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ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.			ACTION TAKEN	INL
	IN	OUT					
1	0001		JOURNAL OPENED			J	JF
2		0100	Sit Rep: Neg			J, Bde	EVK
3		0200	Sit Rep: Neg			J, Bde	EVK
4		0300	Sit Rep: Neg			J, Bde	EVK
5		0400	Sit Rep: Neg			J, Bde	EVK
6		0500	Sit Rep: Neg			J, Bde	JH
7		0600	Sit Rep: Neg			J, Bde	JH
8	0645		A Co moving at this time.			J	EVK
9	0705		D Co received approx 10 rds of sniper fire from village at coord 874149.			J, S, Bde	FRS
10	0730		Request Med-evac for D Co, has WIA one seriously from friendly artillery D Co on Med-evac freq at this time & coords 868145.			J, Bde, Med-evac	EVK
11	0835		D Co Med-evac completed.			J	EVK
12	0920		A Co and D Co 2/12 moving to the east at this time coord 865135 to check out the village of the contact.			J, S, Bde	CAC
13	0905	(DE)	B Co 16 36 & CP moving from LZ SAND.				
14	0930		Agent report from Bde: At 0900 a sizable enemy force coords 856096, fleeing because of recent contact w/wounded Blue in ground 1/3 will be prepared to react if contact is made.				
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15	0950		Sct Tm observed 1 VC in vic BS 858132 VC fired on Sct Tm. 1 VC KIA D 1-5 attempting to locate wpn.			J, S, Bde	JS
16	0955		A Co reported he has entered village no bodies found but found well fortified bunkers and trenches he has picked up one elderly man who stated that enemy were in the village interrogation continues location BS 864140.			J, Bde	JS
17	1000		(Ref item 14) the Blue Tm will go in at coords 849099 and will work west.			J	AVK
18	1025		Bn S-3 to B Co return to LZ SAND ASAP.			J, B Co.	AVK
19	1040		From Bde S-2: A 1/5 picked up 1 VCD last night at coord 873113 he stated he observed 100 NVA They split into 2 groups one moved to coord 868114 the other moved to the village of NY BKH vic coord 858098 stated he seen some M-79's and BAR's they all had wpns uniforms were gray and Blk PJs dirty and torn.			J, S	AVK
20	1045		D 2/12 killed one VC vic coord 865193 3 complete NVA uniforms w/hats medic bag's w/ equipment individual rice bags pistol belt w/grenades and poncho also blood and bandages scattered throughout the area.			J, S, Bde	AVK

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ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.			ACTION TAKEN	INL
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21	1040		D2/32 found commo trenches blood trails and some paper that appears to be documents				
			invic BS 865142.			J,S,Bde	JS
22	1050		D 1/5 killed 1 VC running across field from area of contact V ^C KIA vic. BS 860132.			J,S,Bde	JS
23	1130	(DE)	At 1030 B Co made contact w/unknown size enemy force. They are still in contact at this time. Have 2 KIA and 2 WIA friendly enemy casualties unknown at this time.			J,S,Bde	FRS
24	1131		(Ref Item 21) from one additional VC KIA (in Blk clothing) an AK-47 SN 642214 also 3 ruck sacks.			J,S ² ,Bde	FRS
25	1200		D Co 1/5 alerted to stand by an LZ for air move to B Co 1/3 area of contact LZ at coord 830112 (Ref item 24) in ruck-sacks.			J,S,D 1/5	FRS
26	1201		Found documents believed to be valuable (Disc position fire Plan and sack).			J,S-2, Bde	FRS
27	1210		B Co informed 1/3 that enemy is well concealed every time they attempt to move the enemy opens up with auto wpns, sm/arms. Enemy is well fortified size unknown at this time.			J,S	RA
28	1215		All LRFs have closed LZ SAND.			J,S	RA
29	1250		1st ele of D 1/5 lifted off LZ coords 860142			J,S,Bde	OC

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31	1301		1st ele of D Co 1/5 Cav on ground & coords 837100 will be OICON to 1/5 Cav at this time.			J,S,Bde		RA
32	1325		D Co 2/12 found at coord 865142 4, US anti-tank mines 2xhand grenades 1 ruck sack, and VC clothing; also 2 VCD foun.			J,S,Bde		RA
33	1425		B Co 26 closed LZ SAND return OICON to 1/8 from C 2/12 coord 867167.			J,S,Bde		OIC
34	1455		D Co 2/12 at coords 865142 found 1 82mm mortar base plate.			J,S,Bde		RA
35	1540		Med-evac for A Co has been completed.			J,S		RA
36	1550		D 2/12 has 1 VC KIA w/wpn vic coords 865142 could get to him at this time. individual was wearing Blk PJs with straw hat.			J,S,Bde		RA
37	1650		D Cp picked up a 30 yrs old individual who states at this time his knows nothing will continue to interrogate him location vic BS 867147.			J,Bde		RA
38	1615	(DE)	A Co pickup an AK-47 yesterday vic BS 865145 0475772.			J,S,Bde		RA
39	1835		Sgt Tm leaving 1/8 AO with neg findings.			J,S		RA
40	1930		Med-evac for B Co has been complete 10 WIA.			J,S		RA
41		2000	Sgt Rep to Bde: Neg			J,Bde		RA
42	2005		Bde S-2: A POW that was picked up by 2/8 Cav					

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42	(CONT)		<p>at 1700 hrs today was a cook of the 4th Co 7th Bn. He stated that the 7th Bn Hqs is located in HY VON at coord 871153. He stated that 1 plat of the 1st Co and all of the 2nd and 4th Cos were still in HY VON. The Co's are well settle in the are in hole and trenches. They have 2, 82mm mortars in the company w/12 rds each. The mortars were hidden when they were hit. They have 3 hy MG w/800 rds each and 1 recoilless rifle (ammo unknown) there are five (5) other cooks coord 873160. The unit is very low on food. The VC are still in the village and the wpns are very concealed in holes and trenches.</p>			J,S-2, Cos	
43	2035		<p>BC 22-1 and BC 22-2 have been sent to Bde. BC 22-1 at 0900 coord 869159, BC 22-2 at 0900 coord 872141.</p>			J,S,Bde	C/C
44	2100		Sit Rep to Bde: Neg			J,S,Bde	C/C
45	2200		Sit Rep to Bde: Neg			J,S,Bde	A.
46	2250		<p>B Co reports that 1 mortar rd fell short from LZ SAND and landed into B Co 16-36 perimeter results 1 KIA and 1 WIA both friendly coords 847018.</p>			J,S	R.A.

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SUMMARY:

200113 March: B Co observed moving lights south of LZ SAND and directed artillery to extinguish them. 0545 hrs, companies A and D received a light probe (no contact) vicinity _____. Due to observe of enemy contact in the immediate area it was initially believed that the suspect force in the area had successfully exfiltrated. At 0810 hrs D Co made contact in vic coordination S74145. 0838 A Co 1/8 and D Co 2/12 picked up several VCD at respective coordinates S60150 and S64162. Agent reports provided timely information that proved to be accurate. The 7th NVA Bn including the Hqs, the Signal Company and the support company were reported in the area. 2nd platoon B Co was air assaulted to S75135 closing at 1020 hrs with the mission of sealing off a possible exfiltration route at that location. During the day companies A and D 2/12 Cav and D Co 1/8 because OTCOM to 1/8 as contact continued to develop. LRR in the area observed small NVA ele exfiltration closing the late evening. Friendly casualties suffered during 20 March were:

A Co 1/8	2 KIA	11 WIA
D Co 1/8	2 "	14 "
D Co 2/12		4 "

Enemy casualties were known to be KIA through later pw sources revealed a much higher count.

0703 21 March, D Co continued to receive sniper fire. A Co airassaulted to vic paidaly island coord BS 864140. Agent reported a fleeing enemy force w/ numerous KIA vic _____. One platoon 1/9th Cav were installed northwest while B Co swept northeast towards the area from LZ SAND. D Co 2/12 found blood trails abandoned items of equipment and other indications that the enemy force sustained a number of casualties. During the 21 March fighting casualties were sustained as follows:

A Co	KIA	2 WIA
B Co 7 "	12 "	

220510 March: D Co made contact with a small enemy force 865136 resulting in 1 VC KIA and 1OW, all were unarmed. 1215 hrs D Co 2/12 killed three VC and wounded two capturing three wpn. Adjacent units LRRs continue to report small enemy elements exfiltrating to the north northwest west and southwest. A C/S riot agent strike was employed at coordinates S85115. 230220 March: A Co made contact with estimated four A VC producing one VC KIA (unarmed) vicinity 865135 0810 hrs D Co air assaulted into village area vicinity 887114 closing at 0835 with negative contact. A Co discovered a blood covered carbine and one pistol. 1100 hrs A Co picked up two VCD 865135 (unarmed). LRR continued destruction of tunnel bunker complex, A Co location. B Co continued local patrolling at LZ SAND.

(Asst Ed note) At this point 1/8 th Cav's enemy total for 18 March emerges as follows:

KIA	82
VCC	65
VCD	200
1W	19

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