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	IN	OUT					
1.	0001		Journal opened	JS	JF		
2.	0100		All units negative situation	JS	JF		
3.	0140		Captured data of D/Co contact on 29 Oct.				
			xu-959147, 1) medical book-Tran Nhy-1 Feb.				
			69, no units 2) Book of poems-23 July 69-Tran				
			Nhy-mention Tran Nhy was in Song Be 24 July				
			69, 3) Notebook name Pham Van Cu-unit T5 up-				
			dated, 4) Note book-Aug. 69-Nguyen Cao Bao				
			commanding officer of unknown unit. 5) LBN				
			of T5, S27, Med unit. 86415 yk, 6) ApprieCIA-				
			tion certificates (No.2&1 promotion for Tran				
			Anh Bon) TF, S27-27 may to 15 July 69 7) Poem				
			book of Tran Anh Bon 8) 3 introduction letters				
			for Tran Viet Nhi-Vu Van Thong, Nguyen Sy				
			Thanh-Jan & Feb 69-letters from peoples re-				
			volution party to unknown unit. 9) list of				
			medicine for T5, S27-supplies are to last				
			from 15 Oct. to 15 Dec. 12 Oct 69-signed by				
			Tran Nhi 10) illness report for unknown unit				
			Aug. 69 other set of documents. 1) Propoganda				
			bulletin sent from K16 to production cell of				
			K16 -May to June. 2) Self criticism report				
			of the production cel of K16 3.) Report of				
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			Finance and economy section during 1st 6 months of 1969. 4.) Personnel history of un-		
			known person and date and unit	JS	JB
	0200		Neg sit rep.	JS	JB
	0210		G-3 operation is not receiving CIDG logs and plans on timely and accurate bases. It is requested that you redouble efforts in: 1) CIDG unit logs period throughout day and closing logs. 2) Obtain CIDG plans. 3) Report these 2 items periodically to G-3 on a daily and timely basis. 4) Also applies to ARVN's	JS	JB
7.	0300		Neg sit rep.	JS	JB
8.	0345		Star 0005H yu 040245 on river. Arty notified will not fire until comes through his channel	JS	JB
9.	0400		Situation negative	JS	JB
10.	0500		All units situation negative Neg. commo with A/Co.	JS	JF
11.	0600		All units negative sit rep. A/Co. Neg Commo	JS	JF
12.	0600		A/S xu 963119 LZ construct tot 1100H 5306 HFT Results complete 1130H BDA 1-1 shipper xu 971122-LZ construct-tot 1200H, 5308 HFI Results-complete 1210H BDA HFJ, results complete 1210H BDA 2-1 shippers LZ construct	JS Bde	DF

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13.	0600		Stand to complete	JS	JF
14.	0615		RRF B/Co., QRF B/26	JS Bde	JF
15.	0620		CC Ghost Rider 149 tos 0725, Log bird Ghost		
			Rider 139 tos 0800	JS Bde	JB
16.	0745		C/Co. 36 found 8 old and caved in bunkers.		
			Also one hootch 15x30 of bamboo cut in area		
			981165 in last 2-3 weeks. Time 1100H. 30 Oct.	JS Bde	JB
17.	0845		Request LZ contruts at the following grids		
			9921118 & 974096	JS Bde	GC
18.	0850		Request Pink Team for A/Co. check out trails		
			From Bde 3MA Saber 23 on route to A/Co. con-		
			tact area. tos 0945.	JS Bde	JB
19.	0950		To Bn 3 Mortar testing team will be here at		
			0900 on 1 Nov be prepared for briefing at		
			upon arrival and ready to take test at 1000H		
			informed E/Co.	JS	DF
20.	1045		Exchange of B/Co. with C/Co. C/Co. to Ellen		
			B/Co. to 988157, 1st lift off PZ at 1000H,		
			1st lift on LZ at 1015 LZ green lift complete		
			1044H toatal 8 sorties.	JS Bde	DF
21.	1130		Saber 23 enroute to A/Co element at 1130H	JS	DF
22.	1140		Medevac requested for A/Co. 1010H 969146		
			Medevac tos 1030H-casualties amb. 2 litter		

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			2 KIA-Medevac 8 to make two sorties- 1st sortie of 3 litter inbound to Quan Loi 1107H				
			2nd sortie of 2 amb inbound to Quan Loi 1130H				
			Medevac complet 1130H Bde(DF) Baugh, Larry				
			1470 KIA, Siebell, Floyd KIA, #135 Stidham,				
			1621 WIA, #36 Feil, B 7889, WIA, #701 Boggess,				
			R&M 12 WIA, #109 Lawless 0551 WIA, #97 Hums				
			7261 WIA	JS Bde		DF	
23.	1141	10	A/Co. 86 in contact at 969146 Pink team requested 0945H to 1000. A/Co. 26 was moving to N when they were ambushed. NVA engaged with S/A and automatic weapons. A/Co. 26 returned fire. Result 05 friendly WIA, 02 Friendly KIA, 02 NVA KIA enemy evaded to N-NW, contact broke 1005H fire came from N. sweeping area at this time.	JS Bde		RC	
24.	1145		A/S LZ construt tot 1100H, 963119, complete 1130H BDA 1-1 shipper	JS Bde		DF	
25.	1230		A/Co. 26, went out on a patrol checking out the trail network in the area. As they were returning they made contact at a trail intersection with 25 NVA soldiers at 969146. time 0945. The enemy engaged first at 20 meter.				
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			They were set up in a V formation and engaged		
			A 26 with S/A and B-40 fire. Results of the		
			contact were 2 NVA KIA with green uniforms		
			with helmets and 2 AK-47's. Friendly casualties		
			were 5 US WIA's, 2 US KIA's. Enemy evaded		
			to the NNW contact broke at 1005 hrs. A/Co.		
			continued to sweep the battle area. At 1200H		
			36 found 1 additional NVA KIA in the contact		
			area. Rash is adjusting 200mm in the area.		
			Blue Mac expended a full load and second		
			section came up to cover the medevac, scout		
			team requested 0945H. arrived on station 1000		
			Second Scout team on station, at 1124H. Med-		
			evac complete 1138H. Further readout to follow		
			about the last NVA KIA. 3rd NVA was carrying		
			RPG Launcher and 3 rds. and assorted docu-		
			ments. B-40 131274, 01 heavy blood trail to		
			North.	JS Bde	DF
26.	1255		A/S tot 1200H LZ construct xu 9711122 complete		
			1210H BDA 2-1 shippers	JS Bde	DF
27.	1250		Rash 02 shot 1600- 20mm rounds at grid xu		
			998150 support A/Co.	JS	DF
28.	1255		Spot 968160 6 bunkers 4x8 and 1 bridge S-23		

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			to call in arty. From Bde 3MA, Spot report at 568160 at 0130H BDA of Redleg 03 bunkers 4x8 destroyed, 04 bridge 6x4 destroyed, Ref area North of A/Co enemy is trapped between Fluss and A/Co. desired to use operable A/S in JS Bde		DF
29.	1410		Double Check 6, grid ya 048108 1000 meter radius-time early afternoon. Regimental CP 112 105mm HE fired, 6 firecracker and A/S	JS	DF
30.	1425		Gary Owen 6A and Goldstell are are convinced enemy is trapped between A/Co. and Song Be River. Request A/S targets, as many as we feel is necessary to drive enemy into A/Co. and destroy the enemy. Passed on to Bn 6	JS Bde	GC
31.	1440		IR boxes for 31 Oct. 1023, 1024, 1036, 1037	JS	DF
32.	1455		Request immediate A/S at grid 969145 target Bunker complex. In reply to request for A/S Between A/Co. and Song Bde the following A/S are requested, 972152, 974158, 967154, 977156 958151	JS Bde	CG
33.	1500		Weather warning 1500-2300H-Few Thunder Storms intermitent conditions, 1000ft overcast, 1 mile visibility wind 10K to 20 K	JS	DF
34.	050510		Double Check 6-Code Name STAFF, 250 meter		

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			xu 982103 regimental CP early afternoon hours		
			Double Check 6 Quadrille 3000 meters on yu		
			048342 Early afternoon hours. Information		
			only	JS Bde	RC
35.	1615		Notified black hats that effective 0001 on		
			1 Nov push changed to 38.35	JS	DF
36.	1635		Request 175 arty 960165 be cleared by Duke 6		
			Duke 6 cleared grid for 175 mm to fire	JS Bde	DF
37.	1630		Time 1605 #005097 engaged 03 ind result 3		
			KBH 1615H engaged 05 ind evading to SE re-		
			sult 05 KBH spotted and engaged 01 ind. re-		
			sult 1 KBH. Sber Red # 972158 2 bunkers 10x		
			15 2 bunkers 5x8 and 70' trench 2' wide all		
			destroyed- #972160, 2 bunkers 5x8 3 structure		
			5x5 all destroyed. Total 09 KBH	JS Bde	DF
38.	1700		Request readout on Arty report of gooks in		
			open at grid 088089 Sent in final plans for		
			1 Oct. 69	JS Bde	GC
39.	1755		Masher 24 inbound to A/Co. to pick up line		
			7's tos 1750 cleared withonly KIA's return		
			to Quan Loi. 1815	JS Bde	DF
40.	1845		BDA of A/S and arty- 2-10x20 structures des-		
			troyed at 008089, 2-10x15, 1-10x15, 1-5x8		

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structures destroyed at 008089. Results,

enemy 3 KBRL, 2KBA, 4 KBH

JS Bde

DF

41.

1820

Direct fire of 155, 1300 mills direction 1500

meters NE, 10 rounds of 155 fired

JS

JF

42.

1845

New freq. for 1/8, effective 0001 hrs 1 Nov.

Command: 49.15-ARVSEK (19) alternate: 57.20

BDORPK (14). Admin Log: 65:70-EJWZUD (12)

Bad Baron: 49.60-BKVECT (19). Pig-Iron: 54.20

AEFHM (11) Bright Knight: 35.25-KTBEM (15)

Rain Cloud: 63.30-JFGIDT (12). Ram Rod: 30.85

PEXRVE (16) Pass all freq. to each company

JS

RC

43.

1855

Hatchet Report: Plt Sq.

Day-- 5 0

Night- 4 2

9 2

Night Locs. A/Co.-969146-CP-16-26-36-46

B/Co.-CP-993164, 16-992160, 21-994163, 32-

992165, C/Co. FSB Ellen, D/Co.-932122, E/Co.

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JS Bde

DF

44.

1915

All units up on the bug.

JS

RC

45.

1920

A/S 048108 tot 1600 xx6 complete. BDA,

A/S 969145 tot 1520 complete 1630 BDA, A/S

982103 tot 1630 neg Bda

JS Bde

83

46.

2042.

Requests Bn 2 be present at Bde loc for 1200H

1 Nov briefing. He will be there

JS

JB

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47.

2100

Bde would like to have all 6's attend a briefing at 0900H 1 Nov. at Bde. to discuss plans and actions about a possible major NVA unit in Bn 1/8 A/O. 6 will attend

JS Bde

6

48.

2125

Request scout team for A/Co. and at first light.

JS Bde

JB

49.

2130

Bde has laid on a pink team to perform VR in area of xx6. If Blues are inserted in the area, 1/7 will have QRF and RRF responsibility.

JS Bde

CG

50.

2215

26 Oct 1100H 120 NVA and 19 bunkers at xu 992122 between 2 streams wearing green fatigues, hats, sandals- AK's, CKC, 3 LMG's, B-40 and 41's unit engaged by US troops 980983, 26 Oct 1500H- 100 NVA- yu 008198, 100 bunkers 2x2 1/2 used as shelter for 30 family so they could grow and cultivate rice. 26 Oct. 0900 100 NVA- 16 NVA- 16 bunkers YU010121-wearing green and yellow uniforms, hats, sandals- AK's CKC, 10 M-16, 2-7.62mg. 4 auto rifles. 1 bunker 3x4x2 contained - 4-100 lbs bags of rice 10-20 lbs of wheat meal, 5 bags of salt, 1-50 gal. and of shrimp paste, 12 bot-

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			ties of fish sauce, 1-82mm, 40 82 rds. assort		
			ed ammo and weapons, area booby trapped	JS	JB
51.	2221		Star tot 1825-1841 yu-010097-1 in open		
			yu-032099-1 in open. Arty will not fire un-		
			til it comes down through his highers	JS	JB
52.	2252		C-3 Agent Report 1600 25 Oct. 35 VC yu 047176-		
			bunker under an old French house-used to store		
			ammo-wearing black uniforms, hats, sandals,		
			-AK's, B-40's-unit stays in rubber E of house		
			1130 26 Oct. 80 VC called C0 7 xu 980140		
			resting intention to go to Son Ha yu 095105		
			on 29 Oct. for rice	JS	JB
53.	2300		All units negative sit rep. no commo with		
			D/Co.	JS	JB
54.	2340		Tentative plans for 2 Nov sent to Bde	JS Bde	JB
55.	2320		Request clearance for Shadow box and free		
			fire Box. West 95 NS grid line East-05 W/S		
			grid line North road along 14 EW grid line		
			South along 08 EW grid line. Box Cleared by		
			Bn 83	JS Bde	GC
56.	2330		Request to know if A/Co. captured documents		
			contained any unit designation. Checked with		
			A/Co. Documents were mostly pictures can		

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not find unit designation on any documents

at this time

JS Bde

GC

57.

2400

Change over on pushes made at this time.

Have come with all except Bn 50 and Bn 28A

JS

JF

57.

2400

A/Co. will conduct ground recon to the West

to vic. xu 985144 and search area for trail

complexes and cache sites, and refugees be-

lieved to be in the area. B/Co. will airlift

from Ellen to LZ vic. xu991156 to conduct

ground recon east to vic grid xu997165. Co

will search area for trail complex and cache

sites and attempt to locate refugees believed

to be in area. C/Co. will airlift to FSB

Ellen to be base defense. D/Co. will continue

ground recon southeast to vic. grid xu 942116,

in search of trail complexes and cache sites.

E/Co. Base defense of FSB Ellen. E/Co. 16

opcon to 1/7 Cav CIDG ground recon North to

grid vic xu 925305. 1) Captured data of D/

Co contact on 29 Oct. xu 959147, No. 3 for

readout. 2) Medevac requested for A/Co. 1010H

969146. 5 WIA 2 KIA. No. 22 for readout. 3)

A/Co. 26 in contact at 969146, result 2 KIA

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and 5 WIA friendly casualties. 3 NVA KIA.

No. 23. for complete readout. 4) Double Check

6 grid vi 048108. Regimental OP No. 29 for

readout. 5) Time 1605H 005097 Saber Red en-

gaged 09 1st. Result 09 KBH. No. 37 for read-

out.

JS

JB

58.

2400

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