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ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION 1st Bn, 8th Cav	LOCATION LZ Ellen	PERIOD COVERED			
		FROM		TO	
		HOUR 0001	DATE 14 Oct. 69	HOUR 2400	DATE 14 Oct. 69

ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
1.	0001		Journal opened	JS	RB
2.	0045		The northern boundary of Big Duke A/O has been terminated. Effective 14 Oct. 0045H Big Duke northern boundary is Cambodian border	JS	RR
3.	0100		Neg. sit rep.	JS	RR
4.	0200		Neg. sit. rep.	JS	RR
5.	0300		Neg. sit. rep.	JS	RR
6.	0400		Neg. sit rep.	JS	RR
7.	0500		Neg. sit. rep.	JS	RR
8.	0520		Message from Bde 3 to Bn 3. There are indications of possible enemy build-up throughout the 3rd Bde A/O. However this cannot be confirmed until additional intelligence is recieved. During the current operation directed toward interdiction of enemy activity in our A/O. I would like to emphasize 1) The use of combat trackers teams to assist in detecting enemy trail activity, 2) The importance and need for POW's	JS	RB
9.	0537		Air Strikes: Grid yu 046048 LZ construct tot 0900H target #5209 ord. HFI&HDJ grid yu 030083 LZ construct tot 1515H target #5201 ord HDJ Since Big Duke lost air strikes on		

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			on the 13th of Oct. would Duke threelike to divert either or both of these to another target?	JS	RB		
10.	0600		ORF C/Co.-26, RRF C/Co.	JS Bde	RR		
11.	0600		E/Co. 16-plans for 14 Oct. 0930H they are to be in PZ posture at #002140 Code message as follows assume PZ posture at #002040. Send coded message to E/Co. 16 as soon as possible. Message passed to A/Co. will try to relay to E/Co. Has been received by E 16	JS	RR		
12.	0700		C/Co. first light check has left perimeter Glaymores and Trip flares are in	JS	RR		
13.	0650		Big Duke CC Snoopy 532, 2-8 will call when in bound to Quan Loi. Masher 372 log bird	JS	RB		
14.	0711		Skyspot: xu 920105, TOT 0100H target 13 bunker ord. 10-750lb bombs . Went in.	JS	RB		
15.	0730		PZ for D/Co. #926125	JS	RR		
16.	0750		Spot report from Saber 27 time 0725H 14 Oct. at grid xu009724 a NS trail used by 05 ind. in the last 24 hrs. movement S. Out of A/O	JS	RB		
17.	0840		Because of long distance involved, would like to final extract D/Co. to Ellen then use hooks to Quan Loi. Bde 83 is getting				
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			hooks now.	JS	JB
18.	0929		E/Co. final extraction to LZ Ellen 1st lift off FZ #002140, 0920 hrs. lift complete		
			0928 hrs. 4 sorties	JS Bde	JB
19.	0932		Additional information concerning POW. All sights are underground.	JS	JB
20.	1100	6	B/Co. at #941130 had engagement with 01 gook in green unkform Ho Chi Minh sandals, SKS and rice. B/Co. engaged with S/A at 20M result 1 enemy KIA neg. friendly casualties. NVA was moving to the N. he had VN and Cambodian money. The NVA was moving same direction as B/Co. off the trail. When he was sighted he was engaged. NVA did not return fire. B/Co. ambushing area now-read out to follow. NVA had canteen, poncho 50 rds 30 cal. Ser. # of SKS 11259750	JS Bde	RC
21.	1115		A/S tot 0900H #046048- complete 0930H BDA 01-shipper 01-2 shipper	JS	RC
22.	1125		1000H locs. A/Co.-023139, B/Co.-941130, C/Co. Ellen, D/Co.-Quan Loi and Ellen. B/Co. 16 at 953127, E/Co.- Ellen	JS Bde	JB
23.	1120		Gary-Owen Combat-Tip- From Division. When		

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			using smoke to mark our position always remember to dig a hole in which to throw the smoke-grenade. Smoke grenades frequently start fires in a dry area.	JS	RR		
24.	1130		Lt. Col. Brady tentative schedule (Div Arty Co.) 1330H- Arrival at quan loi, 1330-1430 briefing S-2, S-3, LNO & base defense 1430-1445-enroute to Wescott, 1445-1505-tour of Wescott, 1505-1520-enroute to Ellen, 1520-1540-tour of Ellen, 1540-1555-enroute to Vivian, 1555-1615-tour of Vivian, 1615-1630 back to Quan Loi	JS	JB		
25.	1150		Final extraction of D/Co. to Ellen then Quan Loi 1st lift off PZ #926125 at 0937 hrs- 1015 lift complete to Quan Loi 1145H Total 14 sorties to Ellen and 3 hooks sorties from Ellen to Quan Loi.	JS Bde	RC		
26.	1230	§	A/Co. spotted 02 VC in lack uniforms moving west 150m away from log site #023139 VC were to far away to tell if armed. A/Co. engaged with arty neg. assesement.	JS Bde	RC		
27.	1300		At #023143 3' stream EW #023140 1 trail EW 2' wide neg. recent use #023135 1 EW trail				
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			2' wide neg recent use 02 bunkers 4x4 10" over head cover neg, recent use bunkers destroyed #022136 1 trail EW 1' wide neg. recent use	JS Bde	RC
28.	1325		Request Pink team to work with B/Co.	JS Bde	RC
29.	1430		C/Co. 16, 350 meters out from FSB Ellen 6' wide trail running NS. 375 meters 01 fighting position 4 1/2 x 2 1/2 x4 vic grid 030060. negative recent use.	JS Bde	JB
30.	1525		Saber spotted at xu951074- 03 bunkers 8x10 04 bunkers 5x8, EW trail with movement E in last 24 hrs. by 08-10 ind.	JS	JB
31.	1530		1400H locs. A/Co.-023139, B/Co.-949134, C/Co Ellen D/Co. Quan Loi BD. E/Co. Ellen	JS	JB
32.	1554		16 element of C/Co. reports at #029061 found trail used by approx. 15 ind. within the past 12 hrs. moving north.	JS Bde	RM
33.	1435		Saber spotted at xu 059065 an EW trail used by 200 ind. in last 24 hrs. at 968070 trail turned S and was last at 963049	JS	JB
34.	1630		B 1/9- 1505- xu969047- 01 bridge 25 ft long 3 ft. wide on a NS trail used by 150 to 200 ind. moving south. in last 24 hrs. Believed		

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			to be the same movement as the first spot report at 1435H. Neg air strike	JS	JB
35.	1658		URS early am # yu 107292 recieved at Bde 1645H. Given to arty-out of range	JS Bde	RC
35.	1705		A/Co. 16-46 at #028145 1 NE trail which is on map neg recent use, but off of trail is another NE trail 2' wide with heavy recent use in last 12 hrs. L.1-028145, L.2-NE, L.3-Both directions. L.4-last 12 hrs. L.5-very heavy, L.6-2 ft. L.7-mud, L.8-natural canopy L.9- L.10- L.11-neg.	JS Bde	RC
36.	1830		ST-32 inserted at 1615H at grid 950063. Given to 1-9 for Arty. purposes.	JS Bde	JB
38.	1900		To all 10's from Bde 10. I have recieved message from Gary Owen 10-subject-Use of small funny boxes in conjunction with 77's equipment with in Bn. He mentioned tests conducted using combination down to & including command nets. Proved unsatisfactory due to weight. Div. questions are 1)Do you want retention of small funny boxes in conjunction with 77's at company level, 2 each for Bn nets. 2)Do you want retention of small		

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			funny boxes in conjunction with 77's at Bn level for usue for company's using during defensive operations at night. Request be available 1300H 16 Oct. at Bde location for discussion.	JS	JB
39.	1908	✓	NL sent to Bde. A/Co.-cp,26,36-024142,(16)-(46(-028145, B/Co.-cp-46-943136, 12-944136, 13-943134, 21-940135, 32-948137, C/Co.-FSB Ellen, 16-029061- D/Co.-Quan Loi BD, E/Co.-FSB Ellen	JS Bde	RC
39.	1910		Hatchet Report: Plt. Sq. Day----- 4 0 Night----- 4 4 8 4	JS Bde	RC
40.	1911		C/Co.-Gates closed-op 3 front of bunker 11 op 2 front of bunker 6	JS	JB
41.	1915		Bde 23M has 07 barrels fugas now-expects 75 tomorrow-we can expect 18 on 16 Oct.	JS	JB
42.	1930	✓	B/Co. found 30 bunkers at #947133 4x8 2' ohc neg. recent use. Destroyed bunkers, seem to be fighting rather than storage bunkers At # 953134 1 hooch 6x8 4 bunkers 6x8 18" over head cover. Both destroyed. Both locations good A/S grids. very thick canopy un-		

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			able to see from air.	JS Bde	RC
43.	1940		Requested dog teams for B/Co. and C/Co. for 15 Oct. 0700H at Big Duke log pad. Received 2015H Negative dog teams available till 16 Oct. from 3MB	JS Bde	JB
44.	2013		Report: 947133-953134-968047-957075 Bunker Air Strikes. 924127 Trail net. Time liked 0930H and bunkers 08 w/cashe site bikes. Grids 967054-950064-943124-928110 LZ construct	JS Bde	JB
45.	2050		1/7 Kool Killer in 1/8 A/O CP FY 019020, 16-018022, 36-1020019	JS	RB
46.	2106		ORF C/Co.-36, RRF C/Co. 26,	JS Bde	RB
47.	2110		Scout Teams any shortage Saber supporting 1st Bde also Dog teams: They are committed Ben Hoia or Phuoc Vinh. Tracker Team? Bow Wow at 1200H to Pig-Iron Quan Loi Duke log pad	JS Bde	RB
48.	2200		B/Co. 6 doesn't want dog team if it will take a special bird to extract him after his two nights are up. Will only take dog team if he can spend 3 nights out.	JS	RR
49.	2215		Final plans sent for 15 Oct. tentative plans sent for 16 Oct.	JS Bde	RB

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50.	2230		Chu Hoi leaflets- 400 at each location Message "Beware of Allied FirePower" Dropped at: 9114-9314-9213-9413-9311-9411-9510-9407- 9603-9708	JS Bde	RB		
51.	2250		op-2 heard a M-16 shot. and voices approx. 300-400m in front of bunkers 1-2-3. C/Co. will contact E/Co. 46 and for 81mm to be fired in area. E/Co. does not have clearance to fire in that area.	JS	RR		
52.	2330		In reference to a request form 1/7. Cool Killer, working in A/O of 1/8 to south of Ellen has neg. commo with 1/7. 1/8 will have radio on Cool Killer frq. to monitor in case of trouble. Admin Log is now on Cool Killers push. Commo-Loud and Clear.	JS	RR		
53.	2350		Preplanned Air Strikes are cut to 02 each day for entire Brigade. Any other requests must be immediate for troops in contact Includes LZ constructs	JS	RB		
54.	2400		From Bn 3 to Bde 35. While 1/8 was at Jerri the Bn Interpreter wrote a poem to K 16 (Local Force Bn) which was to be produced in bulk as a Chu Hoi Leaflet. What is status				
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			and action taken so it can be delivered		
			on suspected K 16 locations	JS Bde	RB
55.	2320		From Div Arty w/CG emphasis. All BFS radar readings use night hawk and snipers. We must give the reason why it is is not used.	JS Bde	RB
56.	2400		Summary: A/Co. Continue ground recon to the east from grid 023140 to 034140. Mission is to search for caches and trail networks primarily heading south. Will set up plt. size night ambushes. B/Co. ground recon in direction of NW from grid 942133 to vic 938138. Continue search for cache sites and trail networks set up night ambushes. C/Co. Base Defense of FSB Ellen. Platoon at on 14 Oct. night ambush will return to FSB Ellen. D/Co. Base Defense Quan Loi Base Camp. E/Co. (-) Base defense FSB Ellen 16 Base defense with local ground recon patrols west of FSB Ellen		
			1) B/Co. killed 1 NVA soldier at #941130. No. 20 for readout. 2) A/Co, spotted 02 VC 150 meters away from log site #023139. Engaged with arty. Neg. assessment. No. 27 for read out.		

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