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1st Bn, 8th Cav

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HOUR DATE
0001 14 Nov. 69TO
HOUR DATE
2400 14 Nov. 69

ITEM NO	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
1.	0001		Journal opened	JS	JB
2.	0100		Neg sit rep	JS	JB
3.	0200		Neg sit rep	JS	JR
4.	0300		Neg sit rep	JS	JR
5.	0303		Big Bars picked up slight movement at 1300mils 450 meters 81mm 15 rds, 155mm 10 rds, movement has ceased 0315H	JS Bde	JB
6.	0400		Neg sit rep	JS	JR
7.	0500		Neg sit rep	JS	JB
8.	0520		A/S xu 977146 target bunker complex and casha sites tot 1445H mission 5216 HFI and NAU	JS	JR
9.	0530		CC Potatoe Masher 589 tos 0820H Log Bird Po- tatoe Masher 141 tos 0830H	JS	JR
10.	0600		Stand to complete	JS	JR
11.	0710		Trips and claymores in first light check out in 0740H	JS	JB
12.	0844		Spot Report 003096 trail 1 1/2 ft wide SW by 20 indiv last 12-24 hrs rice found on trail dropped in small amounts	JS Bde	JF
13.	0845		A/Co. had 26 element on patrol around LZ at this time back at 1045H on 40 AZ from FSB Ellen out about 500 meters 3 fresh cut bamboo within last 24-48 hrs. Checked the three radar		

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sighting of last night w/neg findings.

JS Bde

JF

14.

0910

Request Pink Team for Bright Knight C/Co. to

work on BDA A 16 first, scout team was divert-

ed. Will arrive in Bn A/O at 1330 hrs. Snoopy

12 on station to work with C/Co. A 16, D/Co.

at 1402H

JS Bde

JF

15.

1011

Moved from LZ N into swamps found many NS and

EW trails with heavy movement to S and E 12-

24 hrs 014028

JS Bde

JF

17.

1115

Spot report trail 001097 used last 24-48 hrs

in direction of 340 NW hootch 002098 with trail

last 12-24 hrs in 280 AZ direction hootch was

4x5 1 man type and was already destroyed

JS Bde

JF

18.

1130

4 1/2 K from Ellen at 300 AZ took G/A fire

15-20 rds AK at 0112, 1-9er will take log bird

up and adjust Arty on grid 0112 36 rds 105

fired in area

JS Bde

JF

19.

1335

Request medevac at Ellen for Pig-Iron AM with

chest wound from M-79- friendly fire, Medevac

complete 1350H Ros. No. 84 James A. Apodaca

on station 140H Last four SS#1235

JS Bde

JF

20.

1342

C/Co. 001102 lear chickens and chopping 405

small trails in area NE-SW trails 2-3 indiv

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			3-4 days old. Neg direction of travel	JS Bde	JF
21.	1340		Saber 21 looking for blues LZ tos 1340H	JS Bde	JF
22.	1415		Snoopy 1x reports 4W trail at 923022 by 8 to 10 elephants last 2 or 3 days Saw some pants drying 175 meters 90 AZ. NS tango 2' wide used last 2-3 days and 1 hootch	JS Bde	JF
23.	1416		C/Co. heard automatic weapons fire at 200 AZ 15 to 20 rds. Location of company 003097. Snoopy 12 going to work area	JS Bde	JF
24.	1450		C/Co 009103 loc of company 150 meters to E have a hootch 1 bunker and 1 latrine grid of above #024096, Snoopy broke station 1515H for POL. Snoopy engaged hootch with organics neg. readout on damage	JS Bde	JF
25.	1500		Late entry, At 1300 hrs D/Co. found documents on ground at 943093, also a sketch on tree on sketch, Bx, 3 pieces paper B1 and 11 C III, will be back logged today	JS Bde	JF
27.	1535		Air request for Mini-Cav of A/Co. 26 for 15 Nov. 69. 0830H and 1630, 5 plus 2	JS	GN
28.	1555		Request high drag naplam 500 lbs at yu 009103	JS Bde	JF
29.	1630		Radar 1630H 3 to 4 indiv 350AZ 980 meters 15 rds 81mm 20 105mm arty 1820H 1 to 2 indiv. 45AZ		

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			850 meters, 30 rds 81mm, arty check fired	JS Bde	JF
30.	1640		Rash 38 tos w/fighters 1640 to A/S for C/Co		
			Rash broke station 1714H A/S complete grid 010104	JS Bde	JF
31.	1701		Request A/S with High Drag and Napalm troop		
			only 75 meters from enemy 009103, A/S request		
			sent to 3C and also to Rash 38	JS Bde	JF
32.	1715		Mini-Cav of A/Co. 16, yellow flight tos 0905H		
			lifted from Ellen 5 sorties time 0915H, insert-		
			ed at LZ 5 sorties time 0926H, lifted from		
			PZ 5 sorties time 1650H, inserted at Ellen 5		
			sorties time 1700H LZ location grid yu 016025		
			LZ green, Pick up of A 1/6 at 011035 1645H,		
			PZ green, Returned to Ellen	JS Bde	JF
33.	1716		Max 003087, 996126, Sniffer 999104, 010113,		
			Said he got a max sniffer yesterday neg read-		
			out. at 005087, had 5 readings in last 4 days		
			010115, G/A 1100H, 995126, G/A 1100H, Box#1		
			950015, 000015, 9596, 0096, -1040-1103H, #2		
			9813, 0413, 0408, 9808, 1107-1137H, 998102		
			friendlies	JS Bde	JF
34.	1736		Rash 37 tos 1736H fighters expected 1800H, A/S		
			went in tot 1807H termin. 1820H via 009103,		
			for C/Co. contact, Neg BDA	JS Bde	JF

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35.

1820

Request flare bird for C/Co. 1820H, canceled

request at 1905H no longer needed

JS Bde

JF

36.

1825

Last light leaving Ellen, patrol return 1845

neg findings

JS

RB

26.

1830

28

D/Co. contact #1 point element of recon squad

spotted and engaged 1 indiv traveling to the

North on a NS trail at 949102. Point initiated

contact at 15m and gook evaded to the South.

without return fire. Dressed in green uniforms

AK and boonie hat. Search of the contact area

revealed blood trail leading to the South.

contact stated 1420H and broke 1425H. Contact

#2 1516H D/Co. 26 were engaged by enemy ele-

ment of approximately 10 individuals. 26 was

being up rear security. Enemy initiated contact

with S/A at 20m to North 26 returned fire with

org. and arty. Contact at 949104. Search of

the area revealed neg. finding. Enemy withdrew

to the North. Max on station at 1545H. 1 US

KIA. At 1720 line 1 has been extracted in bound

to Quan Loi. Harry Anderson, PFC. Contact #3

1745H made contact while moving into NL. En-

emy initiated contact at 946094. Contact broke

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1253H D/Co. 26 returned fire with organics.

Enemy force was 4 ind. negative readout on enemy

Search of area neg findings Enemy withdrew to
the North.

JS Bde

JF

37.

1851

C/Co. 1st medevac requested 1555H. tos 1610H
was not able to go in broke station took G/A
fire, 2nd medevac requested 1720H tos 1750H
complete 1850H. Delay on 2nd medevac due to
A/S 5 people medevaced 1 ridgit latter 4 jun-
gle penetrator. All EM have been picked up

JS Bde

JF

38.

1922

2/12 locations Bad Bet 088058, Joker 5-094107

JS Bde

RB

39.

1935

Medevacs from C/Co. #123 R.C 3432 Chest and
stomacke, #94 H.D. 0957 Shoulder, #90 H.D.
6779 R. forearm, # 64 B.J. 0312 neg readout.
#04 H. R. Forearm, All gunshot wounds. Line
1 from D/Co. No. 66 Harry Anderson gunshot
wounds. Sent to S-1

JS

RB

46.

1940

22

C/Co. contact at 1550 hrs. They heard a chicken
in the area and Snoopy 12 on station to check
out fresh heavily used N-S trail Spotted 1
pair of gook pants drying in the sun. At 015013
spotted gook latrine a hootch and bunkers 8x5
with 1' OHC. Went on line and engaged the bunker

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with LAW. Enemy force of approx 10 indiv opened up at 50 meters from 50, 70, 90 degree's spotted 3 ind wearing OD uniforms. Enemy fired AK and SKS. C/Co. had neg. enemy bodies and will conduct a thorough search in contact broke at 1830H. 1st medevac on station at 1610H took G/A fire and took 2 hits, 1 in radio other in full cell. C/Co. sustained a 5th WIA. 4 in the initial contact. 2nd medivac completed 1850H with 1 ridget litter, 4 jungle penetrators. 2 sections of Blue Max were expended. Snoopy 12 and Masher 22 dropped CS E 158 into the bunker complex. 2 A/s were put in by Rash 37 tot 1736H and tot 1807H vic 009103. Scout sections used were Snoopy 12 and a Saber 21.

JS Bde

JR

41.

2030

In reference to our Ram Rod element Red Baron request to keep them for the next 24-48 hrs. Snipers to finish full 14 day program then report to US, completion will be in the next 48H

JS

JR

42.

2054

A/Co 26, spot report-100 meters from LZ 330 AZ found 5 trails running NS traffic to South grass bent towards south, heavy traffic 500

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			meters 330 AZ trail 3' wide heavy use to E,		
			running E-W. On crest of hill trail E-W 015045,		
			3' wide heavy use bare foot tracks and Ho Chi		
			Minh sandals. 005035 GI night loc possible G		
			size, probable gooks in area open sundry packs		
			Carations and lrrps 1 old gook fighting pos.		
			and 11 foxholes, 023056, EW trail 3' wide heavy		
			recent use today moving East, heavily loaded		
			barefoot, and Ho Chi Minh sandals and stream		
			5' wide about 1' deep.	JS	JB
43.	2145		Ram Rod 16 will go to VIP center Monday til		
			Wed, then return to FSB Ellen,	JS	JR
44.	2205		tot 1655 to 1800H, recieved at 2130H IR xu-		
			860157, 01 in the woods, no action close to		
			friendly, IR xu-926115, 01 in the woods. No		
			action close to friendly. IR xu 955161 03 in		
			the woods no action close to friendly	JS	JR
45.	2255		Changes in finals for Nov.15, tent, sent in		
			for Nov.16	JS	JR
46.	2300		Request Sky Spot yu 003087 max sniffer read-		
			inglast 5 days	JS Bde	JR
47.	2307		QRF Bad Baron RRF 36 A/Co. Hatchet Report:		
			Day- Plt. Sq.		
			Plt. Day-3, Sq. 4-Total 7		

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			Cont. sent in same as 13 Nov.	JS Bde	JR
48.	2315		Scout team requested for Bright Knight first Light	JS Bde	SH
49.	2320		Picked up by Big Ears, light movement 0070 miles 1140 meters, 30 rds 81mm, 20 rds 105mm		
			Neg movement 2325H	JS Bde	JR
50.	2325		Document readout. Hospital instruc on data to be included in personnel forms for newly trained personal. S-21, rep must be submitted on 15 Nov. 69, all a main force A2 and A5 cadre must have a note book to keep record. Fragments of medical books, D 60 A frag of personal letter neg. probably part of 85 Rear Service Group captured by D/Co. 14 Nov.	JS Bde	JR
51.	2340		1/7 A-941230, B-897968, C-Wescott, D-Jerry E-Wescott, E 1/8-839988, 36th RVN Ranger 1st Co.-001243, 2nd Co.-008234, 3 & 4 Co. Dis. HHQ /CP 3rd Mobile Strike Force. 2/3-922241 2/3-972321, 1/5 A-Vivian, B-opoon 1/7, C-Quan Loi, D-904038, E-Vivian	JS	JR
52.	2400		Summary: 1) D/Co. had contact at 949102 1420H result 1 US KIA, No. 26 for complete readout 2) C/Co had contact at 1550H at 015013, Result		
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5 US WIA's, No. 37, 39, 46 in journal for complete readout of C/Co. contact. A/Co. Base defense FSB Ellen, A/Co. 16 conduct Mini-Cav to grid yu 013025, and ground recon North and be extracted at grid yu 010045. B/Co. ground recon North to grid yu 024158. Search area for any recent enemy activity coming South from the Bu-Dop area across the Song Be River. C/Co. ground recon North to grid yu 002109. Search area for enemy activity possible cache sites. D/Co. ground recon Northeast to grid xu 951123. Interdict activity along Serges Jungle Highway South of Song Be River. E/Co. Base defense FSB Ellen, C/Co. 16 opcon 1/7

53. 2400 Journal closed

JS

RB

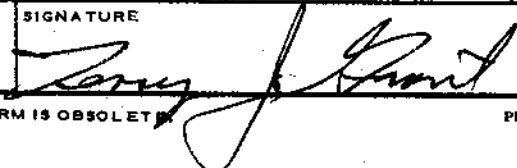
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