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01	0100		(C) Bn SITREP Neg-A 626537, 1st 631537-629536, 2nd 625526-626529, 3rd 620533-622532, B 617540, 1st 616538-618539, 2nd 609531-611534, 3rd 617532-617534, C 765325, 1st 770328-764326, 3rd 765323-770324-774326, D SJH, Ren 641534, C 1/20 603543, 1st 604536-605534-707532, 2nd 612525-609528-609524, 3rd 605544-607547-608549	DO, Arty	TM	
02	0100		(C) MAP locations-A 626535, 625538, 627538, 627533, 629533, 628532, 630530, 630538, 633538, 633536, 631536, 630535, 622528, 624527, 625530, 626528, 627528, -B 608533, 611529, 611531, 620539, 622540, 621535, 617536, 611535, 615536, 612534, 610533, 615543, 615541, 618541, 618543, 614542, 619542, -C 1/20-604544, 604545, 604550, 608548, 609551, 608553, 604538, 602535, 603534, 603532, 613524, 612524, 608528, 608523, 608525-C 4/3-763321, 768320, 766323, 769323, 771323, 770325, 774328, 775324, 773324, 771329, 763328, 763325	DO	761320, 770330, 760320	TM
03	0115		(C) 2400 hrs SSG Choulin reported the bunker line secure	DO	TM	
04	0120		(C) From ML Beacon Data-Ring neck 379 on stat 0040 off stat -1115. Dropped 22500 lbs bombs at 474549, 100% coverage	DO	TM	
05	0200		(C) Bn SITREP Neg-all locations same	DO, Arty	TM	
06	0300		(C) Bn SITREP Neg-all locations same	DO, Arty	TM	
07	0400		(C) Bn SITREP Neg-all locations same	DO	TM	
08	0400	0400	(C) From ML Bea on Data-Ring neck 365 on sta 0305 off 035, dropped 22500 lb bombs at 423573, 100% coverage	DO, Bde (Amaro)	TM	
09	0445		(C) SFC Koon reports bunkers all secure	DO	TM	
10	0510		(C) 4.2 ammo rpt-18 mns, 174 HE expended	DO	TM	
11	0515		(C) Bn SITREP Neg-all locations same	DO, Arty	TM	
12	0545	0520	(C) From ML Beacon Data-on sta 0500, off sta 0515, ord 22500 lbs bombs. 100% coverage. at 44559 base camp	DO, Bde	TM	

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13	0600		(C) Bn SITREP NEG* all locations same			DO	TM
14	0640		(C) Spt Rpt-A at 625538 had MAP detonate at 0100. Res-1 small brown monkey KIA			DO, Bde	TM
15	0645		Bn Cmd, S-3 Departed conducting VR,			DO,	CS
16	0700		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg. All Loc Same.			DO,	CS
17	0710		(C) Opns order issued to company D 2015 Hrs 16 July 70.			DO, logged	US
18	0730		(C) Bn Cmd and S-3 Arrived back at San Juan Hill.			DO, Staff	CS
19	0750		(C) FAC on Station to conduct Air strike at approx 0900 Hrs.			DO, S-3 Air	CS
20	0750	0750	(C) Called Bde And confirmed that Air move with Hooks and Gunship will be on schedule. conf. by bde Preston.			Notified all concerned.	DO
21	0751		(C) Chaplin/Hanson Arrived san Juan Hill.			DO	CS
22	0800	0810	(C) Bn Sitrep Neg A company 620531, B company 647540, 1st plt 620531, 2nd plt 620531, Company C Same D company San Juan Hill. Recon 641534 Company C 1/20 all loc same.			DO, Arty, Bde	CS
23	0830	0835	(C) Bn F06 Was called by Fac For nearest friendly Friendlies to Grid 646406, there is an air strike schedule into this grid at 0900 Hrs. FAC given Recon Loc 641534.			DO, Fac	CS
24	0915	0916	(C) Air Move Times submitted to Bde, 1st PZ for B company 0920, last LZ 0906, A company 1st PZ 0835, last LZ 0913.			DO, S-3 Air, Bde	CS
25	0900		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg. A company San Juan Hill B company 620531, 3rd plt 647540, company C 647540 Same, D company 620531, Recon Same Company C 1/20 642522.			DO, Arty	CS
26	0918	0919	(C) Preplanned Tgt called to Bde			DO, (Kiernan)	CS
27	0940	0941	(C) From TMF tgt, String 158 Tgt C, 5 persons moving East to west 2 MIH meted conf. Did Not message Couldn't get larence from Bato.			DO, Arty, S-2	CS

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28	1015		(C) Opns Order issued to Company A Commander by SFC Strunk.	DO, S-3, D8	CS		
29	1035	1040	(C) Bn Sitrep Neg. A company San Juan Hill B company Neg. Same, Company G GP 624526, 1st Plt 616523, 2nd plt 622528, 623527, Recon Same, Company C 1/20 612522, 1st Plt 606530 605536, 2nd plt 610515-609515, 3rd Plt 602517 603520.	DO, Arty, Bde	CS		
30	1043	1045	(C) From Bde to 4/3 Grid 460528 C-6 Rating source 525 MI Det. 17 July on 13 July A minh long DC District Main force COMPANY strength 110 Personnel Areas include 4-60 MM mortar 4-B-40 Rockets and launchers and Sub Machine Gun. Mission to combine w/ Guerrillas in attacking various hamlets in Minh Long District Between 16-19 July.	DO, S-2, Minh Long	CS		
31	1100	1110	(C) Bn Sitrep Neg. All loc Same except B company. GP 614530, 1st plt 617528, 2nd plt 614528, 3rd plt 615534.	DO, Arty	CS		
32	1111	1112	(C) From D company 3rd Plt Grid 623523, Found black PJ's and 2 day old defecation off of trail running N-S neg. Tracks.	DO, S-2, Bde	CS		
33	1135	1135	(C) Mech, Amb Report called to Bde.	DO, Bde (Kiernan)	CS		
34	1136	1136	(C) Daily operations plans called to Bde.	DO, Bde (Kiernan)	CS		
35	1140	1141	(C) Hooks blade time 1 Hr.	DO, S-3 Air	CS		
36	1142	1143	(C) From D company 3rd plt 1130 Along same trail reported earlier found several loc where fires had been (Appox 1 Month old) Also found what appeared to be Medicine Vials (empty) Neg writing on them. Found 1 D cell battery Vietnamese one cloth sack 3'X3'.	DO, Bde, S-2	CS		
37	1144	1144	(C) At 1130 Div Cmd and Bde Cmd arrived San Juan Hill, Both Are staying for lunch.	DO, Bde, Mess Hall	CS		
38	1155		(U) Fac on Station, Will go into southern Part of our AO for radio contact with our	Con't Next Page	CS		
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38	Con't		(C) Company C.			DO, Fac S-3	CS
39	1200	1205	(C) Bn Sitrep Neg. A company on Juan Hill B company 615526, 1st plt 617528, 2nd plt 614528, Company C same, D company 623523, 1st plt 620520, 2nd plt 627525, 3rd plt 622522, Recon same. Company C 1/20 612522 1st plt 605532, 614527, 2nd plt 605540, 609541 3rd plt 610523-603520.			DO, Bde, Arty	CS
40	1215		(C) Company C 1/20 Opcon To 4/3 Acknowledges Receipt of Operations order.			DO, S-3	CS
41	1216		(C) Fac off station.			DO,	CS
42	1235		(C) Div Cmd and Bde Cmd departed San Juan Hill.			DO, Staff	CS
43	1252	1253	(C) URI BS 552442 Unidentified Prox 750 Picked up late AM.			DO, Minh Long.	CS
44	1253	1254	(C) Air cav Box 61 UL 7635 IR 8525 DTG 400600 to 401800 July. Cleared per SOP at 171255 July by Cpt Hagewood.			DO, Bde	CS
45	1315		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg A company San Juan Hill B company same, Company C same, D company 623 523, 1st plt 623518, 2nd plt 627525-622527 3rd plt 622522, Recon same Company C 1/20 same			DO, Arty	CS
46	1317	1318	(C) Requested LOH for 1600 to 1700 for bn Cmd and S-3 Purpose Cmd and Control.			Bde (Preston)	CS
47	1319	1320	(C) Requested Clearance 6040 to 6035 East to to A0-boundry for direct fire Neg clearance on 6038 to 6037 operations in there, they also said possibility of civilians in 6036-6035.			DO, S-3	DO
48	1352		(C) Warlord 31 on to VR Box 61. Gave Warlord C Co.'s approx loc & call sign.			DO	DC
49	1407		(C) COL Hoffman arrived SJH.			DO	DC
50	1410	1415	(C) Bn SITREP Neg Loc: 1400hrs: All same except CP D Co-623522, C 1/20 20Y-611539.			DO Bde	DC
51	1420		(C) COL Hoffman departed SJH.			DO	DC

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52	1430		(C) Bde to TOC: From CO Americal Div; Sub: Indication of increased enemy activity. Recent agent report has indentified the period from now to 23 July at a high treat period and I Corps Military Region and particularly in Quang Ngai Prov. Date of 20 July is anniversary of the signing of Geneva Accords in 1954, also known as National Shame Day has been given as specific target date. Intell available and J-2 MACV indicates that this treat period is applicable throughout RVN. It is expected that enemy aggression will be characterized by acts of terrorism and sabotage. Attacks by fire and limited ground attacks are possible. (Bde Kiernan 1400)	DO	DC
53	1500		(C) Bn SITREP Neg Loc: A Co SJH, B Co 614528, 10-617528, 30240-615526, C Co same, D Co 20-623525, others same, Recon same, C 1/20-612522, 10-605532, 20-605510, 20Y-609515, 30-610523, 30Y-601522.	DO	DC
54	1510	1550	(C) Spt Rpt: C 1/20(34) Grid 602513; Rd 1 poncho, 6 straw hats, 4 sleeping positions (3'X3'X3'), 1 tunnel 4' long. Sleeping pos had natural overhead cover. Tunnels and sleeping positions dug into side of ravine. Trails 2-weeks old running N-S into ravine.	DO Bde S-2	DC
55	1615		(C) Bn CO departed SJH for VR.	DO	DC
56	1630	1630	(C) Spt Rpt. B Co. DTG 171440 Grid 614528: 1 female VN 40 yrs old walked up to B Co with pack. She had numerous papers in her hand. KCS said her husband had been an ARVN and was killed by VC. She was afraid because no US had been in area for along time but had suddenly appeared. She said VC came from the hills about every 7 days to get rice. He knew of no rice caches in the area.	DO Bde S-2	DC
57	1640	1630	(C) Spt Rpt: C 1/20 2d Plt DTG 171610, grid 601506: Rd sign made of cardboard with writing on it- was propped against brush. KCS		
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57	Cont.		(C) could not read all of sign (not all in Vietnamese). CG said sign said something about "baby hiding" "chopper" & "radio". Sign on north side of river on access to river, 50m from grid fd bunker 3' wide 10-11' long.	DO Bde S-2		DC
58	1640		(C) Fr Bde: (Sorrick) CG is cons over police of battle area. A Hoi-Chanh from Northern I Corps. Said every unit is subsiding on what US troops are leaving at in field. CG wants action, police up NDP's	DO		DC
59	1652		(C) C 1/20 needs 1 case of smoke tomorrow, emergency.	DO S-4 Pad		DC
60	1700		(C) Bn CO arrived SJH.	DO		DC
61	1715		(C) Bn SITREP Neg DTG 171600: A Co SJH, B Co, 617528, 10-617528, 30-615526, C Co same, D Co 623522, 10-620520, 10Y-619514, 20-623525, 20Y-622527, 30-624521, 30Y-624519, Recon- same C 1/20-612522, 10-605532, 20-601506, 20Y 609515, 30 612522, 30Y- 601522.	DO		DC
62	1720	1718	(C) To B, D, C 1/20. You destroy boats with M79 or hand frags--not small arms.	DO B,D, C 1/20		DC
63	1725	1715	To Bde: Request LOH 18 Jul 1500-1700 C&C Liaison- Dato M.	DO Bde		DC
64	1755	1750	(C) Pt Rpt: C 1/20, 2d Pbt 1645 Hrs Grid 603508; Ed 1 San-pan stuck in mud in grass. Was pulled out and destroyed. Size of boat 3' wide 14' long.	DO Bde S-2		DC
65	1800		(C) Bn SITREP Neg Loc 1700hrs: A Co. SJH, B Co. 10-616520, others same, C Co. 765325 moving, D Co. 623522, 10-618515, 10Y 619514, 20-622525, 20Y-624527, 30-624521, 30Y 624519, Recon- same, C 1/20 30- closing on CP, all others same.	DO		DC
66	1915		(C) Bn SITREP Neg 1800hrs Loc: Allsame except B Co. 10Y-619512, C 1/20- CP & 40-603514, 10-610527, 610523, 609520, 20-602512, 604509,			

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66	Cont.		(C) 606512, 30-603520, 606519, 606516.	DO	Bde		DC
67	1920		(C) ML to 4/3: People at ML would like Medcap team on Sunday if possible. (1040hrs)	DO			DO
68	1920		(C) Fr Bde: 1855hrs; APD msn #17-7. Time flown 1500-1600. Tgt area 5527-7427 along Div AO boundary- 5515-start. Hot spots: 676265, 645264, 571261, 594246.	DO			DC
69	1925		(C) Fr Bde : CC for 18 Jul 0700-1100 (1857)	DO			DC
70	1930		(C) 1910hrs Request to Bde : Request Pink team Grid 5030, 4 people in open. Neg team tonight due to darkness.	DO	S-3		DC
71	1930		(C) Motor stables called in by E Co. 1 Refer down.	DO			DC
72	1930		(C) ML to 4/3: V. N/L P86D 468520. P89D 482518 484516. G18D 556472.	DO			DC
73	1935		(C) Bde to 4/3: CC Time 18 Jul 0700-0930 2 hrs blade time. ICH 1530-1730. (Preston)	DO			DC
74	1940		(C) En SITREP Neg 1900hrs Loc: A, B, C, & Recon same, others D Co. CP&40-623522, 10-618515, 619512, 20-622525, 624527, 30-624521, 624519, & 1/20 CP&40-603514, 10-610527, 610523, 609, 20-602512, 604509, 606512, 30-603520, 606519, 606516.	DO			DC
75	2000		(C) En SITREP Neg all locations same	DO	Arty		TM
76	2020		(C) SFC Strunk rpts bunkers 17 & 19 not manned Reported to hill defense officer	DO			TM
77	2030	2030	(C) Air Cav #67 UL 5447 LR 6342 DTG 18 600-181800 Jul App Lt Gaines to Lockhart	DO	Bde		TM
78	2045		(C) Spt Rep at 1830 grid 579391 SJH saw 5 people carry something across river then went back and forth across the river. Engaged with.				(cont)

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78	(cont)	2000	(C) 6 4.2 CS, 27 4.2 HE and 40 105 HE. 1 VC killed by 4.2. To Bde Vasquez	DO, Bde	TM
79	2100		(C) Bn SITREP Neg- all locations same except B 617504, 1st 617519-617521, 2nd 615521-614523, 3rd 612528-612529	DO, Art	TM
80	2130		(U) Received strength and meals	DO	TM
81	2140		(C) From Bde Preston - Beacon 0100 RN 378 589476. Agent rpt of unk NVA Bn C-3 rating. To Minh Long neg cl. friends less 1 K away. 518586 submitted to Bde Lockhart SEL at 1855. To ML 2110	DO, Bde, ML	TM
82	2145		(C) From Bde Lockhart-ABD mission 77A. Trt area 4259-4859-4853-4053. Time flown 1630-1800. Hrt spots 414531, 415534, 415537, 414543, 405564, 431589, 428594, 405589, 415610, 416609, from 4-25564, 423562-418586. To ML 2110	DO, ML	TM
83	2148		(U) Bcn wants 50 gals water on RS tomorrow	DO	TM
84	2310		(C) GC time 0700 to 3100 w 4 hrs blade time	DO	TM
85	22305		(C) Late entry 2200 Bn SITREP Neg- all locations same		
86	2306		(C) Bn SITREP Neg- all locations same except C 753336	DO	TM
87	2354		(C) Blue Ghost on station 2245 off 2340. Neg findings in box #69	DO	TM
88	2400		(C) Bn SITREP Neg- all locations same	DO	TM
89	2445		(C) For info only- Ath reg #61 UL 5704, LR6278 ASAP to 222400	DO	TM
90			(C) Journal Summary 4-3 Inf continued offensive search and amb ops in San Juan AD w/Co A securing LZ SJH. Cos B, D, C1-20 checked grids 6091, 6151, 6152, 6251, 6252, C Co checked grid 7633. At 0640 A had MAP detonate. Res monkey KIA. 0710 Opns order issued to Co D. Co D first PZ0828 A Co 0835 0940 sensors picked up 5 persons moving E. Neg cl from Bn To for fire. B 1440 had woman with pack walk up to them. She was scared of VC ref #56. SJH saw 5 persons at 579391 engaged with 4-11 arty and 4.2-1 suspected KIA. Neg further significant events		
91	2450		(U) Journal closed		

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