 E along 47 E-W grid line to South China sea, from BT171470 NW to BT167485. Passed to 1/1 Cav to SGT Stilner at 251045H. Approved by MAJ Logan. Approved by G-3. Passed to III MAF, msg dtg 260755Z. FSE notified, CPT Miller.  |
| 26   | 251700 | (delayed entry) AO request #23, 11th Bde, MAJ Erickson, time 260600H to 312400H Dec 68, purpose: Regt size URI and significant sightings in area, area: from BS5069 E along 69 E-W grid line to 5669, then S along 56 grid to 5661. then W on 61 grid to Vernon Lake boundary. Passed to Quang Ngai, SP Lopez 251950H. Following approved by Quang Ngai at 252045H, area: BS5069 E to 5469, S to 5461. W to 5061, N to 5069. Passed to MAJ Erickson, 11th Bde, at 252050H. Approved as changed. Gave carbon copy of report to FSE.  |
| 27   | 251010 | (delayed entry) AO request #20, III MAF, LTC Campbell, time 281930H to 300630H, purpose: blacklist apprehension, area: An Cuong (1), BS7192. Passed to 198th Bde, SP/4 Swegler at 251055H. Approved by 198th, 5/46 MAJ Mink 251055H. Approved by MAJ Craver 251100H. FSE notified, SGT Byers.   |
| 28   | 251620 | (delayed entry) AO request #21, 198th, SGT Stover, time 260800H to 271800H, purpose: combat opns by D/1/52, area: boundary vic BT2117 E to 2816, SE to 240160. Passed to Tam Ky, SGT Spillar 251720H. Approved by LT Can 260805H. Approved by G-3, CPT Miller. Passed to 198th Bde, SGT Stover 260810H. FSE notified, CPT Krug.   |
| 29   | 252200 | (delayed entry) AO request #12-24, 2d ARVN, SGT Grago, time 260800H to 261200H, purpose: Sniffer mission, area: BS3384, 4784, 3377, 4777. (NOTE: only eastern portion approx 43 N-S grid line E under Americal jurisdiction.) 2d ARVN Div indicated previous coordination w/SF. Passed to 198th, CPT Dimsdale at 260230H. Approved by 198th Bde, CPT Dimsdale at 260230H. Approved by MAJ Craver. Passed to Quang Ngai at 260645H, SGT Grago. FSE notified, CPT Krug.   |
| 30   | 261900 | (delayed entry) AO request #28, 11th Bde, SGT Lipin, time 270600H Dec 68 to 102400H Jan 69, purpose: ref letter from Div to help C Co, 39th Engr around LZ Snoopy, area: BS6760, 6763, 762630, 7760. Passed to Quang Ngai, SP Lopez. Disapproved by G-3, LT Quang, 2d ARVN.   |
| 31   | 261345 | (delayed entry) AO request #26, 11th Bde, SP Atencio, time 010001H to 142400H Jan 69, area: BS3668 to 3665 to 3565 to 3564 to 3164 to 3161. Passed to SF, SFC Gardner 261445H. Passed to Ha Thanh, msg 88-P-261515H. 492-P-261640 clear. Approved by G-3. FSE notified, SGT Byers.  |
| 32   | 261345 | (delayed entry) AO request #27, 11th Bde, SP Atencio, time 270600H to 102400H, area: BS4042 S to 4036, E to 5936, N to 5944, W to AO boundary. Passed to SF, SFC Gardner 261445H. Passed to Gia Vuc, msg 379-P-281625. See Note. Passed to Ba To, msg 625-0-261640 cleared. See Note. Passed to Minh Long, msg 887-P-261630 clear. From Gia Vuc: have Opn C-337 within following grids: BS4339, 4334, 4739, 4734, from 270600H to 011800H. Except for this time and area within these grids, AO request is granted. May operate in this area starting 020001H Jan 69 (coordinate w/Gia Vuc). Ba To: request liaison be made w/their camp prior to opn. Passed to 11th Bde, SGT Lipin. |



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| 33   | 270500 | (delayed entry) AO request #12-29, 2d ROK Bde, CPT Jones, time 262400H to 272400H, area: BT048512 SW to 040495, SE on RR to 082464, NE to 015495, NW on Hwy #1 to present AO boundary vic BT102510, Request initially submitted to 1.46 Inf and was approved by LTC Underhill. Request then approved by 196th Inf Bde, MAJ Wagner at 261705H. Division was not notified. DTOC made aware of AO request when 2d ROK Bde contacted FSE relative to artillery clearance. CPT Jones, 2d ROK Bde, was then contacted by CPT Beale, DTOC, and Division approval was granted at 270520H. Passed to FSE, CPT Krug. |
| 34   | N/A    | (delayed entry) AO request #29, 11th Bde, MAJ Erickson, time ASAP to 282400H Dec 69, purpose: to fire arty in support of units in area, area: from present AO to BS6162, then E on 62 grid line to 6762, then S to present AO. Passed to Quang Ngai, approved by LT Quang 271705H. Approved by G-3. Passed to 11th Bde, PFC Gyger. FSE notified, CPT Miller.   |
| 35   | 1059   | USARV, CPT Revees, ARVN convoy will leave Quang Ngai w/85 vehicles to DaNang, time 281200H. All units must provide reaction force if convoy gets hit in your AO. 196th Bde, LT Dickson 1100H. 198th Bde, SP Senfcom, SGT Stover 1100H. 1/1 Cav, SGT Teauras 1100H. All info passed to CS.  |
| 36   | 1155   | 11th, C/1/20, BS750532 at 1008H, in contact, request gunships, 1 PRU WIA, Dustoff comp at 1035H. Gunships 174th Avn eng'd, res: 3 VC KIA.  |
| 37   | 1157   | 9th Engr, A/9, BT239323 at 1140H, found 1 trip flare, destroyed in place.  |
| 38   | 1200   | 11th, A/1/20, at 1055H, detained 4 VCS, 2 males and 2 females. 1 was picked up at BS648608 and the other 3 were picked up at BS657605. Neg wpns or ID, evac to LZ Bronco.  |
| 39   | 1200   | 11th, R/1/20, BS7756-8244 at 1105H, 1 track and Recon have detained 35 VCS. Picked up along the beach. No specific grid location, neg wpns or ID's. Evac to LZ Bronco.   |
| 40   | 1210   | Tam Ky, AO ext 260800H to 272400H, Stewart Peso gave permission for friendly unit to stay in AO (1/52 unit). Was not cleared by Tam Ky. "Get Them Out Now"! MAJ Craver called 198th Bde instructing them to get 1/52 unit out of 2d ARVN AO. Passed to Duty Officer. CPT Daniels 281330H, stated that units were out of Tam Ky AO.   |
| 41   | 1220   | 198th, C/1/52, BT290092 at 1205H, detained q male VCS, 30-35 yrs old, wearing black PJ's, carrying a sand bag. There were assorted med supplies in the sand bag. Will evac to LZ Bayonet.  |
| 42   | 1225   | 198th, A/1/52, BT232122-230111 at 1030H, utility helicopter from 1/52 rec'd SA/AW fire while attempting to evac bodies of KHA's from a mine incident. Extraction was comp at a later try at 1115H. Rec'd 10-15 rds of SA fire on takeoff. Firing 4.2 mortars on enemy coord at this time, res unk.   |
| 43   | 1230   | 196th, air moves complete. 1B/3/21 from LZ Center to BT076226, PZ 0735H, LZ 0800H. A/4/31 from LZ Sooner to LZ West, PZ 0815H, LZ 0845H. B/4/31 from LZ West to LZ Sooner, PZ 0830H, LZ 0900H.   |
| 44   | 1250   | 11th, D/1/20, BS760580 at 1150H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 45   | 1305   | 198th, A/1/6, BT378114 at 0955H, found 18 M-79 rds by bush along trail. Destroyed in place.  |
| 46   | 1309   | 11th, A/1/20, BS648608 at 0936H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 47   | 1310   | 198th, 123d Avn, BT237122 at 1145H, obs 6 structures, eng'd, res: 6 structures destroyed.  |
| 48   | 1340   | 196th, F/17 Cav OPCODE to 4/31 Inf, AT880260 at 1140H, found small ammo cache. 1600 rds AK-47, 12 RPG detonators, misc ammo. Cache was destroyed.  |
| 49   | 1510   | 11th, A/1/20, BS665572 at 1440H, 1 VCS CIA, evac to LZ Bronco.   |
| 50   | 0855   | 11th, ref journal entry #77 271850H, add: Dustoff 280820H to LZ Bronco.  |
| 51   | 0915   | 196th, R/3/21, BT087213 at 0800H, obs 1 VC evading at 50 meters N of their location, eng'd w/SA fire, res: 1 VC KIA, age 30, neg wpn or ID.  |
| 52   | 0825   | 198th, Aero Scouts, BS485812 at 0945H, detained 2 MAM, evac to LZ Bayonet, neg wpn or ID.  |
| 53   | 0930   | 198th, gunship, 1/52, BT174077 at 0955H, defoliation mission, gunship rec'd AW fire from LZ Professional, called arty. Defoliation mission has been cancelled. Gunship returned to base. Neg hits were sustained.  |
| 54   | 0935   | CLDC, SGT Bodine, 1015H, EOD will be blowing ordnance vic BS5999. Notified C/S, SGT Haller, G-3, SGT France.   |
| 55   | 0939   | 39th Engr, C/39, BS718586 at 0810H, rec'd 10 rds sniper fire, co casualties, ret'd fire, cont'd mine sweep.  |
| 56   | 0942   | 198th, A/1/52, BT232122 at 0905H, hit a mine of unk size or type, left crater of 6 ft x 3 ft, 2 US KHA.  |
| 57   | 0945   | 196th, R/3/21, BT086204 at 0900H, eng'd 1 VC evading W at 50m from their loc, res: 1 VC KIA, age 25, neg wpn or ID.  |
| 58   | 0950   | CLDC, LTC Foster, teams from CLDC checked the outside of the perimeter and could not find the location of impacting rds. Villagers were also questioned and could not give any information. It is undetermined what caused the explosions the night of 27 Dec.   |
| 59   | 1008   | CLDC, COL Foster, at 1000H, bunker #720 at BT525041 rec'd 1 rd sniper fire at 1000H. Round came from N side of Hwy QL-1.   |
| 60   | 1020   | 11th, CA complete and cold. D/3/1 from BS621620 to BS514654, PZ 0852H, LZ 0916H. B/3/1 from BS521620 to BS506654, PZ 0922H, LZ 0951H.  |

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| 61   | 1035   | CLDC, SGT Bodine, sub-sector II will be using their rifle range at 1330H today. Notified C/S, SP Venable, G-3, SP Morgan.   |
| 62   | 1036   | 196th, MSF-12 OPCON 3/21, BT117217 at 0900H, obs 1 VCS evading, 10m W of their location. Chased him down and detained him, age 29, black PJ's, neg wpn or ID. Had 2 lbs of rice. Near same area found 1 M-16, SN 527772. VCS said it didn't belong to him. He said that 2 days ago the VC took his AK-47. he knew where 1 VC hut was located. He will be evac to LZ Baldy. Notified IPW, PFC Hamilton.  |
| 63   | 1100   | 196th, A/1/46, BT033483 at 1015H, obs 1 VC evading 250m NE of their location, eng'd w/SA fire, res: 1 VC KIA, age 30, wearing black PJ's, neg wpn or ID.  |
| 64   | 1105   | 196th, CC/4/31, Tai; #528, AT912222 at 1000H, eng'd and destroyed 1 camouflaged sampan. Grid AT926178, a well used trail was spotted at 1005H. Grid AT893243. 2 sampans destroyed. Grid AT887239, 3 sampans destroyed at 1015H.   |
| 65   | 201230 | (delayed entry) AO request #10, TF Yankee, LT Cronin, time 211200H to 220700H, purpose: free fire zone, area: from AO boundary vic AT990517 S to 990500, SW to AO boundary vic AT905430. Passed to 196th Bde, Boardman 211230H. Reply from 196th to TF Yankee, AO request approved, until 220700H by MAJ Wagner and MAJ Rowe. Passed to LT Cronin 211415H as approved. FSE notified, CPT Miller.  |
| 66   | 221350 | (delayed entry) AO request #13, 5th Marines, time 221400H to 241600H, purpose: to operate in area, area: AT910437 NE to BT010518. Passed to 196th Bde, LTC Longino. Approved by 196th Bde, LTC Longino. Approved by G-3, CPT Miller. Passed to 5th Marine Div to be passed to TF Yankee, LT Rowe. Arty or air strikes 1000m from boundary must be cleared through 196th LIB. FSE notified, SGT Byers.   |
| 67   | 271803 | (delayed entry) AO request #31, 2d ARVN, SGT Grego, time 280600H Dec 68 to 032400H Jan 69, purpose: combat opns, area: from BS520770 to 520820 to 560820 to 560816. Passed to 198th Bde, SGT Stover 272015H. Approved by 198th Bde, SGT Stover at 272015H. Approved by G-3. Passed to 2d ARVN, SP Lopez at 272245H as approved. Notified FSE, CPT Krug.   |
| 68   | 272125 | (delayed entry) AO request #32, 198th Bde, 5/46 Inf, SGT Stover. time 280001H Dec to 022400H Jan 69, purpose: for US and SF combat opns, area: BS4890, 4090, 4077, 5277. Passed to Quang Ngai, SGT Grego. For all 2d ARVN area above E-W 77 grid line bordered on W by Ha Thanh-Tra Bong boundary, and on E by 198th Bde boundary. Passed to Ha Thanh, msg 90-0-280725H. Msg 500-P-280750 clear, TOR 280855H. Quang Ngai approved by LTC Nghin 280855H. G-3, Note under no circumstances can 198th go S of river. Passed to MAJ Borg, 198th S-3. Approved by G-3, CPT Miller. Notified FSE, SFC Byers.  |
| 69   | 272130 | (delayed entry) AO request #30, 2d ROK, SP Anders, time 272400H to 292400H, purpose: search and destroy Bn (-) size, area: from BT110502 to 120496 to 134495 and bounded on E by SLF. Passed to 196th. Approved by LT Dickson. Approved by G-3. Passed to 2d ROK as approved 272245H. Notified FSE, CPT Krug.   |
| 70   | 271830 | (delayed entry) AO request #33, 5th SF, C-5-SF, time ASAP 24 hr period from time of approval, purpose: Sniffer mission, suspected enemy troop concentration, area: from BS5641, 6241, 6236, 5636. Passed to G-3, SFC Delgado. Passed to 11th, PFC Atencio at 280950H. Passed to G-3, SFC Delgado. Passed to Chern, MSG Alfaro. Passed to SF, SFC Gardner at 280950H. Approved by Ba To 281020H. Approved by G-3 281600H to 291600H. Passed to 11th, MAJ Burnick.  |
| 71   | 1315   | 196th, SP Smith, dtg: 290600H - 291800H, purpose: free fire, Sniffer, area: AT9315, 9313, 7913, AT790254 NE along stream to AO boundary AT815260. Passed to Tam Ky, SGT Spiller 281718H. Approved by 2LT Cuong, 2d ARVN. Approved by G-3. Passed to 196th, SP Franklin 281755H. FSE: CPT Miller.  |
| 72   | 0730   | 11th, C/1/20, BS774418 at 0645H, 2 VCS CIA. These 2 VCS were attempting to run when captured, neg wpns, ID's, or packs.   |
| 73   | 0800   | Sitrep #361, 261200H - 271200H. Tien Phuoc A-102, Opn C-279 and Opn C-281 continued. Gia Vuc A-103, Opn S-326, Opn P-328, Opn S-329, and Opn P-330 continued. Opn O-335 and Opn O-336 closed 261800H. Late entry, Opn S-333 departed 252000H - 291700H, Recon, BS3636, 3632, 4032, 4036. Ha Thanh A-104, Opn P-332, Opn P-333, Opn S-337, Opn S-338, and Opn P-343 closed 261800H. Opn P-334 and Opn P-335 departed as scheduled. Opn C-339 departed 270600H - 311800H, S/C, BS3372, 3772, 3376, 3377. Opn S-344 departed 270600H - 311700H, Recon, BS2876, 2872, 3276, 3272. Opn P-345 departed 270600H - 301700H, Recon, BS3068, 3064, 3468, 3464. Minh Long A-108, Opn P-236, Opn P-237, and Opn C-238 continued. Opn S-235 closed 261100H. Opn S-241 departed 270500H - 311930H, Recon, BS5759, 5757, 6057, 6059. Opn P-239 will depart 290500H - 011930H, Recon, BS5249, 5224, 5549, 5245. Opn P-240 will depart 290430H - 311830H, Recon, BS5260, 5257, 5657, 5660. |
| 74   | 1150   | 198th, 1/6 air moves, D/1/6, PZ Hill 270, PZ 280716H, LZ Hill 69, LZ 280930H. B/1/6, PZ LZ Fat City, PZ 270725H, LZ Hill 270, LZ 280819H.   |
| 75   | 1321   | 196th, A/3/21, BT097253 at 0830H, obs 1 VC evading, eng'd w/SA, res: 1 VC KIA, 25 yrs old, blue sweat shirt, black pants, dandles & military haircut. Docs were in claymore bag. 2 VCS detained. VC & docs will be evac to LZ Center, IPW notified, SP Contacts 281445H. 196th, A/3/21, BT097253 at 281230H, A Co was attempting to extract indiv, indiv tried to evade, they tried to make him halt, indiv cont'd to evade, eng'd him, res: 1 VC KIA, black PJ's. Total 2 VC KIA, 1 VCS detained.  |

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| 76   | 1330 | 11th, D/3/1, BS513653 at 1115H, found POW camp, 6 huts, 2 graves w/2 VC bodies, believed killed by arty. This info was obtained thru POW who was liberated this morning. Also found 2x12 gauge shotguns, SN's to follow. SN 13120 & 33723. 1 French MAT-49, SN 28844, 1 UK 9mm Sten Marc-2. VC will be carried as KIA. Evac to LZ Cork.   |
| 77   | 1350 | 196th, MSF-14, 4/31, AT885374 at 1225H, obs 3 VC & 1 NVA evading, NVA was wearing khaki uniform & had AK-47. The 3 VC wearing black PJ's, 1 VC had carbine, eng'd, res: 1 NVA KIA, age 25 yrs. 1 VC WIA, he picked up the AK-47 and evaded. 2 VCS were detained. 1 US M-2 carbine, SN 7130698 CIA. VCS will be evac to LZ Baldy. Notified IPW, PFC Hamilton.                              |
| 78   | 1400 | 198th, D/1/52, BT232153 at 1340H, eng'd 1 VC wearing black PJ's, carrying pack, res: 1 VC KIA. Pack included food & personal docs, evac to LZ Bayonet.  |
| 79   | 1414 | 196th, C-3/21, BT036238 at 1310H, eng'd 1 VC evading from hut, res: 1 VC KIA, age 22, neg wpn, ID, or pack. Found in hut: salt, rice, GI sweater, 1700 P. The Piasters will be extracted. Other material will be destroyed.   |
| 80   | 1415 | 198th, C/1/52, BT287090 at 1345H, detained 2 VCS, evac to LZ Bayonet, neg wpns or ID's.   |
| 81   | 1417 | 11th TOC, LRRP Nevada was inserted dtg 281325H vic BS423448. FSE, CPT Miller. SSO, SP/4 Bratley. G-2/G-3 & Briefing Map.  |
| 82   | 1420 | 11th, CC/1/20, BS733590 at 1315H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 83   | 1430 | 198th, 1/6 air moves complete. A/1/6, PZ LZ Chippewa 280845H, LZ Hill 54 281014H. 3-4, D/1/6, PZ Hill 270 280905H, LZ LZ Chippewa 280938H.  |
| 84   | 1335 | 11th, Aero Scouts, VR for 1/20 Inf, ground contact: Veneer Clutch 14, time: 291500H to 291800H Dec 68, area: BS805435 - BS750520, will work in conjunction w/CA, then west to BS690507 to BS715500 to BS715455 to BS695400 to BS727374, end up on hill west of their position. Before entering any AO for mission, contact Purple Reels 14, freq 52.00 at LZ Bronco for briefing mission. |
| 85   | 1350 | 11th, Aero Scouts, for VR in Vernon Lake II AO for 4/21 Inf, ground contact: Easy Guide 14, area: BS5244, BS5944, BS5940, BS5240 mission only. Passed to Div Avn. 282010H, passed to 11th, MAJ Heyman.  |
| 86   | 1430 | 196th, B/3/21, BT075244 at 1430H, obs 1 VC in black PJ's, evading W at 100m W of unit's location, eng'd, res: 1 VC KIA, 25 yrs old, neg ID or wpn.  |
| 87   | 1434 | 196th, A/3/21, BT094238 at 1000H, found 1 mine, M26 w/trip wire, mine was destroyed.  |
| 88   | 1440 | 11th, D/1/20, BS755571 at 1400H, eng'd 3 VC w/arty, res: 3 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 89   | 1445 | 198th, air move complete, B/1/52, PZ Hill 54 at 281400H, LZ LZ Young at 281430H.  |
| 90   | 1455 | 9th Engr, BT103512 at 1415H, Dustoff for 1 ARVN because of traffic accident. Dustoff complete at 141435H. (NPI).  |
| 91   | 1507 | 196th, D/3/21, BT069371 at 1140H, rec'd 3 rds SA fire from 400 meters W of their location, neg US casualties, VC evaded before they could be eng'd.   |
| 92   | 1510 | 198th, C/1/52, BT284094 at 1450H, eng'd 1 VC moving S, res: 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, SN 10046911, 2 Chicom HG's, 1 M26 HG, evac to LZ Bowman.   |
| 93   | 1513 | 1/1 Cav, B/1/1, BT159241 at 1443H, eng'd 1 VC, res: 1 VC KIA, OD uniform, age 30, neg ID, 2 Chicom HG's, also approx 10' from body found 1 RPG-2 with 2 rds.  |
| 94   | 1553 | 1st CAG, CAP 139, BS474864, BS479839 at 1500H, OP obs 14 VC moving across open area in groups of 3-5, moving to a hut. Arty was called, VC ran leaving 1 VC KIA, neg wpn, equipment, documents, or ID. Info only.   |
| 95   | 1558 | CLDC, RMK will be blasting at quarry at 281700H.  |
| 96   | 1559 | 11th, D/4/3, BS902199 at 1200H, detained 2 VCS females, evac to LZ Bronco, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 97   | 1600 | 11th, Aero Scouts, BS229645 at 1520H, eng'd 1 VC, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 98   | 1605 | 198th, air move unscheduled, 3C/5/46, PZ LZ Gator at 281447H, LX BS703947 at 281459H.   |
| 99   | 1610 | 9th Engr, CA 2, BT219359, enemy BT216356 at 1450H, rec'd sniper fire while on work site. #1, ret'd fire, enemy fire stopped. #2, set up light security. #3, cont'd work on bridge.  |
| 100  | 1615 | 11th, A/3/1, BS523624 at 1515H, eng'd 1 NVA evading, res: 1 NVA KIA, neg wpn or ID, wearing OD uniform.   |
| 101  | 1626 | 196th, F/17 Cav, R/4/31, AT895255 at 1440H, rec'd 3 rds SA fire, neg casualties. Obs 1 VC male w/pack, wpn, black pants & gray shirt evading 300m N of their location, eng'd w/M-16, re: unk. Blue Ghost on station 1445H-1505H w/neg sightings.  |
| 102  | 1635 | 11th, D/4/3, BS808327 at 1615H, detonated 105mm booby trap, res: 1 US KHA.  |
| 103  | 1647 | 1/1 Cav, C/1/1, BT209442 at 1640H, tank hit a mine, neg damage to tank, neg casualties. Crater 3' deep x 4' wide.   |
| 104  | 1650 | 11th, R/1/20, BS772513 at 1620H, 3 VC evading, eng'd, res: 3 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 105  | 1721 | CLDC, alert condition Gray, effective 281800H. TEA is B.  |
| 106  | 1725 | 1/1 Cav, B/1/1, BT172246 at 1630H, detained 2 females, evac to LZ Hawk Hill, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 107  | 1740 | DTOC, Div will be pulling 11th Bde gunships for CA, 198th 070H-0830H 29 Dec 68. If 11th Bde gets in contact, (cont'd)   |

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| 107  | 1740 | (continuation) Div will divert gunships back or send Aero Scouts. Passed to 11th Bde. S/Maj Burneck.   |
| 108  | 1753 | 196th, A/2/1, AT936430 at 1710H, as A Co was moving to night laager, discovered a mine. Mine was a Bouncing Betty. A Co blew mine in place.  |
| 109  | 1756 | 11th, Aero Scouts, BS765358 at 1735H, 1 LOH went down, believed from enemy fire. 3 of the LOH personnel were injured. 4/3 is securing aircraft, will secure all night if Div Avn cannot provide a Hook to retrieve the downed aircraft. Dusted off to 6th Support Evac at Duc Pho, SGT Lipton 281929H. 123d Avn is trying to retrieve LOH now. It is assumed that they were shot down, crew are not in serious condition.  |
| 110  | 1728 | 198th, S-2, Warlord request #1, BS6890, 6882, 7682, 7390, E boundary is coastline. Snatch off peninsula, neg friendlies, Serene Talons 14, freq 59.80, and Stewart Peso 14, freq 58.50 prior to entering AO. #2, Warlords will be requested tomorrow night for help in LRRP insertion planned for 30 Dec 68. Negative, use own guns & resupply birds, Warlords to 11th Bde in afternoon. Passed to Div Avn. 282355H, passed to 198th, CPT Dimsdale.  |
| 111  | 1800 | Quang Ngai, request for aviation support for 2d ARVN Div for CA 300800H, from Quang Ngai airfield to an LZ vic BS451743, number pax 500. Ground contact: Maroon Labor Bravo, freq 37.75, request gunship support for this CA. S-3, 14th Arty will coordinate with Quang Ngai Sun 29 Dec 1000H, 1 lift x HU-1, rest by Hook.  |
| 112  | 1835 | 11th, R/1/20, BS772515 at 1800H, 1 VC WIA/CIA, evac to Duc Pho, neg ID or wpn.   |
| 113  | 0902 | 11th, R/1/20, BS772508 at 1830H, eng'd 14 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.  |
| 114  | 1903 | 198th, CC/5/46, BS6796 Phu Long II, at 1720H, detained 2 VCS and evac to LZ Bayonet. Subsequent interrogation identified VCS as VC. IPW was notified, SP Lutzke.   |
| 115  | 1918 | 196th, S-2, Blue Ghost request, UL BT0931, LR BT1130, snatch for 2-4 VN personnel, TOS 29 Dec morning or afternoon, contact Heated Boiler 14, freq 56.80, mission to gain info about effect of US opns & to gain info about VC infrastructure. Negative friendlies north of the 27 E-W grid line. Passed to 1/1 Cav, SP Bracci 282245H. Passed to 196th, SP Trogon 290130H.  |
| 116  | 1920 | 11th, D/4/3, BS830311 at 1845H, while moving toward NDP, unit saw 10 VC in open, called arty, res: 3 VC KIA. Posted Sit Map.   |
| 117  | 1922 | 196th, C/3/21, BT028222 at 1600H, obs 5 VC at 250m SE of their position, eng'd w/SA, res: 2 VC KIA, approx 20 yrs old, others evaded into wood line. 1 had cigarette lighter, stamped 403. Documents were found, are being evac. Posted Sit Map.   |
| 118  | 1922 | 196th, R/3/21, BT055212 at 1730H, rec'd 20 rds of AK sniper fire, ret'd fire and called arty, res: unk.  |
| 119  | 1925 | 196th, C/3/21, BT036237 at 1700H, eng'd 1 VC evading S at 50m, res: 1 VC KIA, Had lighter stamped 403, was in khaki uniform, approx 20 yrs old. Posted Sit Map.  |
| 120  | 1926 | 196th, A/3/21, BT093254 at 1815H, eng'd 1 VC evading NW at 75m, res: 1 VC KIA, approx 35 yrs old, neg equip or ID. Posted Sit Map.   |
| 121  | 1950 | 198th, A/1/52, BT233123, enemy BT236118 at 1800H, rec'd sniper fire from 1 wpn, called arty. Checking area at present, will report further assessment.   |
| 122  | 2025 | 11th, Swift Boats, BS926218 at 1740H, Swift Boat rec'd 2 rds of 81mm mortar or 75mm fire. 1 rd hit 200m away, 2nd hit 500m away, NCD.  |
| 123  | 2035 | 123d ASC, SO Roberts, results of VR mission flown from 281300H-281800H Dec 68. BS373600, 4 males evading, 3 packs, green uniforms. BS317595, new trench works. BS292606, destroyed 1 camouflaged sampan. BS292626, obs 5 sacks of rice. BS302628, 4 green uniforms, 1 male evaded. BS229615, 1 VC KIA, SKS destroyed from air. BS259614, rec'd SA fire. BS271605, rec'd AW fire. 11th Bde recon 28 Dec 68. BS755320, well-traveled path. BS755360, destroyed 3 hootches. BS760360, obs diggings under rock. BS755364, obs hootches with foxholes. BS762388, 1 male evaded. 11th Bde recon 28 Dec 68: pass to Purple Reels & Muddy Rifle, 282050H, Friel. |
| 124  | 2100 | 198th, CLDC, BT573016 at 2045H, LT Carney reported that jets landing on runway rec'd SA sniper fire, # rds unk, NCD.   |
| 125  | 2100 | 196th, MSF-14, AT888382 at 2030H, found 1 Bouncing Betty mine and 1 booby trapped 60mm mortar rd. Will blow in place.  |
| 126  | 2100 | 1/1 Cav, C/1/1, BT215439 at 2030H, Fiddlers Green rec'd 10-25 sniper rds, AK-47 and SKS, NCD.  |
| 127  | 2120 | 1st CAG, CAP 116, BT344315 at 1800H, CAP team obs VC fishing in a restricted area and alerted Swift Boats. CAP personnel boarded boat which then eng'd unk number of VC in 13 boats, res: 11 VC KIA, 13 boats sunk, CAP personnel then obs 5 VCS on shore. CAP personnel swam ashore and apprehended VCS, res: 5 VCS CIA, VCS will be evac to Tam Ky Dist HQ.  |
| 128  | 2150 | 11th, R/1/20, BS774509 at 2120H, rec'd SA/AW and HG's, ret'd fire and scrambled gunships. Contact broken at this time, neg present assessment.   |
| 129  | 2200 | CLDC, BT573016 at 2140H, sub-sector IV-VIII rec'd sniper fire and obs movement in front of bunker line. Sniper fire directed at jet aircraft at 2100H, believed to have originated from same enemy grid.   |
| 130  | 2200 | 196th, D/4/31, AT920386 at 1945H, obs 1 NVA, eng'd at distance of 15m, res: 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47, SN 9479912 CIA. Posted Sit Map.  |

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| 1    | 0001   | Journal Opened.  |
| 2    | 0100   | 11th Bde, HQ/1/20, LZ Liz, at 0010H, 1 US wounded by accidental gunshot while cleaning wpn. Wounded in upper right shoulder by M-16 rd. Dustoff complete 290027H to Duc Pho. Condition good.   |
| 3    | 0630   | CLDC, at 0710H, resume normal daylight working conditions.   |
| 4    | 0720   | 1/1 Cav, C/1/1, BT208448 at 0635H, rec'd 3 rds 60mm mortar. Also rec'd 200 rds AK-47 fire, res: neg cas or damage.   |
| 5    | 0945   | 26th Engr, C/26, BS779439 at 0810H, mine sweep team found mine, mine was blown in place, left crater 4' x 3' deep. Frags looked like B-40 rocket.  |
| 6    | 0800   | III MAF, C/5/SF, sitrep 362, 271200H-281200H, operational data. Tien Phuoc A-102, Opn C-279 and Opn C-281 continued. Opn P-279 departed 280500H-311800H, Recon, BT1520, 1820, 1819, 1416. Pass to 196th, SP Boardman. Gia Vuc A-103, Opn P-328, Opn S-329, Opn P-330, and Opn P-333 continued. Opn S-326 closed. Opn C-337 departed 270300H-011800H, Recon, BS4339, 4334, 4739, 4734. Opn P-339 closed 271800H. Opn P-340 departed (same as Opn P-339), 280500H-291800H. Ha Thanh A-104, Opn C-339, Opn S-344, and Opn P-345 continued. Opn P-334 and Opn P-335 closed 271800H. Opn C-346 departed 280500H-021800H, S/C, BS3483, 3478, 4078, 4083. Ba To A-106, Opn C-238 and Opn C-239 continued. Tra Bong A-107, Opn S-208 and Opn S-209 continued. Opn C-206 and Opn S-207 closed 271800H. Opn S-210 departed 270500H-021900H, Recon, BS2091, 2088, 2991, 2988. Opn C-211 will depart 290500H-041900H, Recon, BS3387, 3377, 4187, 4177. Pass to 198th, SP Senften. Opn S-212 will depart 300500H-041900H, Recon, BS3796, 3789, 4186, 4189. Minh Long A-108, Opn P-237, Opn C-238, and Opn S-241 continued. Opn P-236 closed 271800H. Opn P-242 departed 280500H-291930H, Recon, BS5249, 5245, 5545, 5549. |
| 7    | 1019   | 39th Engr, C/39, BS719592 at 0850H, rec'd 25 rds SA fire, neg casualties. Ret'd fire and continued mine sweep.   |
| 8    | 1710   | AO request #35, 196th Bde, SP Franklin, time 291200H - 312400H Dec 68, purpose: element to search area. Pass to SF. Pass to Nong Son. Pass to 1st Marines at 2040H, to G-3 Watch Officer 282110H. Approved by 1st Marine Div by LT McIntyre until 312400H Dec 68. 282150H, passed to 196th Bde, LT Nicholson.  |
| 9    | 0704   | 11th Bde, A/4/3, BS767357 at 0730H, in area where LOH is down. Checked 2 huts, found 2 VC bodies and 2 HG's. Appeared to have been killed by SA fire last night. Neg ID, Note: carried as KIA.   |
| 10   | 0801   | 198th Bde, gunship 5/46, BT440077 at 0732H, gunship spotted 2 VC evading, eng'd, res: 2 VC KIA, neg wpns.  |
| 11   | 0810   | 1/1 Cav, HQ 1/1 Cav, BT205381 at 0800H, mine sweep team found 1 Chicom grenade, destroyed in place.  |
| 12   | 0820   | 9th Engr, C/9, BT204378 at 0755H, VN civilian turned in Chicom HG to sweep team. Blown in rice paddy. VN civilian rewarded 500 P's.  |
| 13   | 0828   | 196th Bde, D/4/31, AT895373 at 0815H, obs 1 VC in black PJ's evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg pack, wpn, or ID, approx 30 yrs old.  |
| 14   | 0844   | 11th Bde, AO ext turn-in back to SF Minh Long. BS5260 - BS5460. BS5456 - BS5256. Pass to SF, SP Gardner 290850H, Minh Long msg 93-0-290850, TOR 0912H, and FSE, CPT Krug.  |
| 15   | 0850   | 198th Bde, D/5/46, at 0740H, CA D/5/46 from LZ Gator to BS455801 complete, PZ 0740H, LZ 0744H. A/5/46 from LZ Gator to BS443772 complete, PZ 0804H, LZ 0849H. Air move of C-3 was cancelled.   |
| 16   | 0854   | 198th Bde, gunship 5/46, BS440786, BS429768 at 0835H, eng'd 2 VC evading, res: 2 VC KIA. 1 was evading from BS440786 and 1 from BS429768.  |
| 17   | 0910   | 198th Bde, CC/5/46, BS431764 at 0840H, picked up 1 VN male evading, will evac to LZ Gator.   |
| 18   | 0910   | 9th Engr, C/9, BT182410 at 0840H, VN civilian turned in 1 M26 frag HG to sweep team leader. VN civilian rewarded 500 P's. HG blown in place. (VIP Program).  |
| 19   | 0910   | 9th Engr, C/0, BT247308 at 0835H, VN civilian turned in 1 M-72 complete. Stated that he would bring another in tomorrow. Paid VN civilian 500 P's. Blown in place. (VIP Program).  |
| 20   | 0930   | 11th Bde, D/1/20, BS750534 at 0850H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID. Rec'd hvy AW fire from village, called arty, res of arty unk.   |
| 21   | 1000   | 196th Bde, A/1/1, BT104377 at 0855H, found 2 punji pits. They were 12" x 15". Each contained 4 bamboo stakes sharpened, they were well camouflaged w/mats and dirt, were not recently constructed, were destroyed.   |
| 22   | 1005   | 198th Bde, LRRP Kentucky scheduled for insertion tomorrow has been cancelled. Planned insertion was 30 Dec 68.   |
| 23   | 1005   | 11h Bde, R/1/20, BS778484 at 0845H, detained 1 MAM, neg ID. 0847H, detained 1 MAM at BS778501. Evac both to LZ Bronco. Notified IPW, CPT Wolf.   |
| 24   | 251830 | (delayed entry) AO request #22, 11th Bde, SGT Lipin, time 31 Dec 2400H - 31 Jan 2400H, purpose: combat opns, area description: Vernon Lake II. Pass to SF, LT Bernhardt 281720H Dec 68. Pass to Ha Thanh. Pass to Minh Long, msg 91-0-281720H. Reply to Minh Long msg 90-0-281820H clear. Ha Thanh msg 504-0-281820H clear. Pass to Quang Ngai, SGT Grego 291020H. Approved by G-3, CPT Miller. Passed to 11th Bde, SFC Lipin 291120H. Notified FSE, CPT Krug.   |
| 25   | 1003   | 1st CAG, CAP 116, BT345298 at 0815H, Marines and Viet Lop detained 5 VCS. 1 VCS is 10 yr old boy who will give info for a reward, res: 1 company NVA and 50-60 VC in area, wpns 1x57mm RR, 6x60mm mortars, 3x82mm mortars, ammo 80 rds of mixed 60/82mm mortars, 100 rds 57mm, all armed w/AK-47's w/100 rds per man. (continued)  |

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| 25   | 1003 | (continuation) Unit now located north of CAP 116. Boy evac to Tam Ky. Boy was used by NVA and VC to find out how many Marines and other personnel were at CAP 116 compound.   |
| 26   | 1037 | 11th Bde, E/1, BS783538 at 1030H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 27   | 1040 | 198th Bde, air move complete, 3C/5/46, PZ at LZ Dottie 290935H, LZ at LZ Gator 290947H.   |
| 28   | 1040 | 196th Bde, air move complete. 1st PH B/3/21, PZ at LZ center 290700H, LZ BT077227 290721H. 14th MSF Co, PZ AT888382 290835H, LZ at LZ Baldy 290955H. 12th MSF Co, PZ at LZ East 290920H, LZ at LZ Baldy 290950H.  |
| 29   | 105  | 198th Bde, 5/46, BS511897 at 1040H, air strike destroyed 2 bunkers.   |
| 30   | 1100 | 9th Engr, C/9, BT221357 at 1035H, VC civilian turned in 100 rds of SA ammo, 1 M-79 rd, 1 M26 HG to sweep team. VN civilian rewarded in order as above: 200 P's, 300 P's, 500 P's, a total of 1,000 P's. Ordnance blown in rice paddy.   |
| 31   | 1130 | 196th Bde, Sniffer mission results, flown from 290945H to 291045H. Max readings: AT876217, 885192, 879185, 873182, 869190. Sub readings: 878215, 879212, 882210, 880206, 880203, 884195, 884184, 870186, 868192, 868222, 865223, 857207, 855194, 841197. Passed to G-2 Air, SGT Blake.  |
| 32   | 1155 | 11th Bde, A/4/3, BS782368 at 1145H, detained 3 VCS, evac to Duc Pho. 2 VCS had ID's, neg wpns.  |
| 33   | 1314 | 196th Bde, A/1/1, BT077385 at 1150H, a tank hit a mine on Hwy #335, res: minor damage to tank w/neg casualties. Mine was pressure type and left crater 2' x 1-1/2'. Heavy black smoke was obs when mine was detonated.  |
| 34   | 1217 | 198th Bde, D/5/46, BS443804 at 1145H, detained 1 VN boy 9 yrs old. He had been treated by a VC nurse 5 days ago at above location. VN boy said there were no NVA or VC in that area for the last 5 days. VN boy was released.   |
| 35   | 0941 | DTOC, at 0940H, CLDC went on Yellow alert. All Bdes notified 0941H-0942H. 198th: CPT Soreson. 196th: Boardman. 11th: PFC Gieger. 1/1 Cav: Frauers. C/S 0942H. 0947H, Grey alert condition, all Bdes notified. C/S notified. CG Notified. CLDC, at this time, explosions appear to be sonic booms caused by 2 F-4 jets.                |
| 36   | 1200 | CLDC, COL Foster, 2 F-4's making steep dive caused sonic booms.   |
| 37   | 1310 | 11th Bde, A/1/20, air move complete, PZ BS645602 291303H, LZ at LZ Bronco 291339H.  |
| 38   | 1310 | 198th Bde, B/1/52, BT189126 at 1245H, detained 1 VN female, 25 yrs old, wearing black PJ's, will evac to LZ Bayonet.  |
| 39   | 1320 | 11th Bde, C/1/20, BS742463 at 0830H, 1 VCS evading, res: 1 VCS CIA, evac to Duc Pho, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 40   | 1350 | 198th Bde, air move complete, D/1/52, PZ at LZ Bowman 290815H, LZ Chu Lai 291350H.  |
| 41   | 1358 | 198th Bde, C/1/52, BT281083, BT279084 at 1345H, Utility helicopter rec'd 2-3 rds of SA fire. C/1/52 ret'd SA fire with unk results.   |
| 42   | 1400 | 11th Bde, cancelled AO ext #16, reference Journal entry #23, 28 Dec 68. Called by SFC Lipin.  |
| 43   | 1400 | 1/1 Cav, B/1/1, BT291352 at 1358H, detained 1 MAM, 1 Chicom HG, neg ID, will evac to LZ Hawk Hill.  |
| 44   | 1415 | 196th Bde, A/3/21, BT104265 at 1250H, rec'd 15 rds sniper fire, ret'd fire w/SA with unk results, neg casualties.   |
| 45   | 1425 | 198th Bde, B/1/52, BT192123 at 1405H, detained 1 MAM, 30 yrs old, neg ID, wearing black PJ's, evac to LZ Bayonet.   |
| 46   | 1445 | 11th Bde, D/1/20, BS778484 at 1100H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn.  |
| 47   | 1445 | 196th Bde, F/8 Cav, 3/21, BT084206 at 1340H, eng'd 2 VC, res: 2 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.  |
| 48   | 1449 | CLDC, RMK will be blasting in quarry at 291700H. C/S, SP Jollifn, G-3, SGT France, and G-2, MAJ Hayes.  |
| 49   | 0745 | 198th Bde, CAP 1310, BS546877, CAP 1310 in contact with VC in open. 198th Bde sent 2 gunships to support. Contact broken, neg results. (Info only).   |
| 50   | 1400 | 11th Bde, time ext request for AO ext #15 and #23. Old time: 312400H Dec 68, new time: 072400J Jan 69. Reason: Journal entry items #24 and #26, 28 Dec 68. Passed to SF, Minh Long msg 96-P-291530, reply msg 898-P-291550, time ext granted. Quang Ngai, SGT Cergo 291500H. Approved 291500H. Passed to 11th Bde, PFC Giger 291600H. |
| 51   | 1405 | 2d ROK, time ext for AO ext #30, old time 292400H Dec 68, request new time 312400H Dec 68. Journal entry # 69, 28 Dec 68. Passed to 196th, SP Franklin 291435H. Approved 196th, SP Franklin 291745H. Passed to 2d ROK, SP Eppi 291745H. Approved by G-3, CPT Miller.  |
| 52   | 1500 | 196th Bde, aerial observer, AT901263 at 1408H, obs 6 VC in open, in black PJ's, called in arty, res: 1 VC KIA, other 5 VC evaded in different directions.   |
| 53   | 1510 | 1st CAG, CAP 117, BT342267 at 1500H, villagers reported that 3 VC came into village at above grid. Patrol went to investigate and found 1 RD cadre KHA. While searching village, patrol obs 3 VC evading into tree line. Patrol opened fire and pursued VC. Found 1 VC KIA, other 2 evaded. Info only.                                |
| 54   | 1535 | 196th, BTOC air move complete, 1/46, PZ AT958470 at 291417H, LZ at LZ Baldy 291446H, E(-)/1/46.   |
| 55   | 1555 | 11th, D/4/3, AT028330 at 1430H, detained 1 MAM, evac to Duc Pho.  |
| 56   | 1620 | 196th, C/2/1, AT910434 at 1428H, obs 25-40 VC in a ravine, some in green uniforms and some half-dressed. Eng'd w/SA in cross fire, res: 1 VC KIA, CIA 1 AK-47, SN 10079416. Arty was fired to cut off escape routes. Detained 2 VCS, 1 w/frag wounds in knee. The other detainee surrendered. (continued)                             |

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| 56   | 1620 | (continuation) Dustoff has been requested and detainees will be evac to LZ Baldy. Notified IPW, PFC Hamilton.   |
| 57   | 1620 | 198th, B/1/6, PZ at LZ Bayonet 291550H, LZ Hill 76 291607H.   |
| 58   | 1625 | 196th, R/4/31, AT950265 at 1535H, eng'd 1 MAM in black PJ's, eng'd w/SA, res: 1 VC WIA/CIA, he was wounded I the back, will be evac to LZ Baldy. Notified IPW, PFC Hamilton.  |
| 59   | 1630 | 11th, A/4/3, BS765360 at 0630H, 1 VC female tried to turn a Claymore mine on friendlies, res: mine blew up, 1 VC KIA.   |
| 60   | 1700 | CLDC, alert condition White effective 1800H. TEA is Alpha.  |
| 61   | 1135 | 196th, AO request #39, LT Masters, dtg 300600H-301800H Dec 68, purpose: Sniffer & free fire, area AT8536 W to 2136, S to 2126, E to AT8226. Passed to Task Force Yankee, LT Roll 291530H. Disapproved by Task Force Yankee, reason: troops in area, LT Roll. Passed to 196th, SP Franklin, LT McFadden 291601H.   |
| 62   | 1149 | AO request # 40, 2d ARVN, SGT Crago, dtg 301800H-030800H Jan 69, purpose: combat opns, area BS6060 to BS6860 along river to BS6958 to BS6955 to BS6055. Passed to 11th, PFC Atencio at 291324H, approved by MAJ Erickson at 291355H. Passed to Minh Long, msg 897-P-291410, granted. Approved by G-3, CPT Miller. Passed to SGT Crago 291517H. FSE, SGT Byers,  |
| 63   | 1630 | 1/1 Cav, C/1/1, BT161439, enemy BT161439 at 1615H, 2 VN children disclosed 4x60mm mortar rds, 1 dud RPG, 1x82mm mortar rd. VIP reward: 2 cases C-rations.   |
| 64   | 1726 | 11th, B/1/20, vic LZ Dragon at 1726H, a VN civilian girl was accidentally shot by an ARVN using a .45 cal pistol. B/1/20 requested Dustoff and was complete at 291753H. Evac to Duc Pho.  |
| 65   | 1735 | 198th Bde TOC, at 1300H-1730H, air movement, MSF-14 and MSF-12 air moved from LZ Baldy to DaNang. Air lift commenced at 291300H. Last lift departed LZ Baldy at 1730H.  |
| 66   | 1840 | 198th, C/1/52, BT273084, enemy BT281084 at 1745H, obs 8 VC at 700m, fired arty, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 67   | 1820 | CLDC, tonight there will be three patrols at the following coords: 1 junk patrol at BT457129, 1 patrol of men at BT461129, 1 junk patrol at BT463125. 198th notified by CLDC. Posted Sit Map.   |
| 68   | 1945 | DTOC, G-3, request from Quang Tin Province to increase the size of Thang Binh and Nui Loc Son CFZ's has been approved. Passed to 196th, LT Dickerson. Passed to 1/1 Cav, SGT Stiltner. Passed to Tam Ky, MAJ Sheppard.  |
| 69   | 2052 | 2d ARVN, Quang Ngai, cancel 2d ARVN AO's #31 & #40 into your areas. Cancelled by MAJ Verner. Erased Sit Map. Noted in AO log. Passed to 198th, SP Maclebee 292100H. #31 is cancelled. Passed to 11th, SGT Hendersen 292101H #40 is cancelled.   |
| 70   | 1110 | 11th, Aero Scout request for VR 1/20th, from BS805435 to BS750520 to BS690507 to BS715500 to BS715455 to BS695400 to BS727574. Approved. Passed to 11th, SP Cogue 300136H. 2000H, passed to Avn, MAJ Spivack.   |
| 71   | 1805 | 11th, CC/4/21, BS430457 at 1725H, CC rec'd hvy ground fire & was shot down. Co-pilot was only one hurt. he rec'd wounds in both legs. Dustoff on way to area. R/4/21 will secure acft tonight, move out early tomorrow at 1st light. #1) Div Avn is going to try to retrieve shopper tonight if they have enough light left. #2) MAJ Hynnan: CC rec'd ground fire from 2 AK-47's from grid BS438462. CC rec'd 10 hits, Dustoff complete of WHA (E) at 291830H. 2 packs on CC/S-3 SMG. TOR 1845H, BS526517 at 1845H, 174th Avn Maint inspected the CC/4/21 acft and found the hydraulic system & instruments to be operational. Maint Officer took off to fly the acft to Minh Long, the CC crashed and burned on impact. CIDG personnel stated that the rotor blade appeared to seize while the acft was 150-200 ft from the ground. Maint Officer was dead and burned with the acft. CIDG will secure tonight. 1 KY-38 secure radio device was on board but had been secured after the 1st crash by the Bn S-3. Acft SN 66-16811 from 174th Avn. |
| 72   | 1840 | 198th, S-2, Warlord request. Priority #1: BT2010, 2007, 2407, 2410, neg friendlies, request mission be flown as early as possible (0600H?), Cold Clutter 14, freq 64015. Also contact Stewart Peso 14, 58.50 prior to entering either AO. Passed to 198th 300136H, rec'd by PFC Beer. Priority #2: BS6890, 6882, 7682, 7390, E boundary is coastline, neg friendlies, Snatch mission, Serene Talons 14, freq 59.80. Passed to Avn, MAJ Spivack 2000H.   |
| 73   | 1850 | MP's, BT471139 at 1840H, patrol was sent out in Jeep this afternoon to Ky Wa Island, Jeep got stuck in sand at BT471139. Request flares. Sending reinforcement to area to get them out. #1) Gun boat (Rivers N) are in area to provide security. #2) Retriever stuck at BS470170. Passed to FSE. #3) 2255H, LT Haglund, 1/4 vehicle left in the field with radio evacuated to MP desk, wrecker was recovered and returned to compound. Personnel were receiving SA fire when lifted out by helicopter. DTOC advised LT Haglund to alert all guards for possible attempt by enemy to enter perimeter with this vehicle, and to have EOD inspect vehicle before attempting to retrieve.   |
| 74   | 1915 | 11th BTOC, BS805455 at 1815H, OH-23 while flying VR mission, took 1 hit in rotor blade. Acft in flyable condition, was flying at an altitude of 50' and at 60 knots. Acft back at LZ Bronco.  |
| 75   | 1922 | 196th, B/1/46, BT050414 at 1845H, rec'd approx 50 rds AK-47 from est 3 wpns. Fire originated approx 800m from NDP, NCD. Arty fired on suspected enemy location, neg assessment.   |
| 76   | 2005 | 1/1 Cav, C/1/1, BT205445 at 1917H, rec'd 3 M-79 rds and 30 rds AK-47, NCD. Ret'd fire and obs VN child running from suspected enemy location. Child detonated enemy BT and was dusted off to LZ Baldy.  |
| 77   | 2020 | 198th, A/5/46, BS413793 at 1710H, eng'd 5 VC and saw 2 VC fall, search of area revealed blood trails and 2 VC KIA. Fired arty on suspected escape routes with neg assessment. One escaping VC appeared to be carrying mortar or other large weapon.   |



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| 1    | 0001   | Journal Opened.   |
| 2    | N/A    | III MAF, at 0622H, rec'd 2 Red Rocket messages: 1 through dedicated circuit with neg transmission time, 1 thru Americal Comm Center with 3 minutes transmission time. MAJ Carroll, III MAF COC notified on both messages.   |
| 3    | 0105   | ICAG, CAP 125, BT406116 at 292030H, patrol 125A made contact. Contact broken after it was discovered opposing force was friendly, res: checked area & found 2 USA KHA, 1 ARVN WHA, 1 VN civilian female WHA, 4 packs & equipment & 1 PRC-25. All ARVN w/Americal patrol now w/CAP 125 at compound. Wpns not located from Americal KHA. All CAP PF's accounted for at compound, suffered no casualties.  |
| 4    | 0130   | 196th, D/4/31, AT904374 at 0035H, fired arty at suspected enemy locations, had two secondary explosions, one was 20 ft high, one was 10 ft high. Both were bright orange in color. Possibly mortar rounds.  |
| 5    | 0150   | 11th, 11th Bde S-5, BS767466 at 290950H, 20 VN children sold 120 Chicom HG's and 1x155mm rd. 12,500 Piasters was paid as VIP reward. Villager stated that they had discovered a large cache and would return tomorrow with more munitions.  |
| 6    | 0630   | CLDC, at 0715H, resume normal daylight conditions at 0715H.   |
| 7    | 0710   | Tam Ky, BT195462 at 290400H, 1 self-defense unit attacked small VC force, res: 1 VC KIA, 1 AR-15 captured, 8 magazines captured, Thompson MG lost.  |
| 8    | 282220 | (delayed entry) DTOC, III MAF, ref AO ext msg, III MAF COC, dtg 281115Z Dec 68, subj: Special Operations (U). Request AO extensions: A) Viv Dong Tri (BT2837) 301930H to 310630H Dec. B) Vic Ha Binh I (BT2445) 021930H to 040630H Jan. C) Vic Ky Tran (BT3035) 041930H to 060630H Jan. Passed to 1/1 Cav 282039H, rec'd by SGT Stiline. Div requested above grids be cleared & all grids east to ocean. Approved by 1/1 Cav by CPT Estes at 292056H. Assigned following numbers: A) 36, B) 37, C) 38. Passed to III MAF COC dtg 291215Z. Passed to 1/1 Cav, US Navy requests AO extension for following area and time. Grid BT2837 & 2937 & 3037, 301930H - 040630H Jan. BT3035 & 3135, 041930H - 060630H Jan. Passed to 1/1 Cav 282039H, SGT Stiltner. Approved by CPT Estes from SGT Stiltner 282056H. |
| 9    | 291735 | (delayed entry) AO request #42, 11th Bde, SP Friel, dtg 310800H - 311400H, purpose: Sniffer & free fire, area from BS5469 to BS5867 to BS5765 to BS5664 to BS5464. Pass to Quang Ngai, Lopez 300955H. Passed to Quang Ngai, rec'd by SGT Crago at 300150H. Approved by Quang Ngai, SP Lopez 300825H. Note: ARVN troops are very close to following grids: BS5469, BS5865, BS5664, BS5668. Approved by G-3. Passed to 11th Bde, SP Atencon 300830H. Passed to SFC Lipin about dropping grid BS5869.  |
| 10   | 291725 | (delayed entry) AO request #41, 11th Bde, SP Friel, dtg 301000 - 301300H Dec 68, purpose: Sniffer mission fire-for-fire, area: BS470694 to BS4771 to BS5071 to BS5069 to BS4869 to starting point. Pass Quang Ngai. Passed to Quang Ngai, rec'd by SGT Crago 300152H. Approved by Quang Ngai, SP Lopez. Note: ARVN troops very close to following grid: BS5079. Approved by G-3. Passed to 11th Bde, SP Atencon 300830H.  |
| 11   | 0848   | 196th Bde, A/3/21, BT099254 at 300710H, eng'd 1 VC evading south, res: 1 VC KIA, age 25-30, neg wpn or ID.  |
| 12   | 0847   | 11th, LRRP Nevada, at 0845H, LRRP Nevada was extracted at 300845H, extracted from BS419450/ Reason for extraction: rec'd hvy AW & SA fire, did not have gunships. Sent Aero Scouts in for extraction. LRRP Nevada was in contact with 5-6 VC.   |
| 13   | 0850   | 198th, CA completion, C/1/6, PZ LZ Fat City at 0645H, LZ BT485088 at 0719H, complete, cold. R/1/6, PZ Hill 69 at 0725H, LZ BT484104 at 0735H, complete, cold.   |
| 14   | 0905   | 198th, 5/46 & SF, BS338802 at 0735H, rec'd 100 rds AW fire, requested air strike. Air strike complete at 0830H, used Napalm w/neg results.  |
| 15   | 0910   | 9th Engr, A/9, BT203831 at 0844H, VN civilian turned in 1 Chicom HG and 1 M26 HG, reward 1,000 P's. Blew HG's in rice paddy.  |
| 16   | 0930   | CLDC, EOD will be blowing demo, edge of mountains at 0945H between Gates 2 & 3.   |
| 17   | 0955   | 9th Engr, D/9, BT117492 at 0925H, culvert blown by arty rd rigged as a mine. Culvert half destroyed, road still passable. Took 1 load of filler to repair road. Area was checked out and D Co cont'd mine sweep. Notified CSIC, SP/4 Hatfield.  |
| 18   | 1006   | 198th, R/1/52, BT234134 at 0710H, picked up two detainees, 1 MAM, 18-23 yrs old, 1 female 25 yrs old, in area where they heard Moises last night. Will evac to LZ Bayonet.  |
| 19   | 1025   | 11th, D/3/1, BS517662 at 0830H, rec'd SA fire, res: 2 US WHA (E). 1 US had serious stomach wounds, the other was hit in the arm. Dustoff (serious) completed 0955H, evac to Chu Lai. The other EM dusted off to Duc Pho.  |
| 20   | 1028   | 196th, F/8th Cav, AT994239 at 0945H, eng'd 1 VC in black PJ's, res: 1 VC KIA, approx 35 yrs old, neg pack, wpm, or ID.  |
| 21   | 1030   | 196th, G-2 Air, readout on Sniffer mission, TOT: 0840H-0930H. Max: AT833313, 834312, 843301. Sub: 817289, 824310, 827312, 828313, 832293, 831296, 833293, 831313, 834309. Sub: 836311, 837308, 837312, 839312, 838323, 838325, 839327, 842328, 845304, 847308, 846312, 849308. Sub: 847313, 842322, 844311, 846334, 850312, 853312, 857287, 867312, 866321, 866323, 866325, 866327. Passed to G-2 Air, SGT Blake.   |
| 22   | 1030   | 9th Engr, A/9, BT221357 at 1016H, VN civilian turned in 1 M-79 rd, rewarded 300 P's, rd destroyed.  |
| 23   | 1035   | 196th Bde, Blue Ghost request to Opn A: BT907372. Reason : to recon area where CC/4/31 drew AW ground fire, Crater Mallet 61.90. Nearest friendly 5500m W, 3500m SE, for 30 Dec, request ASAP. (continued)  |

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| 23   | 1035 | (continuation) Pass to 1/1 Cav, Thompson 301105H. Mission for 1300H, if can accept mission. Approved by 1/1 Cav. Passed to 196th, SP Franklin.  |
| 24   | 1108 | 196th, CC/4/31, AT907372 at 0925H, rec'd unk amount of SA fire, neg hits, ret'd fire w/unk results. Arty fired on enemy location resulting in 1 secondary explosion, fireball 10 ft high and orange in color. Gunships went into area and expended ammo. Gunships drew fire. Gunships are going back into area.   |
| 25   | 1130 | 1st CAG, CAP 135, BS694976, BS688678, BS688974 at 0200H, spotted 50 VC going to Le Thuy #2. VC fired at village, PF's ret'd fire and called arty w/neg results. (Info only).  |
| 26   | 1135 | 1st CAG, CAP 135, BS710959 at 1000H, patrol found 3 M16 mines, all mines were found by Kit Carson Scouts. All blown in place. (Info only).  |
| 27   | 1140 | 5/46, Swift Boats, BS2687 at 1050H, eng'd and destroyed 1 enemy sampan. No people in sampan.  |
| 28   | 1141 | 196th TOC, air move, B/2/1 from Chu Lai to vic AT926428, started 0840H, completed 1056H. C/2/1 from AT926428 to Chu Lai, started 0906H, completed 1130H.  |
| 29   | 1145 | 198th, C/1/52, BT724076 at 0935H, rec'd AW fire from 5-6 VC from above grid, ret'd fire and called arty. Still sweeping area.   |
| 30   | 1150 | 11th Bde, D/4/21, BS484455 at 1000H, found 1 booby trap cross bow was tripped. Neg casualties, CIA 1 cross bow.   |
| 31   | 1210 | 196th Bde, C/3/21, BT027217 at 1120H, obs 1 VC evading, eng'd w/SA, res: 1 VC KIA, 25 yrs old, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 32   | 1230 | 11th Bde, R/4/21, CA completion: R/4/21, CA'd from BS427457 to BS492506, PZ 1110H, LZ 1140H, complete and cold.   |
| 33   | 1300 | III MAF, convoy to move from DaNang to Quang Ngai, time: 301300H, 75 vehicles w/food & ammo. Will return tomorrow. Reactionary force if convoy is hit in AO. 196th Bde, SP Smith 1315H. 198th Bde, SP Moccbecc 1305H. 1/1 Cav, SGT Stutler 1310H.   |
| 34   | 1300 | 196th Bde TOC, extension request for LRRP Alabama, grid requested BT0120. Approved by G-3, CPT Miller. Posted on G-2/G-3 Map. Notified SP Kontax.   |
| 35   | 1307 | 11th, LRRP Idaho & Montana, request for LRRP AO for LRRP's Idaho and Montana for 310700H Dec 68 until 052400H Jan 69, mission: recon and observation. Also attempt to snatch a VC MF of NVA soldier from the area. Posted on G-2/G-3 Sit Map. Passed to SSO, LT Everett.  |
| 36   | 1330 | 196th Bde, F/8 Cav, AT898253 at 1317H, obs 1 VC evading, eng'd, res: 1 VC KIA, 25-30 yrs old, neg wpn or ID.  |
| 37   | 1345 | Provost Marshall, ref journal entry #73, 29 Dec, 1/4 ton Jeep was retrieved at 1210H.   |
| 38   | 1345 | 198th, B/1/52, BT178110 at 1105H, detained 3 VN females, ages approx 35 yrs old. Found in same area, in hut, 1 Chicom gas mask, also assorted documents. Will evac to LZ Bayonet. Notified IPW, PFC Hamilton.   |
| 39   | 1400 | 198th, Helix-27, 5/46, BS453755 at 1328H, obs 15 VC in black PJ's working on 3 bunkers. PF's are in pursuit of the 15 VC at this time.  |
| 40   | 1400 | 11th Bde, CS Contamination Report. Line A: 301240H-301330H Dec 68. Line B: 58. Line C: BS618462-BS629462-BS631459-BS622459. Line D: 2. Line E: Ground. Line F: OM.  |
| 41   | 0840 | 196th Bde, C/3/21, BT035215 at 0645H, detonated mine consisting of 2 or 3 HG's w/trip wire attached, res: 4 US WHA. Dustoff 300724H, complete. 3 WHA (E), 1 WHA (M).  |
| 42   | 0800 | III MAF, Co C, 5th SF, incidents: Sitrep #363, 281200H-291200H. Tien Phuoc A-102, Opn C-279, Opn C-281, and Opn P-282 continued. Gia Vuc A-103, Opn S-329, Opn P330, Opn S-333, and Opn C-337 continued. Opn P-238 departed 280300H - 011800H, Recon, BS4422, 4418, 4822, 4818. Opn P-328 and Opn P-340 closed 281800H. Opn P-341 departed 290600H - 300430H (same are as Opn P-340). Ha Thanh A-104, Opn S-344, Opn P-345, and Opn C-346 continued. Tra Bong A-107, Opn S-209 and Opn S-210 continued. Opn C-211 departed as scheduled. Opn S-212 will depart as scheduled. Minh Long A-108, Opn C-238 and Opn S-241 continued. Opn P-237 and Opn P-242 closed 281800H. Opn P-239 and Opn P-240 departed as scheduled. |
| 43   | 1330 | DTOC, CPT Kaunitz, request clearance for Trail Dust mission, from AT8824, 9021, 9018, 9216, 6214, 9412, TOT: 311210H Dec 68 clear. Air Force requests permission to return fire-for-fire under control of an Americal FAC. OK S and SW of Song Bon Thursday. Air Force requests call sign and frequency of unit or units in target area to contact prior to mission. Location AT925238, Belmont Orphan 23, freq 61.90. Passed to 196th (please expedite), Franklin 301352H. Cleared by MAJ Bayes 301500H.   |
| 44   | 1435 | 11th, D/4/3, BS822338 at 1415H, detained 1 MAM, 17 yrs old, did have ID but looked suspicious, evac to LZ Bronco. 301420H, same area, detained 1 MAM, 25 to 30 yrs old, neg ID, will evac to LZ Bronco.   |
| 45   | 1517 | 198th, C/1/52, BT264087 at 1310H, 2 male detainees, ages 53 & 25, suspect them to be VC. 1 in brown shirt & brown pants and 1 in brown shirt and black pants. At 1415H, detainees were brought to LZ Bowman for further questioning.  |
| 46   | 1525 | 11th, D/3/1, BS519657 at 1410H, rec'd sniper fire, res: 2 US WHA (E), Dustoff complete at 301445H.  |
| 47   | 1526 | 11th, R/1/20, CA completion. R/1/20 from BS798482 to BS683417, PZ 301429H, LZ 301501H, complete and LZ cold.  |
| 48   | 1530 | 198th, LZ Chippewa was closed at 1400H.   |
| 49   | 1550 | 198th, D/5/46, BS433798 at 1410H, detained 1 MAM, 43 yrs old w/neg ID, evac to LZ Bayonet.  |

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| 1    | 0001   | Journal Opened.  |
| 2    | 0020   | 196th, 3/21, LZ Center, enemy BT046227 at 2235H, obs stationary light 2500m SW of LZ Center. Called 81mm mission, res: 1 secondary explosion 15 ft in diameter (fireball).   |
| 3    | 0120   | 1st CAG, CAP 135, BS693975, enemy BS688969 at 0010H, PF's called arty on 30-35 VC, neg assessment.   |
| 4    | 0230   | 196th, 2/1 Que Son, BT038348 at 2303H, rec'd 4-5 rds 82mm mortars, 100-250m N of PF compound, also rec'd hvy SA fire. Neg cas, called arty w/neg assessment.   |
| 5    | 1141   | (delayed entry) 11th TOC, Aero Scout request, for VR of Vernon Lake II, 300700H to 311100H Dec 68. Contact Easy Guide 14 on 61.15, 4050-4450-4446-4046. Also contact Purple Reels 14 on LZ Bronco on push 52.00. Passed to Div Avn, passed to SGT Henderson, 11th Bde at 310620H.  |
| 6    | 1908   | (delayed entry) 198th S-2, Warlord request #1: NW BS7090, SW 7080, E to ocean, Snatch mission, contact Serene Talons 14, freq 59.80, neg friendlies. Request #2: NW BT2009, SW 2006, NE 2409, SE 2406, friendlies: C/1/52, BT254081, freq 68.50, contact Sherry Effort 23, freq 68.50. Passed to 198th, PFC Beer 310620H.  |
| 7    | 0605   | Tam Ky, 1/1 Cav, BT215434 at 0500H, rec'd 5 rds M-79, responded w/SA fire and arty, res: 2 VC KIA w/SA (1 male, 1 female), 1 AK-47 CIA.  |
| 8    | 0635   | CLDC, at 0715H, resume normal daylight conditions effective 0715H.   |
| 9    | 301445 | (delayed entry) DTOC, CPT Kaunitz, request clearance for Trail Dust mission for 1 Jan 69, from ZC2015-AT8120-AT9125, TOT: 0900H, clear. Air Force requests permission to return fire-for-fire under control of an Americal FAC. Clear S of Song Thu Boa River (N of river clear with Nickel Crest II, 64.75). Air Force requests call sign of unit or units in target area to contact prior to mission. Vicinity AT925238, Touchy Blued 28, freq 64.75. Passed to 196th Inf Bde, SP/4 Franklin. Approved by CPT Wolfe 301715H. |
| 10   | 301748 | (delayed entry) 11th, LT Clark, AO request #45, dtg ASAP to 022400H Jan 69, purpose: combat opns in area, area: BS7260, 7261, 7761, 7760. Passed to Quang Ngai, SGT Grego 301845H. Disapproved by 2d ARVN, SGT Grego 302115H. Passed to MAJ Heyman, 11th Bde at 302115H.   |
| 11   | 301301 | (delayed entry) 11th Bde, MAJ Erickson, AO request #44, dtg ASAP to 072400H Jan 69, purpose: G-3 wants to investigate URI, area: from BS5469 E to BS5669, S to BS5663, W to BS5463. 2d ARVN will approve area from BS5469 to BS5569 to BS5568 to BS5464. Passed to SFC Lipin 301605H. Approved by CPT Ouh, 2d ARVN. Approved by G-3, CPT Miller.   |
| 12   | 0615   | 1/1 Cav, C/1/1, BT217436 at 0522H, 3rd plat rec'd 300-400 rds AK-47 and 2 RPG rds, NCD. PF's in same area reported 2 VC KIA and 1 AK-47 CIA, SN 47467695.  |
| 13   | 0700   | 196th, D/1/46, BT002521 at 0545H, while departing NDP, captured 1 VC w/AK-47 & medical supplies. Detainee will be extracted to LZ Baldy. Detainee reported that VC ambush was waiting further up trail. SN of AK-47: 2L4532 II. Notified IPW, LT Smith.  |
| 14   | 0715   | 11th Bde, C/1/20, BS726454 at 0045H, rec'd 6-10 rds 82mm mortar, NCD.  |
| 15   | 0735   | 1/1 Cav COC, C/1/1, Fiddlers Green, request tracker dog team to follow blood trails resulting from contact at 0545H. Request ASAP. Passed to LT Rahaim at Support Command at 310735H. Approved by LT Rahaim. Team will be at LRRP Pad at 0800H. Passed to 1/1 Cav, SGT Thompson.   |
| 16   | 0830   | 196th Bde, R/3/21, BT095226 at 0800H, eng'd 3 VC, res: 3 VC KIA.   |
| 17   | 0845   | CLDC, Supply Co will be firing on sub-sector II Range, 311800H-312000H and 011800H-012000H. Notified C/S, G-3.   |
| 18   | 0905   | 9th Engr, A/9, BT221356 at 0803H, VC civilian turned in 1 M26 HG w/rubber band around spoon. Rewarded VN civilian w/500 P's, destroyed HG.   |
| 19   | 0920   | 198th, D/5/46, BS420793 at 0855H, found 1 NVA KIA, in uniform in stream bed. Found in same area where arty fired on 5 enemy yesterday.   |
| 20   | 0925   | 196th, S-2, at 0858H, LRRP Alabama extracted from BT018201 at 0856H, reason: time limit expired. Notified FSE, CPT Krug.   |
| 21   | 0930   | 196th, C/3/21, BT62202 at 0845H, eng'd 1 VC, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 22   | 0940   | 1/1 Cav, C/1/1, BT209435 at 0900H, tank hit mine, neg casualties, tank combat loss.  |
| 23   | 0942   | 198th, R/1/52, BT235134 at 0925H, detained 1 VN male approx 40 yrs old. He may have knowledge of enemy activity in area. Evac to LZ Bayonet.   |
| 24   | 0944   | 11th, D/4/21, BS491465 at 0837H, detained 1 VCS, evac to LZ Amy.   |
| 25   | 0800   | 196th Bde, request 1 tracker dog team, 5 days, 1 Jan 69-5 Jan 69. Pick up LRRP Pad 010715H. Pass Support Command, LT Rahian 310845H. Approved Support Command, LT Rahian. Approved G-3, CPT Miller. Pass to 196th Bde, SP Boardman.  |
| 26   | 0820   | 196th Bde, D/1/46, BT010518 at 0630H, obs 1 VC, eng'd, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 27   | 0845   | 198th, C/1/52, BT247077 at 0750H, obs 4 enemy w/packs, 2 w/wpns, wearing green uniforms. Fired arty w/neg results.   |

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| 28   | 0858 | 198th Bde, BS680860 at 0850H, helicopter went down w/mech failure (was not shot down). Rotor blade hit tree. No serious injuries. Evac to 27th Surg. Security for chopper by H/17 Cav and C/5/46. Chopper was picked up at 1040H.  |
| 29   | 0910 | 9th Engr, A/9, BT245315 at 0820H, VN civilian turned in 50x.45 cal rds of ammo, rewarded VN civilian w/50 P's. Rds brought back to CP.   |
| 30   | 0917 | 9th Engr, A/9, BT203382 at 0855H, ARVN pointed out mine off the road in rice paddy dike. Destroyed.  |
| 31   | 0945 | 11th, B/4/21, BS437449 at 0839H, found 1 grave w/1 VC inside, less than 24 hrs old. KIA by SAF.  |
| 32   | 0953 | 9th, D/9, BT119489 at 0945H, road and culvert blown, road impassable. ETR approx 2 hrs. 1 lane on by-pass open to military traffic only. Notified CSIC, SP/4 Hatfield.   |
| 33   | 0957 | 11th Bde, CA complete, cold, D/1/20, PZ BS810486 at 310701H, LZ BS742585 at 310800H.   |
| 34   | 1005 | 11th Bde, S-3, BS493697 at 0945H, OH-6A shot down by hvy AWF and SAF. Pilot had gunshot wound in mouth, gunner wounded in leg. Aft caught on fire after crash, destroyed by fire. Evac to 27th Surg.   |
| 35   | 1008 | 1/1 Cav, C/1/1, BT219434 at 0955H, tracker dogs found 1 VC KIA, killed by arty this morning.   |
| 36   | 1025 | CLDC, MAG-13, 2 F-4's w/2 Napalm tanks full of CS dropped their load about 2 miles south of perimeter. Passed to Div Chem, SP Foy. Passed to 198th, SGT Holly.   |
| 37   | 1030 | 11th, Aero Scouts, BS493697 at 0925H, eng'd 4 VC, res: 4 VC KIA.   |
| 38   | 1050 | 11th, C/4/3, BS895375 at 1000H, obs 1 VC evading, detained and evac to LZ Bronco. B/4/3, 1010H, BS826366, 1 VCS evading, CIA, had medical supplies, neg ID or equip, evac to LZ Bronco.  |
| 39   | 1058 | 9th Engr, C/9, BT221351 at 1038H, VN civilian turned in 1 M26 HG to mine sweep team, rewarded VN civilian 500 P's. HG destroyed.   |
| 40   | 1100 | DTOC, CPT Kaunitz, request clearance for defoliation mission for 2 Jan 69, from ZC2015-AT8020-AT9125, TOT: 1235H. Air Force requests clearance for the return of fire-for-fire under control of an Americal FAC, Air Force requests call sign and freq of unit or units in target area to contact prior to mission. Passed to 196th Inf Bde, Boardman 310930H. Cleared by CPT Wolf, S-3 4/31, time 310930H. 196th, SP Boardman, fire-for-fire south of Song Thu Bon River. North of river must get clearance from 4/31 Command. Nearest friendly, F/17 Cav. 4/31 Cmd freq 61.90. F/17 CA Belmont Orphan. 4/31 Crater Mallet.   |
| 41   | 1100 | 11th Bde, 0750H-0810H, gunship 174th Avn, vic BS738588, eng'd 6 VC evading, res: 5 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA/CIA. D/1/20 eng'd 16 VC evading vic 734596, res: 4 VC KIA, 11 VCS CIA, 1 VC WIA/CIA. C/1/20, vic BS754400, eng'd 1 VCS evading, res: 1 VCS CIA. C/4/3, vic BS895305, detained 1 VCS. B/4/3, vic BS826366, detained 1 VC. All detainees will be evac to LZ Bronco. Notified IPW, LT Smith.  |
| 42   | 1104 | 196th, F/8 Cav, AT913372 at 1055H, eng'd 1 VC, res: 1 VC KIA.  |
| 43   | 1135 | 11th, D/4/21, BS485462 at 1115H, eng'd 2 VC evading, res: 2 VC KIA, neg ID or wpns.  |
| 44   | 1155 | 198th Bde, 5/46 (SE), BS395808 at 1015H, SF Opn C-211 rec'd AWF from NVA, ret'd fire, res: 1 NVA KIA, CIA 1 AK-47. NVA wearing green uniform. (Info).  |
| 45   | 1218 | 11th Bde, CC/1/20, BS626540 at 1140H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.  |
| 46   | 1229 | 11th Bde, B/1/20, BS693540 at 1140H, eng'd 1 VC evading, res: 1 VC KIA, neg wpn or ID.   |
| 47   | 1255 | 198th, D/5/46, BS406795 at 1125H, found documents, evac to LZ Bayonet. Notified IPW, PFC Hamilton.   |
| 48   | 1295 | 198th, B/1/52, BT178100, BT178101 at 1158H, eng'd 3 VC, res: 1 VC KIA.   |
| 49   | 1305 | 11th Bde, B/1/20, BS724503 at 1244H, detained 3 VCS evading, neg wpns or ID, evac to LZ Bronco.  |
| 50   | 1520 | 198th, D/5/46, BS407800 at 1405H, rec'd SA fire, res: 1 WHA (M), Dustoff 1506H to 27th Surg. CIDG element rec'd 1 B-40 rocket, res: 1 KHA, 4 WHA, 1 VC KIA.  |
| 51   | 0800 | III MAF, Co C, 5th SF, sitrep #364, 291200H-301200H, operational data. Tien Phuoc A-102, Opn C-279 and Opn P-282 continued. Opn C-281 closed 291800H. Opn C-283 will depart 301800H - 311800H, S/C, BT1013, 1213, 1307, 1007. Gia Vuc A-103, Opn C-337 continued. Opn S-329, Opn P-330, Opn S-333, and Opn P-341 closed 291800H. Opn P-338 continued. Opn P-342 departed 300600H - 010430H, Recon, (same area as Opn P-341). Opn S-346 departed 300500H - 041800H, Recon, BS3133, 3129, 3529, 3533. Opn P-347 departed 300600H - 041800H, Recon, BS3521, 3516, 3916, 3921. Opn S-348, 300630H - 051730H, Recon, BS4427, 4423, 4827, 4823. Ha Thanh A-104, Opn C-339, Opn S-344, Opn P-345, and Opn C-346 continued. Ba To A-106, Opn C-238 and Opn C-239 continued. Opn C-240 departed 300500H - 021800H, S/D, BS4827, 4831, 5231, 5227. Opn C-241 will depart 301800H - 031800H, S/D, BS5628, 5623, 6028, 6023. Opn P-242 will depart 310500H - 021800H, Recon, BT5332, 5336, 5636, 5632. Tra Bong A-107, Opn S-210 and Opn C-211 continued. Opn S-110 will depart 010530H - 061900H, Recon, BS4191, 4184, 4591, 4584. Opn C-2B will depart 030500H - 091900H, Recon, BS2199, 2184, 3088, 3084. Minh Long A-108, Opn P-239 and Opn P-240 continued. Opn S-241 and Opn C-238 closed 291800H. Opn P-1D will depart 311500H - 301900H, S/C, BS5751, 5748, 6048, 6051. Opn P-2D will depart 010400H - 041900H, Recon, BS5547, 5544, 5844, 5847. |

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