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NO	TIME	DESCRIPTION	INITIALS	STATUS
100	0001	Journal Opened.		JS WP
2	0100	Situation Report Negative.	Bde	JS WP
3	0200	Situation Report Negative.	Bde	JS WP
4	0200	From Brigade: enemy locations Fred 700 meters from 341821 Fred 900 meters from 366808 both early afternoon.		JS WP
5	0300	Situation Report Negative.	Bde	JS WP
6	0300	From Brigade: readout of infra red mission run on 2000 hours 12 Dec 68. grid 230680-5 hot spots, 250762-1, 25576 1, 202666-6, 222772-1, 243425-1, 246767-7, 165768-4, 181771-1.		JS WP
7	0400	Situation Report Negative.	Bde	JS WP
8	0500	Situation Report Negative.	Bde	JS WP
9	0546	Elements up for stand to A Co and E Co 0545; B Co and D Co 0538; C Co 0541 ;	Bde	JS WP
10	0600	Situation Report Negative.	Bde	JS WP
11	0622	D Co requested 30 minutes extension on their organic clearance. Granted.	Bde	JS CA
12	0655	All 1/8th OPs have closed on CP with exceptions of ACo OP-6 and C Co OP3	Bde	JS CA
13	0710	Organic expenditures: A Co negative; B Co 63he, neg ill; 6wp; C Co 40 he, 7ill, 25 wp; D Co 45 he, neg ill, 6 wp; E Co 44 he, neg ill, 44 wp;		JS CA
14	0745	BDA on Apache air strike at 364842. Destroyed 3 concrete bunkers, 2 wood and dirt bunkers, 100 feet of trench exposed. Scout aircraft believe they saw one individual to the North of the air strike grid.		CA
15	0800	Scout aircraft at 280796 saw movement in a tree line and engaged with negative assesment.	Bde	JS CA
16	0820	Unit locations: A Co LZ Mustang OP6 100 meters West; B Co 274761, 2-6 270763; C Co (-) South South West, 3-6 and 4-6 LZ Barbara, OP-3 281681; D Co 274761; E Co 4-6 LZ Mustang 4-6 380823.	Bde	JS CA
17	0900	Plans for 14 Dec sent to Brigade:	Bde	JS CA
18	0930	E Co (-) at 380823 reported negative recent movement along trail running North and South through that grid. Their anti intrusion devices wires had been cut in 4 places previously the devices were repaired and are now functioning.	Bde	JS CA
19	0940	Corrected plans 14 Dec 68 sent to Brigade.	Bde	JS CA
20	1010	C Co at LZ St. Barbara recieved a list of VC and NVA sus pects names from a civilian. The detained civilian and request team from brigade to come and interrogate the civilian.	Bde	JS CA
21	1015	Unit locations: A Co (-) LZ Mustang 2-6 372816; B Co (-) 270760, 2-6 275775; C Co (-) 263667.3-6 and 4-6 LZ Barbara OP3 281681; D Co 274761; E Co 388817, 4-6 LZ Mustang.	Bde	JS CA
22	1040	E Co at 390817 found 17 bunkers 4x5x4 feet with 2 feet of overhead cover. They estimated bunkers to be 1 month old. There were also 4 small trails with directional markings.	Bde	JS CA
23	1100	1 Detainee from C Co Item 20 has been sent to brigade on aircraft under guard with previously mentioned list.	Bde	JS CA

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24	1110	From Brigade: infra red hot spots. time on target 0420 to 0510 13 Dec 68: 285835-15 hotspots, 380855-3 hotspots, 391782-4 hotspots, 276867-1 hotspots: Enemy locations from usually reliable sources. Within 500 meters of 396865, at 313923.		JS CA
25	1140	From Brigade: Enemy location usually reliable source. Within 750 meters of 396865 at 313		JS CA
26	1155	Unit locations: A Co (-) LZ Mustang, 2-6 373813, OP 6 100 meters West; B Co (-) 278775, 3-6 269771, C Co (-) 260661, 3-6 and 4-5 LZ Barbara, OP 3 281681; D Co 271764; E Co 1-6 392818, 4-6 LZ Mustang.	Bde	JS CA
27	1214	(Reference Item #20) The civilian that C Co sent to brigade was a representative of the Province Marshall chief. The list of names which he had were personell authorized to work in the area surrounding LZ St. Barbara.		JS CA
28	1225	C Co at time between 1000 to 1030 fired 81 mm rounds on grid 26765155 rounds were fired. The grid was cleared by artillery. 3 civilians were very slightly wounded. 1 in the left upper arm, 1 in the left leg, 1 in the finger. The civilians have been treated with no problems. They will not require further medical treatment.	Bde	JS CA
29	1355	From Brigade: Usually reliable source reports enemy element within 700 meters of XT 387837 early afternoon.	S-2	JS CA
30	1400	Unit locations: A Co (-) LZ Mustang, 2-6 at 374808 OP 6 100 meters West. B Co at 278775. C Co (-) at 264653, 3-6 and 4-6 at LZ Mustang OP 3 281681. D Co (-) at 278775, 1-6 at 268783, 2-6 at 271771. E Co 4-6 LZ Mustang, 1-6 at 391819.	Bde	JS JM
31	1415	Battalion 6 would like scout aircraft be requested to check the following grids 310732, 285750 At the first grid someone popped a smoke grenade and we have no friendlies in that area.	Bde	JS JM
32	1422	A Co 2-6 element closed on LZ Mustang with negative findings.	Bde	JS JM
33	1439	In reference to Item #31. ten rounds of artillery were put in to the area where the smoke was spotted Bn 6 on the way back to LZ Mustang negative assesment on the artillery.	Bde	JS JM
34	1440	From Brigade: The red smoke that Bn 6 spotted at grid 310732 was popped by apache aircraft which was running a sniffer mission in that area.	Bde	JS JM
35	1500	From Brigade: Usually reliable source reports enemy elements within 700 meters of XT 387831. early afternoon.	S-2	JS JM
36	1511	B Co and D Co has been given clearance to fire organics on grid 290775 to settle base plate of mortar.		JS JM
37	1535	D Co 1-6 at 2-6 closed on CP locations.	Bde	JS JM
38	1600	Unit locations: A Co LZ Mustang op 6 100 meters West; B Co at 278775; C Co (-) at 275655, 3-6 4-6 at LZ Barbara OP 3 at 281681 D Co at 278775 E Co at LZ Mustang.	Bde	JS JM
39	1601	E Co 1-6 closed on LZ Mustang with negative finding.	Bde	JS JM
40	1602	From Brigade Usually reliable source reports enemy element within 2000 meters of 211971 late afternoon.	S-2	JS JM
41	1605	C Co (-) has closed on LZ Barbara with negative findings.	Bde	JS JM
42	1610	B Co 3-6 moving to grid 269771 for night ambush.	Bde	JS JM

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59	Cont.	killing him As the 3-6 element moved out to check the body they spotted another individual with no shirt and a bandolier strapped across his chest. this individual fired at them and the 3-6 engaged with grenades and small arms thus killing him. At the same time they were engaging this individual they also received fire from 1 or 2 individuals approx 50 meters up the trail. The 2-6 received small arms fire and either a grenade or a 19 round from these individuals At this time the 3-6 decided to pull back and engaged with artillery.	Bde JS JM Bde JS JM	
60	2000	Situation Report Negative.		
61	2000	From Brigade : As of 1300 hours today there was 7500 gals of fuel on LZ Barbara also due to the 1/7th has to complete a move tomorrow the 1/8th moves will be put back to 1000 or 1030 hours.	S-3 JS JM Bde JS JM	
62	2100	Situation Report Negative.		
63	2116	From Brigade Air strike for 14 Dec 1300 hours grid 36685.	S-3 JS JM Bde JS JM	
64	2200	Situation Report Negative.		
65	2215	A Co OP5 100 meters Southwest of LZ Mustang reports movement 75 meters to their front heading north. Redleg is being engaged and a read out to follow.	Bde JS W	
66	2226	Scout dog team requested for A Co to be at Tay Ninh pad at 0630 hours 14 Dec.	Bde JS W JS W	
67	2243	Reference Item #68 dog team for A Co approved.		
68	2247	A Co OP5 100 meters Southwest of LZ Mustang has negative movement at this time.	Bde JS W Bde JS WP	
69	2300	Situation Report Negative.		
70	2322	From Brigade a VIP from G-5 in Saigon, LT Col Thorison will arrive at LZ Mustang at 0830 hours 14 Dec He is interested in Cavalry tactics, CAS etc. He possibly will stay overnight.	S-3 JS W	
71	2329	D Co 2-6 massive at 269791 reported movement 100-125 meters to their West. This movement sounded like a squad size element. They engaged with organics, negative assesment and movement at this time.	Bde JS WP Bde JS WP	
72	2400	Situation Report Negative Journal Closed.		

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