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UNIT ORIGIN CALL SIGN: 1st Bn, 8th Cav LOCATION: FSB Ellen
 PERIOD COVERED:
 FROM: HOUR 0001 DATE 13 Nov, 69 TO: HOUR 2400 DATE 13 Nov, 69

ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
1.	0001		Journal opened, neg sit rep	JS	JR
2.	0100		Neg sit rep	JS	JR
3.	0125		QRF Bad Baron 36, RRF Bad Baron complete	JS Bde	JR
4.	0200		Neg sit rep	JS	JR
5.	0245		0245H Big Ears picked up movement at 1825 mills 100 AZ 850 meters est to be plt. of gooks 8 indiv, Engaged with 81mm 30 rds Arty 155mm 25 rds. 0315H Big Ears picked up movement at 0820 mills 40 AZ 630 meters, est. 2-3 indiv eng with 81mm 30 rds Arty 155mm 10 rds. 0325H Big Ears picked up movement at 2800 mills 155 AZ 880 meters 2-3 ind. 81mm 30 rds Arty 155's 10 rds. 0340H Neg movement at this time	JS Bde	JR
6.	0300		Neg sit rep	JS	JB
7.	0400		Neg sit rep	JS	JB
8.	0500		Neg sit rep	JS	JB
9.	0600		Neg sit rep, stand to complete	JS	JR
10.	0620		A/S xu 974158-100 bunkers tot 1330H #5213 HFB HFB complete 1350H, xu 967154 50 bunkers tot 1615H #5211 HDA, HDB, Partial BDA 974158 1 secondary 1-4x8 bunkers destroyed	JS	JB
11.	0620		CC Potatoe Masher 665 tos 0720H, Log Bird Potatoe Masher 390 tos 0740H. Log bird released		

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			at 1100H if unable to fly, they will send a replacement, Birds released at 1815H	JS Bde	JR
12.	0705		Trips and claymores in, first light check out. First light check in at 0840H	JS	JR
13.	0845		Request LRRP team center mass 0303, Center mass 0303 has priority over #2 center mass 0326	JS Bde	EW
14.	0925		Spot Report 021085 logging road NE-SW with negative recent use	JS	JB
15.	1025		1000H locs. A-FSB Ellen, B-059124, 16-050125-W C-018086, D-937088, E-FSB Ellen, 16-opcon 1/7	JS Bde	DF
16.	1115		Bad Baron patrol out side of Ellen patrol left 1045H back at 1135, negative findings	JS	JB
17.	1116		D/Co spot report 12 fighting positions 1 year old negative OHC approx 3x3 1 man positions grid 940088, 1 crosscut saw 1 pack stand trail grid 941087, 12-24 hrs old 8-10 indiv Oct 69 Boston Globe and some scraps of Vietnamese writing will back log	JS Bde	DF
18.	1145		Request 05 sorties for Mini-Cav A/Co. 16 at 0830H from FSB Ellen to yu 016025	JS Bde	DF
19.	1155		C/Co. request Pink team for assist in BDA this PM. Pink team diverted to GM will try to get		

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			another	JS Bde	RR
20.	1158		Agent report 525 mi 11 Nov. 69 Source observed enemy unit at yu 010052 & yu 005047 (two bases) between Dak Semirigue and a branch. Teh troops at these locations were from the same unit and 300 strong-dressed in Blue uniforms and wearing black and yellow scarf- armed with AK-47's- 1 82 mortar, 3 30 cal MG and 1 51 cal MG on wheels plus B-40's. The two locatins were connected by telephone wires troops were sleeping in bunkers, 1-7 Nov. 70 VC carrying WIA's passen them headed North. 2-11 Nov. no new missions or instructions, 3-4 Nov. yu 076054 Rong(agent) helped bury 30 bodies 4-825013 rice cashe of 30 bags with 12 VC guards protecting it. 5*- 055046 carried rice to troops location, helped carry 50 WIA VC from Buttons attack to 025013 there were 120 VC in light blue uniforms, 20 meters is rice cache, carried it from 095046 There are 2 OP maned by 12 VC each. with phone for commo and mine and booby traps in the area. 4 bunkers large B-3 rating Scout team request to check it out.	JS	BW

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21.	1213		944091 D/Co. found NL used by 02 ind last 24 hrs had freshly use cooking positions			JS Bde	DF
22.	1215		C/Co. trail on a 230AZ use in the last 7 days by 5-6 ind. grid location 012091			JS Bde	DF
23.	0107		Saber 23 tos 0107H to do VR of suspected enemy locations 010052 and 005047. Saber 23 broke for POL			JS	RB
24.	1310		Rash 38 tos 1310H for A/S at 1330H grid xu74158 nearest friendlies 7K SE and 7K SW A/S complete 1350H partial BDA 1 secondary and 1 4x8 ft bunker destroyed			JS	RB
25.	1320		D/Co. 6I grid 946093 1 bike and 3 empty AK-47 ammo boxes readout to follow 07 bunkers 4x6x4 OHC was caved in. Neg recent use. 6-8 months old			JS Bde	DF
26.	1328	<i>29</i>	D/Co. 6I in contact 16 element 950094. Rain-Cloud initiated contact with 03 indiv on a trail 3' wide wore khaki shorts no equipment 16 OP observed 03 indiv traveling N on a trail 01 squad moven up to op position and initiated contact at 15-20 meters. Enemy evaded to SE enemy was wearing khaki shirt and shorts. No weapons or equipment. Neg casualties on either				
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			side. D/Co. will set up PB and recon from location of contact.				JS Bde	DF
27.	1335		A/Co. 36 leaving Ellen on a 40AZ, back in at 1530H				JS	RB
28.	1400		C/Co. found 1' wide trail running on 25 AZ Kit Carson says that there were 30 persons moving N in last 8 hrs. yu 011091				JS Bde	DF
29.	1420	(17)	B/Co. 16 found 49 82mm rds with shotgun primer in old bunker complex 08 old bunkers. Have been destroyed. Round were laying on ground. No cover over them. brid <u>037128</u> , bunker were 4x6x4 1' OHC also found water bufflo track in area B/Co. will have an ambush in vic. and blow 82mm rds in morning				JS Bde	DF
30.	1445		99 recent high level agent report from captured documents and statements from Chu Hoi and present enemy troops. Disposition indicates for 72 hour period beginning 2400H tonight 13 Nov. very strong possibility of indirect fire attack and sapper attacks and ground assaults will be launched against US and GVN's installations. According to latest information these attacks are designed to coordinate with Anti-War demp-					
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			strations scheduled in the US for 15th of this month.	JS	DF		
31.	1500		IRF 1015, 1014, 1024, 1025, at 1700H 1005, 1004 below 1005, 1006, above 1005 at 1330H	JS	DF		
32.	1510		G/Co 007096 trail running on a 20 AZ intersects with a road. Road is running E-W with sign of that traffic and bikes within last 24 hrs. Movement was light. Road has heavy canopy. Not visible from the Air	JS Bde	DF		
33.	1515		3 VP 06 type will arrive at Ellen 1415 14 Nov. to study Log support coming from USARV, DISCOM and 2nd Field Force. A/Co 6 and Bn 4 and Duke 3 & 6 have been notified	JS	RR		
34.	1550		1600H locs. A-FSB Ellen, B-047133, 16-037128 C-007096, D-937088, E-FSB Ellen, 16-opcon 1/7	JS Bde	DF		
35.	1555		Final plans for 14 Nov. sent in changes in tentative plans A/Co. and D/Co.	JS Bde	DF		
36.	1640		Request air lift for extraction of A 16 at 010045 to FSB Ellen at 1630H	JS Bde	DF		
37.	1645		Request are two snipers now on duty at Quan Loi green line back for sniper support of FSB Ellen. We have targets each night. Our other three snipers are out on opns with B/Co. and E/Co.				
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			recon. If we can not have two you have on green line we will pull two snipers from our B/Co. Bde will call back concerning the 02 snipers at Quan Loi				JS Bde	DF
38.	1650		A/Co platoon size patrol left FSB Ellen at 1330H on 40 AZ. At grid 042065 found 01 dead bore, 1 pair green NVA pants. and a cache site that had been dug up withing last 24 hrs. Could not pickup any other sings of recent movement. returned to FSB 1630H				JS Bde	DF
40.	1745	✓	closing locs. A-Ellen, B-046137, 16-035126, 12-038127, 21-045135, 044140, 31-048135, 32-050140, C-003095m 36-005097, D-940091 C 2/12 083050, E-Ellen, 16-opcon 1/7 Hatchet Report					
			plt. sq. D- 5 0 N- 5 5 10 5				JS Bde	DF
41.	1810		All elements are up on the bug.				JS	RR
42.	1840		Last light patrol is out. patrol is in 1915H				JS	RR
43.	1845		CC will contact 28 in QL 14 Nov. log bird will contact 4I on Ad/Log in QL 14 Nov.				JS	RR
44.	2010		10 Nov. C 1/8 found documents on KIA approx- imetly 5 K NE of FSB Ellen at yu 085085 do-					
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			ements which identified the 3rd Bn of 141 Regt.		
			of the 7th NVA DIV, positive identification of		
			NVA 10 squad B 16 platoon CA company 2nd Bn		
			141 Regt, the 2nd Bn was identified at FSB		
			Jerri on 8 Nov. and attack on FSB Ellen on		
			4 Nov.	JS	DF
45.	2020		RRF Bad Baron complete QRF Bad Baron 26	JS Bde	JR
46.	2010		L-701S 25 each, 6232 II, 6232 III, 6231 I,		
			6231 IV send out tomorrow morning first thing	JS Bde	DF
48.	2125		1/5 A-Vivian, B-opcon 1/7, C-Quan Loi, D-904025		
			E-Vivian 36-Jerry, 36th ARVN Rangers-971248		
			989229, 1/7 A-925205, 16-931204, 26-928209		
			B-970200, 16-974204, C-Wescott, D-Jerry,		
			E-Wescott B 1/5-882964, E 1/8-812973, 3rd Mo-		
			bile strike 23-927758, 33-983305	JS	JR
49.	2130		Request a search light and Quad .50 cal	JS Bde	JR
47.	2130		2000H Big Ears picked up movement engaged with		
			40 rds 81mm, 500 meters 0435 mills, 2058H		
			Big Ears picked up movement 500 meters 3530		
			mils 06 ind engaged with 81mm 41 rds Arty fired		
			direct fire 15-105mm indiv moving SW 2115H		
			picked up movement 3530 mils 350 meters en-		
			gaged 40 rds 81mm 15 rds 105mm	JS Bde	JR

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50.	2150		Big Ears picked up movement at 3600 mils 550-1000 meters out, alot of gooks 10-15 81mm 30 rds, direct fire by arty 105 20 rds. moving toward FSB Ellen, 510m out at 2155H 2200H neg movement	JS Bde	JR		
51.	2215		Changes in final plans for 14 Nov. sent in 2215H, tentative for 15 Nov. sent in. 2215H	JS Bde	JR		
52.	2215		Request scout team for first light check of FSB Ellen,	JS Bde	JR		
53.	2245		Contis request. 01 company within a hour of AFC 2nd Co. plus a CP to follow ASAP for AFC order of march A/Co. and D/Co.	JS Bde	JR		
54.	2345		At 0700H 14 Nov. a spray air craft will leave Bien Hoa to conduct a mosquito mission at Quan Loi, Vivian, Wescott, Ellen	JS	JR		
55.	2400		Summary: D/Co. had contact with 03 indiv at 946093. Result neg casualties on either side. No. 26 in log for readout. 2) B/Co. found at 037128 49- 82mm mortar rounds. B/Co. destroyed them. No. 29 for further readout. A/Co. base defense FSB Ellen. Local patrolling around the FSB, B/Co. ground recon Northwest to grid yu-025140. Search area for Southerly movement				
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