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PERIOD COVERED

1st Bn, 8th Cav

FSB Ellen

FROM

HOUR

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0001

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2400

6 Nov. 69

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IN

OUT

INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

ACTION TAKEN

INITIALS

1.

0001

Journal opened neg sit rep

JS Bde

JR

2.

0208

Neg sit rep

JS

RB

3.

0215

Rush to base request A/O extension 0809 to

0709 and 0713 to 0813 starts ASAP till their

mission ends B 2/12 will be going in, extention

approved by Duke 2

JS Bde

JR

4.

0300

Neg sit rep

JS

JR

5.

0325

xu 930075, 930065 1 on the road, tot 2353H

0012H slars. too late to fire on

JS

JR

6.

0350

Base defense advised to be extra alert due to

FSB Buttons taking in S/A fire at this time

JS

SH

7.

0400

Neg sit rep

JS

JR

8.

0500

0500 neg sit rep, big ears operational

JS

RB

9.

0535

Mortar tube was heard popping from the North

Northwest. 7-8 rds were fired and all landed

outside of FSB Ellen. 0545. Base defense still

cannot give us an AZ to tube and Arty will not

fire without it. 0535H. Ranrod firing organ-

ics out the the N/NW. 0535H big ears not op-

erational due to lack of Power Supply, 0550H

Big Ears operational and picking up movement

on a 5330 mil AZ at 500 meters to 1500 meters

out. 0600H Red leg firing direct fire. 10 rds

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		Direct fire complete 0610H. 0605H E/Co. finished firing organics 42 rds 81mm fired Ellen, took neg incoming inside the perimeter, no casualties. Scout team requested for a first light check of the area. Mortar rds sounded like					
		82mm mortar fired 100 yds N of 1st Bn position.	JS Bde		SH		
10.	0615	requested a Scout team for first light check of Ellen to check out area N/NW where mortar tube was heard popping	JS Bde		JR		
11.	0645	Log bird Black Bandit 096 tos 0655H CC Snoopy 532 tos 0730	JS		SH		
12.	0646	Rain Cloud reports they need a total of 18 sorties, this AM for move.	JS		RB		
13.	0705	Clay mores and trip flares pulled in first light check of wire stating out	JS		RB		
14.	0703	Bu Dop received 28 rds outside perimeter neg damage and casualties 04 rds were duds	JS		JR		
15.	0710	Bde 3 said that more red leg should have been utilized against this mortar tube. Reply We could not get a direct AZ to tube until 20 minute after incoming had stopped. arty gone us only 10 rds.	JS		SH		
16.	0717	Saber 24 on station checking area around Ellen					

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to N in direction of enemy mortar fire

JS

RB

17.

0735

Spot report Saber 24 found possible mortar

position 600m out on 60 AZ, Grid 044068 10-15

Indiv last 6 hrs, low bird feels there is

something buried at this location, 1 element

from Bright Knight going to check location of

possible mortar sight.

JS Bde

RB

18.

0745

Saber 24 0735H 050066 4-51 cal pits and 16

bunkers 4'x8' and 1 mortar cannister, last

6 hrs, 0745H given clearance to fire, low

bird believe looks in bunkers, Spotted wires

and poles in the area believes there are radios

in area, and some of the poles appear to be booby

trapped anti-chopper devices to prevent landing

troops, Claymores wires on that field

JS Bde

DF

19.

0800

Saber 24 0745H at 035058 15 bunkers 4x8 4or

500 meters SE of LZ used past 48 hrs, Saber

24 going to Arty push to adjust at this time

JS Bde

DF

20.

0800

Request A/S on grid 050066 target bunkers 51

cal pits, possible commo position, anti-heli-

copter booby traps, A/S time 0900H, neg diverted

requested another immediate A/S

JS Bde

DF

21.

0850

Request Dog Team for D 1/7 and C 1/8, Dog team

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INITIALS

for D 1/7 granted, be here 6 Nov. Dog team for

C 1/8 neg.

JS Bde

DF

22.

0945

Request change of CA time of C And D Co. ex-
change from 1200H to 1400H

JS Bde

DF

23.

1000

Saber 24 spot report arty damage. at 045065
tot 0940H 04 51 cal pits destroyed, 09 bunkers
4x8 destroyed, 01 bunker 10x20 destroyed, 01
bunker 10x20 not destroyed, 01 flash light and
01 RPG launcher in area of 10x20 destroyed
bunker believed the radio antenna sticking up
at this complex also possible chopper traps
made with poles at tree top level with possible
booby traps attached

JS

DF

24.

1025

Request medevac for POW 01 litter urgent.
arm and leg wound med 14 tos 1035H med complete
1100H at yu 050095

JS Bde

DF

25.

1027

3

D 1/7 engaged 3 ind. traveling on EW trail
moving to W at 050095 engaged at 1015H distance
5 m. S/A and claymores No return fire contact
broke 1020H results 2 NVA KIA, 1 NVA WLA two
were wearing tan trouser and green shirts the
other blue pants and shirt. Captured 03 AK-47
01 AK-50. They were wearing AK ammo belts vest

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INITIALS

negative packs. Kit carson said they are NVA

interrogation of WIA. they have small amount

documents wallets \$90.00 Cambodian, \$2.05 NVA

5 lb. rice. WIA said they were on a recon platoon

range for the last 2 day and made contact with

GI yesterday 5 Nov. Ser No. of AK's 5618/3015573

005253, 8132234, 5 Nov. AK- 12098029, Readout

from POW messenger from 22nd Co of K17 Bn of

141 Reg. Rank PFC. left Cambodia two days ago

to inform the Co that the rice supply had

arrived in the base camp. The CO had seven

men who were making a reconnaissance of the

area. Met with him t hrs prior to contact.

JS Bde

DF

26.

1115

A/Co. 983119-S, B/Co. 027153 SW, C/Co. Ellen

D/Co.-950115, E/Co. FSB Ellen, E/Co. 16 op/

con 1/7, 1/7 D/Co.-050096

JS Bde

DF

27.

1200

17

C/Co. 25 element spotted 03 enemy at 20 meters

engaged with M-16 and M-60 pursued after them

and found tracks going south. Gray green uni-

forms, indiv weapons. Enemy did not return

fire. 042065 grid of engagement. 1150H was

time of engagement broke contact immediately

JS Bde

DF

28.

1235

C/Co. 02 51 cal pos. 5 fighting pos. 4x3x3 01

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			Chi Com grenade, 51 cal pos 2-3 days old, fighting		
			pos 2-3 days this was at grid 042065	JS Bde	DF
29.	1315		C/Co. 36 grid 045065 found 04 bunkers 01 of		
			which was destroyed was 8x10 the other 3 were		
			5x4x4 approx 2 wks old. Also found 02 107 rockets		
			3 days old and 01 B-40 . C/Co. 16 and CP found		
			and uncovered tunnel 10 ft deep leading to a		
			room 7' wide 7 1/2' tall it was partially destroyed		
			and was caving in looked as though it had been	JS Bde	DF
30.	1328		Sniffer Mission tot 1041H to 1110H, area cov-		
			erage at grids 945065, 945100, 010065, 010100		
			reading of following grids 967095, 988080, 005		
			090 VR requested for all tree grids	JS	DF
31.	1345		IR box for 6 Nov. box no 1015	JS	DF
32.	1410		Current locs, A/Co.-983119-S, B/Co.-034144,		
			16-018148, 36-044142, C/Co.-042065 from FSB		
			Ellen D/Co. 945120, E/Co. FSB Ellen 16 opcor		
			1/7, 1/7 D Co.-050096	JS Bde	DF
33.	1425		Pulling one RF bird for prority mission time		
			1425H	JS	DF
34.	1435		C/Co. complet back in LZ Ellen time 1420H		
			26, 16, CP 1430H 33	JS	JF
35.	1450		LRRP team 42 inserted at 1445H at grid yu 064012	JS Bde	JF

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36.	1456		Extraction from grid 954120 to FSB Ellen to- tal of 18 sorties. lift 1st lift 03 1425H on Ellen 1430H, 2nd lift 03 1428H on Ellen 1433 3rd lift 03 1436H on 1442H 4th lift off 03 1450H on Ellen 1445H, 5th lift 03 1450H on Ellen 1454H 6th lift 03 1451H on Ellen 1456H LZ and PZ green lift and landing complete 1456 JS Bde DF		
37.	1445		C/Co. A reinforced squad made ground recon on 50 degree AZ off FSB Ellen. departed 0930H found a NW-SE trail 043068, NW-SE trail 042066 and NE-SW trail at 039069 this trail ended approx 75m from Ellen, trails recent use last 24-48 hrs. 01 bunker at 039069 10x8 w/3' OHC rein- forced with sheet metal. Recent use in last 24-48 hrs. Inside bunker 2 55 gal. drums empty. Bunker destroyed also found along trail 039069 04 bangalore torpedos, 02 107 rocket rounds, 4 Chi Com grenades, 01 B-40 round, 02 B-40 booster, 01 entrenching tool, NVA Chui Hoi leaf- lets. Also along trail at 039069 found blood trail and blood at the bunker at 039069. Looked to be 24-48 hrs. old. The ammo was approx 15- 20 feet apart along the trail, in the grass.		

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INITIALS

All ammo will be destroyed, also along NE-SW

trail approx 250 meters of commo wire, at the

bunker was expended 30 cal rds and AK- rds

JS Bde

DF

38.

1530

4

D 1/7 at grid 050096 op 50 meters west of this

grid spotted 01 enemy 50 meters west of them.

Engaged with small arms and missed the enemy.

Enemy evaded to the west. Enemy was wearing brown

uniform, enemy did not return fire and neg.

knowledge if he carried a weapon. Weather

conditions clear, time of contact 1525H broke

immediately

JS Bde

DF

39.

1545

Final plans for 7 Nov. sent in, Logbird Po-

tatoe Masher 171

JS Bde

DF

40.

1545

C/Co. moving off LZ Ellen 1545H moving to West.

JS

JF

41.

1615

Potatoe Masher 171 tos 1615 Substitute Log bird

for Black Bandit which shut down because of

mechanical failure

JS

JF

42.

1615

Reports EW trail 500 meters west of LZ Ellen

moving to the west by 10-15 indiv. last 2-3

days approx 2ft wide

JS Bde

JF

43.

1635

Request Pink team for last light check, Not

available. Request Pink team for A/S 005052

XX6.

JS Bde

DF

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44.	1651		Duke 4 is sending out 05 55 gal drums of Mo gas for Fue Gas when 55 gal drums arrive contact Bde 23 and he will send a team out to assist in putting in Fu Gas	JS Bde	JF
45.	1640		C/Co. 600m from LZ Ellen reports NW, SE trail moving NW 2-3 days old used by 10-15 indiv. C/Co. moving on 310 AZ at this time	JS Bde	DF
46.	1707 $\frac{1}{2}$		CC bird released 1707H	JS Bde	JF
47.	1715		A/Co.-983114, B/Co.-cp, 26-037143, 16-023146 32-043198, 36-042136, D/Co.-FSB Ellen, C/Co. 028066, E/Co. FSB Ellen, 16-opcon 1/7, D/Co. 1/7 049098, Hatchet Report- plt. sq day- 4 0 night- 4 3 8 3	JS Bde	DF
48.	1815		Saber 24 reports 03 bunkers 300m NW of Ellen used last 06 hrs. also 02 51 cal pos. engaged with rockets. Destroyed bunkers and 51 cal pos.	JS	JF
49.	1835		RRF D/Co., QRF D/Co. 16	JS Bde	DF
50.	1840		Last light check around wire found a device believed to be used by enemy to scale wire	JS	JF
51.	2107		AO extention requested by 1/7 from 0707 west to 0607 south 0603 east to 0703. neg approval	JS	JF
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52.

2017

B/Co. 36 spotted some flashlights about 500
meters SE arty called in 25 rds 105mm. light
moving West dont seeit any more 2030H

JS Bde

RB

53.

2125

Tentative plans for 8 Nov. sent to Bde 2125H

JS Bde

RB

54.

2145

Night Hawk mission box 9210-9208-0408-0410

wants clearance to fire. tos 2155 neg findings

JS

RB

55.

2400

Summary: 1) Ellen had 8 mortar rounds land
outside perimeter. 0535H. No. 9 for readout.
2) D 1/7 engaged 3 enemy at 1015H. Result 2
NVA KIA 1 NVA WIA. No 25 for readout. 3) C/co
engaged 3 ind. at 20 meters neg. findings.
No. 27 for readout. 4) C/Co. found 107 rockets
at 045065 plus other stuff. No. 29 for readout
Also No. 37 for further readout on findings.

JS

JF

56.

2400

Journal closed

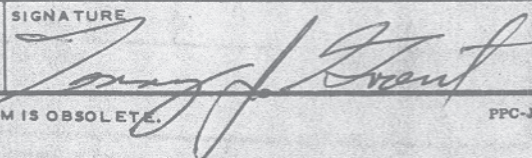
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