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1.	0001	Journal opened.	JS	JV
2.	0100	Negative sitrep.	JS Bde	JV
3.	0138	C/co will go to QL 31 July by fixed wing arrive approx 1400 to 1430.	JS	CG
4.	0200	Negative sitrep.	JS Bde	JV
5.	0300	Negative sitrep.	JS Bde	JV
6.	0345	A/co reports movement 50-100m to the E of the CP 46 location believed to be 2 indiv crawling on the ground. A/co will keep area under surveillance 881957.	JS Bde	JV
7.	0358	SLAR TOT 2125-2250 085850 reading 1. SLAR in flight 850950 at 2137 arty fired 9 rds of 105. 815935 at 2239H not clear to fire.	JS Bde	CG
8.	0400	Negative sitrep.	JS	JV
9.	0457	B/co reports possible movement to the S of Wescott 150m. Area is under surveillance also engaged with M-79 neg assessment area will searched on 1 August.	JS Bde	CG
10.	0500	Negative sitrep.	JS	JV
11.	0600	Situation negative also stand to complete.	JS	JV
12.	0620	RRF for 31 July will be B/co total of 22 sorties.	JS Bde	CG
13.	0730	B/co reports all claymores are taken in at this time.	JS	JV
14.	0730	AS will go in at 1115 ord 750 lb 040972 at 1200 AS cancelled due to weather.	JS	KG
15.	0700	Log bird WB 685 on station at 0655, C/C Snoopy 530 on station at 0700.	JS	JV
16.	0900	C/co when it returns to Andy it will stay there as Base Defense, 1/7 family will depart to field. D 1/7 will be making a CA for LZ to be announced they will be op con to 1/2.	JS Bde	RC
17.	0908	Saber Blues will be inserted at 0901 1000H 31 July.	JS Bde	RC
18.	0940	Big Duke log bird to be used in CA for 1/7 log bird contact RG 53 log bird to be at Virian at 1300H.	JS Bde	RC
19.	0942	From Bde 5 C/Co will arrive at QL at 1400H they will remain on green line for a couple of days.	JS	MG
20.	1000	A/co checked out the movement area to the E of the CP loc. search team found beaten down grass used by 4 indiv heading E to a trail E-W they are continuing to search the area.	JS Bde	MG
21.	1005	1000H locations sent to Bde.	JS Bde	RC
22.	1035	Medevac C cancelled will be on 1 August.	JS	RC
23.	1043	Agent report at 090025 VC Regt later changed to 400 to 500 VC. MACV F-6 rating.	JS	RC
24.	1058	B1 and B2 nets to Bde are out reply commo is replacing batteries and checking nets out. 1107 nets working.	JS	RV
25.	1057	D/co 35 030958 spotted 3 enemy 150m SW of their location, requested scout team. Neg scout team due to ceiling will not engage with arty due to location of friendly elements will wait for further development, further readout will follow.	JS Bde	MG
26.	1106	D/co CP found trail running N-S at 034958 used by 4-5 personnel within last 24H personnel were moving S.	JS Bde	MG
27.	1200	Notified of 4I override on Bn net, reply will check it out at 1830 net cleared up.	JS	RV
28.	1250	Proposed movement for D/co 31 July, 1 048962, 2 053958, 3 043947, 4 048940.	JS	MG

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29.	1220 14	D/co reports scout team (Snoopy) reconned area requested at 005877 reports bridges previously destroyed have been recently rebuilt with logs (w/handrails) 1 bridge, readout on D/co contact reconned area of contact 030958 found heavy blood trail (est indiv evading 8) 1 M-1 carbine, 2 bags of corn (25 lbs), friendlies pursued blood trail 500m w/neg further findings person wearing NVA green uniform, no pack or hat, serial no for M-1 2151451, received neg return fire. JS Bde MG		
30.	1250	Request info reference to 11 ACR in SW portion of AO. 1/8 has neg responsibility for 11 ACR working in 1/8 AO. Will send what necessary information possible for emergency purposes.	JS	RV
31.	1255	VIP will arrive at Wescott 1430H.	JS	MG
32.	1355	Inform all aircraft coming into Wescott to contact Wescott control N24J.	JS Bde RC	
33.	1400	Time 1350 C/co closed on Andy.	JS Bde RC	
34.	1405	Flander 6 to Duke 6, 2 VC companies moving into Duke AO from 980995. Bright Letter (little people) are source of info they found 2 ft wide trail heavily traveled in last 48H.	JS	RC
35.	1400	Unit locations sent to Bde.	JS Bde RC	
36.	1500	A/co proposed NL for A/co 16 and CP 883963, 26 8693, 36 894963, 890963.	JS	MG
37.	1635	B/co 36 lifted off Andy at 1510, 36 completed on Wescott at 1520H.	JS Bde MG	
38.	1710	Saber Blues extracted at 1652.	JS Bde RC	
39.	1730	Duke 3 dropped out 1 bag Chieu Hoi leaflets mixed leaflets rewards for weapons, good food and living, over contact area 030958.	JS Bde RC	
40.	1730	B 16 moving to E tonight and continuing tomorrow. G/co now base defense Andy. FO party working with CIDG's (Chi Linh) for 4-5 days.	JS Bde JF	
41.	1810	All units received tomorrows activity acknowledged by units 1810H.	JS	JF
42.	1815	At 1200H today an agent report (F-6 rating) had 100 NVA and 4 VC at 834947, moving SE along stream, stopped to rebuild 20 old bunkers. They were carrying 1 82mm w/20 rds, 1 light MG, 6 RPG 2's w/30 rds, AK-47's.	JS S-2 JF	
43.	1900 X	Night figals: A/co CP 883963, 26 860930, 36 894963, 46 890963; /co Wescott; C/co Andy; D/co CP 032962, 16 033958, 26 030961, 36 032962; E/co Wescott.	JS Bde MG	
44.	1905	Regional force AO's for 1 August; 1 plt 215 8087, 8286, 8287, 8086; 2. 7885, 8084, 8085, 7884; 399 RF Co 8688, 8888, 8887, 8687.	JS	RV
45.	1905	Night locations sent to Bde.	JS Bde RC	
46.	1910	Hatchet report: day plt 2, squad 3; night 9 plt, 0 squad.	JS Bde MG	
47.	1925	AO for ARVN effective 020700 to 041800. 7781, 9081, 900735, 837090, 7769, requests clearance for portion of AO in 1/8 AO, given by Bn 3A.	JS Bde RV	
48.	2015	Tentative plans for 2 August sent to Bde.	JS Bde KG	
49.	2042	URS 994912 500m radius, late afternoon, Bde engaged 18 155 rds.	JS Bde CG	

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50.	2130	Passed on to 61 D/Co to check area in front of bnk 13 also passed to them after spotting movement to check the area the following day.	JS	JV
51.	2230	R4 boxes for ARVN's 781 Co. i RF 2881 2981 2883 2983.	JS Bde	CG
52.	2243	Bde: To commander officer of Bn from Cold Steel 5; Maj Gen Mc Cowan deputy Com Gen II Field Forces, visit 3rd Bde, Sunday 3 Aug. Bn commander and commander of rifle companies from LZ Vivian, LZ Ellen, and Wescott will conduct briefing will consist of brief summary of current statistics and techniques of fighting in jungle area and bunker complexes, which have produced greater number of enemy casualties while keeping friendly casualties to a minimum. Tentative schedule follows: LZ Vivian 1010-1045, LZ Ellen 1105-1140, lunch, LZ Wescott 1235-1310. further readout will follow.	JS Bde	CG
53.	2300	Negative sitrep.	JS Bde	JV
54.	2355	Negative sitrep.	JS Bde	JV
55.	2400	Summary: D/Co had contact resulting in neg friendly cas. Found 1 heavy blood trail and captured 1 M-1 carbine.	JS	JV
56.	2400	Journal closed.	JS	JV

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