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IN	OUT					
1.	0001	Journal opened.				
2.	0007	A 1/4 reports flare ship on station.				
3.	0023	A 1/4 reports sweeping through area of mortar fire reconning by fire along the way so far no sign of enemy activity 850903.				
4.	0035	A 1/4 has 1 plt size in position to cover suspected mortar sight, and 2 plts at NL.				
5.	0135	Bde 6A to Bn 6 message: recent division director requires that all Bde have an effective I cap program. Bde S-5 has started initial coordination for I cap in our AO, have our S-5 coordinate this matter ASAP with Bde S-5.				
6.	0155	Sky spots TOT 0315 863010, TOT 0550 875007, at 0321 863010 went in, 4 750 lb bombs; 875007 went in at 0543 6 750 lb bombs. Requested 1st light recon.				
7.	0200	Negative sitrep.				
8.	0300	Negative sitrep.				
9.	0500	Negative sitrep.				
10.	0600	Negative sitrep.				
11.	0620	Readout of QL incoming: at 2145 took 15-20 rds 82mm, results 1 US LIA and 12 US WIA, at 2325 took approx 15 82mm, also Nui Ba Ra took 5-8				

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			rds 82mm 5 WIA at 2250H.			JS	BH	
12.	0630			Log bird has to report to Red Baron for CA				
			at 0915 31 Aug.			JS	BH	
13.	0640			REF for 31 Aug D/co 3-6, QRF 31 Aug D/co.			JS Bde	BH
14.	0655			Heavy arty box, TOT 312115, 965948, 976950, 958978, 969979.				
15.	0720			Sabre Red reports on station for 1st light recon of Quan Loi, broke station without notification.			JS Bde	JV
16.	0725			Bde 3M reports he has negative commo with NP will try to contact them again at 0830. 0820 reported NP do work on Sundays, will try to get a couple for US, MP and NP picked up and taken to A 1/4.			JS	BH
17.	0800			Work N patrol w/2 oaks grid 7894, 7896, 8096, 8094. 1 oak will stay in the rubber, set up 3 oak size ambushes to B/co.			JS B/co	TG
18.	0803			C/co to check out agent report with 1 oak, set up at night in 3 oak size ambushes at 841948, 847942, 853938.			JS	TG
19.	0816			Saber checked out 891936 at 0810 agent report; 898933 N-S trail used within last 12H by 15-20 indiv travelling N. 888918 E-W trail used by				
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		5-10 indiv travelling E in past 12H. Sited at 0815H.			JS Bde	RC
20.	0830	Message for Bn 3: 2 MP and 1 NP will be at Bde				
		VIP pad at 0900 have to be brought back this PM, have log bird pick up and take to A 1/4.				
		At 0940 were not there. At 1115H Bde informed us they were there.			JS Bde	RC
21.	0920	Sitrep will be written up in the log and made available at 0700, 1200, 1700.			JS	RV
22.	0921	ST 31 at 0920H located at 814970.			JS	RC
23.	1045	Unit locations sent to Bde.			JS Bde	RC
24.	1049	A 1/4 at 849906 found mortar base plate imprint 1 aiming stake, 2 bnks, 1 had overhead cover, i did not. Bnks were built last night, tracks indicate 20-25 indiv in area past 24H. A 851906 found 1 large pool of blood, 100m E from 851906 found 1 small pool blood near arty crater also 1 gook web gear at this loc.. Believed enemy evaded to E, est 2 ABA.			JS Bde	RR
25.	1120	From 3rd Bn An Loc 525 MI, 281100 agent report, 885036, 100 NVA and 6 VC, sa ing 100m from Suoi Bu Nghing stream, NVA wore green uniforms, armed with 2 107 launchers, 20 rds, 2 82mm mortars 20 rds				
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	1 HMG, 4 RPG-2 16 rds, 2 RPG-7 8 rds, AK-47's, VC armed with 1 RPG-7 4 rds, AK-47's, VC wore blk clothing, no rating given, requested scout birds and sniffer mission on 8605, 9305, 8600, 9300.								
26.	1135	Ground guide directing in lock into LZ caused damage to aircraft when he signaled pilot by raising M-16 over head and hitting blades.						JS Bde	RC
27.	1436	Bn 3 called Bde 3 for arrangement to pick up A 3-6 at 1630, birds also requested.						JS	RR
28.	1440	B/co 755960, 775960, 775936, 755936, approved but NL must be in line to defend for Quan Loi.						JS	RR
29.	1443	Bn 6 have hot meal ready to go out to E 1-6 tomorrow morning.						JS	RR
30.	1445	Sniffer box at 8610-9210, 8605, 9205, Rider 809 is not cleared to fire in NW corner of box due to friendlies in area. Sniffer box at 0090, 0590 0084, 0584 was not approved.						JS	RR
31.	1148	CA of 1/CO 3-6 from 913973 to 892908, 5 sorties 1st off PZ 1138 clear, on LZ 1148 green.						JS Bde	RR
32.	1207	B/co at 772938 found 40-50 57-75 RR rds had already been discharged, at 772936 a N-S trail traveled by 1-2 ind past 48N to S.						JS Bde	RR
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33.	1211		Check points for CIDG, 0080 states, 0090 fruits, JS				RV
34.	1225		CIDG lift report: initial lift off at 1015, complete at 1058 19 sorties, LZ 989895, PZ				
			Eleanor.			JS Bde	RV
35.	1230		B/co 1-6 found N-S trail used last 12H 772938 by squad size force. Kit Carson said signs in-				
			dicated people were VC, going N.			JS Bde	RM
36.	1235		Heavy arty box: 965948, 976950, 958978, 969979, TOT 312115, to be referred to on non-secure nets. JS				RV
37.	1251		Informed C/co to check out agent report of 30 Aug at 891937, neg findings.			JS Bde	RM
38.	1340		A/co found at 915970 1 E-W trail traveled on by 2-3 ind within past 48H. In area of grid, also found sleeping and cooking positions of 2-3 ind within past 48H, direction of travel E.			JS Bde	RM
39.	1344		Scout on station, checked out skyspots at 863010 and 875007 neg findings. BDA AB 970004 4 bnks 4x4 dest, 1 3x5 bnk dest, 1 spider hole un- covered, 8x10 hootch dest.			JS Bde	RM
40.	1352		To operator D-6 have vehicle ready for sling out 1130H 1 Sept will be going to LZ Eagle.			JS	RM
41.	1406		E 1-6 present time has 2 ambushes out. Have swept heavy arty box, neg findings. Also 1				
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	IN	OUT					
		patrol recon in area, 045965 046965 ambushes, 048960					
		patrol,				JS Bde	RM
42.	1407	A 1/4 has man with cut foot, C/C will pick up					
		EM and take to QL, 1420 man at QL.				JS	RM
43.	1414	Unit locations sent to Bde.				JS Bde	RC
44.	1530	Duke 5 has a quota for 1 LT for Div school as instructor. Must have 5 months to do, if we send one Div will replace with man with 12 months till deros. Reply; don't have officer with 3 months in field.				JS	LL
45.	1536	After a thorough search around the mortar site at 1530 849906, A 1/4 found 1 chinese 82mm fuse head with chinese writing on top. On the side no.'s 2, 54, 16-67, it was found in a plastic case 4 in. by 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " capable of carrying 3 fuse heads. Also found shot gun fuse charge for 82mm with no's 7, 6, 56-62 on the top, bottom no's 66, 62. There were 30 empty plastic containers like the type mentioned. VC propaganda leaflets title American GI's: What must you do to restore peace early withdrawal from 849906 trails, E to 857906 then trail split S through the rubber, used by 5 ind and # trail continued used by 15 ind					
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			A 1/4 followed E trail till soft ground halted their progress, continuing to search the area numbers on bottom of plastic case 3-16-61-54.			JS Bde	WM	
46.	1434			In reference to report 2301809H A 1/4 stopped villagers took, 52 OD blankets, 4 cases C-rations, 1 case LRRP, 50 wool t-shirts, didn't get the rest.			JS Bde	RC
47.	1502			E 1-6 found at 048960 30 bunks 6x6 2' OHC, 1 N-S trail, both had neg recent use, bunk over 2 months old, caving in, E/co did not destroy them because they were already caving in.			JS Bde	RC
48.	1544			Boundary extension has been approved for 24H.			JS	RC
49.	1545			Requested dog team for E/co will be at Snoopy pad 0700 1 Sept.			JS Bde	EW
50.	1545			From Bde 5 NP adviser An Loc will arrange for NP for to accompany A 1/4 ASAP, will confirm when arrangement complete.			JS Bde	RC
51.	1550			To Bde will destroy bunkers that E/co found 1 Sept if time allows.			JS Bde	RC
52.	1552			Bde 3 recommends CS dropped on bunk complex 048960.			JS	RC
53.	1600			E/co will move all elements on 1 Sept to center mass of box. Drop heavys and move in direction				

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	of hill mass to SW of box. Will try to recon mostly in SW corner.							
54.	1601	Informed Swivel Carcass to revert back to old call sign.			JS B/co			RM
55.	1620	Chieu Hoi leaflets dropped on grids: 9690, 9788 9786, 9890, 9984, 8689, 8890, 8798, 8992, 8691, 8891, 0086, 0183, 0285, 0288.			JS Bde			RC
56.	1628	Study is being conducted to determine to what extend unit move at night or why they don't move at night, your comments requested by 2 Sept. JS S3						RC
57.	1655	An Loc sector 3 request AO for AF 010600 to 011800 399 (-) 8589, 8789, 8787, 8487. Approved by S3. JS Bde						RC
58.	1742	CA of A 3-6 from 885914 to A 1/4 loc at 855907 LZ secure, 5 sorties off PZ 1729 clear, on LZ 1732 complete.			JS Bde			RV
59.	1758	Sniffer readout: TOT 1439-1505 870060, 1 bnk 909054, 1 bnk 860078. 2030 check with Bn 2MO and this was the only sniffer readout in our AO 12 bnks.			JS Bde			RC
60.	1812	To Bde; Neg knowledge were ind went, the supplies were taken from about 20-25 people (VN) on motor scooters average age 17-25. It appeared that most of the supplies were not gotten at dump. JS Bde						RC

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61.	1900	At 996886 CIDG 1600 entered bnk area that had a persistent CS mission on 23 Aug, CIDG were completely denied entry to area, CS was persistent in bnks as well as ground. CS mission on 23 Aug was very successful.				JS Bde		RM
62.	1901	A 1/4 at 849898 stopped 3 people traveling red ball, element is confiscating all military material in their possession. 2 wool T-shirts and 1 ignition fuse, villagers were travelling to S, age approx 15-17, claimed reason for traveling late ran out of oil, papers of ind seem to be in order. No license number on bike, will keep people overnight, will question further in morning.				JS Bde		RM
63.	1910	A 1/4 followed trails of VC that had revealed from mortar site, performed denial operations.				JS Bde		RC
64.	1915	C/co has sent EM to Wescott and Quan Loi for various medical reasons, would like to have medics check and see that all people that are not on some sort of medic hold back to the field, sent to C/co 5M.				JS		RM
65.	1920	A/co 893969, 16 911962, 36 851901; B/co 790920, 16 785915, 15 781912; C/co 866955, 16 044967,						
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			36 873954; D/co Wescott; */co 044967; A 1/4				
			819897, 848888; CIDG 005878.			JS Bde	RC
66.	1921		Hatchet report; day squad 4, plt 10; night				
			squad 5, plt 12.			JS Bde	RC
67.	1930		A 1/4 16 26 patroled S along blue to 915960, found 1 E-W trail traveled on by 2-3 ind to E within past 12H, also in area found 1 sleeping position and 1 cooking position.			JS	RM
68.	1935		D/co reports last light recon found 2 very fresh cuts in the 1st and 2nd wires and in front of bnk 9.			JS Bde	JV
69.	1938	✓	B/co at 777917 36 found 30-40 bns old approx 5x8x5. All had been destroyed by APC no recent movement in area no trails, area had been DM approx 8 months ago.			JS Bde	RM
70.	2100		B/co reports spotting a small light further check with ambushes at 790928 verified the light at grid, engaged with 36 rds 105.			JS Bde	EH
71.	2030		Request scout team for 1st light r con of heavy arty box in AO.			JS Bde	WM
72.	2200		Boundary extension for 212 and 257 Co. 7684, 8184, 7689, 8198 010600 to 011800, approved by Bn 3.			JS Bde	EH
73.	2202		Tentative plans for 2-3 Sept sent to Bde.			JS Bde	EH

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