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1.	0001		Journal opened.			JS	JV
2.	0030		Bde 3 MA: C/S drum drop missions for today: 760970 to 761973, 806979 to 813971, 813977 to 823978, 841992 to 852992. For 26 Aug. 799960 to 796950, 806931 to 815930, 839951 to 845943, 843949 to 849950, 869949 to 878949, 872945 to 872935. Don't fire arty in grids of CS drops until we have been informed that drops are complete. Time of drop 1030.			JS Bde	HM
3.	0040		Bn [REDACTED] Bunkers 4,5,6 had 1 EM awake on each unaware that 2 EM were suppose to be awake after 2400hrs. Notified Base Defense that 2EM were to be awake on each bunker after 2400hrs.			JS	HM
4.	0215		Bde 83M: Airstrikes for 25 Aug as follows: TOT 0945, 911882, 500lb low drag, TOT 1300, 985845, LZ Construct, TOT 1515, 986906, 750lb low drag.			JS	HM
5.	0300		Situation negative.			JS	JV
6.	0352		Bde 2ME: SLAR TOT 0137-0145, 850865.			JS Arty	BH
7.	0400		Situation negative.			JS	JV
8.	0500		Situation negative.			JS	JV
9.	0520		Nighthawk did not come on station, bad weather.			JS	JV

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10.	0545		Bde 83M: Skyspots went in at 995951 & 0316. and 929869 at 0326hrs, both targets were hit four 750lb bombs.			JS	BH
11.	0600		Situation negative, stand-to complete.			JS	BH
12.	0645		RRF for 25 Aug BCo 16, QRF for 25 Aug B Co.			JS Bde	BH
13.	0650		B Co reports CM in at this time.			JS	BH
14.	0719		Bde: There will be a commanders conference at 3rd Bde today at 1400hrs to discuss plans for Tuesday and Wednesday.			JS	JV
15.	0727		Sabre 26 on station for first light recon of 1/8 AO.			JS Bde	BH
16.	0735		Log bird on station 0715hrs, CC on station 0830hrs, shutdown for maintenance work.			JS Bde	BH
17.	0757		Sabre 26 reports at 854865 spotted 4 bunkers and a small bridge, unable to tell last use. Destroyed the Bridge.			JS Bde	BH
18.	0830		Bde: 11ACR want clearance to put a platoon in at 8189, now until 1200hrs, has been given clearance, informed A 1/4.			JS	RC
19.	0840		Bde: Planned insertion of Blues today in box 8804, 9204, south along Song Be River from 917010-8801. Request clearance from 1/8.			JS Bde	RM

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	IN	OUT						
20.	0841		Bdes 1/8 is required to provide RRF, QRF.					
			Notified Bdes of Forces.				JS Bde	RM
21.	0844		Rash 31: Call sign of bird for A/S will be					
			Toy 04. A/S scheduled for 0945 at 911882.				JS	RM
22.		0855	Bn 94: Request for airstrikes; 773938, 768947.					
			Daisy cutters; 761954, 769945.				JS Bde	TG
23.	0855		A 1/4 at 968916 found 2 N/S trails neg recent use. At 979915 found 1 major trail 5' wide, 1 E-W fork neg recent use, 1 cameral found					
			(cannon) believed to belong to other US forces					
			working in the area.				JS Bde	RM
24.	0910		A 1/4 reports Kit Carson talking to villagers found that the villagers had been informed by someone to stay away from grid 880870. No knowledge of who they were told by. Later report Kit Carson and A 1/4 talking with villagers feel the reason may be because of mines being layed in area by NVA. Grid where conversations took place 848888, gooks also told to stay off all major roads in that area.				JS Bde	RM
25.	0925		A 1/4 checkpoint Car 8583.				JS	RC
26.	0945		Bn CC to 65; Message to 28, turn trans off and go to manual relay.				JS 28	RC

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27.	0945		Bde 3A: Bde 6 request a meeting of all Bn 6 at 1500hrs today at Bde headquarters,			JS	RM
28.	0955		Bde 3A: RF force will arrive at Wescott at the time of insertion of Sabre Blue. Will arrive by slick and will remain until Blues are extracted. Bde 3A has advised the we notify our QF force now in the event that they might be needed.			JS	RM
29.	1000		Get a couple of replacement radios ready for D Co 26. Bn CO inbound to pick them up. Also have someone ready to go out and check 26 radios.			JS	RC
30.	1005		Bde 2M: ST 43 inserted in 891936 at 0950hrs.			JS	RM
31.	1006		PZ time 1100hrs to QL then at 1300 to Ellens.			JS	RC
32.	1010	3	A Co in contact with approx 5 ind to their East 30 meters. They are sweeping the area at this time. 3 US WIA, ambulatory. Will need a jungle penetrator. They were preparing to move when the gooks opened up on their perimeter. 16 moving out in persuit 1025. Using Arty as they move forward. Contact at 980915.			JS Bde	RM
33.	1025		A/S at 911882, complete at 1015, BDA 8 bnk destroyed			JS	RC
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	IN	OUT					
34.	1030	Bn 3 to CIDG; CA to be run on your push, lift to start at 1045hrs.					
35.	1034	A Co request medevac for 3 ind, 2 ambulatory and 1 litter, medevac complete at 1055hrs. Patients taken to C Co 15th Med. Melvin, Wayne G. 005-44-8562, Orlando, Nicholas A. 378-54-9311, Meredith, Ronald, 378-44-8682.					
36.	1045	Bde 3MB: 11 ACR is sending engineers to grid 805851 to level a berm left by ARVN armored unit.				JS Bde	RV
37.	1110	A Co complete moving NE searching area. Found net work of trails following contact via 980915.				JS	RM
38.	1111	A Co (-) working E to check BDA and search and clear to 003916. 26 & 46 go S to 983905. Then E to 995905 then N to 16 & 36 to set up night location.				JS	RC
39.	1112	Bde 2M: 1/9 Blues were inserted at 883020 at 0940hrs. LZ was green.				JS	RM
40.	1113	A 1/4 at via 868845 blue in shape box, A 1/4 to work E side then left side when to go to night location.				JS	RC
41.	1115	D Co at 878006 found 3 bunkers neg recent use.					

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			Also found a N-S trail, 2 NVA trousers and				
			1 shirt. Kit Carson said they were on their				
			way to go to QL and kill GI's.			JS Bde	RM
42.	1129		CIDG T lift, from 900897 to QL, 1st lift off				
			PZ 1050, 1st lift on LZ 1055, 2nd lift off PZ				
			1100, 2nd lift on LZ 1105, 3rd lift off PZ				
			1115, 3rd lift on LZ 1122, lift complete 1123.			JS Bde	RM
43.	1130		Bde 3A: Notify Sabre 37 or 34 to crank and				
			contact Bde for a contact mission.			JS	RM
44.	1140		A/S at 985845 complete 1132hrs, BD* 1 shipper.			JS	RM
45.	1145		Bde 3A: ST 43 in contact at 891936 at 1140.				
			Tm leader and Asst Tm leader engaged with 3				
			to 4 enemy. Both TL and ATL were wounded.				
			Enemy were using AK's and grenades. 2 enemy				
			KIA. Tm taken out by medevac Charlie at 1130.				
			RTO for tm believe 4 to 6 ind spotted bird				
			coming in and set up a hasty ambush. Tm				
			leader spotted 1 enemy in a tree after they had				
			moved out to the NW of PZ. Engaged him and				
			saw him fall out of the tree. Element then				
			recieved small arms fire, and TL was wounded				
			ATL pulled T1 back to fighting positions and				
			were pursued by enemy. Tm rec frags and engaged				
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			enemy. Tm leader believed enemy was NVA.						
46.	1146			Bn 3 to B Co; have 16 element in gear standing by on pad B 6 and 16 to come to TOC ASAP.					
		At 1130 taken off posture position on pad due to LRRP's extraction, although they will remain on ready status for Sabre Blues.							
47.	1320			Bde 83: Have Sabre lift off and go on channel 4 for mission.				JS	RC
48.	1325			Bde 3B: Request for bulldozer is still at Bde. Present time all but 1 dozer is down.					
		As soon as one is available one will be ssnt out. Possible tomorrow.							
49.	1334			Rash 33, A/3 893954, complete 1330hrs, BDA destroyed 1/4 ton jeep.				JS	RC
50.	1345			Bn 28: A 1/4 at 886841, found old bunkers (8) facing the road to the South. Destroyed them neg recent use.				JS Bde	RM
51.	1350			Bde 83: ETA of fixed wing lift for CIDG will be during 1300-1630. Mission must be completed by 1630. Flight no. 468 1 & 2 birds off QL 1320. 3rd bird up 1430, 4 & 5 bird up at 1510, PZ clear.					
52.	1353			Rash 33, LZ Construct, complete 1330, 988064, BDA 2 shipper.				JS	RC
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53.	1400	/	A 1/4 at 885845 found 18-20 bunkers, 1 week old, would hold 30-40 people. East 200 meters from these over a burn 20 more bunkers going ESE. A 1/4 checking area. Neg signs of rec use or direction of travel. Bunkers undamaged by A/S.			JS Bde	RM
54.	1435		B Co patrol going out 500 metes then do a 360 around Wescott. Negative finding's.			JS Bde	RM
55.	1454		Bde 23: CS mission for today in following grids; 760970-761973, 806979-813970, 813977-823978, 841992-852992. Were completed at 1330hrs.			JS	RM
56.	1455		A Co BDA, trail at 981917 NW no recent use, trail at 982918, EW no recent use, trail at 981915, NS with recent use, 2 trails at 985913, EW neg recent use but well beaten down, fork going S.			JS Bde	RM
57.	1608		Rash 31; A/B at 895954, complete 1445hrs, BDA, 5 bunkers, 2 50 cal pits destroyed, 1 bunker uncovered.			JS	RC
58.	1726		Bde: Sabre Blues were extracted at 1355hrs.			JS	RV
59.	1800		3MG Rogers to Lt Grant; Snider, David PFC 52462-3896, was suppose to attend Sniper school, was not present. Inquiring as to his				
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		status. Reply; status of sniper was 15th Med.				JS Bde	TG
60.	1810	D Co 26, down bird inside found folder with freq publication, maintenance report, Arty map, accident report, flightleader report, 6 foxholes around bird, est been down 30 days tail #15469, julian date on maintenance report 9194, 9195, grid 787935, engine has been extracted, map #5469 Arty.					
61.	1815	Bde 2: Engineers spotted ind in the following grids, 829895 16 men, 838895 21 men, 845895 25 men. Ind did not appear to be rubber workers, were well dress and seem to be carrying parcels. Time 1330hrs.				JS	RM
62.	1816	Bde 3MA: RF/PF boxes for operation 26 Aug; RF 251(-) 7491, 7291, 7691, 7692. 1 plt 251, 7892, 7992, 7891, 7991. 215 RF (-) 7886, 8086, 7884, 8084. 399 RF, 8489, 8689, 8486, 8686. Approved by Bn 3.				JS Bde	RV
63.	1815	Bde 3MA: A0 extension request from RF/PF for defense of An Loc, eff 252400-6, 7490, 7990, 7484, 7984. Approved by Bn 3.				JS Bde	RV
64.	1900	Hatchet Report; Day ambushes, 4 platoon, night ambushes, 5 platoon.				JS Bde	RM
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65.	1905		A co, 100 meters from 983908, found 3 trails 1 EW, 1 S, 1 SE, all used by 2-3 ind in last 3 days. At 983907, found N3 trail, every 50-20 meters along trail are destroyed bun- kers. From 983907 on N side of blue more bunkers not destroyed, neg rec use. They could not total bunkers, because of time factor. They had to get back to NL to set up will get info first thing in morning.					JS Bde	RM
66.	1930		A Co; Plans for 26 Aug, 26 36 46 & CP cover grid squares 9891, 9991. 16 conduct local patrols 9890.					JS Bde	RM
67.	1900		Night Finals: A Co 983908, B o Wescott, C Co QL, D Co(-) 875938, 26 787935, 36 872936, E Co Wescott, A 1/4 892829.					JS Bde	RC
68.	1956		Bde: In ref to Blues insertion for 26 Aug, will be inserted in following Box, 917950 to 880950 to 880920 E to Song Be River then N up River to 917950.					JS	RM
69.	1959		Bde: 11ACR has a unit to the South of D Co 26 Negative knowledge of grid at this time. 11 ACR approx 2-3 Km South of D Co 26 near Thunder 4 and out of 1/8 AO.					JS	RM
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70.	2000		Bde 2MB: FY 0334, 968975, activated at 1947, medium. FY 0332, 969980, activated at 1948, light.					
71.	2045		B Co reports tracers coming up from the ground via 2 Km SW of Wescott. Will engage with 81mm. 10rds, neg assessment.				JS Arty	BH
72.	2135		Tentative plans for 27 & 28 Aug sent to Bde. Also changes in plans for 26 Aug.				JS Bde	BH
73.	2230		Bde 3 to Bn 3: E Co 16 lift scheduled for 26 Aug at 1300hrs.				JS	BH
74.	2305		Request log bird to pick up 1 pack enroute to Wescott at 0700hrs. On the First Team VIP pad, Phouc Vinh. Freq 45.60, Hightower 34, indiv name Sgt. Mitchell.				JS Bde	BH
75.	2350		Nighthawk on station to work following box; 8506, 9213, 9908, 9997.				JS	JV
76.	2355		Situation Negative.				JS	JV
77.	2400		Summary: There were numerous instances of finding's of trails and bunkers, but there were no signs of any recent useage in the areas. D Co 26 found a downed aircraft, which had been down for approx one month. the engine had been extracted, but a map					

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