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1.	0001		Journal opened.			JS	JV
2.	0100		Negative sitrep.			JS	JV
3.	0150		UHF down at 2100 and was back up at 2400, UHF channel was off push.			JS	JV
4.	0200		Negative sitrep.			JS	JV
5.	0300		Negative sitrep.			JS	JV
6.	0330		Request scout dog team for 6 Sept for Wescott base defense. Dog team to be picked up at Snoopy pad 0930 6 Sept.			JS Bde	BH
7.	0400		Negative sitrep.			JS	JV
8.	0440		SLAM TOT 0105-0115, 900819 1 road, too old to fire on, because moving target.			JS	BH
9.	0500		Negative sitrep.			JS	JV
10.	0600		Negative sitrep.			JS	BH
11.	0620		RRF D 36, QRF D/co for 6 Sept.			JS Bde	BH
12.	0645		CM in at Wescott at this time.			JS Bde	BH
13.	0646		All units reported neg movement last night.			JS	JV
14.	0712		D 15 1st light recon had neg findings.			JS Bde	JV
15.	0725		Saber on station for 1st light recon, + neg finds, Vivian neg finds, area of old arc lite had recent movement. 868056 1 NE-SW trail traffic by 100 ind in past 24H, 1 hootch along trail, dest. 850032 3 N-S trails traveled by 30 ind				

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		to S past 12H. 8401 area showed signs of recent movement, reconnoitered with fireteam assess.			JS Bde	RR
16.	0745	Log bird GR 728 on station 0705, C/C on station 0935H.			JS	RR
17.	0820	A 1/4 apprehended 1 villager on motor bike. Had in his position 1 case eggs, 1 duffle bag C-rations, and 20 cans sweet corn. Person claimed he paid \$9 to a GI for a 1 these goods, would not disclose who GI was. A 1/4 had necessary info from ID card villagers. 847891.			JS Bde	RC
18.	0825	A 1/4 wants 3-4 wrist type compasses, say they work better in APC. S-4 told them to contact on people.			JS	RR
19.	0850	Changes in plans for 7 & 8 Sept. sent to Bde.			JS Bde	RV
20.	0910	Bn 2 suggest LRRP team should go in at 9702.			JS Bde	RC
21.	0920	C/oo at 883986 found 5 fighting positions 2 graves 5 months old. Are digging up. Found 2 skeletons approx 6-8 months old. Unable to tell cause of death.			JS Bde	RR
22.	0940	No dog team on pad 0940, should have been there 0930H.			JS Bde	RC
23.	0940	Sabre on station, going to check out 787941, 905976, 954958, 787941 N-S trail 10 ind 24H				

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		traveling N. Spot report 787960 1 N-S trail			
		15 ind traveling N past 12H,			JS RR
24. 0950		E 16 reports hearing fire in 795955 auto fire: Sct tm claim they have not been firing there.			
		Saber 25 will check out area.			JS RR
25. 0958		Scout 1 performing VR of Wescott.			JS RR
26. 0959		Air requests: move CIDG 0900 Eleanor to 865783, push 56.50, control Big Duke 6 or 3, sec to CA 18 sorties 0945H. C/co and D/co PZ Wescott to 903981, 19 sorties.			JS Bde RC
27. 1000		Because of maintenance status and battle damage of Bde C/C ships, Cmds are requested to restrict there aviation of C/C ships to minimum. Log will be available all day, C/C are not to be used as log birds, critical status about 2 weeks.			JS RC
28. 1001		If possible need 2 cases trip flares, ER flares, and claymore wires for CIDG.			JS RR
29. 1008		ARVN's report enemy in open at 783925, Sabre 25 checking out area. Reports arty called in on top on them breaking station.			JS RV
30. 1010		Heavy thunder storms moving from N-S. Should be here tonight last 3-4 days.			JS RC
31. 1012		A/co 857947, 16 892923, B/co 964974, C/co			

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		883986, D/co Wescott, B 16 802936, A 1/4				
		851907.			JS Bde	RC
32.	1020	B 16 at 802936 has checked out agent report				
		787941, neg finds, now moving to 808937. Reports				
		civilians are working in rubber 795930.			JS	RR
33.	1026	From now on your dog teams will be instructed				
		to report to your Bn rear CP this will eliminate				
		lengthy waits outdoors by either party.			JS	RC
34.	1038	LRRP insertion grid out 105 range can't support				
		from Wescott request new grid 0187.			JS Bde	RC
35.	1040	Scout 1 3400 from Wescott 600m out trail of				
		1 ind and 1 dog past 48H away from Wescott.				
		Also numerous bnks and hootches around Wescott				
		dest, neg recent use.			JS	RR
36.	1044	Sabre Red spotted 5 enemy ind at 895995 engaging				
		with organics, arty on call at 895975. 6 reports				
		enemy evading to SW. C/co will act as a block				
		and try to stop. Saber will adjust arty in				
		area. Will be inserting Blues in area to sand-				
		wich gook in between C/co and Blues, to go in				
		at 895970. 1115 use D 36 as QRF, 1117 Saber has				
		gook pinned down will remain over their loc until				
		insertion of Blues. 1120 reports 2 KEH, 1130				

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	IN	OUT					
			check on bird for QRF of D/co for insertion.				
			1145 Blues inserted at 095070.		JS Bde	RR	
37.	1000		A 1/4 on a 1st light check around their ambush position of 851907 found a hole complex of 30 8' holes 10" in diameter and 15 2' holes 10" in diameter. The holes go straight down, all were empty. One had what looked like fin mark possible 107 was pulled out. The area was 100m from road and believed to have been cache site for 107 or 122 rockets. No signs recent use.		JS Bde	WM	
38.	1135		NP advisor request A 1/4 return ID cards of VN ASAP, reply A 1/4 has no ID cards, they copy info off cards and give them back.		JS Bde	RC	
39.	1142		Request to have AB diverted to 895975, AS cannons , also bridges at 90006 reported to Bde 83I.		JS Bde	RC	
40.	1204		Rash on station for AB 895975, neg AB needed because troops are in area.		JS	RV	
41.	1210		Sitrep on enemy in open 895975, Blues and tracker team have been inserted and are tracking blood trails of an est 7 man enemy force. In search of reported 2 KHM, AB not needed because troops are in area. Contact grid 898965, 897963. JS Bde		JS Bde	RV	

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42.	1225		Sitrep of Blues at 893967 moving NE tracker team had movement to front, traveling on trail at this time, 892967 found traces of drag marks of 1 ind. 1301 Blues presently following 3 blood trails. 1321 moving NW believe 5 ind are moving in front of them. 1352 lost trail will move NNE on new trail. Neg further, possible extraction and insertion in 910985, 20 bnks in area.			JS Bde	RR
43.	1230		Log bird spotted geese in open at 877956, GR 728 1 ind spotted. Ind wearing civilian clothes evaded S into marsh. Engaging with arty, A/oo reconned with neg finds.			JS Bde	RR
44.	1245		Request AO extension 7887, 7877, 8977, 8587.			JS Bde	RC
45.	1330		Bde has neg hooks available for hook ladder training for 7 Sept. C/oo should be complete on morning 7 Sept.			JS Bde	RC
46.	1340		C/oo has discovered bnks at 888983, 25 bnks 5x8 all old and caved in, no recent use.			JS Bde	RR
47.	1400		A/oo 865954, 16 88896; B/oo 962973; C/oo 887984, D/oo Wescott; E 16 808937; A 1/4 849897, 844894.			JS Bde	RC
48.	1411		No change in plans for 7 Sept.			JS Bde	RC
49.	1421		A 1/4 856913 found 4 57mm casings 3 months old.			JS	RC

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50. 1435			Saber Red will insert Blues into area of 910985 from present loc spotted 20 bnks and 1 hootch, appears to be fresh, want ubo laid on possible LZ 910985. Blues inserted at 916987 at 1455, at 918988 found bnk complex, 2 hootches 8x10, 5 bnks 5x8, ponchos web gear very old, 920987 1 oven, 1 foxhole, 1 M17 A1 mine.	0001	6 Sept 69	2400	6 Sept 69	JS Bde	RR
51. 1435			Rash 37 A 998948 TOT 1400, BDA 2 ship LZ at 998948, 1 ship 000948.			JS	RR		
52. 1445			Extension for CIDG not obtainable CIDG to go in W of river, and E of our boundary.			JS	RR		
53. 1515			Blues were extracted at 1430 from 915984 in- serted at 985024. At 1720 Blues 916987.			JS Bde	RR		
54. 1358			To Bn 3 request check into AO extension while at Bde TOC.			JS Bde	RC		
55. 1550			Plans to change D and C Co has been approved.			JS	RC		
56. 1628			RF box 070600-071800: 1 plt 251, 7992, 8092, 8091, 7991; 399 (-) 8489, 8689, 8686, 8486; 1 plt 399 8585, 8287, 8784, 8584; 212 7684, 7689, 8089, 8084; 212 061800-121800H 7889, 7891, 8091, 8089. Approved Bn 3.			JS	RC		
57. 1530	2		B 26 in contact at 975978 on a NW-SE trail with 5 ind traveling NW. 26 was paralleling the trail			JS	RC		

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			looking for an ambush site. They observed the inds and set up a hasty ambush. Their initial burst killed 4. They took SA, AW, and B-40 fire from a larger force further to the E of the contact area. 2 US WIA lightly wounded. Rash 31 on station at 1545 and assisted with his organics. Max 68 on station 1600. Requested Sct Tm. SA contact resumed at 1605 with enemy fire coming from the E. 1620 began to pull back, 1622 confirms 3 KIA also 1 elbow, total 4 KIA, 1920 final captured 2 AK-47, enemy was NVA wearing packs. Will sweep area and get all other material from dead NVA.	JS Bde	RC
58.	1650	7	C/co at 896979 spotted 14 ind at old log site 893981, engaging with arty. Moving out to engage enemy in site. Enemy evading to NNE toward Vivian. Bn 6 request Bde 83 be notified possible Nighthawk in Vivian area. Enemy opened up on C/co neg casualties. 1829 receiving MG fire now at 892985. 1845 contact broken, 1850 Max working out has gooks in open. Flare ship request for Max, requested Nighthawk for over Vivian. 1920 contact broken, neg friendly		
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		casualties, 2 confirmed enemy KIA, NVA type,			
		1 RPG launcher and rd.		JS Bde	RC
59.	1710	Message Bn 3: unable to obtain sct teams because of weather.		JS	RV
60.	1730	Neg commo on B-2, at 1717 regained com.		JS	RV
61.	1735	Saber 28 at 838907 1 NW-SE trail used by est 15 ind within past 24H, also 1 hole w/2x3 entrance.		JS Bde	RV
62.	1750	Saber 28 request permission to fire on 851882, target 5 bnks, 1 51 cal pit, granted. Engaged 2 bnks dest. E-W 8988-9288 neg recent movement in area, 1815 909901 N-S trail 10-15 ind traveling S past 6 hrs. 908905 E-W trail 20-25 ind traveling W 24H, 1836 892922 E-W trail 20-25 ind traveling E last rain.		JS Bde	RC
63.	1756	Blues extracted at 1750 at 915997, reports lift ship took SA fire on PZ, neg damage.		JS Bde	RV
64.	1830	Bn 3 request APH-5 helmet size large, stock no. FSN 8415-782-3037, 1 ea. and rear cushion earphone MK 1088/U 2 ea ASAP.		JS S4	LL
65.	1850	D/co last light had neg finds.		JS	RR
66.	1935	Hatchet report: day plt 7, night plt 10.		JS Bde	RC
67.	2000	A/co 866941, 16 891937; B/co 969978, 26 974979, 36 963977; C/co 896979; D/co Wescott; E 16			

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		808938; A 1/4 849911, 847907, A 36 847897.			JS Bde RC
68.	2020	Bn 3 to call Bde S-5 will call tomorrow LL is down at this time.			JS Bde RC
69.	2016	Moves on 7 Sept will be moved up to 1000H.			JS RC
70.	2025	Boundary extension request approved with changes; 7794, 7796, 8096, 8094, extension for the 7th only, on the 8th area will be used by ARVN.			JS BH
71.	2035	Closing loc of ST 35 1730H 835974.			JS BH
72.	2045	AP for 7 Sept: TOT 1415 915829 30 bnks mission no. 5324 Phantom 21 HDA and HFB; TOT 1315 019023 18 bnks and agent report mission 5322 Dice 61 HDA and HFB.			JS BH
73.	2059	Inflight SLAR TOT 1945 885900 1 river and 845910 1 road, arty did not fire.			JS BH
74.	2105	Ranger teams: 1 will go into loc to S tomorrow, and another to the N tomorrow or next day.			JS BH
75.	2153	C/co initial readout reported 2 NVA KIA at 2140 C/co reports an additional NVA KIA 2 not mentioned in 1st readout, C/co observing bodies and will make extensive search of area at first light.			JS Bde JV
76.	2230	Tentative plans for 8 and 9 of Sept sent to Bde.			JS Bde BH
77.	2255	SLAR: TOT 1938-1955 900900 1 road no. 1277.			JS Arty BH

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