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Signaller..... *DUTY OFFICER* Army No.....

Unit..... *01163DH*

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TIME	TEXT	Transmitted by	TIME	TEXT	Received by
				<u>2</u> <u>3</u>	
			0215-0730	D	
			0730-1100	N	
			1100-1500	D	
			1500-1830	B	
			1830-2000	D	
			2000-2315	B	
			2315-0215	D	
			0215-0530	B	
			0530-0930	D	
			0930-1230	N	
			1230-1530	D	
			1530-1830	B	
			1830-2000	N	
			2000-2315	N	
			2315-0215	B	

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TIME	TEXT	Transmitted by	TIME	TEXT	Received by
1630	ops moving in approx 30 mins	F/3			
1633	locstat 21 232 R2.5 U1.5 155155	F/2			
1641	FINAL loc 23 TBDBPHG 163155	F/2			
1645	locstats n/c.	F/4			
	PROPOSED LCLS ops 3				
	105200				
	112143				
	113187				
	locstats of ops to be notified				
1710	locstats - FINAL	F/1			
	111 FDVYFJR 134176				
	12 ORTXBOD 121165				
	13 XYWNVXO 116176				

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1730	POC COLLIE. 41.8 U1.7 092 127	F/T/F			
	44.8 U2.2 062 132				
	45.7 U2.3 053 133				
	ERIP patrols for 1/2 July				
1742	TA/33 returning the loc	TA/33			
1756	Coestat's 4/43/TA32/82 159092	F/4			
	prepared 41 169098				
	42 155075				
1800	Final 21 155154	F/2			
	Final 2 149146				

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TIME	TEXT	Transmitted by	TIME	TEXT	Received by
1801	Strength Holes	F/92		FINAL LOCSTATS	
	A 94			1/11 134176	✓
	B 100			12 121165	✓
	C 96			13 126176	!
	D 120				
	6 158/2 days			2 149146	✓
				21 155154	✓
				22 146141	✓
1825	114174 clear ground	T/G.		23 163155	✓
				3/32 112192	
				31 112187	✓
	Locs.			32	
	51 123082	✓		33 107198	
	52 163127	✓		4/43/TA32/82 159092 169098	✓
				42 155075 (P)	✓
				43 159092	
				41 169098	✓

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1845	Msg was sent to c/s 1 to keep all of his c/s at least 1,000 m NORTH of the river to the South of his AO.	T/4		Sent at approx 1600 hrs by Seagull.	
1845	At 291400 H one VC Coy sighted at 116170 - armed with one x 60 mm mortar, two x 82 mm; and rifles of various sorts. Their task is to bomb LONG BINH and BIEN HOA. Eval PF C3 US F6	F/15			
1845	Received by HQ at c/s 15 at 1750 1750 H from NIGHT HAWK c/s 33 @ At 301800 H at 314085 309086; 400 VC seen, intention to attack hamlet at HTNG LOC, 113209. Ground attack and	F/15			

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	a mor attack at banket				
	300 CA YT 2410				
1945	Hq IATF did not get written order for Capt HENNESSY. IATF will arrange movement of to a betman to this loc once he is replaced.	F/TF			
2002	4/58 KIAMA 6:00 of 4:00 m 1 red flare	F/8			
2006	Two in loc GIANT HERBES 100 from PAC CA 045135, 048138.	F/15 ho.			
2112	Torch 2:00 of 2:00 m	F/G10			

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2358	There will be a practice alert at Tan Uyen which will include test firing of Wpas.	F/TF		1, 2, 3 8, 61, 62 in/od c/s 4 apparently not operating.	J
0001	BARIA is under ground attack. no further details available.	F/TF		No c/s notified at this time	J
0109	Mortar primoria ³²⁰⁰ 2700 mile 2000 - 4000 m	F/8		T/TF	J
0227	NTK	F/52			
0600	Ref ground attack Baria. have no info on further activity. Initial report of mass of about 6 mortar rounds heard, no report of anyone seeing them.	F/TF			

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TIME	TEXT	Transmitted by	TIME	TEXT	Received by
0625	3/32 morning to day loc	3/32			
0638	For day loc 4/5 to follow	3/32			
0658	SUNNYS TO BE READY FOR PICKUP from A-5 1/2 (0845)	FOR			
0706	L/S 3/32/33 ^{AHLHAPJ} AHLHROE 113195 31 will join soon	F-3			
0709	Request ground clearance for air strike 177143 in 30 minutes	FTE			
0715	Capt Brown off Doves				

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0714	182071 Nov - 1800 182070 for US.	T/G19		Clear ground.	
0728	TAB1/63 movip	F/63		TTF	
0745	loc c/s 41 155092 Remainder c/s 4 NC. c/s 1 2 3 NC - c/s 31 movip to 31 loc.	F/4 F/1-2-3		B Map - TTF	
0753	loc c/s 63 / TAB1 (133124)	F/63		B Map - TTF	
0802	c/s 22 / TAB21 movip	F/4		TTF	
0808	c/s 31 now complete - c/s 31 loc.	F/3		B Map - TF	

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TIME	TEXT	Transmitted by
0815	Civ strike complete.	F/TF
0840	Loss c/s 12 moving. c/s 44 275 W.8 Di.57 (152075)	F/1 F/4
0845	Loss c/s 2 NC c/s 3 NC.	F/2 F/3
0850	Direct c/s 43 and TA32 with Sunday moving to Kuma.	F/4
	Clear 08 - 11 EASTINGS 16 - 18 NORTHINGS.	
	18 - 20 EASTING 08 - 10 NORTHING	
	1800 - 0600 for H.A.	

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	To 3 Coy.	
	B Map - TTF.	
	birds 09 - 11 EASTINGS } Map 17 - 18 NORTHINGS }	
	Clear.	

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TIME	TEXT	Transmitted by	TIME	TEXT	Received by
0930	loc 42 248 Ro. 8 D.S. 3 (148073)	P/AN	0950	21 Morning	2
	TA32/43 KIAMA		1000	1, 11 No change 12, AOC M1 AN (121176)	1
				13 225 R. 1.6 D.S. 126175	
	1 2 3 NC.		1024	21 Back in this loc.	2
0935	Ref Anstrake at 177143 Jade reports recent on cart tracks leading East & West from Bridge at that loc Bridge was destroyed also 2 Bunkers destroyed, 1 structure destroyed and 1 bunker uncovered.	from 70	1027	Ch. q. RRURI BUJXF PH600 VNHAS QJXT JDJQC GSCLV LAYIL FVLSH (Inf. hand to SAS L0021030H)	521
			1034	42 JRSTQPF - 148079	4-21
0945	62A Locstat. 082142 Remains No Change	62		41 LTM SJAT. - 147083	
0948	Locstats No change	293		4, 45 No Change.	
0950	Request clearance for H&I tonight	Enterprise 95		43 with TA33 this loc.	
	1419 East. 05 through 08 loc.				
	1518 W. 15 " 18				
	1519				
	1618				
	1619				

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1049	cls 1/11 moving	F/1		T/TF	J
1050	lozstat r/c	F/3			
1052	cls 21 returned this loc 23 moving cls 23 moving	F/2		T/TF	J
1055	Nil clearances 18-20 Castings 08-10 Northings 021800 - 030600.	T/G		No clearances at this time Confirmation at later time today	J
1105 1056	Found 5 females 3 girls 4 boys out timber cutters 5 fem had ID cards told by village chief they can cut timber bamboo etc. Been sent back to their village	F/2			

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TIME	TEXT	Transmitted by	TIME	TEXT	Received by
1110	cls 1/11 (129176) off 2 pass at ZFW010J 13 joining shortly	F/1			J
1120	cls 13 in cls 1 locs	F/1			J
1134	locstats n/c	F/4			
1150	locstats 23 151148 ANT GENX	F/2			
1151	locstats n/c	F/1			
1154	170176 clear ground for friendly to engage on posn	T/G			
1225	196072 clear ground for friendly registration from Quater	T/G			V

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1230	DAVIES on - NELSON off.				
1245	Less 3-4 NC 43 XTAB2 mes at 272 L 2.2 D 2.0 (146070) c/s 2 NC c/s 1 NC	F/ALL			
1314	c/s 43 on TAB2 back - CR 41 loc.	F/4			
1351	At grid TT 155155 Jado has sighted a number of trails and one road. In the track there is a quantity of black clothing or black material. Investigate.	T/2		Info from TT.	

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TIME	TEXT	Transmitted by	TIME	TEXT	Received by
1355	Clear 160 070	F/199		Clear - to be given first	
	165 070			clearance 1800 hrs.	
	170 070				
	175 070				
1357	TAB3 leaving KEAMA now.	F/TAB3			
1402	loc signal c/s 11 remainder NC ↓				
1402	c/s 11 NEZFQVI (130182) remainder no change	F/1			
1417	Possum us.	F/192			
1417	Sunday & RAK wants use of our possum.	F/RAK		If it becomes avail	

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TIME	TEXT	Transmitted by	TIME	TEXT	Received by
1423	Clear 183071 for registration Ham Duster (108 mm).	F/G19		Clear	
1427	CO wishes to visit A Ech. Can IATF provide apt.	F/TF			
1453	hours 1/3/4 NC. 2. NC				
1502	Cpl 23 is going to investigate clothing.	F/12.			
1507	RA TF 127212 Jade sighted a clearing 20 x 50 m with a foxhole 10' x 15' in the centre with 4 small pits surrounding it. There were also signs of footprints in the area. Sighting at 1440 hrs.	F/TF T/1-3			

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TIME	TEXT	Transmitted by	TIME	TEXT	Received by
1526	c/s 4 v TAB2 moving.	F/4			
	4 / TAB2 new c/s + 1 loc				
	+3 at 4 D old loc.				
	4 21 NC.				
1555	Int report Reading C3 Jeth ul - ARVN. 1 VC Coy at 230070. Believed to be after a br at 135012.	F/TF		Passed to D Coy.	
1600	What time will we return to new loc.	F/163			
1603	P-floc.	F/TF			
	056135				
	068137				B Map.
	134122				3 Map.

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TIME	TEXT	Transmitted by	TIME	TEXT	Received by
1609	TAB33 Back at KIAMA with c/s 51.	F/TAB33.			
1616	Exp task complete now back to LB c/s 62 back to the loc.	F/EB6.			
1622.	loc c/s 2. 149146 F.	F/2			
	21. 153138 P.				
	22. 146141 F.				
	23. 152148 F.				
1638	62 A back in the loc.	F/62A.			
1648	Impora loc c/s 3.	F/3			
	31 111185				
	32 109187				
	33 105182				

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TIME	TEXT	Transmitted by	TIME	TEXT	Received by
1649	Locs c/s 4 TA32 with c/s 43 - li loc. Remains NC	F/4			
1650	what will be - c/s 1 - H. C. M. B. or AHC.	F/3			
1654	locs c/s 1 NC c/s 2 NC c/s 3 NC	F/1-2-3			
1713	CRIP pth. 133122 067132 055133	F/TF			
1715	Tril loc c/s 21 151140				

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TIME	TEXT	Transmitted by	TIME	TEXT	Received by
1713	Proposed c/s 43 / TA32 153096.	F/G19			
1720	Clearance for H&I.D. E 18-20 N 08-10 New obs loc.	F/G19		Clear for fire from Duster. Proviso - c/s 695 to have direct comm with unit going.	
1730	c/s 63 and TA32 leaving range.	F/63.			
1731.	Send consolidated list of locs of all WRLs of outside North - NE - East of our AO.	T/TF			
1732.	Seagull c/s 30 (URAH) requires in locs. Send consolidated list of this c/s when all are fixed.	T/URAH.			

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1745	C/63 & TAB2 in our loc.	F/63.			
1745	C/S to begin mov in 15 min.	F/63			
1750	1/13 FCNDWFK				
	11 QASHQFH				
	12 ZDWFNM2				
1750	C/S 63 & TAB2 leaving	F/63			

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	Final recs.				
1/13	FCHDWXK	128176		B Map ✓	
11	QASHQFH	130182		B Map ✓	
12	ZDWFNMZ	121176			
13					
21	42MSXCC	149146	F2	B Map ✓	
21	CZJKANW	151140		B Map ✓	
22	JCCDQY	146141		B Map ✓	
23	TNFRXML	152148		B Map ✓	
3	KEBOMCH	111185 ✓			
31	EEABZUL	109187			
32	EEABZUL	109187 ✓			
33	JFMXNDR	104184 ✓			
	AKTBRE	105183			
	ALKBREC				
4/41	LWGBTRC	147083 ✓		52 • BWLDOOH	163127 B Map ✓
42					
42	CZOMRNS	147076 ✓			
43/1A3L	KBYLOKH	153046 154097			

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TIME	TEXT	Transmitted by	TIME	TEXT	Received by
1821	Clearance to fire between 1350 - 1775	T/Davies 14			
1830	eps 32 moving to in loc.	F/3			
1837	43 + TAB32 moving	F/4			
1846	161135 clear ground	T/G			
1847	160090 No ground clearance	T/8			
1705 18	locstats LRRPS WIUNAXY 170150 MYIGVRW. 200133	T/1,2			
1759.	140070 clear ground	T/8			

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TIME	TEXT	Transmitted by	TIME	TEXT	Received by
2110	eps' to you west will be running motorized ptl skatky	T/4		info from TF	J
	Switching sound 15 mins ago no sound of explosion N-93 track				
0142	162110 V.C. Camp sighted wish to move LFT to area	F/T F		D info. negative ground clearance. pending further info Permission granted for search with LFT with lights only.	
0150	Can he give an estimate of time for LFT in area.	F/4			
0155	LFT on way	F/T F		O/S 4 wife	

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TIME	TEXT	Transmitted by	TIME	TEXT	Received by
0150.	# Bearing 3000 M distance 1,000 - 1000 1 red flare	R Pnt gen			
0207	82 1 green flare 2000m 1,200m distance	F 9		T T F C/S 43 could not verify this.	
0208.	3000m, 2000m RA flare, couple of single shots	R P Gen.		T T F	
0215	Capt BINDLEY off - DAVIES on.				
0226	TA32/43 have sighted tracer approximately due NORTH 1500m - tracer sped from E to W.	F/U		T T F	

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TIME	TEXT	Transmitted by	TIME	TEXT	Received by
0255	RAIDER 27 in LFT c/s			TF told that he must operate on Tac Div freq.	
0315	briefly still of in general area	F 4			
0342	Clearance for LFT to fire gun from 155114 to the EAST in the area NORTH BDRY POWER LINE - SOUTH BDRY MAIN ROAD.	T/G95 T/TF T/4 T/52			
0350	160119 Clearance to fire when suspected VC mov.	T/G95		NEGATIVE ground clearance. RC present. gave this neg clearance.	
0427	c/s 52 report receiving enemy fire. 4 rounds in last 5 mins.	F/52		G95 inford / check fire.	

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0431	check fire - fire from ECHO - 155 mm into grid MT 1713	F/G95		Grand clearance was not given by G95.	
0433	1 shot SW 400m.	F/52			
0440	NEGLECTED TO TELL. We have moved 200 m SE to our pick up point from our last loc. We did this at last light and did not tell you.	F/52			
0450	Sens of light contact to C/1 52.0 South WEST 400 mt.	F/52		To TF - Duty officer felt that it was most likely PF activity.	

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0530	182071 dec for registration of med guns from now until 1800 hrs.	T/895			
0608	3/31 manip	F/3.			
0608	42 manip	F/4			
0612	175mm WX3 - area c/s 115 in loc. 130180			Cis clearance requested - deml will not be ready before 0730. Must have 15 min wrap.	
0617	32 manip	F/3.			
0620	3/31 act P2.	F/3.			
0635	C/S 3 complete THOSHUNK 108182	F/3			
0636	C/S 4 complete	F/4.			

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0640.	Has transporter left your loc for me	F/52.		No from Li's loc.	
0645.	Message from ops Li's loc	TA/32			J
0655	ops 1 complete P2.	F/1			
0705	Blind 175man. 130182 marked.	F/1			
0729	S2 picked up TA32 returning this loc.	F/TA32			
0730.	Serials 4+5 complete this loc	T/TF			
0734	Serial 6 complete this loc	T/TF.			
0759.	TA32 w/52 returned this loc	F/TA32		B Log not securing LZ at 0700. Note from Savage.	
0830.	23 man in 2/ loc	FR			

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	IO	-	✓				
	Adj	-	✓				
	RSO	-	✓				
	AQM	-	✓				
	RSM	-	✓				
	RMO	-	✓				
	Capt BULSON	-	✓				
	Capt PALMER	-	✓				
	1st Recce Flt	-	✓				
	SAS	-	✓				
	BC	-	✓				
	Mar Pl Comd	-	✓				
	Aslt Pnr.		✓				

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