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1.	0001		Journal opened.			JS	JV
2.	0005		C/co move from he field to QL will be at 1400, RF will be laid on by Bde. Flight briefing VIP pad Andy 1330, C/co will be picked up in same LZ they CA into.			JS	JV
3.	0015		To Bn 3, sub-utilization and operations of CH-47 recent utilization and operation of CH-47 aircraft indicates that commanders are fialing to plan units and resupply activities in advance. As a result air lifts capabilities are being loads are not ready for pick-up when scheduled. Air- craft are required to sit on ground waiting for loads to be prepared and schedules are delayed and post phoned into hours of darkness and increasingly marginal weather. In addition failures to plan in advance precludes maximum use of Air Force fix wing aircraft for moval between installations and fixed wing sorties. The obvious consequence is over use of rotary wing aircraft to cover the mistakes of poor planning. Commanders will direct immediate attentions to the problems to insure maximum effective util- ization to the problems to insure maximum effect-				

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IN	OUT						
		itive utilization of CH-47 aircraft in support of the Division.				JS S3	BH
4.	0031	A 1/4 readout on 4 dead gooks found in shallow graves 8590 1 gook was dug up and he was killed by 50 cal. the indiv had brown uniforms on and Dragoons believes there are more dead in the area. There were 2 mines found today the first mine was hit by a vehicle. This one was command detonated size of the mine and type is unknown.					
		2nd mine encountered was found by A 1/4 it was comprised of an AF flare canister with explosives packed inside detonated by pressure device.					
		This mine was blown in place.				JS Bde	JV
5.	0040	AS for 18 Aug: TOT 1300 972908 LZ construct, 500 lb daisy cutter, TOT 1330 977918 LZ construct					
		500 lb daisy cutter, TOT 1400 983914 LZ construct					
		500 lb daisy cutter.				JS	BH
6.	0100	Negative sitrep.				JS	JV
7.	0134	SLR 17 Aug, TOT 2000-2240, 905910 1 open, 940910 1 river.				JS C A/co	BH
8.	0210	Mead Primer reports small probe on his perimeter from the N received small number of small arms and returned fire, Neg friendly caus. Enemy					
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	assessment unknown, area being engaged with							
	arty.			JS Ede			JV	
9.	0300	Negative sitrep.			JS			JV
10.	0333	In flight SLAR: TOT 0315 1 open 870885.			JS C, A 1/4			BH
11.	0347	1/9 ARVN's entire Bn in 1/8 AO at 805867, approx						
	400m in SW side of 1/8 AO. Passed to arty.			JS			BH	
12.	0415	Bde reported from 5/7 that LZ Ellen was closed						
	as of 17 Aug. Boundary extension given 5/7 by							
	Big Duke terminated on closing of LZ.			JS CO S3			JV	
13.	0500	Negative sitrep.			JS			JV
14.	0515	FY 0245 860928 0503 light.			JS D/co			BH
15.	0537	SLAR: TOT 0200-0300 769001 1 river.			JS			BH
16.	0600	Negative sitrep.			JS			JV
17.	0640	Plans for A 1/4 D/co and C/co sent also Swivel						
	Carcass resupply taken.			JS			JV	
18.	0713	RRF for 18 Aug will be A/co RRF A/co 3-6.			JS Ede			JV
19.	0740	Mead Primer search of contact area results, 1						
	sandal, 2 gook entrenching tools, 1 VC poncho,							
	1 US M-26 grenade no. LS5230, area will be							
	searched further, 11 more US grenades, 5 more							
	ponchos, 1 can cooked rice, 2 bag rice, 4 RPD							
	drums 200 rds per drum, 10 B-40 rocket, 11 B-41							
	rock rds, pieces of body, 1 XBA, est at least a							

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	company size enemy force, also more documents.			JS Bde			JV	
20.	0725	Log bird Ghost Rider 743 came on station 0720.						
	C/C Snoopy 16 on station 0758H.			JS Bde			JV	
21.	0800	From Bde 3 to ^B n 3 from Steel 6 be sure that company operating in rocket belt, requires all plt to move after dark, do not operate either C/co or E/co in units smaller than plt size.						
				JS			EH	
22.	0800	Summary on CIDG, 2011 CIDG in contact probed by est 2 plts from N&NE, 2025 contact broke still have flashlights around area 914878.						
	2047 initial probe, rec'd 60mm and LMG, fire from N&NE also rec'd 60mm mortar, engaged with arty, still receiving sporadic SA fire. 2100							
	est 100 NVA N&NE of their loc 914878. Nighthawk on station, 2118 Max on station. 2105 Max rec'd grd/air fire. 2100 Ma broke station, Shadow							
	76 on station. 2215 broke station. 2234 Max 3 broke station, 2200 contact broke w/CIDG's for							
	2nd time, 2246 Shadow on station. 0210 Mead Primer reports small probe on his perimeter							
	from N, area engaged w/neg assessment. Findings are in item #19.			JS			HB	
23.	0803	Search and interdict, walk to 891900 for pickup						

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	IN	OUT					
			at approx 1400 to secure to QL.	JS Bde			CG
24.	0846		Cav 15 on station 0845 friendlies marking with smoke, found 4-5 bnks 10x10 w/OHC 925884.	JS Bde			RC
25.	0910		A 1/4 est bodies 4 days old at 848898, Found in grave 6x4½.	JS Bde			RC
26.	0915		When 1/4 gets to hook pad Bde S-4 will supply 2 trucks to move then to VIP center.	JS			RC
27.	1008		Bde 3 required that A 1/4 to recon area to the blocking defense position to determine a good route to these locations of Plan 1 and Plan 2 that were given to us 17 Aug.	JS S3			CG
28.	1015		Unit locations sent to Bde.	JS Bde			RR
29.	1037		The engr at CIDG location 914878 have blown 14 more bnks of complex this AM.	JS Bde			RR
30.	1100		E/co 6 the FO team from E/co to assist the CIDG on operation starting 19 Aug will be: #19 Sgt Mallard 64N, RTO #38 SP/4 Dowles 64NI.	JS			RC
31.	1146		URS 009908 radius 850m early A, report.	JS Bde			CG
32.	1155		64N total of 57 bnks blown on 17 and 18 Aug bnk complex at 914878 time 1140.	JS Bde			RC
33.	1215		Rash 33 on station for 1300 AS at 987915, AS complete 1325 BDA 1 shipper LZ; AS 981907 TOT 1400 complete 1455, BDA 6 bnks 8x5 uncovered,				

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		also found signs of recent use in area, AS at			
		980908 BDA 1 50 cal position destroyed, 8 5x8			
		bnks dest., 4 6x10 uncovered, 20' trenchline			
		uncovered.		JS	S-2 Bde CG
34.	1239	Ghoast Rider Yellow 1 on station for C/co lift			
		told to be at 3rd Bde loc for briefing.		JS	RV
35.	1307	Sniffers: box 1 TOT 0921-0945 976931 001977			
		000985; 2nd box TOT 1000-1045 969945, 966950,			
		969950 max reading 957952 bnks, 961984, 964984			
		max reading; 3rd box TOT 1117-1140 960860 1			
		bnk.		JS	Bde S-2 CG
36.	1400	Lift for C/co 891900 to JL, 1st off PZ 1408,			
		2nd off 1423, 3rd off 1434, 4th off 1445, complete			
		1445.		JS	Bde RR
37.	1415	LRRP ST to be inserted in 20 min to 8296,			
		1435 went in at 812959.		JS	Bde RR
38.	1420	URS 050890 500m radius time early AM.		JS	Bde RR
39.	1425	Rash 33 Snoopy scout reports, 2 hootches 4x6			
		dest, 15' trench uncovered, 1 4x4 bnk uncovered,			
		981917, 1415 BDA, 15 bnks uncovered, 8 dest.,			
		20m trench line, 1 51 cal position uncovered,			
		4 fighting positions destroyed, more bnks in			
		area. Arty requested by Steel 3A.		JS	Arty RC

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40.	1405		Send list of names to Bde for CLC by courier bird morning of 19 Aug.			JS	CG
41.	1515		C/co closed on Andy in Steel family area.			JS Bde	RR
42.	1530		Sky spots: 930906, 983960 TOT 1900=190700.			JS	RV
43.	1544		Tentative plan for 19 Aug sent to Bde.			JS Bde	CG
44.	1555		A/co patrol to E of Wescott reports 400m found fresh blood, by 81mm mortar rd explosion site, est H&I on 17 Aug resulted in injury to enemy 960913.			JS Bde	RV
45.	1030		CIDG 914878 sweeping after 1st light found appbox 2 lbs of documents, evac to Bde S-3 and S-2 181300H, neg readout, 920875 at 0830H.			JS	RC
46.	1539		Defective grenades no. lot LS5230 the 4 shop is missing 19 of these grenades, D/co has 18 of these and 8 that have no. rubbed off. E/co 16 report having 1, "co found 8 more, makes total of 29.			JS S-4	CG
47.	1602		In reference to replacement of CIDG, how and when will it take place, reply to Steel 3A.			JS Bde	RR
48.	1610		A 1/4 3 107 landed in A 1/4 motor pool, 14 EM medevaced, Rash 31 reports possible 883937, 885939, smoke coming out of that area. "co est 871941.			JS Bde	RC

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49.	1650		URS 004910 750m radius late afternoon, told arty to pass to Bde arty.			JS		RR
50.	1650		URS 004910 750m radius late afternoon, Rash put 3 bombs on target, 2 fighting positons dest. 1 8x6 bnk uncovered.			JS		RV
51.	1710		Weather warning 0200-0800 thunderstorms, winds 10-25 knots W to E.			JS		RR
52.	1819		A/co Wescott, B/co opcon 1/7; C/co Andy; D/co 868957; E/co Wescott, A 1/4 895902; CIDG 914978.			JS Bde		CG
53.	1820		Hatchet report; day plt 6; night 5 plt.			JS Bde		RR
54.	1723		Rash 36 reports on station for AS at 981907 complete 1750; 987916 complete 1815, BDA 8 bnks uncovered 8x10, 2 bnks dest., 3 fighting positions dest., 10M trench dest, 2 55 drums dest, 1 of them what looked like clothes.			JS Bde		RC
55.	1835		65 to relay: Cpt Dock is to assume command of A 1/4 until the arrival of Cpt Siloer. 2 cooks will be sent tomorrow as replacements.			JS		RR
56.	1914		Request sky spot diverted to 995914 and 005910 for night of 18 Aug.			JS Bde		SH
57.	1915		From A 1/4 832895 NW 1000 to 1200m hear AK fire, neg readout from Bde.			JS Bde		RR
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58.	1925		Ghost Rider 767, to take A 1/4 a new CO this evening. Pick up at VIP pad, A 1/4 reports their					
			6 is at their location at this time,			JS		RR
59.	1855		URS 847050 2000m radius early evening.			JS		RR
60.	2035		ST 33 closing loc 818958 at 2005, heard 2-3 indiv to E neg readout.			JS E 1-6		BH
61.	2058		Boundary change for SW part of AO: 7987 E to 8287 SE to 843866 SE to 855857.			JS		BH
62.	2100		Shadow will be working in the following box 8004, 8505, 9213, 9300, 9198 Shadow is on station at this time.			JS		JV
63.	1056		Spot report Ap Van Hion 803847 taking B-40 and mortars at this time ARVN village.			JS		BH
64.	2116		2 JAG officers will visit Wescott 19 Aug for orientation and briefing with special emphasis on problems related to JAG.			JS CO S3		BH
65.	2138		In flight SLAK; 990985 1 road TOT 2125.			JS Arty		BH
66.	2154		RF boxes for 19 Aug 0700-1800: 399 8388, 8387, 8588, 8587, 8587, 8589, 8789, 8787, 850855, 850840, 875850, 870840, 215 RF 7987, 7984, 8287, 8284, 781 RF 7784, 8084, 7781, 8081, approved by 3A.			JS Bde		BH
67.	2210		Change in plans for 19 Aug and plans for 20 Aug					
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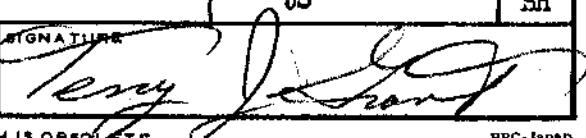
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		Sent to Bde.				JS Bde	BH	
68.	2220	Shadow informs us that 76 will be breaking station at this time for a TIC mission fired on 3 targets as follows: 900025 target 3 campfires, expended 4500 rds resulting in 1 secondary explosion. Old Vivian 3000 rds neg results. 871000 small light on a road 6000 rds light disappeared.				JS Bde	JV	
69.	2305	From Bde: Andy at 0648 B 1/7 found 1 B-40 under CM wire had been detached from CM, 75 meters in front of bnk 15, 1 NVA pack, 2 B-40's and 2 chi com grenades behind bnk 15 across perimeter road. Andy 1115 found blood trails 25m outside 3rd wire bnk 62, found 1 NVA KIA 6 to 8 hrs old wearing blk PJ's and had documents on him, also found numerous trails in vic bnk 62 running into rubber and had commo wire into trip flares to set them off. 1520 B 1/7 received 3 107, 1 landed A 1/4 motor pool, 1 dud landed Snoopy pad, 13 WIA, est position 885939.				JS	BH	
70.	2345	Sensor activated FY0383, 99579831 2324 heavy, 0247 854944 2328H heavy.				JS Arty	BH	
71.	2400	Journal closed.				JS	BH	

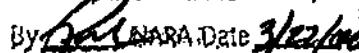
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