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S2/S3		LZ WEST		HOUR	DATE	HOUR	DATE
4th Bn, 31st Inf		AT 990251		0001	31 Dec 69	2400	31 Dec 69
ITEM NO	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS ETC	ACTION	IN		
	IN	OUT					
1.	0001		(U) Journal Opened by SP Finkbeiner (CF) on Duty AS RTO	CF	CF		
2.	0030		(C) CO Co A (Cpt Wilson): LZ West on yellow alert	S	CF		
3.	0100		(C) CO Co A: LZ West on green alert	S	CF		
4.	0115		(C) Bde S3 to S3: Use of Equipment: When are flax jackets to be worn? On bunker guard and 100% Alerts (Taken by Lt Steel-Helmuts by everyone, everywhere. Ruck Sacks Allen, LNO) by everyone in the field.	S	CF		
5.	0510		(C) CO Co D (Cpt Lynch): Moving on sweep	S	CF		
6.	0535		(C) Bde S2 to S2 (Cpt Mercado): Weather report is as follows: Gen area: cloudy/scattered showers; 3 Day outlook-little change: Vis-7 miles; Ceiling-3000ft; Temp: H-77, L-70; Humd: H-88, L-70; DA: 1260/300; IAS: 30:05; Winds: NE 5-15	S	CF		
7.	0605		(C) CO Co D: Request Dustoff for 3 US Urgent, Litter frag wounds.	S	CF		
8.	0610		(U) Sgt Wiktorski (SW) on duty as FTO	S	SW		
9.	0700		(C) CO Co C (Cpt Thomas): 1st sqd of 1st plt closed N/L	S	SW		
10.	0700		(C) CO Co B (Cpt Hall): 1st sqd of 3rd plt closed N/L	S	SW		
11.	0720		(C) CO Co B: Now moving to D/L	S	SW		
12.	0735		(C) CO Co D: Location: AT 945277	S	SW		
13.	0750		(C) CO Co C: 1st plt closed N/L; 3rd plt on sweep	S	SW		
14.	0705		(C) DELAYED CO Co D: Dustoff complete	S	SW		
15.	073	0735	(C) S2 to S2 Bde (DELAYED): 0600, AT 946266, D Co on sweep set off booby trap. Booby trap was pressure type bouncing betty laying on trail, camouflaged. Results: 3 US WIA. Booby trap believed to be set off by second man. Point man received multi-frag wounds on buttocks and broken arm. Second man received multi-frag wounds on legs, back and chest. Third man received minor frag wounds and two broken legs. Dustoff 607 completed 0720.	S	SW		
16.	0840		(C) CO Co C: Now moving to D/L	S	SW		

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17.	0915		(C) CO Co B: In D/L AT 890205					S	SW
18.	0955		(C) CO Co D: 3rd plt found dud 500lb bomb AT 942279					S	SW
19.	0955		(C) CO Co B: 2nd&3rd plts moving on sweeps					S	SW
20.	1000		(C) Recon Plt Ldr(Lt Rapp): Now moving					S	SW
21.	1030		(C) CO Co D: Locations: AT 950274					S	SW
22.		1030	(C) S2 to Bde S2: 0835. AT 951277, D Co 2nd plt while on a sweep came across a hootch area where they have detained a 30 yr old VCS female with 2 children. They will be extracted to LZ West.					S	SW
23.		1100	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Col Lee arrives LZ West					S	SW
24.	1115		(C) FAC: Helix 11 Entering AO on station					S	SW
25.	1125		(C) Recon Plt Ldr: Location: AT 993275					S	SW
26.		1130	(C) S2 to Bde S2: AT 987295 BC scope on LZ West spotted 7 VC in above location. 42 mortars for LZ West fired on grid expended 3 rds. Results unknown.					S	SW
27.	1145		(C) Co CO B: 2nd plt loc: AT 885209, 3rd Plt Loc: AT 882193					S	SW
28.		1145	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Col Lee departs LZ West					S	SW
29.	1200		(C) Co CO C: 2nd plt leaving on sweep					S	SW
30.	1200		(C) Recon Plt Ldr: Linked up with Que Son Liaison					S	SW
31.	1205		(C) Co CO B: 2nd plt location: AT 876212					S	SW
32.		1230	(C) S3 to Charger Dustoff: Request dustoff for 1 VN female with disentary. Routine #611 ETA 3 hours Called by Que Son Liaison					S	SW
33.	1230		(C) S5 (LZ Karen): Report new shelters and bunkers being built at grid 948238					S	SW
34.	1240		(C) Co CO D: All elements location: AT 940271					S	SW
35.	1330		(C) CO Co C: 2nd plt closed D/L					S	SW
36.	1340		(C) CO Co B: 2nd plt Locat: 883210, 3rd plt closed D/L					S	SW

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	IN	OUT					
37.	1345		(C) CO Co C: 3rd plt closed D/L	S	SW		
38.	1420		(C) Co Co D: 1st plt & Dufflebag moving on sweep	S	SW		
39.	1505		(C) Que Son Laison to S3: Dustoff complete	S	SW		
40.		1530	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Activities for 1 Jan 70: Co A will continue to secure LZ West with morning and evening sweeps and work on maintenance of base defenses. Co B (-) will recon in force in area B, AT 860231 to AT 860200 to AT 890200 to AT 890215 along CFZ to AT 880230 along river to AT 860231; 1 platoon will secure LZ Siberia. Co C will recon in force in area C; AT 870255 to AT 870224 along river to AT 897245 along CFZ to AT 905270 to AT 950285 to AT 910285. Co D will recon in force in area D AT 920 285 to AT 910261 along CFZ to AT 950270 to AT 950285 to AT 910285. Recon Plt will recon in force in area R AT 990200 to AT 990275 to BT 000275 to BT 000300 to AT 990300.	S	SW (Taken at Bde by ofstead)		
41.	1545		(C) FAC: Helix 05 entered AO	S	SC		
42.	1615		(C) FAC: Helix 05 departing AO	S	SC		
43.		1705	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night Activities for 31 Dec 69. Co A- Local security on LZ West; B Co N/L AT 881208 1 plat ambush AT 875229; Co C N/L 877236, N/A AT 878239, N/A 874239; Co D- N/L 940270 with local security. Recon N/L 994275 with local security	S	SC (Taken at Bde by SP Mammor)		
44.		1710	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Combat Airlift Request: 4/31 Inf requests 8 UH-1's and C&C to CA C Co from PZ AT 921259 to LZ AT 965224; on 2 Jan 1970. Time frame 020930 to 020950 Jan 70. Request one heavy team of gun ships to escort lift. PZ is secure. LZ is not secure.	S	SC (Taken at Bde Cpt Buckel)		
			LIFT ACFT PZTIME LZTIME UNIT				
			1 UH-1D 921259/0930 965224/0940 Co C 54				
			2 " 963224/0940 921259/0945 Empty				
			3. " 921259/0945 965224/0950 Co C 54				
			Frequency-Air ground 45.85, Ground Contact: PZ Zulu 21 Foxtrot.				
45.	1710		(C) Bde to S3: Sky spot 4 (AT 865165) was hit 310510H	S	SC		

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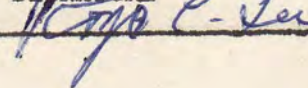
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			Dec 69 with 2 500lbs bombs				
45.	1720		(C) CO Co C: Departing D/L	S	SW		
46.	1800		(C) CO Co B: Now in N/L	S	SW		
47.	1800		(C) CO Co C: Now in N/L	S	SW		
48.	1815		(C) CO Co E (Cpt Brandon): Line Nine Report: 15-1-14-88-3-91-32-1-58	S	SW		
49.	1905		(C) CO Co C: N/A now in position	S	SW		
50.	1905		(C) CO Co B: Element leaving to N/A	S	SW		
51		1910	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Truce will be observed from 1759H to 1801H 1 Jan 70 (Taken at Bde by SP Morrow)	S	SW		
52.	1920		(C) S5 (LZ Karen) to Bde S3: Request clearance for combat operations outside CFZ. RF-PF were granted clearance for combat operations east of the 9020, 9022 grid box to the blue. Time frame: 1000 to 1800 1 Jan 70	S	SC		
53.	1930		(C) S5 (LZ Karen) to S3: RF/PF night locations are as follows: AT 916247, AT 918246, AT 915245, AT 911247 AT 906247, AT 904246, AT 912230, AT 908245, AT 908246	S	SC		
54	2200		(D) SP Finkbeiner on duty as PTO (CF)	S	CF		
56.	2400		(C) Summary: Co A secured LZ West with negative results. Co B (-) conducted operations in zone with negative results. 1 platoon continue to secure LZ Siberia. Co C conducted operations in assigned area with negative results. Co D while on operations stuck a booby trap resulting in 3 US WIA. Recon platoon conducted operations in zone with negative results	S	CF		
57.	2400		(C) Journal closed by SP Finkbeiner (CF) as PTO	S	CF		

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1.	0001		(U) Journal opened by SGT Wiktorski (SW) RTO.		SW
2.	0001		(U) MACV Advisor (LZ Karen): Freq change: new freq: 68.15. New call sign for Tam Ky: Flaxen Sortie 50	S	SW
3.	0600		(U) Bde S2 to S2 (CPT Mercado): The Weather Report is as follows: General Area: cloudy to mostly cloudy, continue cool with light showers over mountains. 3 day outlook: mostly cloudy. low vis: 7 miles; low ceiling: 2500' and broken; temp: H-75° L-68°; hum: H-90% L-60%; DA: 1300 to 500; LAS: 29.95; AW: W to NE 5 to 10 knots.	S	SW
4.	0700		(U) Recon plat (2LT Rapp): Night Ambush closed NDP.	S	SW
5.	0705		(U) CO Co C (CPT Thomas): 1 sqd of 1st plat closed NDP.	S	SW
6.	0710		(U) CO Co A (CPT Mantell): 1st plat moving to LZ Siberia.	S	SW
7.	0735		(U) Forward Air Control (FAC) Helix 15: Entered OZ on station.	S	SW
8.	0750		(U) CO Co C: Element moving.	S	SW
9.	0755		(U) (FAC) Helix 15: Departing OZ to the SE.	S	SW
10.	0800		(U) Recon plat: Element moving.	S	SW
11.	0810		(U) CO Co B (CPT Hall): 2nd plat departing LZ West.	S	SW
12.	0820		(U) CO Co C: Element closed DDP.	S	SW
13.	0820		(U) PFC Finkbeiner (CF) relieved SGT Wiktorski (SW) as RTO.		CF
14.	0830		(U) Recon plat: Element loc in screening position.	S	CF
15.	0850		(C) CO Co A: At 0843 hours, AT 906220, 2 females evaded when unit moved into village, however they were captured, but gave no reason for evading. Neg pack or weapons. They are dressed in pants and shirt. They will be extracted to LZ West for questioning.	S M Bde S2 (Rece-ived by SP4 Boquard).	CF
16.	0905		(U) CO Co A: 1st and 3rd plats moving, to LZ Siberia.	S	CF
17.	0950		(U) (FAC) Helix 12: Entering AO on station.	S	CF

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18.	1010		(U) (FAC) Helix 12: Departing OZ offstation S		CF
19.	1055		(U) CO Co A: 1st and 3rd plats closed LZ Sib S		CF
20.	1110		eria. (U) CO Co D (CPT Lynch): Element closed DDP. S		CF
21.	1125		(U) CO Co A: 2nd plat departing LZ Siberia. S		CF
22.	1250		(C) S3 (Maj Lee) to Bde S3: Request 1 CH-47 to move C Co from Hiep Duc (AT 910224) to Chu Lai. Waive seat belt requirement. Time Frame 030730H Dec 69 to 031145H Dec 69. Total pax: 105. The following is schedule for airlift: Sortie ACFT PZ/TIME LZ/TIME Unit/Pax 1 CH-47 Hiep Duc/0730 Chu Lai/0810 C Co/40 2 CH-47 Chu Lai/0815 Hiep Duc/0855 - 3 CH-47 Hiep Duc/0900 Chu Lai/0940 C Co/40 4 CH-47 Chu Lai/1020 Hiep Duc/1000 - 5 CH-47 Hiep Duc/1105 Chu Lai/1145 C Co/25	S M Bde S3 (Rece-ived by SGT Strohler).	CF
23.	1315		(C) S3 to Bde S3: Activities for 02 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A: 1 plat will recon in force in area A; AT 867225, AT 867223, along road to AT 853216 along stream to AT 850223 along river to AT 867225 returning to LZ Siberia NET 031500H Dec 69. 1 plat will continue screen in area A; AT 890222, AT 890218, AT 875218, AT 875222, AT 890222; 1 plat will secure LZ Siberia. Co B: will continue to secure LZ West. Co C: will continue current operations and recon in force in area C; AT 950276, AT 950265, AT 914265, along river to AT 950276. Co D: OPCON to 1/46 Inf/ Recon plat: will continue to conduct current operations and recon in force in area R; AT 973269, along road to AT 997277, AT 997274, AT 973262, AT 973269.	S M Bde S3 (Rece-ived by SP4 Morrow).	CF
24.	1430		(U) (FAC) Helix 13: Entered AO on station. S		CP
25.	1505		(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night Activities for 02 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A will have 3rd plat on LZ Siberia for local security; 1st plat will NDP at AT 915183 with a sqd of night at AT 914176; 2nd plat will have NDP at AT 953	S M Bde S2 (Rece-ived by SP4 Morrow).	CP

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25.	(Continued)		(C) 267 with 2 sqd night ambushes at AT 964-268 and AT 958269. Co C: will NDP at AT 932-265; 2nd plat will night ambush at AT 941272 and AT 948266. 3rd plat will NDP at AT 925269 and AT 931269. Co D: OPCON to 1/46 Inf. Recon plat: will NDP at AT 934272 with a squad night ambush at AT 938274.		
26.	1520		(U) (FAC) ¹¹ elix 13: Departed AO off station.	S	CF
27.	1525		(C) S2 to Bde S2: Sensor Team reports having detected 6 men moving north. Metal also was detected. Artillery expended 4 rounds of VT on all 6 individuals in grid AT 950222. Also at grid AT 950226, 6 individuals were detected and 4 rounds of VT were expended at this grid.	S M Bde S2 (Received by SP4 Boquard).	CF
28.	1525		(C) S2 to Bde S2: Request that a Aerial Personnel Detector (APD) be flown in the following area: ZC 7926 NE to river to grid AT 815260 SE along river staying west of river to ZC 7918 north ZC 7926. Time Frame: 020700H to 020800H Dec 69.	S M Bde S2 (Received by SP4 Boquard).	CF
29.	1545		(C) Bde S2 to S2: Infra Red Mission will be flown in the following area: IZ0156AR-UL AT 9801; LR BT 0696.	S M Bde S2 (Received by SP4 Boquard).	CF
30.	1545		(U) S3 to Charger Dustoff: Request dustoff for 1 US FV0 with 104° temp. (Routine).	S	CF
31.	1625		(U) Dustoff #605: Dustoff complete.	S	CF
32.	1715		(U) PFC Caballero (SC) relieved PFC Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO.		SC
33.	1727		(U) CO Co A: 1st plat loc in NDP.	S	SC
34.	1732		(U) CO Co C: Element moving toward NDP.	S	SC
35.	1742		(C) Recon plat: Element loc in NDP at AT 984272.	S M	SC
36.	1742		(C) S2 to Bde S2: Recon plat spotted 2 individuals moving N into mountains. Neg pack or weapon. Engaged with M-60 with neg results. Artillery being processed.	S M Bde S2 (Received by SP4 Boquard).	SC
37.	2020		(C) MACV Advisor: Night Loc for Regional Forces (RF) and Popular Forces (PF) for 02 Nov 69 are as follows: (1) AT 911248, (2) AT 916	S M Bde S2 (Received by SP4 Boquard).	SC

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1.	0001		(U) Journal opened by SP Finkbeiner CF as RTO	S	CF
2.	0035		(C) CO Co A (Cpt Wilson): Bunker line on yellow alert	S	CF
3.		0105	(C) S2 (Cpt Mercado) to S2 Bde: 0035 AT 990251 Line company on perimeter guard reports movement (Taken at Bde by in front of bunkers 33, 1, 2 on north side of SP Bogard) LZ West. Mortars fired 9 rds 81mm Unk results LZ West on yellow alert.	S	CF
4.	0130		(C) CO Co A: Bunker line on green alert	S	GB
5.	0530		(U) SP Blanchard GB) on duty as RTO	S	GB
6.	0530		(C) CO Co D (Cpt Lynch): 3rd plat in position for operation CP and 2nd plt leaving N/L shortly, 2nd plt 2nd sqd secures N/L	S	GB
6.		0605	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Negative sitrep for Hiep Due	S	GB
7.	0610		(C) Recon Plt Ldr (Lt Rapp): ambush sqd closing LZ West	S	GB
8.	0605		(C) Bde S2 to S2: Weather report is as follows: Gen Area: Variable cloudiness e/widely scattered showers. 2 Day outlook: Partly cloudy. Vis: 5 mi. Ceiling: 3000ft. Temp: H-78, L-70: Rel Hum: 85%-H 65%-L, Den Alt: 1450-800. DR-1407. MR: 32, IAR 3004, Winds: NE 5-15 kn	S	GB
9.	0630		(C) CO Co D: CP and 2nd plat leaving N/L	S	GB
10.	0645		(C) CO Co B (Cpt Hall): 3rd plat, 3rd sqd has closed N/L	S	GB
11.	0655		(C) CO Co B: 3rd plt has closed N/L	S	GB
12.		0700	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Acknowledged receipt of message concerning destruction of VN dwellings and property (271700 Dec 69)	S	GB
13.	0705		(C) Recon Plt Ldr: 1st plt, 2nd sqd entering wire	S	GB
14.	0710		(C) CO Co B: Requested a commo EM to check communications wire on Siberia	S	GB
15.	0725		(C) CO Co D: AT 941273, detained as a result of cordon and search a VCS in a hootch. Dressed in black PJ's neg pack or weapon Age 30 Extracted to West	S	GB

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16.		0735	S3 to Bde S3: Cleared grid 809209 for A/S by Marines at 31066-311800 Dec 69 (Cleared by Lt Allen LNO)	S	BB
17.	0800		(C) CO Co D: Reported fonding 3 women, 5 children AT 940275	S	GB
18.	0820		(C) CO Co C (Cpt Thomas) Moving out of N/L	S	GB
19.	0830		(C) CO Co D: Found a number of caves and hidden rice near An Son (2) vic AT 943275	S	GB
20.	0835		(C) CO Co B: Moving off Siberia Call Sign V220	S	GB
21.		0850	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Co D at AT 930275, as a result of cordon and search have found a hootch co complex with 3 females, 5 children in it. KC questioned the female and on being detained because her husband is a VC Security Intell Cadre. Also found approx 400 to 500 lbs of rice it will be extracted to LZ West. Rice was hid in hootches in baskets and crocks and cans. The children and the other two females were released.	S (Taken at Bde By Sgt Linton)	GB
22.	0900		(U) Sgt Wiktorski (SW) on duty as RTO	S	SW
23.	0935		(C) FAC: Helix 13 entered AO on station	S	SW
24.	0945		(C) FAC: Helix 13 departing AO to east	S	SW
25.	1000		(C) Bde S2 to S2: Bde reports URIS in the following locations: AS 882938, AS 972838, AS 877222, AS 833978, AS 892939, AT 780060, AT 007058, AT 994072, AS 939943, AS 838938.	S Sent by Sgt Linton)	SW
26.	1015		(C) Bde S3 to S3: All sky spots were hit with 500lb bombs: 971213&801223-6/500lbs; 801223&985205-4/500lbs; 963202-9/500lbs	S	SW
27.	1040		FAC: Helix 13 entered AO on station	S	SW
28.	1040		(C) Bde S3 to S3: Tam Ky request clearance for airstrikes in boxes 1&2. Time frame: 310600 to 311800H Dec 69. (Cleared By Maj Lee)	S	SW

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29.	1045		(C) CO Co C: Location: AT 884240	S	SW
30.	1050		(C) FAC: Helix 13 departing AO to East	S	SW
31.		1110	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Request 1 spotlight be sent to LZ Siberia (taken by CMO)	S	SW
32.	1130		(C) CO Co C: Now in day Laager Loc: 883241	S	SW
33.	1205		(C) CO Co B: 2nd&3rd plats leaving on sweeps	S	SW
34.	1220		(C) Bde to S3: 3/21 Inf requests the following AO extension. From 0125 south to 0123 west to 0023 south to 0021 east to AO Boundry. Time frame: 30001 Dec 69 to 052400 Jan 70.	S	SW
35.		1245	(C) BTOC: Request dustoff for 3 VN: Priority Dustoff #607 ETA 1520min Called by Medcap	S	SW
36.	1245		(C) CO Co C: 1st&2nd plt moving on sweeps	S	SW
37.	1250		(C) FAC: Helix 16 entered AO on station	S	SW
38.	1350		(C) FAC: Helix 16 departed AO to east	S	SW
39.		1320	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Col Lee arrived LZ West	S	SW
40.	1330		(C) CO Co B: 2nd plat loc: 904201, 3rd plat loc: 913204	S	SW
41.	1340		(C) CO Co D: RF&NP returned to LZ Karen	S	SW
42.		1340	(C) S2 to Bde S2: 1100 to 1300 30 Dec 69- Gorden and search with Co D, PT's and Nations Police. Results are as follows: In vic of grid AT 950274 have captured 5 military age males and two females (ages-15-20) They were captured in a bunker along with 3 packs containing hammocks, fishnets&VC/NVA propaganda paper. One of the VC is the deputy intell Chief of An Son Village and one is a VC Doctor. Also captured 1 m26 hand frag, 1 m-16 rifle (SN988 829-Two of the VC are Hoi Chanhs. Quang Man-male age 23, other is female age 20 Vien Thi Thanh. These Hoi Chanhs showed D Co where the weapons were hidden.	S	SW
43.	1400	1400	(C) S3 to Bde: Col Lee departed LZ West	S	SW
44.	1430		(C) FAC: Helix 12 entered AO on station	S	SW

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45.	1450		(C) FAC: Helix 12 departed AO to East	S	SW
46.	1451		(C) CO Co C: 2nd plt closed	S	SW
47.	1455		(C) CO Co B: 3rd plt closed D/L	S	SW
48.	1455		(C) CO Co B: 2nd plt closed	S	SW
49.	1500		(C) S3 to Bde S3: Daily activities for 31 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A will continue to secure (Taken by SP Morrow) LZ West with wire sweeps in the morning and evening and work on maintenance of base defense. 1 plat of Co B will secure LZ Siberia; Co (-) will recon in force in area B AT 870200, AT 923200 along river to AT 915215 along CFZ to AT 880230 along river to AT 870220, to AT 870200. Co C will recon in force in area C: AT 840254 to AT 840240 along river to AT 904253 to AT 840253 to AT 840254. Co D will recon in force in area D; AT 910280 to AT 910263 along CFZ to AT 950270 to AT 950280 to AT 910280. Recon Plt will sweep from LZ West along route R; AT 990250 to AT 977250 to AT 980258 to AT 978262 to AT 990275 to AT 990287 to AT 966287 to AT 966275 to AT 990275 and conduct recon in force in area R.	S	SW
50.	1530		(C) CO Co C: Element has closey	S	SW
51.	1650		(C) CO Co E (Capt Brandon): Line Mine report is as follows: 16-2-14-99-47-146-123-2-2-1	S	SW
52.	1655		(C) CO Co C: Now leaving D/L	S	SW
53.	1730		(C) CO Co B: Now leaving D/L	S	SW
54.	1810		(C) Co Co B: Now in N/L	S	SW
55.	1810		(C) CO Co C: Now in N/L	S	SW
56.	1815		(C) CO Co D: AO Extension: AT 9527 to 9628 to 9629 to 9329 to 9328. 31 Dec 69 Elements will move out at 0500	S	SW
57.	1830		(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night Activities for 30 Dec 69	S	SW

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1.	0001		(U) Journal opened by SGT Wiktorski (SW) as RTO.		SW
2.		0550	(C) S3 (Maj Lee) to Bde S3: At 2300 hours, LZ West radar recorded movement at grids AT 980285, AT 978283 and AT 972284, ranging from 20 to 40 persons per group. Max readings were nine (9) groups moving at 1 time. 4.2mm mortars were fired from LZ West with neg surveillance. Bunker #7 also had confirmed movement. It was confirmed by Star-Light scope, 2 persons approximately 100 meters outside of wire. 81mm mortars and M-79 was fired on target with neg results.	S M Bde SW	SW
3.	0650		(U) Bde S2 to S2 (CPT Mercado): The Weather Report is as follows: General Area: cloudy to mostly cloudy with light showers. 3 day outlook: mostly cloudy. low vis: 5 miles with light showers; low ceiling: 2000' and broken; temp: H-77° L-66°; hum: H-97% L-60%; DA: 1500 to 750. IAS: 29.94; AW: W to NE 10 knots.	S	SW
4.	0725		(C) Bde S3 to S3: Tam Ky request clearance for Air strike in the following area: UL AT 9413; LR BT 0209. Time Frame: 020600H to 021800H Dec 69.	S M Bde SW	SW
				(Cleared by (LT Gonzalez) IDO).	
				(Received by PF Dasher).	
5.	0800	0800	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Trip flare in front of bunker #2 was tied so that it wouldn't go off. Mortar sqd untied it and put in all new trip flares.	S Bde SW	SW
6.	0800		(U) CO Co C (CPT Thomas): Element departing NDP.	S	SW
7.	0800		(U) PFC Finkbeiner (CF) relieved SGT Wiktorski (SW) as RTO.		CF
8.	0820		(U) CO Co C: Element closed DDP.	S	CF
9.	0840		(U) Forward Air Control (FAC) Helix 18: Entered 07 on station.	S	CF
10.		0845	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Request that Aerial Personnel Detector (APD) Sniffer Mission be run in the following area: from AT 8829 south to AT 8823 west to AT 8523 north to AT 8529. Time Frame: 030700H to 030800H Dec 69. Also Request that Red Haze Mission be run in the following area: from AT 8829 south to AT 8823 west to AT 8523 north to AT 8529.	S M Bde CF	CF
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10.	(Continued)		(C) Time Frame: 032100H to 032200H Dec 69. Also request SIAR to be run in the following area: from AT 814260 follow Song Thu Bon River SE to AT 890-244. Time Frame: 032230H to 032330H Dec 69.																						
11.	0855		(U) (FAC) Helix 18: Departing OZ off station.	S	CF																				
12.	0910		(U) CO Co B (CPT Hall): 2nd plat departing NDP.	S	CF																				
13.	0930		(U) Recon plat (2LT Rapp): Element departing NDP.	S	CF																				
14.		1125	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Request (APD) Sniffer Mission to be flown in the following grid: UL BT 2120; LR AT 8413. Time Frame: 040800H to 040900H Dec 69.	S M Bde: S2 (Received by SP4 Boquard).	CF																				
15.		1125	(U) S3 to Charger Dustoff: Request (Routine) dustoff for 2 US personnel. Ambulatory. 1 FUO and 1 dental	S	CF																				
16.	1150		(U) Dustoff #605: Dustoff complete.	S	CF																				
17.		1230	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Co C while on sweep, spotted 3 individuals harvesting rice (neg pack or weapon). 2 evaded to the north and 1 surrendered. He will be evacuated to LZ West. Villagers stated that VC/NVA went into tunnels when gas was fired in area and then evaded to the west. Estimated 4 to 6 local guerilla and 150 VC/NVA in the mountains.	S M Bde: S2 (Received by SP4 Boquard).	CF																				
18.		1250	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Co B while on sweep spotted 4 VN moving west along road, with no ID cards. All had packs, (neg weapons) that contained clothing personal items. 1 contained medical supplies. They had a note telling them to go to Tam Ky headquarters hospital. They did not try to evade. An Interpreter will be sent to question them further.	S M Bde: S2 (Received by SP4 Boquard).	CF																				
19.		1340	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Request 4 UH-1s plus Command and Control (C/C) Helicopter to lift Recon plat from PZ (AT 997275) to LZ (AT 921259). Gunships to cover. Time Frame: 030730H Dec 69. Total pax: 33. Schedule for the airlift is as follows:																						
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3	UH-1	AT 997275/0750	AT 921259/0755	Recon/19																					
20.		1355	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Activities for 03 Dec 69 are as	S M Bde	CF																				

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20.	(Continued)			(C) follows: Co A: 1 plat will secure LZ Siberia 1 plat will continue operations in area A; AT 867-225, AT 867223 along road to AT 853216 along stream to AT 850223 along river to AT 867225. 1 plat will continue to screen in area A1; AT 890222, AT 890218 AT 875218, AT 875222, AT 890222. Co B: will continue to secure LZ West; 1 plat will sweep along route B1; AT 990251, BT 004243, AT 990251; 1 plat will sweep along route B2; AT 990251, AT 983240, AT 975236, AT 968243, AT 976250, AT 990251. Co C: will conduct airlift for STANDDOWN from PZ (AT 910244) on 030730H Dec 69. Co D: OPCON 1/46 Inf. Recon plat: will conduct airlift from PZ (AT 997-275) to LZ (AT 921259) on 030730H Dec 69 and conduct recon in force in area R; AT 933260, AT 930260 along CFZ to AT 910260 along river to AT 933277, to AT 933260.			
21.	1400			(C) Bde S2 to S2: The 7th Marines reported that at AT 998298 Popular Forces (PF) observed 40 to 50 VC/NVA in gray uniforms. Neg pack or weapons. Artillery was fired on them with neg results.	S M Bde CF		
22.	1425			(U) Command and Control Helicopter (C/C) on station	S	CF	
23.	1645			(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night Activities for 02 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A will NDP at LZ Siberia; 1st plat will NDP at AT 884163 with 2 combat patrols. Time Frame: west/left 2100H to 2400H. East/right 2400H to 0300H. 2nd plat will NDP at AT 915186 with a night raid at AT 913178. Co B will NDP at LZ West and provide local security. Co C will NDP at AT 920259; 1st plat will NDP at AT 927272 with sqd size ambush at AT 925270; 2nd plat will NDP at AT 941272 with sqd size night ambush at AT 948272. Co D OPCON 1/46 Inf. Recon plat will NDP in original DDP at AT 969270.	S M Bde CF		
24.	1745			(U) CO Co C: Element moving.	S	CF	
25.	1747			(C) CO Co E (1LT Allen): The Line Nine Report is as follows: 1-8, 2-4, 3-4, 4-8, 5-86, 6-94, 7-85, 8-1 and 9-8.	S	CF	
26.	1805			(U) CO Co C: Element loc in NDP.	S	CF	
27.	1805	1		(U) PFC Caballero (SC) relieved PFC Finkbeiner (CF)	S	SC	

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28.		1900	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Results of Interrogation of POW is as follows: Name: Tran Van Lein; age: 30; Vo An Hamlet; Son Tay Village; Hiep Duc District. Loc of capture: AT 949279. Circumstances of capture 1st plat Co C/4-31 Inf detained 1 male. He was accompanied by 2 others that evaded. He claimed Chu Hoi but interrogation proved this neg. Source was afraid of being shot. Source stated that the following VC were in his village: Le Nhi - Hamlet Chief - Neg weapon Truc - Guerilla - Carbine On or about 11 or 12 Nov 69, on his way to his village saw 8 NVA carrying rice from Son Trung Village in the direction of Que Son District. I carried an AK-47. Interrogators comment: Source was cooperative and should be questioned further.	S M Bde SC	S2 (Received by SP4 Parks).		
29.	1900		(C) S-5 (LZ Karen): Night Loc for Regional Forces (RF) and Popular Forces (PF) are as follows: (1) AT 916247, (2) AT 920246, (3) AT 905246, (4) AT 891241, (5) AT 916246, (6) AT 910248, (7) AT 912-230, (8) AT 915221.	S M	SC		
30.	1900	Delayed Entry	(U) CO Co B: At 1845 hours, 2nd plat closed.	S	SC		
31.	1945		(U) CO Co A (CPT Wilson): 1st plat loc in NDP.	S	SC		
32.	2055	2055	(U) S3 to Charger Dustoff: Request dustoff for 1 US personnel at LZ West with 81mm mortars frag wounds. Dustoff ship #605. ETA: 20 min.	S	SC		
33.	210	2105	(U) S3 to Chargers Dustoff: Dustoff cancelled.	S	SC		
34.	2110		(C) CO Co A: Change in loc. Element now loc in AT 906186.	S M	SC		
35.		2140	(C) S2 to Bde S2: At 2050 hours, AT 987250, bunker 2 spotted movement. 81mm mortars fired 3 rounds of HE on target. Round #1 hit target (AT 987250), round #2 was short about 200 meters, round #3 misfired in tube. The misfire was removed by CO Co E (1LT Allen). Round #2 landed on the side of a sleeping position at bunker #2 killing the man occupying the position instantly. An investigation is in progress at this time. This lot of ammo has been expended and removed from the pit. The lot number is KN 14-9. The casualty will be sent to Charger	S M Bde SC	S2 (Received by SP4 Boonard).		

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1.	0001		(U) Journal opened by SP Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO	S	CF
2.		0030	(C) S2 (Cpt Mercado) to Bde S2: BT 032209 Sensor device detected 6 pers moving NE/SW. Special forces failed to clear grid, 6 pers evade SW successfully. end of mission called. No action taken.	S	CF
3.	0540		(C) CO Co A (Cpt Wilson): moving to PZ	S	CF
4.	0555		(C) Bde S2 to S2: Weather report is as follows: Gen area: mostly cloudy with scattered showers 3 Day outlook: Little change, Vis: 5 miles with rain showers, Ceiling: 2000ft. Temp: H-84, L-68 Hum: H-90 L-75, Dens: Alt: 1100/700, Low Alt Set: 30.02, Winds NE 5-15 Kn, Rainfall: Daily-.19 Mon#14.26	S	CF
5.	0600		(U) SP Blanchard on Duty as RTO (GB)	S	CF
6.	0620		(C) CO Co B (Cpt Hall): 1plt, 2nd&3rd sqds closed N/L	S	CF
7.	0645		(C) CO Co B: Inquired as to time of airlift rescheduled due to weather	S	CF
8.	0700		(C) CO Co B: N/A's have closed N/L	S	CF
9.	0705		(C) CO Co D (Cpt Lynch): 2&3 plts moving to Siberia	S	CF
10.	0715		(C) CO Co A: Arrived Million Dollar Hill	S	CF
11.	0750		(C) CO Co B: Moving towards 118 (MDH)	S	CF
12.		0800	(C) S2 to Co A: Told to start closing LZ West	S	CF
13.	0825		(C) CO Co A: moving towards LZ West	S	CF
14.	0835		(C) CO Co B: Arrived million dollar hill	S	CF
15.	0845		(C) S5 (Que Son) Que Son PF's on sweeps toward following boxes: (UL) 990285 (LR) 0028; (UL) 993270 (LR) 0126	S	CF
16.		0845	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Airlift for A Co & Co C cancelled	S	CF
17.	0900		(C) CO Co C (Cpt Thomas) Moving off West for 10	S	CF

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1.	0001		(U) Journal opened by SGT Wiktorski (SW) as RTO.		SW
2.	0240		(U) CO Co B (CPT Hall): LZ West on Green Alert Status.	S	SW
3.	0615		(U) Bde S2 to S2 (CPT Mercado): The Weather Report is as follows: General Area: cloudy with showers until midnight. 3 day outlook: little change; low vis: 2 miles with light rain; low ceiling: 1200' and broken; temp: H-75° L-66°; hum: H-97% L-75%; DA: 1200 to 650; LAS: 30.00; AW: N to NW to NNE 10 knots with gusts to 22 knots.	S	SW
4.	0645		(U) CO Co C (CPT Thomas): Element moving,	S	SW
5.	0730		(U) CO Co B: 3rd plat departing on sweep.	S	SW
6.	0750		(U) CO Co B: 1st plat departing on sweep.	S	SW
7.	0815		(U) PFC Finkbeiner (CF) relieved SGT Wiktorski (SW) as RTO.		CF
8.	0825		(U) Recon plat (2LT Rapp): Airlift complete.	S	CF
9.		0850	(C) S2 to Bde S2: 1st plat of Co B, while on sweep at AT 983242 found NDP for 20 to 30 VC/NVA. Approximately 5 to 10 days old. Also at the same grid found 1 pair of bloody trousers that will be extracted to LZ West.	S M Bde S2 (Received by SP4 Boquard).	CF
10.		0915	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Request Aerial Personnel Detector (APD) Sniffer Mission to be flown in the following area: from AT 918229 follow Song Chang River SE to BT 020208 NE to AT 952197, follow Son Trahn north to AT 918229. S2 also request Red Haze Mission to be flown in the following area: UL ZC 2120; LR AT 8413. Time Frame: 051930H Dec to 052030H Dec 69. Time Frame for Sniffer Mission: 050700H to 050800H Dec 69.	S M Bde S2 (Received by SP4 Boquard).	CF
11.	1015		(U) MEDCAP Team (Hiep Duc): Request dustoff for 2 VN with Pneumonia. (Priority). (Litter).	S	CF
12.	1125		(U) Dustoff #605: Dustoff complete.	S	CF
13.		1255	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Request 2 UH-1s plus Comm and and Control (C/C) Helicopter to lift 1 pl at of Co A from PZ vic AT 873220 to LZ AT 911	S M Bde S3 (Received by SGT Strohler).	CF

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13.	(Continued)		(C) 242. Neg gunships. Time Frame: 040900H to 040925H Dec 69. Total pax: 35. Schedule for airlift is as follows:																						
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14.	1410		(U) CO Co C: Airlift complete.	S	CF																				
15.	1430		(C) S3 (Maj Lee) to Bde S3: Activities for 4 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A: 1 plat screen in area A; AT 890222, AT 890218, AT 875218 AT 875222, AT 890222; 1 plat secure LZ Siberia; 1 plat airlift from PZ vic AT 873220 to LZ vic AT 911242 on 040900H Dec 69 and move to area A2; AT 910260 along CFZ to AT 897245, along river to AT 888243, AT 888250, AT 903-267, AT 910270, AT 910260 and conduct recon inforce on the 4th and 5th of Dec. Co B: will continue to secure LZ West; conduct 2 reinforced sqd sweeps along route B1; AT 990-251, AT 987252, AT 983260, AT 983255, AT 981-250, AT 985248, AT 990251 and B2; AT 990251, AT 986237, AT 980243, AT 990251. Co C: STAND DOWN. Co D: OPCON 1/46 Inf. Recon plat: Recon inforce in area R; AT 940277, AT 940258, AT 930254 along CFZ to AT 910260 along river to AT 940277.	S M Bde S3 (Received by SGT Strohler).	CF																				
16.	1510		(C) S3 to Bde S3: Request 2 UH-1s and C/C ship to airlift 1 plat of Co A from PZ AT 914-242 to LZ Siberia. Neg gunships. Time Frame: 051300H to 051325H Dec 69. Total pax: 35	S M Bde S3 (Received by SGT Strohler).	CF																				
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17.	1655		(C) S3 to Bde S3: Request 2 UH-1s and C/C ship to lift 1 plat of Co B from PZ LZ West to LZ O'Connor. Neg gunships. Time Frame: 060730H to 060755H Dec 69. Total pasx: 35. Schedule for airlift is as follows:	S M Bde S3 (Received by SGT Strohler).	CF																				
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17.	(Continued)		(C) 2 UH-1 LZ O'Connor/0740 LZ West/0745 3 UH-1 LZ West/0750 LZ O'Connor/0755 B Co/17	-----	
18.	1700		(U) PFC Caballero (SC) relieved PFC Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO.		SC
19.	1735		(U) Recon plat: Element departing for NDP.	S	SC
20.	1742		(U) Recon plat: Element loc in NDP.	S	SC
21.	1750		(C) CO Co E (1LT Allen): The Line Nine Report is as follows: 1-13, 2-10, 3-3, 4-33, 5-41, 6-74, 7-27, 8-6 and 9-41.	S	SC
22.	1900		(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night Activities for 03 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A will have 1st plat on LZ Siberia; 2nd plat will work 3rd plats A0 with NDP at AT 878221 and night patrol. Time Frame: 2100H to 0100H Dec 69. 3rd plat will NDP at AT 881221 with night patrols. Time Frame: 0100H to 0400H Dec 69. Co B: will NDP at LZ West and provide local security Co C STANDDOWN. Co D OPCON 1/46. Recon plat will NDP at AT 921261 and provide local security.	S M Bde S3 (Received by SGT Strohler).	SC
23.	1930		(C) S-5 (LZ Karen): Night Loc for Regional Forces (RF) and Popular Forces (PF) are as follows: (1) AT 916248, (2) AT 915246, (3) AT 918246, (4) AT 911249, (5) AT 907247, (6) AT 903246, (7) AT 912230, (8) AT 908222.	S M	SC
24.	2320		(U) CO Co B: LZ West on Yellow Alert Status.	S	SC
25.	2400		(C) Summary: Co A continued to secure LZ Siberia with 1 plat; 1 plat conducting search and clear operations in assigned area and 1 plat acting as a screening force in assigned area with neg results. Co B continued to secure LZ West with plat sweeps in assigned area resulting in 1 pair of bloody trousers captured. Co C STANDDOWN. Co D OPCON 1/46 Inf. Recon plat continued recon in force in area of assignment with neg results.	S	SC
26.	2400		(U) Journal closed by PFC Caballero (SC) RTO.		SC

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9.	(Continued)		(C) 3 UH-1 LZ West/1350 AT 921259/1400	Co B/17			
10.	1035		4 UH-1 AT 921259/1400 LZ West/1410 (U) CO Co A (CPT Wilson): Request (Priority) dust-off for 1 VN with 3D burns on side and back. (Litter)	S	CF		
11.	1100		(U) Dustoff #607: Dustoff complete.	S	CF		
12.		1200	(C) S2 to Bde S2: At 1135 hours, AT 902234, 1 VC/ NVA body was found by C Battery 3/82 Artillery while on sweep. of perimeter off LZ Siberia. Also found near the body was 2 pistols belt and 1 VN type street her. The body was highly deteriorated, loc about 50 meters outside of perimeter.	S M Bde	CF		
13.		1205	(U) S3 to Charger Dustoff: Request (Routine) dust-off for 1 US FVU. (Ambulatory).	S	CF		
14.	1215		(U) MEDCAP Team (Hiep Duc): Request dustoff for 1 VN with Dysentery. (Priority) (Litter).	S	CF		
15.	1235		(U) Dustoff #611: Dustoff for LZ West complete. VN patient went home. Dustoff cancelled.	S	CF		
16.	1300		(U) Forward Air Control (FAC) Helix 18: Entered AO	S	CF		
17.	1305		(U) (FAC) Helix 18: Departing AO; change of mission	S	CF		
18.		1410	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Activities for 05 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A: 1 reinforced plat and Co CP secure LZ Siberia; 1 plat airlift from PZ vic AT 914242 to LZ Siberia at 051300H Dec 69 and conduct night operations in area A; AT 877223 along river to AT 898-240, AT 885223, AT 877223; 1 plat will continue screen in area A2; AT 890222, AT 890218, AT 875218, AT 875222, AT 875222, AT 890222. Co B: Co minus 1 plat secure LZ West; 1 plat airlift from LZ West to LZ vic AT 921259 051330H and conduct operations in area B; AT 940277, AT 940250, AT 930250, AT 930-260 along CFZ to AT 910260 along river to AT 940277 3 to 4 days. Conduct 2 reinforced sqd size sweeps along routes B; AT 990251. BT 00259, AT 995262, AT 990251 and B2; AT 990251 BT 003247, BT 006253, AT 990251. Co C: STANDDOWN. Co D: OPCON 1/46 Inf. Recon plat: Airlift from PZ AT 921259 to LZ West 051330H Dec and assist in securing LZ West.	S M Bde	CF		
19.		1530	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night Activities for 04 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A CP and 1st plat will be local security on LZ Siberia; 2nd plat will NDP at AT 882 220; 3rd plat will NDP at AT 898254 with 2 command posts. Time Frame: 042200H to 040100H. 0100H to	S3 (Received by SGT Strohler).			

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19.	(Continued)		(C) 0400H Dec 69. Co B will NDP at LZ West and provide local security. Co C STANDDOWN. Co D OPCON 1/45 Inf. Recon plat will NDP at AT 926269.					
20.		1630	(C) S2 to Bde S2: At 1600 hours, AT 920267, Recon plat found network of foxholes, 5 gal can that might have been used as radio ground for mine or booby trap of some kind. It had heavy electrical wire, also in same area there were sleeping positions, more 5 gal cans, canteen and cups, 2 books, plastic bag, card board (all these had VN writing on them) one can contained dishes. There were 2 engineer stakes used to put up hootch. Numerous footprints, some without footgear, some sandals tracks, tennis shoe tracks. Neg personnel in area. All equipment will be extracted to LZ West. Further search in area will be conducted.				S M Bde CF	Received by SP4 Parks).
21.		1710	(C) CO Co E (1LT Allen): The Line Nine Report is as follows: 1-2, 2-2, 3-0, 4-0, 5-30, 6-30, 7-10, 8-0 and 9-20.				S	CF
23.		1800	(U) S3 to Charger Dustoff: Request dustoff for 1 US with FUO 104°. Dustoff ship #611. Neg ETA.				S	CF
24.		1800	(U) PFC Caballero (SC) relieved PFC Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO.					SC
25.		1810	(U) Recon plat: Element moving, to NDP.				S	SC
26.		1820	(U) Recon plat: Element loc in NDP.				S	SC
27.		1830	(U) Charger Dustoff: Dustoff complete. (Refer to entry 23).				S	SC
28.		1915	(C) MACV Advisor (LZ Karen): Intelligenece Report is as follows with ratings: 200 NVA Unit Des. K-77, loc at AT 851213, AT 946213. Units are carrying 1 82mm, 1 60mm, and 1 57 Recoilless Rifle. (C-2 rating). 150 enemy NVA at AT 813259 carrying 1 60mm. (C-3 rating).				S M Bde SC	SP4 Boquard).
29.		2220	(C) S-5 (LZ Karen): Night Loc for Regional Forces (RF) and Popular Forces (PF) are as follows: (1) AT 916247, (2) AT 920246, (3) AT 905247, (4) AT 915221, (5) AT 915246, (6) AT 910248, (7) AT 912220.				S M	SC
30.		2220	(U) CO Co B: LZ West on Red Alert Status, at 2045 hours.				S	SC
31.		2220	(U) CO Co A: LZ Siberia on Red Alert Status at 2050				S	SC

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31.	Continued)		(U) hours.						
32.		2220	(C) S3 to Bde S3: At 2040 hours, Radar PPS5 detected movement on 5 different loc on the north and northwestern part of the hill. LZ Siberia was alerted and is on Red Alert Status.also.					S Bde	SC
33.	2230		(U) CO Co B: LZ West on Yellow Alert Status.					S	SC
34.	2245		(C) Bde S3 to S3: Request clearance for AO extension for the 3rd MAF, in the following area: (1) UL ZC 1816; LR ZC 2112, (2) UL ZC 2019; LR AT 3016. Time Frame: 050001 to 192400H Dec 69. Reason: Combat Operations.					S M Bde	SC
35.		2250	(C) S2 to Bde S2: At 2040 hours, Nite Lite picked movement of 5 groups on north side of LZ West. The same movement was picked up by the crew-served Starlight Scope. At 2105 hours, Nite Lite picked up an element moving up the north side of LZ West was picked up. At 2120 hours, a secondary explosion was observed after the 106 Recoiless Rifle fired a Beehive round. At 2122 hours, Nite Lite radar picked up another element moving up LZ West. At 2143 hours, Nite Lite picked up movement on the western side of LZ West at a range of 340 meters.					S M Bde	SC
36.	2400		(C) Summary: Co A continued to secure LZ Siberia with 1 plat screening in assigned area and 1 plat conducting search and clear operations in assigned area with neg results. Co B continued to secure LZ West minus 1 plat conducting searches in assigned area with neg results. Co C STANDDOWN. Co D OPCON 1/46 Inf, Recon plat continued to search and destroy in assigned area resulting in 5 gal cans, canteens, cups, plastic bags, cardboards, dishes and engineer stakes.					S	SC
37.	2400		(U) Journal closed by PFC Caballero (SC) as RTO.						SC

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1.	0001		(U) Journal opened by SGT Wiktorski (SW) RTO.			SW	
2.	0635		(U) CO Co B (CPT Hall): 1st plat departing on sweep.	S		SW	
3.	0640		(U) Bde S2 to S2 (CPT Mercado): The Weather Report is as follows: General Area: cloudy this morning, becoming partly cloudy this afternoon, scattered showers over mountains until noon. 3 day outlook: decreasing cloudiness with rain. low vis: 7 miles; low ceiling: 2500' and broken; temp: H-76° L-66°; hum: H-90% L-60%; DA: 1200 to 600; IAS: 29.99; AW: NW to NE 5 to 10 knots.	S		SW	
4.	0640		(U) CO Co B: 2nd and 3rd plats departing on sweeps.	S		SW	
5.	0800		(U) PFC Finkbeiner (CF) relieved SGT Wiktorski (SW) as RTO.			CF	
6.		1000	(C) S2 to Bde S2: 2nd plat of Co A/4-31 Inf heard small arms fire at 0720 hours, in AT 848215. There were approximately 200 to 250 rounds in intervals of 1 to 2 min. Artillery was processed in on grid. Results unknown.	S M Bde S2 (Received by SP4 Boquard).		CF	
7.		1000	(C) S2 to Bde S2: MACV Advisors, reported that at 0500 hours, 1 sqd of Popular Forces (PF) raided AT 878205 resulting in 2 VC KIA and 5 VC CIA (4 male 1 female), 1 AK-47, 1 pair of binoculars and documents all captured and sent to Tam Ky.	S M Bde S2 (Received by SP4 Boquard).		CF	
8.	1010		(U) Forward Air Control (FAC) Helix 11: Enter ing AO on station.	S		CF	
9.		1105	(C) S3 (Maj Lee) to Bde S3: Activities for 06 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A: will conduct airlift from LZ Siberia to Chu Lai for Standdown. Time: 060800H Dec 69. Co B: minus 1 plat will secure LZ West; 1 plat will continue search and clear operations in area B; AT 940277, AT 940250, AT 930250, along CFZ to AT 910260 along river to AT 940277 and conduct census. Conduct 2 reinforced sqd size sweeps along routes B1; AT 990251, BT 003227 BT 006252, BT 003255, BT 000252, AT 990251 and B2; AT 990251 AT 998258, AT 995260, AT 990251. Co C: will conduct airlift from	S M Bde S3 (Received by SGT Strohm).		CF	
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9.	(Continued)		(C) Chu Lai to LZ Siberia at 060800H Dec 69. Defend LZ Siberia with 1 reinforced plat and Co CP; 1 plat screen in area C; AT 890222, AT 890218, AT 875218, AT 875222, AT 890222; 1 plat conduct day and night operations in area C2; AT 915210 along river to AT 923193 along trail to AT 907200, AT 902200, AT 902210, AT 915210 through the 7th of Dec. Be prepared to shift area of operation south along river. Co D OPCON 1/46 Inf. Recon plat: will continue to secure LZ West.		
10.	1105		(U) (FAC) Helix 11: Departing A0.	S	
11.	1340		(U) Recon plat (2LT Rapp): Element closed PZ.	S	
12.	1425		(U) CO Co B: Airlift of Recon plat and 3rd plat completed.	S	
13.	1445		(C) Bde S2 to S2: At 1340 hours, AT 985003, and AT 862038 URS reports unknown size enemy force. Artillery fired 75 rounds on grids.	S M Bde S2 (Received by SP4 Boquard).	
14.	1520		(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night Activities for 05 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A CP and 1st plat will NDP at LZ Siberia; 2nd plat will NDP at AT 888220 with 2 CP's west between 2000 hours to 2400 hours and east between 2400 hours and 0300 hours; 3rd plat will NDP at AT 888235 with 2 CP's northeast between 2100 hours to 2400 hours and southwest between 2400 hours to 0300 hours. Co B CP, 1st plat and 2nd plat will NDP at LZ West; 3rd plat will NDP at AT 918258 with 1 night ambush at AT 915259. Co C STANDDOWN. Co D OPCON 1/46 Inf. Recon plat will NDP at LZ West.	S M Bde S3 (Received by SP4 Ofstead).	
15.	1725		(C) CO Co E (1LT Allen): The Line Nine Report is as follows: 1-10, 2-6, 3-4, 4-36, 5-67, 6-103, 7-26, 8-0, and 9-77.	S	
16.	1945		(C) S-5 (LZ Karen): At AT 912211, AT 910218 and AT 918202, there are 100 VC. Grids have been cleared for fire.	S M Bde S2 (Received by SP4 Parks).	
17.	1945		(U) Recon plat: At 1815 hours Recon plat en	S	CF

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18. 1945 (C) S3 to Bde S3: Request airlift with 1 CH-47 to lift C Co from Chu Lai to LZ Siberia. Also lift Co A from LZ Siberia to Chu Lai for STANDDOWN. Waive seat belt requirement. Neg gunships. Total pax: 210 Time Frame: 060800H to 061225H Dec 69. Schedule for airlift is as follows:

LIFT	ACFT	PZ/TIME	LZ/TIME	UNIT/PAX
1	CH-47	Chu Lai/0800	LZ Siberia/0840	C Co/40
2	CH-47	LZ Siberia/0845	Chu Lai/0925	A Co/40
3	CH-47	Chu Lai/0930	LZ Siberia/1010	C Co/40
4	CH-47	LZ Siberia/1015	Chu Lai/1055	A Co/40
5	CH-47	Chu Lai/1100	LZ Siberia/1140	C Co/25
6	CH-47	LZ Siberia/1145	Chu Lai/1225	A Co/25

19. 2000 (C) S3 to Bde S3: Request 2 UH-1s plus Command and Control (C/C) Helicopter to lift Recon plat and Sensor Team from LZ West to AT 937265 and return. Both LZs secure. Neg gunships required. Total pax: 40 Time Frame 070730H to 070750H Dec 69 and 071600H to 071620H Dec 69. Schedule for airlift is as follows:

LIFT	ACFT	PZ/TIME	LZ/TIME	PAX
1	UH-1	LZ West/0730	AT 937265/0735	20
2	UH-1	AT 937265/0735	LZ West/0740	---
3	UH-1	LZ West/0745	AT 937265/0750	20
4	UH-1	AT 937265/1600	LZ West/1605	20
5	UH-1	LZ West/1605	AT 937265/1610	---
6	UH-1	AT 937265/1615	LZ West/1620	20

20. 2400 (C) Summary: Co A continued to secure LZ Siberia; 1 plat screen in area of assignment and 1 plat continue operations in assigned area with neg results. Co B continued to secure LZ West with 1 plat search and clear operations in assigned area with neg results. Co C STANDDOWN. Co D OPCON 1/46 Inf. Recon plat continued to assist in securing LZ West with neg results.

21. 2400 (U) Journal closed by PFC Caballero (SC) RTC.

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1.	0001		(U) Journal opened by SGT Wiktorski (SW) RTO		SW		
2.	0610		(U) Bde S2 to S2 (CPT Mercado): The Weather Report is as follows: General Area: cloudy becoming partly cloudy by noon. 3 day outlook: cloudy with intermittent light rain. low vis 7 miles; low ceiling: 2000' and broken; temp: H-78° L-64°; hum: H-95% L-65%; DA: 1200 to 650; IAS: 29.88; AW: NW to NE 5 to 10 knots.		SW		
3.	0700		(U) Forward Air Control (FAC) Helix 16: Entered AO on station.	S	SW		
4.	0705		(C) Bde S3 to S3 (Maj Lee): 1st Marines request clearance for Airstrikes in the following grids: AT 950295 and AT 960302. Time Frame: 070600H to 071800H Dec 69.	S M Bde S3 (Received by PFC Dasher) (Cleared by (1LT Gonzalez) NDO)	SW		
5.	0730		(U) (FAC) Helix 16: Departed AO off station to the south.	S	SW		
6.	0735		(U) CO Co B (CPT Hall): 3rd plat moving.	S	SW		
7.	0745		(U) CO Co B: 2 sqds of 1st plat moving.	S	SW		
8.	0755		(U) (FAC) Helix 16: Entered AO on station.	S	SW		
9.	0800		(U) SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) relieved SGT Wiktorski (SW) as RTO.		CF		
10.	0820		(U) CO Co B: 3rd plat loc in DDP at AT 926-266.	S M	CF		
11.	0830		(C) CO Co B: 1 sqd of 1st plat loc at AT 994246; another sqd of 1st plat loc at AT 995265	S M	CF		
12.	0840		(C) Bde S3 to S3: 1st Marines request clearance for Airstrikes at grid AT 800260. Time Frame: 070600H to 071800H Dec 69.	S M Bde S3 (Cleared by (MSG Gerber) Oper Sgt).	CF		
13.	0925		(C) CO Co B: 1 sqd of 1st plat loc at BT 004248; another sqd of 1st plat loc at AT 994254	S M	CF		
14.	0940		(U) (FAC) Helix 16: Departing AO.	S	CF		
15.	0945		(U) CO Co B: 1 sqd of 1st plat closed LZ West.	S	CF		
16.	1020		(U) MEDCAP Team (Hiep Duc): Request dustoff for 1 Popular Forces (PF) with grenade wounds (Priority).	S	CF		
17.	1020		(C) Bde S3 to S3: Tam Ky request clearance	S M Bde S3 (Cleared by (MSG Gerber) Oper Sgt).	CF		

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17.	(Continued)		(C) on box #2 and #6. Time Frame: 070001H to 072400H Dec 69.	ed by (CPT Mantell) S3 Air). (Received by SGT Butler).	
18.	1030		(U) Dustoff #611: Dustoff complete. (Refer to entry 16).	S	CF
19.		1030	(C) B3 to Bde S3: At 0830 hours, Helix 16 reported expending 20 500 lb bombs and 3600 rounds of 20mm at grid box AT 8323. BDA of 190/90. Results: 2 hootches destroyed and 3 damaged.	S M Bde S3 (Received by SP4 Boquard).	CF
20.	1155		(U) CO Co B: 1 sqd of 1st plat closed LZ West.	S	CF
21.	1200		(U) CO Co A (CPT Wilson): Airlift to Chu Lai complete.	S	CF
22.	1345		(U) Gen Powell arrived at LZ West.	S	CF
23.		1400	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Activities for 07 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A: STANDDOWN. Co B: Co minus 1 plat will secure LZ West; 1 plat continue recon in force in area B; AT 950280, AT 950260, AT 930260 along CFZ to AT 920255, AT 920280, AT 950280. Establish DDP vic AT 937-265 and secure as LZ/PZ 070730H Dec 69 to 070800H Dec 69 and 071600H Dec to 071630H Dec 69. Co C: 1 reinforced plat and Co CP secure LZ Siberia; 1 plat screen in area C; AT 890222, AT 890218, AT 875218, AT 875222, AT 890222; 1 plat recon in force in area C2; AT 910210, AT 915210 along river to AT 930197 AT 930190, AT 910190, AT 910210. Co D: return OPCON 4/31 Inf; conduct recon in force in area D; AT 910260 along CFZ to AT 897245, along river to AT 887242, AT 880248, AT 900-270, AT 910260 until 090800H Dec 69. Recon plat: conduct CA from LZ West to AT 937265 on 070800H Dec escorting the Sensor Team to Sensor strings 1 AT 934272, and 2 AT 9589265 and return to LZ West.	S M Bde S3 (Received by SGT Strohler).	CF
24.		1400	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night Activities for 06 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A: STANDDOWN. Co B: CP, 1st plat and 2nd plat will secure LZ West; 3rd plat will NDP at AT 928266. Co C: 1st and 2nd plats will secure LZ Siberia; 3rd plat will NDP at AT 889222. Co D: OPCON 1/46 Inf. Recon plat: will assist in security of	S M Bde S3 (Received by SGT Strohler).	CF

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24.	(Continued)		(C) LZ West.		
25.	1515		(C) Bde S2 to S2: Request clearance for Free S M Bde S2 (From CF Fire on Aerial Personnel Detector Mission (APD) SP4 Boquard), Sniffer Mission to be flown 071300H to 071530H Dec 69 in the following area: BS 9000 east to BS 0700 south BT 0794 west BT 0494 north BT 0496 west AT 9096 north BS 9000.		
26.	1600		(C) S3 to Bde S3: Reference to MSG AVDF-BBSC S (Received by Cite 1249-S69; Subject: conduct of US Personnel SP4 Morrow). in Vietnam. Cited MSG has been complied with		
27.	1710		by this unit. (C) CO Co E (CPT Brandon): The Line Nine Re- S port is as follows: 1-2, 2-1, 3-1, 4-1, 5-11 6-12, 7-9, 8-2 and 9-1.		CF
28.	1715		(U) CO Co C (CPT Thomas): Airlift to LZ Siber S ia complete.		CF
29.	1730		(U) PFC Caballero (SC) relieved SP4 Finkbein- SC er (CF) as RTO.		
30.	1745		(U) S3 to Charger Dustoff: Request dustoff S for 1 US FUO.		SC
31.	1800		(U) Dustoff #611: Dustoff complete. S SC		
32.	1840		(U) CO Co B: Both elements in position for S night activities.		SC
33.	1840		(C) Bde S2 to S2: A Sniffer Mission will be S M Bde S2 (Clear SC flown in the following area on 081300H to 08 ed by S2). (Received by SP4 1530H Dec 69: AT 805150 northeast to AT 8221 Burgueno). southeast to AT 9307 southwest to AT 8904 northwest to AT 805150.		
34.	1905		(C) S-5 (LZ Karen): Request clearance for 81 S M Bde S3 (Rece- SC mm mortars in the following grids: AT 896247, ived by T.C). (Cleared by AT 904253, AT 911255. Time Frame: 062000H to NDO). 062100H Dec 69.		
35.	1935		(C) S-5 to S3: Night Loc for Regional Forces S M (RF) and Popular Forces (PF) are as follows: (1) AT 916248, (2) AT 919247, (3) AT 916246, (4) AT 913246, (5) AT 904245, (6) AT 903245, (7) AT 913230, (8) AT 914225.		SC
36.	2115		(C) Bde S2 to S2: Request clearnace for Free S M Bde S2 (Clear SC Fire on 091300H to 091530H Dec 69 in the fol- ed by NDO). (From SP4 Parks) lowing area: AT 8602 northeast to AT 9105 east		

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1.	0001		(U) Journal opened by SGT Wiktorski (SW) RTO.		SW
2.	0630		(U) CO Co B (CPT Hall): Element moving to PZ S		SW
3.	0645		(U) Bde S2 to S2 (CPT Mercado): The Weather Report is as follows: General Area: clear to partly cloudy. 3 day outlook: little change. low vis: 4 miles and light ground fog low ceiling: neg; temp: H-84° L-70°; hum: H-90% L-60%; DA: 1800 to 1100; IAS: 29.78; AW: N to NE 5 to 10 knots.		SW
4.	0800		(U) CO Co C (CPT Thomas): 2nd and 3rd plats moving.	S	SW
5.	0805		(U) SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) relieved SGT Wiktorski (SW) as RTO.		CF
6.	0940		(U) Forward Air Control (FAC) Helix 12: Entered AO on station.	S	CF
7.	1000		(C) Bde S2 to S2: URS reports unknown size enemy force loc in the following grids: AT 890121 and AT 781251.	S M Bde S2 (From SP4 Boquard).	CF
8.	1000		(C) (FAC) Helix 12: At AT 913177, 10 5" Zoonie rockets, 16 2.75 rockets and 4200 rounds of 20mm were expended with a BDA of 100/80. Results: 1 structure destroyed and 4 structure damaged.	S M	CF
9.	1055		(U) (FAC) Helix 12: Departing AO off station	S	CF
10.	1400		(U) CO Co D (CPT Lynch): Airlift complete.	S	CF
11.	1420		(U) Recon plat (2LT Rapp): Airlift complete	S	CF
12.		1545	(C) S3 (Maj Lee): Activities for 08 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A: STANDDOWN. Co B: continue to secure LZ West; 1 plat continue operations in area B; AT 950280, AT 950260, AT 930250, along CFZ to AT 920255, AT 920280, AT 950280. Conduct 2 reinforced sqd size sweeps along routes B1; AT 990251 AT 980250, AT 983257, AT 990251 and B2; AT 990251, AT 990244, AT 984244, AT 990251. Co C: 1 reinforced plat and Co CP secure LZ Siberia; 1 plat continue screen in area C1; AT 890222, AT 890218	S M Bde S3 (Received by SP4 Morrow).	CF

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12.	(Continued)		(C) AT 875218, AT 875222, AT 890222. 1 plat recon in force in area C2; AT 910200, AT 910190, AT 952190 along river to AT 920200, AT 910200. Co D: conduct recon in force in area D; AT 900270, AT 880248, AT 887242 along river to AT 897245 along CFZ to AT 910260, AT 900270. Recon plat: Secure LZ West. Blue Ghost: Escort Sensor Team personnel for battery change on strings #4 AT 994217 and #5 AT 950226.																											
13.	1545		(C) S3 to Bde S3: Request 2 UH-1s plus Command and Control (C/C) Helicopter to airlift 1st plat B Co from PZ LZ West to LZ AT 920258 also 3rd plat from PZ AT 920258 to LZ West. Time Frame: 080800H Dec to 080855H Dec 69. Neg gunships required. Schedule for airlift is as follows: <table><tr><th>LIFT</th><th>ACFT</th><th>PZ/TIME</th><th>LZ/TIME</th><th>UNIT/PAX</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>UH-1</td><td>LZ WEST/0800</td><td>AT 920258/0810</td><td>B Co/18</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>UH-1</td><td>AT 920258/0815</td><td>LZ WEST/0825</td><td>B Co/18</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>UH-1</td><td>LZ WEST/0830</td><td>AT 920258/0840</td><td>B Co/17</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>UH-1</td><td>AT 920258/0845</td><td>LZ WEST/0855</td><td>B Co/17</td></tr></table>	LIFT	ACFT	PZ/TIME	LZ/TIME	UNIT/PAX	1	UH-1	LZ WEST/0800	AT 920258/0810	B Co/18	2	UH-1	AT 920258/0815	LZ WEST/0825	B Co/18	3	UH-1	LZ WEST/0830	AT 920258/0840	B Co/17	4	UH-1	AT 920258/0845	LZ WEST/0855	B Co/17	S M Bde S3 (Received by SP4 Morrow).	CF
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4	UH-1	AT 920258/0845	LZ WEST/0855	B Co/17																										
14.	1545		(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night Activities for 07 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A STANDDOWN Co B CP, 1st plat and 2nd plat will secure LZ West 3rd plat will NDP at AT 926266. Co C: CP and 1st plat will secure LZ Siberia; 2nd plat will NDP at AT 885221 with an ambush at AT 879218. 3rd plat will NDP at AT 914202 with an ambush at AT 917198. Co D CP, 2nd plat and 3rd plats will NDP at AT 899253 with an ambush at AT 901257 by 1st plat. Recon plat: will continue to assist in security of LZ West.	S M Bde S3 (Received by SP4 Morrow).	CF																									
15.	1545		(C) Bde S2 to S2: Division request Aerial Personnel Detector (APD) Sniffer Mission be run in the following grids: AT 805150, north east to AT 8221 southeast to AT 9307 southwest to AT 8904 northwest to AT 805150. Cleared for free fire. Time Frame: 081300H to 081530 hours Dec 69.	S M Bde S2 (Cleared by (CPT Mantell) S3 (Received by SP4 Boquard).	CF																									
16.	1550		(U) (FAC) Helix 11: Entered AO on station.	S	CF																									
17.	1645		(U) (FAC) Helix 11: Departing AO off station	S	CF																									

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18. 1650 (C) CO Co E (CPT Brandon): The Line Nine Report is as follows: 1-2, 2-1, 3-1, 4-8, 5-9, 6-17, 7-9, 8-0 and 9-8. S CF

19. 1735 (U) CO Co B: 3rd plat moving to NDP. S CF

20. 1755 (C) S3 to Bde S3: Request 1 CH-47 to move Co A from Chu Lai to LZ AT 907244, Co D from PZ to AT 907244 and Recon plat from LZ West to Chu Lai. Time Frame: 090800H to 091200H Dec 69. Total pax: 245. Schedule for airlift is as follows: S M Bde S3 (Received by SP4 Morrow). CF

LIFT	ACFT	PZ/TIME	LZ/TIME	UNIT
1	CH-47	Chu Lai/0800	AT 907244/0830	A Co
2	CH-47	AT 907244/0830	Chu Lai/0900	D Co
3	CH-47	Chu Lai/0900	AT 907244/0930	A Co
4	CH-47	AT 907244/0930	Chu Lai/1000	D Co
5	CH-47	Chu Lai/1000	AT 907244/1030	A Co
6	CH-47	AT 907244/1030	Chu Lai/1100	D Co
7	CH-47	Chu Lai/1100	AT 907244/1130	A Co
8	CH-47	LZ West/1130	Chu Lai/1200	Recon

21. 1800 (U) Religious services for LZ West now started. S CF

22. 1840 (C) S-5 (LZ Karen) (CPT Crews): Night Loc for Regional Forces (RF) and Popular Forces (PF) are as follows: (1) AT 916249, (2) AT 918248, (3) AT 916247, (4) AT 912247, (5) AT 905246, (6) AT 903247, (7) AT 913230, (8) AT 913224. S M E CF

23. 1855 (U) Recon plat: Request dustoff for 1 US Litter with multiple frag wounds. (Urgent). S CF

24. 1855 (C) S3 to Bde S3: Night Activities for Co D have been changed and are as follows: 1st plat will NDP at AT 903255 with night ambush at AT 899253. S M Bde S3 (Received by SP4 Morrow). CF

25. 1900 (C) Bde S2 to S2: Request clearance for V/R to be flown in the following area: AT 8822 to AT 8120 to AT 8114 to AT 8814. S M Bde S2 (From SP4 Burgueno). (Cleared by S3 Air). CF

26. 1935 (C) Recon plat: At 1855 hours, AT 967252, tripped 1 booby trap set up out of a M-26 grenade. Results: 1 US WIA with frag wounds of upper and lower body. Dustoff requested. ETA: 10 to 15 min. Dustoff on station at S M Bde S2 (Received by SP4 Burgueno). CF

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26.	(Continued)		(C) 1910 hours. Dustoff complete extracting 1 US WIA, at 1935 hours.		
27.	2005		(C) Sensor Team: At 2000 hours, AT 960266, Sensor device picked up 6 persons. 105's from LZ Siberia fired 6 rounds of HE with unknown results.	S M Bde S2 (Rece-ived by SP4 Burgueno).	CF
28.	2145		(C) Recon plat: Element will NDP at AT 962-253.	S M	CF
29.	2400		(C) Summary: Co A STANDDOWN. Co B minus 1 plat continued to secure LZ West; 1 plat continued to recon in force in area of assignment with neg results. Co C continued to secure LZ Siberia with 1 plat searching and clearing in assigned area with neg results. Co D returned OPCON to 4/31 Inf and conducted recon in force in area of assignment with neg results. Recon plat escorted Sensor Team to Sensor strings site to change batteries and returned to LZ West resulting in 1 US WIA.	S	CF
30.	2400		(U) Journal closed by SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) RTC,		CF

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1.	0001		(U) Journal opened by SGT Wiktorski (SW) RTO.		SW
2.	0615		(U) Bde S2 to S2 (CPT Mercado): The Weather Report is as follows: General Area: mostly cloudy in mornings becoming cloudy in afternoon. 3 day outlook: cloudy with showers. low vis: 1 mile and rain; low ceiling: 1000' and broken; temp: H-81° L-70°; hum: H-95% L-70%; DA: 1800 to 1100; IAS: 27.78; AW: W to N 5 knots in morning N to E 8 to 15 knots in afternoon.		SW
3.	0715		(U) CO Co B (CPT Hall): 3rd plat moving to PZ.	S	SW
4.	0725		(U) CO Co D (CPT Lynch): Night ambushes have closed NDP.	S	SW
5.	0740		(C) CO Co B: 3rd plat loc at PZ vic AT 920-259.	S M	SW
6.	0810		(U) CO Co D: 2nd plat departing on sweep.	S	SW
7.	0850		(U) Airlift complete.	S	SW
8.	0900		(U) CO Co B: 1st plat moving.	S	SW
9.	0900		(C) CO Co D: 1st plat loc at AT 897247.	S M	SW
10.	0930		(U) CO Co D: 3rd plat moving on sweep.	S	SW
11.	0930	0930	(U) S3 (Maj Lee) to Charger Dustoff: Request dustoff for 1 US with FVO. (Routine) Dustoff #612. ETA: 15 min.	S	SW
12.	0930		(C) Bde S2 to S2: Unknown size enemy force in the following grids: AT 827074, AT 971045. Artillery fired 175's fired 4 rounds of HE on grid with unknown results.	S M Bde S2 (Received by SP4 Boquard).	SW
13.	0940		(U) Dustoff #611: Dustoff completed.	S	SW
14.	0955		(U) Recon plat (2LT Rapp): 2 sqds moving on sweeps.	S	SW
15.	1000		(C) CO Co B: 1st sqd of 2nd plat loc at AT 990242; 2nd sqd of 2nd plat loc at AT 984254	S M	SW
16.	1005		(U) Forward Air Control (FAC) Helix 16: Entered AO on station.	S	SW
17.	1005		(U) SP4 Blanchard (GB) relieved SGT Wiktorski	S	GB

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17.	(Continued)		(U) (SW) as RTO.		
18.	1015		(C) CO Co B: 1st plat loc in DDP at AT 939-263; 2nd sqd on sweep in grid AT 9426; 3rd sqd on sweep in grid AT 9326.	S M	GB
19.	1015		(C) (FAC) Helix 16: At 1005 hours, AT 972228 12 HE rockets were expended with a BDA of 100/100. Results: 1 structure destroyed and 1 bunker opened. Off station, departed AO.	S M	GB
20.	1030		(C) Bde S3 to S3: Tam Ky request clearance for Airstrikes in the following grid boxes: #2 and #6. Time Frame: 090600H to 091800H Dec 69. Neg clearance for box #6. Box #2 cleared by (CPT Mantell) S3 Air).	S M Bde S3 (Received by PFC Dasner).	GB
21.	1030		(C) S2 to Bde S2: At 1010 hours, AT 972223, Helix 16 reported having spotted 8 VC in an open rice patty. He fired 20mm rockets resulting in possible 2 KIAS, 1 structure destroyed and 1 secondary explosion and 1 bunker opened.	S M Bde S2 (Received by SP4 Boquard).	GB
22.	1055		(U) CO Co B: 2nd and 3rd sqds moving on sweeps.	S	GB
23.	1100		(U) CO Co B: 2nd plat closed LZ West.	S	GB
24.	1105		(U) CO Co C (CPT Thomas): 3rd plat closed LZ Siberia.	S	GB
25.	1115		(C) CO Co C: 1st plat: 1st sqd loc at AT 882220; 2nd sqd loc at AT 837218. 2nd plat loc at AT 905212.	S M	GB
26.	1125		(C) CO Co B: 1st plat: 1st sqd loc at AT 949252; 2nd sqd loc at AT 938268.	S M	GB
27.	1145		(U) CO Co B: All elements closed 2nd plat.	S	GB
28.	1310		(U) CO Co D: 3rd plat closed.	S	GB
29.	1230		(U) CO Co B: 1st sqd closed.	S	GB
30.	1320		(C) CO Co C: 1st plat: 1st sqd loc at AT 883222; 2nd sqd loc at AT 883220. 2nd plat: 1st sqd loc at AT 915207; 2nd sq d loc at AT 917200.	S M	GB
31.	1325		(C) Bde S3 to S3: Change of Internal push	S	GB

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31.	(Continued)		(C) from 39.60 to 40.30.																						
32.	1410		(C) S3 to Bde S3: Activities for 09 Dec 69 is as follows: Co A: Airlift from Chu Lai to LZ vic AT 907244 090800H Dec 69. Move overland into area A; AT 890230, AT 920230, AT 920255 along CFZ to AT 897245 along river to AT 890245, AT 890280 and conduct recon in force. Be prepared to shift west on order. Co B: will continue to secure LZ West; airlift 1 plat from PZ vic AT 920259 to LZ West 090800H Dec 69; 1 plat conduct detailed search and clear in area B; AT 965260, AT 980260 AT 980250, AT 965250, AT 965260. Co C: 1 reinforced plat and Co CP secure LZ Siberia; 1 plat minus screen in area C1; AT 890222, AT 890218, AT 875218, AT 875222, AT 890222. 1 plat recon in force in area C2; AT 910200, AT 920200, along river to AT 950190, AT 910190, AT 910200. Co D: Airlift from PZ vic AT 907244 to Chu Lai for Standdown 090800H Dec 69. Recon plat: Airlift from LZ West to Chu Lai for Standdown at 090800H Dec 69.	S M Bde (Received S3 SP4 Morrow).	GB																				
33.	1425		(C) S2 to Bde S2: At 1420 hours, AT 961265, Sensors detected unknown amount of personnel. Target is stationary. 105's from LZ Siberia fired on grid with unknown results.	S M Bde S2 (Received by SP4 Boquard).	GB																				
34.	1430		(U) Services for Protestant and Catholic are in Chapel.	S	GB																				
35.	1520		(C) S3 to Bde S3: Request 2 UH-1s and Comm- and Control, (C/C) Helicopter to airlift 1 plat of Co B from PZ vic AT 920259 to LZ West. PZ secure. Neg gunships required. Time Frame: 090800H to 090825H Dec 69. Total pax 36. Schedule for airlift is as follows: <table><thead><tr><th>LIFT</th><th>ACFT</th><th>LZ/TIME</th><th>LZ/TIME</th><th>UNIT/PAX</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>UH-1</td><td>AT 920259/0800</td><td>LZ West/0805</td><td>B Co/18</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>UH-1</td><td>LZ West/0810</td><td>AT 920259/0815</td><td>---</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>UH-1</td><td>AT 920259/0820</td><td>LZ West/0825</td><td>B Co/18</td></tr></tbody></table>	LIFT	ACFT	LZ/TIME	LZ/TIME	UNIT/PAX	1	UH-1	AT 920259/0800	LZ West/0805	B Co/18	2	UH-1	LZ West/0810	AT 920259/0815	---	3	UH-1	AT 920259/0820	LZ West/0825	B Co/18	S M Bde S3 (Received by CPT Russell).	GB
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2	UH-1	LZ West/0810	AT 920259/0815	---																					
3	UH-1	AT 920259/0820	LZ West/0825	B Co/18																					
36.	1520		(U) CO Co D: Element moving to NDP.	S	GB																				
37.	1600		(U) Recon plat: Element closed LZ West.	S	GB																				
38.	1640		(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night Activities for 03	S M Bde S3 (Received by SP4 Morrow).	GB																				
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38.	(Continued)	(C) Dec 69 are as follows: Co A STANDDOWN. Co B will secure LZ West with CP, 2nd plat and 3rd plat. 1st plat will NDP at AT 939263. Co C CP and 3rd plat will secure LZ Siberia; 1st plat will conduct night ambushes at AT 879220 and AT 882220; 2nd plat will conduct night ambush at AT 929194 and AT 932191. Co D will NDP at AT 916248. Recon plat will secure LZ West.					
39.	1720	(C) CO Co E (CPT Brandon): 1-6, 2-2, 3-4, 4-8, 5-49, 6-57, 7-8, 8-8 and 9-49.	S M	GB			
40.	1755	(U) CO Co C: 1st and 2nd plats moving.	S	GB			
41.	1800	(C) S2 to Bde S2: At 1745 hours, AT 942238, AT 94231 C battery 3/82 Artillery reported that a UH-17 drew heavy automatic weapons fire of green tracers while at LZ Siberia to pick up Emmi Team. Neg casualties. 4 rounds of HE were expended on each grid.	S M Bde GB	S2 (Received by SP4 Buraeno).			
42.	1830	(C) S-5 (LZ Karen): Night Loc for Regional Forces (RF) and Popular Forces (PF) are as follows: (1) AT 916248, (2) AT 920247, (3) AT 916245, (4) AT 91247, (5) AT 905245, (6) AT 904243, (7) AT 915233, (8) AT 911230, (9) AT 911224.	S M	GB			
43.	Delayed Entry 1835	(C) S2 to Bde S2: At 1745 hours, AT 902234 (LZ Siberia) Co C/4-31 Inf found 1 trip flare that was tied as not to go off while on wire sweep. Co C untied trip flare and set up all new trip flares.	S M Bde GB	S2 (Received by SP4 Boquard).			
44.	1910	(U) CO Co C: 1st plat in position for night ambushes	S	GB			
45.	2045	(U) CO Co B: LZ West on Yellow Alert Status.	S	GB			
46.	2250	(U) CO Co B: LZ West on Green Alert Status.	S	GB			
47.	2400	(C) Summary: Co A STANDDOWN. Co B continued to secure LZ West with plat search and clear operations in assigned area with neg results. Co C continued to secure LZ Siberia with plat screen and plat searches in assigned areas with neg results. Co D continued to conduct search and clear operations in assigned area with neg results. Recon plat continued to assist in security of LZ West and escorted Sensor Team to change batteries in Sensor Devices with neg results.	Sre	GB			
48.	2400	(U) Journal closed by SP4 Blanchard (GB) as RTO.		GB			

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1.	0001		(U) Journal opened by SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) RTO.		CF			
2.	0600		(U) Bde S2 to S2 (CPT Mercado): The Weather Report is as follows: General Area: cloudy, windy and cool. 3 day outlook: decreasing winds, little change. low vis: 7 miles; low ceiling: 3000' and broken; temp: H-75° L-67°; hum: H-97% L-75%; DA: 1200 to 650; IAS: 30.05; AW: NE 15 knots gusting to 25 knots. Weather warning: surface winds from NE 15 knots with gusts up to 30 knots; isolated gusts from 35 to 40 gusts.	S	CF			
3.	0710		(U) Bde S3 to S3 (Maj Lee): Command and Control (C/C) at Hawk Hill.	S	CF			
4.	0755		(U) 60 Co B (CPT Hall): 1st plat closed PZ.	S	CF			
5.	0800		(U) SGT Wiktorski (SW) relieved SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO.		SW			
6.	0810		(U) CO Co B: 2nd plat departing on sweep.	S	SW			
7.	0920		(C) CO Co B: 2nd plat loc at AT 983243.	S M	SW			
8.	0920		(C) S3 1/46 Inf to S3: Request clearance for air-strike in the following grid box: BT 0198. Time Frame: ASAP to Indefinite.	S M Bde	SW			
				S3 (Cleared by (CPT Mantell)				
				S3 Air). (Received by SP4 Morrow).				
9.	0935		(C) CO Co C (CPT Thomas): 1st plat loc at AT 382220	S M	SW			
			2nd plat loc at AT 915195.					
10.	0950		(C) Bde S3 to S3: Tam Ky request clearance for air strikes in the following areas: #1, #2, and #6. Time Frame: 100600H to 101800H Dec 69. Neg clearance on #6.	S M Bde	SW			
				S3 (Cleared by (MSG Gerber	S3			
				Sgt).				
11.	1010		(C) CO Co B: 2nd plat loc at AT 973252.	S M	SW			
12.		1200	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Request a bomb drop with 48 hours delays at the following grids: AT 806145, AT 842086	S M Bde	SW			
			AT 888312.	S3 (Received by (CPT Stover).				
13.	1320		(C) CO Co B: 1st sqd of 1st plat moving; 2nd plat loc at AT 976254.	S M	SW			
14.	1320		(C) Bde S2 to S2: The Province of Quan Tinh said that the Hoi Chans stated that the 1st NVA Regiment were building hootches in the following area: UL	S M Bde	SW			
				S3 (Received by SGT Strohler)				

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14.	(Continued)		(C) AT 8524; LR AT 8821. CMC will check area tomorrow.					
15.		1320	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Activities for 10 Dec 69 is same as activities for 09 Dec 69.	S Bde	SW			
				S3 (Received by SP4 Morrow).				
16.	1320		(C) Sensor Team: At 1315 hours, detected 4 to 6 personnel moving west at AT 960266. 105's from LZ Siberia fired 6 rounds of HE on grids with unknown results.	S M Bde	SW			
				S3 (Received by SP4 Boquard).				
17.		1325	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Request a V/R to be run in the following grids AT 8524 LR AT 8821. 1st NVA Regiment believed to be in area.	S M Bde	SW			
				S2 (Received by SP4 Boquard).				
18.	1350		(C) CO Co B: 1st sqd of 1st plat loc at AT 922265.	S M	SW			
19.		1410	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Change of Activities for 10 Dec 69 are as follows: C Co: 1st and 3rd plats and 1 sqd of Popular Forces (PF) from Hiep Duc will be operating in the southern half of the Intelligence report received from Bde.	S M Bde	SW			
				S3 (Received by SP4 Morrow).				
20.	1430		(C) CO Co B: 2nd plat loc at AT 978250.	S M	SW			
21.	1445		(C) CO Co C: 2nd plat loc at AT 914208.	S M	SW			
22.	1445		(C) CO Co B: 1st sqd of 1st plat loc at AT 928268.	S M	SW			
23.		1500	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night Activities for 09 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A STANDDOWN. Co B will NDP at LZ West and provide local security. Co C 1st and 3rd plats will NDP at AT 882220 and provide local security; 2nd plat and Co CP will NDP at LZ Siberia and provide local security. Co D will NDP at AT 916246. Recon plat STANDDOWN.	S M Bde	SW			
				S3 (Received by SP4 Morrow).				
24.	1530		(U) CO Co B: 2nd plat closed LZ West.	S	SW			
25.	1705		(U) CO Co C: 2nd plat closed.	S	SW			
26.	1705		(U) PFC Caballero (SC) relieved SGT Wiktorski (SW) as RTO.		SC			
27.	1710		(C) CO Co E (CPT Brandon): The Line Nine Report is as follows: 1-1, 2-0, 3-1, 4-4, 5-0, 6-4, 7-0, 8-0 and 9-4.	S	SC			

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28.	1720		(U) CO Co C: Element departing DDP.	S	SC
29.	1835		(U) CO Co C: Element loc in NDP.	S	SC
30.	2030		(U) MACV Advisor (LZ Karen): At 1500 hours, 300 enemy troops were confirmed to be in the following grids: AT 814259, AT 810258, unknown size enemy force with the following weapons: 105mm mortar, 122mm mortar and 75mm mortars. (C-3 rating). At AT 855237, 150 enemy force with 155's of larger and smaller size. (Confirmed C-2 rating). 105's from LZ Siberia fired 54 rounds of HE and 155's from LZ West fired 9 rounds of HE. Results: unknown.	S M Bde S2 (Received by SP4 Boquard).	SC
31.	2030		(C) S-5 (LZ Karen): Night Loc for Regional Forces (RF) and Popular Forces (PF) are as follows: (1) AT 916246, (2) AT 923249, (3) AT 924246, (4) AT 911247, (5) AT 905245, (6) AT 911230, (7) AT 910228.	S M	SC
32.	2030		(C) S2 to Bde S2: At 2020 hours, AT 993214, Sensor device spotted 8 personnel moving south to north. Artillery fired 6 rounds of HE with unknown results.	S M Bde S2 (Received by SP4 Boquard).	SC
33.	2100		(C) S3 to Bde S3: Activities for 10 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A: will conduct airlift from Chu Lai to AT 916246 and move overland into area A, AT 840250, AT 880250, AT 880235, along river to AT 840239 and conduct recon in force. Co B: will continue to secure LZ West; conduct search and clear in area B; AT 950240, AT 970240, AT 970233, along river to AT 950234. Co C: will continue to secure LZ Siberia with 1 platoon; conduct reconnaissance in force with Co minus 1 plat and 1 attached PF sqd in area C; AT 850233, along river to AT 880210, AT 840210, AT 840219 along to AT 850233. Co D: conduct airlift from AT 916246 to Chu Lai for STANDDOWN. Recon plat: STANDDOWN.	S M Bde S3 (Received by SP4 Ofstead).	SC
34.	2100		(C) MACV Advisor (Hiep Duc): Intel reports VC in the following positions: AT 906205 C-3 agents report 25 VC. C-3 agents report	S M Bde S2 (Received by SP4 Boquard).	SC

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34. (Continued) (C) 20 VC at AT 925228. C-3 agents report 15 VC at AT 955227. At AT 955202 C-3 agents report 40 VC laborers.

35. 2230 (U) SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) relieved PFC Caballero (SC) as RTO.

36. 2400 (C) Summary: Co A: STANDDOWN. Co B continued to secure LZ West with 1 plat conducting search and clear in assigned area with neg results. Co C continued to secure LZ Siberia with Co CP and 1 plat with 2 plats searching and clearing in assigned area with neg results. Co D continued search and clear in assigned area with neg results. Recon plat: STANDDOWN

37. 2400 (U) Journal closed by SP4 Finkbeiner (CF). S

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1. 0001 (U) Journal opened by SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO. CF
2. 0400 (C) S2 (CPT Mercado) to Bde S2: Request VR to be flown in the following area to be cancelled: UL AT 8524; IR AT 8821, request for signs on all booby traps to be sent down with distribution. S M Bde CF
S2 (Received by SP4 Parks).
3. 0500 (C) S3 (Maj Lee) to Bde S3: AO extension #48 terminated as of 092400H Dec 69. S M Bde CF
S3 (Received by SP4 Parks).
4. 0540 (C) Bde S3 to S3: Request clearance for airstrikes on box #1 and #2. Box #1: BT 0196, BT 0199, BT 0699 and BT 0699. Box #2: AT 9413, BT 0213, AT 9409, and BT 0209. S M Bde CF
S3 (Received by SP4 Morrow). (Classified by (1LT Gonzalez) NDO).
5. 0615 (U) Bde S2 to S2: The Weather Report is as follows: General Area: cloudy, windy, cool and intermittent rain showers. 3 day outlook: little change. low vis: 7 miles; low ceiling: 2500'; temp: H-73° L-65°; hum: H-90% L-70%; DA: 1100 to 450; EAS: 30.09; AW: NW 5 to 10 knots; BMNT: 100611; SR: 100701; SS: 101915; EENT: 101905; MR: 110853; MS: 101908; Illum: 01%. S CF
6. 0700 (U) CO Co C (CPT Thomas): Element moving. S CF
7. 0740 (U) Forward Air Control (FAC) Helix 13: Entered on station checking area at AT 855237. S M CF
8. 0745 (U) SGT Wiktorski (SW) relieved SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO. SW
9. 0900 (C) S2 to Bde S2: At 0850 hours, LZ West, 1 dud 81mm mortar round was found about 25 ft from Command and Control Pad. Suspected loc of where mortar came from was BT 015243. 105's from LZ Center fired on grid. Results: unknown. S M Bde SW
S2 (Received by SP4 Boquard).
10. 0915 (C) Bde S2 to S2: URS reports unknown size enemy force loc at AT 865165. S M Bde SW
S2 (From SP4 Boquard).
11. 0915 (C) CO Co B (CPT Hall): 3rd plat loc at AT 971241. S M SW
12. 0915 (C) (FAC) Helix 13: At 0910 hours, at AT 853235, 57 2.75 rockets and 1500 rounds of 20mm were expended with a BDA of 100/90. Resulting in 2 structures destroyed. S M Bde SW
S2 (Received by SP4 Boquard).

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12.	(Continued)		(C) destroyed and 2 structures damaged.				
13.	0915		(U) (FAC) Helix 13: Departed OZ off station. To the east.	S	SW		
14.	0935		(U) (FAC) Helix 18: Entered OZ on station.	S	SW		
15.	1005		(U) (FAC) Helix 18: Departed OZ to the east.	S	SW		
16.		1010	(C) S3 to Bde S3: The following is the new proposed CFZ: from AT 890226 to AT 890220 to AT 874220 along river to AT 910233 along CFZ to boundary to AT 890-226. Time Frame: 15 Dec to Indefinite.	S M Bde	SW		
17.	1010		(U) CO Co B: 1st plat departing on wire sweep.	S	SW		
18.	1025		(U) CO Co B: 2nd plat departing on wire sweep.	S	SW		
19.	1030		(C) CO Co B: 3rd plat loc at AT 965235.	S M	SW		
20.	1100		(C) Sensor Team (LZ West) to S2: At 1055 hours, Sensor device detected a clicking noise at AT 936-275. Unknown amount of personnel. 105's from LZ Siberia fired 6 rounds of firecracker. Results: unknown.	S M Bde	SW		
21.	1105		(U) CO Co B: 2nd plat closed wire.	S	SW		
22.	1105		(U) (FAC) Helix 18: Entered on station.	S	SW		
23.	1130		(C) (FAC) Helix 18: At 1120 hours, AT 950190, 23 500 lb bombs were expended with a BDA of 100/100. There were two duds. Results: 2 structures destroyed and 2 bunkers destroyed.	S M Bde	SW		
24.	1135		(U) (FAC) Helix 18: Departed OZ off station.	S	SW		
25.	1135		(C) CO Co B: OP moving to position; 3rd plat loc at AT 968248.	S M	SW		
26.	1140		(U) CO Co B: 1st plat closed wire of LZ West.	S	SW		
27.	1207		(U) CO Co B: 3rd plat closed LZ West.	S	SW		
28.	1207		(U) CO Co C: 3rd plat departed on sweep.	S	SW		
29.		1310	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Activities for 11 Dec 69, are as follows: Co A: continue to recon in force in area A; AT 840250, AT 880250, AT 880235, along river to	S M Bde	SW		

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29.	(Continued)		(C) AT 840239, AT 840259 with special emphasis on BINH KIEU (2) vic AT 854236. Co B: will continue to secure LZ West; 1 sqd OP vic BT 005245. Conduct plat sweep along route B; AT 990251, BT 005245, BT 010-240, BT 018242, BT 007228, BT 000230, BT 000238, BT 005245, AT 990251. Co C: 1 plat secure LZ Siberia Co minus 1 plat continue recon inforce in area C; AT 850233, along river to AT 880231, AT 880210, AT 840210, AT 840219, along river to AT 850233. Establish NDP in eastern part of area. Be prepared to move on order to BINH HOA vic AT 888234 to conduct sweep on 12 Dec 69. Co D: STANDDOWN. Recon plat: STANDDOWN.				
30.	1455		(U) CO Co C: 3rd plat closed DDP.	S	SW		
31.		1507	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Sensor device detected 6 personnel moving at grid AT 834201. 105's from LZ Siberia fired 6 rounds of HE on grids with unknown results.	S M Bde	SW		
32.		1530	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Request that a Aerial Personnel Detector (APD) Sniffer Mission be flown in the following area: AT 8718 east to AT 9021 south AT 9015 west to AT 8715 north to AT 8918.	S M Bde	SW		
33.		1535	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night Activities for 10 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A STANDDOWN. Co B will NDP at LZ West; 1 sqd of 2nd plat will have an OP at BT 004245. Co C will NDP at AT 864217; 3rd plat will ambush at AT 863222; 2nd plat will secure LZ Siberia Co D will NDP at AT 916246 and provide local security. Recon plat: STANDDOWN.	S M Bde	SW		
34.	1715		(U) CO Co C: Element moving.	S	SW		
35.	1800		(U) CO Co C: Element loc in NDP.	S	SW		
36.	1800		(U) PFC Caballero (SC) relieved SGT Wiktorski (SW) as RTO.		SC		
37.	1800		(U) CO Co D (CPT Lynch): Element loc in NDP.	S	SC		
38.	1810		(U) CO Co D: Request dustoff for 1 US FV0 1050. Dustoff ship #612. ETA: 20 to 25 min.	S	SC		
39.	1830		(U) Charger Dustoff to S3: Dustoff complete.	S	SC		
40.	1845						

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40.		1825	(C) S2 to Bde S2: At 1810 hours, Hiep Duc Intelligence reported unknown Co of VC/NVA with unknown weapons at AT 956266. (C-3 rating). 105's from LZ Siberia fired 12 rounds of HE on grids with unknown results.	S M Bde SC	SC			
				S2 (Received by CPT Wineman).				
41.	1845		(C) CO Co E (CPT Brandon): The Line Nine Report is as follows: 1-4, 2-3, 3-1, 4-5, 5-41, 6-46, 7-41, 8-0 and 9-5.	S	SC			
42.		1910	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Sensor Team reported 10 personnel moving north to south at grid AT 984228. 105's from LZ Siberia fired 6 rounds with neg results.	S M Bde SC	SC			
				S2 (Received by SP4 Boudard).				
43.	1930		(C) S-5 (LZ Karen): Night Loc for Regional Forces (RF) and Popular Forces (PF) are as follows: (1) AT 922249, (2) AT 915245, (3) AT 923246, (4) AT 911248, (5) AT 904245, (6) AT 913230, (7) AT 910228.	S M	SC			
44.	2145		(C) Bde S3 to S3: 5th Special Forces Group request AO extension in the following area: AT 990170 west to AT 920170 southwest to AT 940130 east to AT 953-130.	S M Bde SC	SC			
				S3 (Cleared by (1LT Gonzalez) NDO).				
45.	Delayed Entry	1535	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Have checked routes 534 from ZC 187135 to ZC 191141. These are impassable for heavy equipment. Bridges at ZC 187135 and ZC 190139 have been destroyed. We have 1 good landing zone and request 1 day early extraction.	S M Bde SC	SC			
				S2 (Received by SP4 Boudard).				
46.	2400		(C) Summary: Co A STANDDOWN. Co B continued to secure LZ West and conduct plat search and clear in assigned area with neg results. Co C continued to secure LZ Siberia with plats searching and clearing in assigned area with neg results. Co D continued to search and clear in assigned area with neg results Recon plat STANDDOWN.	S	SC			
47.	2400		(U) Journal closed by PFC Cabbalero (SC) as RTO.		SC			

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1.	0001		(U) Journal opened by SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO.		CF		
2.	0131		(U) CO Co B (CPT Hall): LZ West bunker line on Yellow Alert Status.	S	CF		
3.	0210		(U) CO Co B: LZ West on Green Alert Status.	S	CF		
4.	0610		(U) Bde S2 to S2 (CPT Mercado): The Weather Report is as follows: General Area: cloudy with rain and cool. 3 day outlook: decreasing cloudiness. low vis: 1 1/2 miles with light rain and fog. low ceiling 1000' and broken; temp: H-69° L-64°; hum: 100%-H L-80%; DA: 800 to 400; IAS: 30.02; AW: NW to 5 knots; BMNT: 110611; SR: 110701; SS: 111815; EENT: 111905; MR: 120952; MS: 112016; Illum: 04%.	S	CF		
5.	0740		(U) CO Co C (CPT Thomas): 3rd plat closed CP.	S	CF		
6.	0800		(U) Forward Air Control (FAC) Helix 16: Entered OZ on station.	S	CF		
7.	0800		(U) SGT Wiktorski (SW) relieved SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO.		SW		
8.	0900		(C) CO Co C: Element loc in DDP at AT 865216.	S M	SW		
9.	0905		(U) CO Co C: 1st plat departing on sweep, with 1 sqd of Regional Forces (RF).	S	SW		
10.	0920		(U) CO Co C: Request dustoff for 1 US and 1 Kit Carson with frag wounds. (Urgent). Dustoff #612. ETA: 15 min.	S	SW		
11.	0940		(U) Dustoff #612: Dustoff complete.	S	SW		
12.		0940	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Marines reported moving on trail from north to southwest at ZC 191141, 4 VC/NVA acting as a relay system by using shouts. Suspected that SP4 Boquard. more people were with them but could not be observed due to elephant grass.	S M Bde	SW		
13.	0945		(C) S3 (Mai Lee) to Bde S3: Tam Ky request clearance for airstrikes in the following boxes: #1, #2, and #6. Time Frame: 120600H to 121800H Dec 69. Neg clear (CPT Mantell) for box #6.	S M Bde	SW		
14.	0955		(C) CO Co B: 1st plat loc at BT 017241.	S M	SW		
15.	1100		(U) MEDCAP Team (Hiep Duc): Request dustoff for 1 VN (Routine). Dustoff #603. ETA: 30 min.	S	SW		
16.	1115		(C) CO Co B: 1st plat loc at BT 005226.	S M	SW		

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16.	1115		(C) CO Co C: At 0945 hours, AT 864223, 1st plat tripped 1 booby trap with a M-26 hand grenade in it. Resulting in 6 persons wounded, 3 US, 1 Kit Carson, and 2 RF. M-26 had trip wire across trail.	S M Bde SW			
			S2 (Received by SP4 Boquard).				
17.	1115		(C) Bde S2 to S2: Request that the following box be cleared for Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (LRRP): UL AT 8120; LR AT 8417. Time Frame: 120600 to 152400H Dec 69.	S M Bde SW			
			(U) (FAC) Helix 12: Entered AO on station.	S2 (Cleared by S3 Air). (Received by SP4 Boquard)			
18.	1155			S	SW		
19.	1200		(C) Hien Duc to S2: A Co of VC/NVA loc at AT 9226. Co A/4-31 Inf will move into area along with RF/PF Artillery will fire into area before Co A move out.	S M Bde SW			
				S2 (Received by SP4 Boquard).			
20.	1235		(C) MACV Advisor (Hien Duc): VC/NVA have stolen 4 water buffaloes from some VN in AT 934257. Neg action taken yet.	S M Bde SW			
				S2 (Received by SP4 Boquard).			
21.	1245		(C) CO Co B: 1st plat loc at BT 001237.	S M	SW		
22.	1255		(U) CO Co C: 1st plat closed DDP.	S	SW		
23.	1310		(U) CO Co B: 1st plat closed LZ West.	S	SW		
24.	1310		(U) CO Co A (CPT Wilson): Element moving.	S	SW		
25.	1325		(C) S3 to Bde S3: Activities for 12 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A: Continue operations in area A; AT 840250, AT 880250, AT 880235 along river to AT 840250. Co B: will continue to secure LZ West; conduct 2 sqd size sweeps along routes B1; AT 990251, AT 991260, AT 995262, AT 998258, AT 990251 and B2; AT 990251, AT 984248, AT 980242, AT 973243, AT 975250, AT 984248, AT 990251. Continue to maintain sqd OP at BT 004245. Co C: 1 plat secure LZ Siberia; Co minus 1 plat conduct recon in force in area C; AT 850233 along river to AT 880231, AT 880210, AT 840210, AT 840219, along river to AT 850233. Be prepared to conduct cordon and search in BINH HOA village vic AT 885235 on 13 Dec 69. Co D: STANDDOWN. Recon plat STANDDOWN.	S	SW		
26.	1400		(U) S3 to Charger Dustoff: Dustoff complete. (Refer to entry 15).	S	SW		

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27.	1425		(C) CO Co A: Element loc at AT 920258.	S M	SW
28.	1450		(C) CO Co A: Element loc at AT 926261.	S M	SW
29.	1455		(U) CO Co A: 2nd and 3rd plats on sweep.	S	SW
30.	1500		(U) (FAC) Helix 12: Departed AO off station.	S	SW
31.	1510		(U) (FAC) Helix 15: Entered OZ on station.	S	SW
32.	1530		(U) (FAC) Helix 15: Departed OZ off station.	S	SW
33.		1550	(U) S3 to Charger Dustoff: Request dustoff for 1 RF FUD (Routine). Dustoff ship #603. ETA: 20 to 25 min.	S	SW
34.	1730		(U) CO Co C: Element departing DDP.	S	SW
35.	1805		(U) CO Co C: Element now loc in NDP.	S	SW
36.	1810		(C) CO Co E (CPT Brandon): The Line Nine Report is as follows: 1-5, 2-3, 3-2, 4-17, 5-34, 6-51, 7-46, 8-0 and 9-5.	S	SW
37.	1810		(U) PFC Caballero (SC) relieved SGT Wiktorski (SW) as RTO.		SC
38.		1815	(U) S2 to Bde S2: At 1525 hours, AT 834201. Sensor device detected 6 personnel moving north to south. 105's from LZ Siberia fired 5 rounds of FC on grids SP4 Bocuard). with unknown results.	S M Bde SC	
39.		1820	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night Activities for 11 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A will NDP at AT 902257 with night patrol north to west from 2100H to 2400H; south to west 0100H to 0300H Dec 69. Co B will NDP at LZ West; 1st sqd of 1st plat will remain an OP at BT 004245. Co C will NDP at AT 865221; 1st plat will ambush at AT 859218; 1 sqd of 1st plat at AT 866218. Co D STANDDOWN. Recon plat: STANDDOWN.	S M Bde SC	
40.	1825		(C) Bde S3 to S3: 1st Marines request clearance for airstrikes in the following grids: AT 8528, AT 84-28, AT 8327, AT 8328, AT 8228. Time Frame: ASAP to 121800H Dec 69. Proximity to friendlies: 1000 meters	S M Bde SC	
				S3 (Cleared by S3 Air) (Received by S3 Air)	
				ved by SP4 Mor-row).	
41.	1855		(U) CO Co C: Night ambush in position.	S	SC

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1.	0001		(U) Journal opened by SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO.		CF		
2.	0405		(C) Bde S2 to S2 (CPT Mercado): Request clearance for airstrikes in the following area: UL BT 0196; LR BT 0696; UL AT 9413; LRBT 0209. Time Frame: 120600H to 121800H Dec 69.	S M Bde CF S2 (Cleared by (1LT Gonzalez) NDO). (Received by SP4 Elliot)			
3.	0545		(U) Bde S2 to S2: The Weather Report is as follows: General Area: continued cloudy; cool. 3 day outlook: cloudy, windy, cool; intermittent rain. low vis: 7 miles; low ceiling: 3000' and broken; temp: H-75° L-68°; hum: H-90% L-65%; DA: 1300 to 750; IAS: 29.93; AW: W to N 5 to 10 knots; BMNT: 120612; SB: 120702; SS: 121816; FEENT: 121906; MR: 131045; MB: 122123; Illum: 10%; (U) CO Co C (CPT Thomas): 1st plat closing CP loc	S	CF		
4.	0655						
5.	0705		(C) CO Co A (CPT Wilson): Element closing DDP at AT 877236.	S M	CF		
6.	0755		(C) CO Co A: Request dustoff for 1 US ambulatory at AT 894246. (FUO). Temp: 103°;	S M	CF		
7.	0800		(U) SGT Wiktorski (SW) relieved SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO.		SW		
8.	0805		(U) CO Co B (CPT Hall): OP moving to LZ West.	S	SW		
9.	0925		(C) CO Co C: Element loc in DDP at AT 871219.	S M	SW		
10.	0930		(U) CO Co B: OP closed LZ West;.	S	SW		
11.	0935		(U) Forward Air Control (FAC) Helix 13: Entered AO on station.	S	SW		
12.	0940		(U) (FAC) Helix 13: Departing AO off station.	S	SW		
13.	0940		(C) CO Co B: 2nd plat loc at AT 994258; 2nd sqd of 2nd plat loc at AT 975244.	S M	SW		
14.	1020		(C) CO Co A: Element loc in DDP at AT 877236; 2nd plat loc at AT 894246.	S M	SW		
15.	1035		(C) CO Co B: 2nd sqd of 2nd plat closed LZ West.	S	SW		
16.	1055		(U) CO Co B: 2nd plat loc at AT 995254.	S M	SW		
17.	1100		(U) CO Co A: Dustoff moved to LZ West.	S	SW		
18.		1120	(C) S3 (Maj Lee) to Bde S3: Activities for 13 Dec	S M Bde	SW		

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18.	(Continued)		(C) are as follows: Co A: will conduct recon in force in area A; AT 880260, AT 880235, along river to AT 840240, AT 840260, AT 880260. Co B: continue to secure LZ West; conduct sqd size detailed search in area B; AT 990251, AT 985252, AT 982258, AT 983-258, AT 990251 and B2; AT 993252, AT 995254, BT 002254, BT 003253, AT 998248, AT 993250, AT 993252. Co C: will conduct cordon and search in BINH HOA vic AT 885235. Coordinate with S2 and S5 for identification of VCI. Upon completion of operation screen in area C; AT 890222, AT 890218, AT 875218, AT 875222, AT 890222 with 1 plat; 1 plat secure LZ Siberia with Co CP. 1 plat conduct night operation in area C2; AT 910233 along CFZ to AT 890222, AT 875222 along river to AT 910233. Co D STANDDOWN. Recon plat: STANDDOWN.				S M Bde	SW
			S3 (Received by SP4 Morrow).					
19.		1130	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night Activities for 12 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A will NDP at AT 862239; 2nd plat will have 2 ambushes at AT 870241 and AT 861-238. Co B will NDP at LZ West. Co C will NDP at AT 870214; 1st sqd of 3rd plat will ambush at AT 872-219. Co D STANDDOWN. Recon plat STANDDOWN.				S M Bde	SW
			S3 (Received by SGT Strohler).					
20.		1140	(U) S3 to Charger Dustoff: Request dustoff for 2 US FUO's (Routine). Dustoff ship #603. Neg ETA.				S	SW
21.	1145		(C) CO Co C: 3rd plat loc at AT 868213.				S M	SW
22.	1300		(U) CO Co B: 2nd plat closed LZ West.				S	SW
23.	1310		(U) CO Co C: 3rd plat closed NDP.				S	SW
24.	1315		(U) CO Co A: 2nd plat closed DDP.				S	SW
25.	1445		(U) CO Co A: 2nd plat on sweep.				S	SW
26.	1525		(U) CO Co A: Element moving to NDP.				S	SW
27.	1705		(U) CO Co C: Element moving.				S	SW
28.	1715		(U) CO Co A: Element loc in NDP.				S	SW
29.	1720		(U) CO Co C: Element loc in NDP.				S	SW
30.		1810	(U) S3 to Charger Dustoff: Dustof completed. (Refer S to entry 20).				S	SW
31.	1830		(C) CO Co C: At 1825 hours, AT 875224, sqd of 3rd				S M Bde	SW

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31.	(Continued)	(C) plat engaged 1 VC at 300 meters evading north east dressed in black pajamas. Neg pack or weapon Evaded successfully into woodline.					
32.	1845	(U) CO Co C: Night ambush in position.	S	SW			
33.	1850	(U) CO Co A: Night ambush in position.	S	SW			
34.	1850	(C) MACV Advisor (LZ Karen): Night Loc for Regional Forces (RF) and Popular Forces (PF) are as follows (1) AT 915248, (2) AT 916246, (3) AT 920248, (4) AT 912247, (5) AT 904246, (6) AT 913230, (7) AT 914224.	S M	SW			
35.	1850	(U) PFC Caballero (SC) re lieved SGT Wiktorski (SW) as RTO.		SC			
36.	1919	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Agent at Hiep Duc reports enemy elements loc at the following grids: At AT 818 263 about 400 VC/NVA. (C-2 rating). At AT 990217, about 300 VC/NVA with the following weapons: 2 small mortars, 1 large mortar, 1 large recoilless rifle. Believed to be the 31st Regiment. (C-3 rating). Also believed to have rockets. At AT 933179 enemy believed to be holding meeting.	S M Bde SC	SC			
37.	1940	(C) CO Co E (CPT Brandon): The Line Nine Report is as follows: 1-5, 2-3, 3-2, 4-5, 5-36, 6-41, 7-36, 8-0 and 9-5.	S	SC			
38.	2230	(U) SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) relieved PFC Caballero (SC) as RTO.		CF			
39.	2400	(C) Summary: Co A continued search and clear operations in assigned area with neg results. Co B continued to secure LZ West with neg results. Co C continued to secure LZ Siberia with plat sweeps in assigned area with neg results. Co D continued STANDDOWN. Recon plat STANDDOWN.	S	CF			
40.	2400	(U) Journal closed by SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO.		CF			

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1.	0001		(U) Journal opened by SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO.		CF		
2.		0250	(C) S2 (CPT Mercado) to Bde S2: At 0245 hours, Sensor devices detected 8 to 10 personnel moving east to west, at AT 962267, Artillery fired 4 rounds of HE on grid with unknown results.	S2 (Received by SP4 Boquard).	CF		
3.	0535		(U) Bde S2 to S2: The Weather Report is as follows: General Area: cloudy, cool, rain, extensive fog. 3 day outlook: little change; low vis: 2 miles fog light rain; low ceiling: 800'; temp: H-71° L-66°; hum: H-100% L-85°; DA: 1100 to 650; IAS: 29.95; AW: NW 10 knots, NE 15 knots gusting to 25 knots.	S	CF		
4.	0645		(U) CO Co A (CPT Wilson): Night ambush closed NDP; NDP becomes DDP; sweep north by CP, 1st plat and 3rd plat.	S	CF		
5.	0730		(U) CO Co C (CPT Thomas): Night ambush closed CB.	S	CF		
6.	0745		(U) SGT Wiktorski (SW) relieved SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO.		SW		
7.	0810		(U) CO Co A: Element moving on sweep.	S	SW		
8.	0825		(U) CO Co C: Element moving.	S	SW		
9.	0950		(C) Bde S3 to S3 (Maj Lee): 3/21 Inf request AO extension in the following area: BT 010254 to BT 010208. Time Frame: 132400H to 162400H Dec 69. Reason: Combat Operations.	S M Bde S3 (Cleared by (CPT Mantell) S3 Air). (Received by SP4 Bowers).	SW		
10.	1020		(C) CO Co B (CPT Hall): 3rd plat loc at AT 998251 and AT 984257.	S M	SW		
11.	1025		(C) Bde S3 to S3: Quang Ny request clearance for airstrikes in the following grid: BT 080972. Time Frame: 140600H to 141800H Dec 69. 1st Marines request clearance for airstrikes in the following grids: AT 8228, AT 8328, AT 8327, AT 8428, AT 8528. Time Frame: 131200H to 140600H Dec 69.	S M Bde S3 (Cleared by S3 Air). (Received by PFC Dasher).	SW		
12.	1025		(U) Forward Air Control (FAC) Helix 18: Entered OZ on station.	S	SW		
13.	1030		(C) CO Co C: Element loc at AT 879221.	S M	SW		
14.	1030		(C) CO Co A: Element loc at AT 856237.	S M	SW		

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15.	1045		(U) (FAC) Helix 18: Departing A0 to the south.				S	SW
16.		1045	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Request 3 CH-47 helicopters for airlift from Chu Lai to LZ Siberia, to LZ West to Chu Lai. Time Frame: 140800H to 141100H Dec 69. All LZs and PZs are secure. Neg gunships. Total pax 348. Schedule for airlift is as follows:					
			<u>LIFT</u>	<u>ACFT</u>	<u>PZ/TIME</u>	<u>LZ/TIME</u>	<u>UNIT/PAX</u>	
			1	CH-47	Chu Lai/0800	LZ Siberia/0830	Recon, CoD/94	
			2	CH-47	LZ Siberia/0835	LZ West/0845	Co C, Recon/93	
			3	CH-47	LZ West/0850	Chu Lai/0920	Co B/93	
			RELEASE 2 CH-47's					
			4	CH-47	Chu Lai/0925	LZ West/0955	Recon/31	
			5	CH-47	LZ West/1000	LZ Siberia/1010	668	
			6	CH-47	LZ Siberia/1015	LZ West/1025	Co C/19	
			7	CH-47	LZ West/1030	Chu Lai/1100	Co B/18	
17.		1050	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Activities for 14 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A: will continue to recon in force in area A; AT 880260, AT 880235, along river to AT 840240, AT 840260, AT 880260. Co B: will airlift from LZ West to Chu Lai 140800H Dec 69 for Stand- down. Co C: will airlift from LZ Siberia to LZ West 140800H Dec 69 and assume security of LZ West. 1 sqd conduct perimeter sweep upon consolidation. Assume OPCON of recon plat for defense of LZ West. Co D: airlift from Chu Lai to LZ Siberia 140800H Dec 69. 1 plat and Co CP secure LZ Siberia; 1 plat screen in area D; AT 890222, AT 890218, AT 875218, AT 875222, AT 890222; 1 plat conduct recon in force in area D2; AT 877210, AT 860210, AT 860232, along river to AT 874222, along stream to AT 877210. Recon plat: airlift from Chu Lai to LZ West 140800H Dec 69 and secure LZ West under OPCON Co C.				S M Bde SW (Received by SP4 Morrow).	
18.	1110		(G) CO Co C: Element loc at AT 890234.				S M	SW
19.	1140		(U) CO Co B: 3rd sqd of 3rd plat closed LZ West.				S	SW
20.	1205		(H) CO Co B: 3rd plat closed LZ West.				S	SW
21.	1230		(H) CO Co C: Element closed LZ Siberia.				S	SW
22.	1240		(U) CO Co A: 3rd plat closed DDR				S	SW

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23.	1435		(C) Bde S3 to S3: Tam Ky request clearance for airstrikes in the following grid: ZB 159996. Time Frame: 140600H to 141800H Dec 69.				S M Bde SW S3 (Cleared by S3 Air) (Received by PFC Dasher).
24.	1505		(C) Bde S3 to S3: Special Forces Tam Ky request clearance for Sky Spots at the following grid: AT 970162. Time Frame: 140830H to 141200H Dec 69.				S M Bde SW S3 (Cleared by S3 Air) (Received by PFC Dasher).
25.		1540	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night Activities for 13 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A will NDP at AT 869239; 3rd plat will night raid at AT 855237. Co B will NDP at LZ West and provide local security. Co C will NDP at LZ Siberia; 2nd plat will NDP at AT 876222; and have an ambush at AT 879222; 1st plat will have LP at AT 900233. Co D STANDDOWN. Recon plat STANDDOWN.				S M Bde SW S3 (Received by SP4 Morrow).
26.	1700		(U) PFC Caballero (SC) relieved SGT Wiktroski (SW) as RTO.				SC
27.		1730	(C) S2 to Bde S2: At 1600 hours, Sensor device detected 8 persons moving north to south in grid BT 024230. Blue Ghost was in area and checked it out resulting in 6 hootches destroyed.				S M Bde SC S2 (Received by SP4 Bognard).
28.	1745		(U) CO Co A: Element moving to NDP.				S SC
29.	1755		(C) CO Co E (CPT Brabdon): The Line Nine Report is as follows: 1-7, 2-2, 3-5, 4-11, 5-20, 6-31, 7-26, 8-2, and 9-3.				S SC
30.	1800		(U) CO Co A: 3rd plat moving to NDP.				S SC
31.	1825		(C) MACV Advisor (LZ Karen): Night Loc for Regional Forces (RF) and Popular Forces (PF) are as follows: (1) AT 916248, (2) AT 916246, (3) AT 922248, (4) AT 912247, (5) AT 904244, (6) AT 911230, (7) AT 909227.				S M SC
32.		1955	(U) S3 to Charger Dustoff: Request dustoff for 1 RF with snake bite. Dustoff ship #603. ETA: 30 min				S SC
33.	2015		(U) Dustoff #603: Dustoff complete.				S SC
34.	2230		(C) Bde S3 to S3: Message from Bde CO (Col Lee) to Bn CO (LTC Henry): Increased emphasis must be placed on security of NDP positions to protect against sapper attacks. Each unit commander must be made immediately aware of the increase in sapper				S M SC

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9.	1100	(U) CO Co A: 1st plat closed DDP.	S	SW
10.	1110	(C) Bde S3 to S3: VMAF request clearance for air strikes in the following grids: AT 965058, AT 844040, and AT 863027. Time Frame: 141800H to 151800H (CPT Mantell) S3 Dec 69.	S M Bde S3 (Cleared by S3 Air). (Received by SGT Butler).	SW
11.	1125	(U) Dustoff #603: Dustoff complete. (Refer to entry 7).	S	SW
12.	1205	(U) CO Co A: 2nd plat closed DDP.	S	SW
13.	1210	(C) S-5 (LZ Karen): MACV Advisors request A0 extension for Regional Forces Combat Operations in the following area: AT 9227 to AT 920255 to AT 930260 to AT 9324 to AT 9524 to AT 9527 to AT 9227. Time Frame: ASAP to Indefinite.	S M Bde S3 (Cleared by S3 Air). (Received by SGT Butler).	SW

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1.	0001		(U) Journal opened by SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO.		CF		
2.	0635		(U) Bde S2 to S2 (CPT Mercado): The Weather Report S Bde CF is as follows: General Area: continued cloudy, S2 (From SP4 windy, cool, drizzle. 3 day outlook: little change Morrow). low vis: 5 miles light rain; low ceiling: 2000' and broken; temp: H-75° L-67°; hum: H-90% L-65%; IAS: 29.98; DA: 1300 to 700; AW: NE 10 knots gusting to 20 knots.				
3.	0745		(C) Bde S2 to S2: At 131758H Dec 69 Co A/2-1 Inf S M Bde SF received 4 to 6 incoming mortars rounds, 30 to 40 S2 (From SP4 Boq- rounds of small arms fire 600 meters SW from BT uard). 089323. Resulting in 14 US WIA, 3 PT WIA. Artillery was fired on grid and gunship worked area over.				
4.	0800		(U) SGT Wiktorski (SW) relieved SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) SW as RTO.				
5.	0805		(U) CO Co C (CPT Thomas): 2nd plat closed LZ Sib SW eria.				
6.	0835		(C) CO Co A (CPT Wilson): 1st plat loc at AT 863- S M SW 239; 3rd plat closed DDP at AT 869239.				
7.		0850	(U) S3 (Maj Lee) to Charger Dustoff: Request dust S SW off for 4 US (Routine) personnel. Dustoff ship #603 ETA: before 1100 hours.				
8.	1010		(C) CO Co A: 1st plat loc at AT 868227; 2nd plat S M SW loc at AT 871243.				
9.	1100		(U) CO Co A: 1st plat closed DDP. S SW				
10.	1110		(C) Bde S3 to S3: VMAF request clearance for air- S M Bde SW strikes in the following grids: AT 965058, AT 844 S3 (Cleared by 040, and AT 863027. Time Frame: 141800H to 151800H (CPT Mantell) S3 Dec 69. Air). (Received by SGT Butler).				
11.	1125		(U) Dustoff #603: Dustoff complete. (Refer to entry S SW 7).				
12.	1205		(U) CO Co A: 2nd plat closed DDP. S SW				
13.	1210		(C) S-5 (LZ Karen): MACV Advisors request AO ext- S M Bde SW ension for Regional Forces Combat Operations in the S3 (Cleared by following area: AT 9227 to AT 920255 to AT 930260 S3 Air). (Receive to AT 9324 to AT 9524 to AT 9527 to AT 9227. Time by SGT Butler). Frame: ASAP to Indefinite.				

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14.		1255	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Activities for 15 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A: will continue recon in force in area A; AT 880260, AT 880235, along river to AT 840240, AT 840260, AT 880260. Co B: SATNDDOWN. Co C: will secure LZ West. Co D: 1 plat will secure LZ Siberia; Co minus 1 plat screen in area D; AT 880232, AT 880210, AT 890210, AT 890200, AT 870200, AT 870222, along river to AT 880232. Recon plat: will conduct recon in force in area R; AT 950250, AT 950270, AT 973270, along CFZ to AT 980263, AT 980250, AT 960250. Note: Regional Forces (RF) and Popular Forces (PF) will continue operations in area V; AT 950270, AT 950240, AT 930240, along CFZ to AT 920255, AT 920270, AT 950270.	S M Bde	SW		
				S3 (Received by SP4 Morrow).			
15.	1320		(U) CO Co C: 2nd sqd of 1st plat departing on wire sweep.	S	SW		
16.	1400		(U) Church services were held for HHC, Recon plat, C Co, and 3/82 Artillery.	S	SW		
17.	1510		(C) Bde S3 to S3: 3/21 Inf request time extension on AO extension #D. Extend time from 162400H to 182400H Dec 69.	S M Bde	SW		
				S3 (Cleared by S3 Air). (Received by SP4 Morrow),			
18.	1530		(U) CO Co D (CPT Lynch): 2nd plat departing LZ Siberia.	S	SW		
19.	1605		(U) CO Co A: Element moving to NDP.	S	SW		
20.	1605		(U) CO Co C: 2nd sqd of 1st plat closed LZ West.	S	SW		
21.	1605		(U) CO Co D: 3rd plat departing LZ Siberia.	S	SW		
22.	1610		(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night Activities for 14 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A will NDP at AT 873239; 1st plat will have 2 night patrols; 1 from 2000 hours to 0130 hours to the west of NDP and 1 from 2000 hours to 0200 hours to the south of NDP. Co B: STANDDOWN. Co C will secure LZ West; 2nd plat will ambush at BT 009244. Co D 1st plat and CP will secure LZ Siberia; 2nd plat will ambush at AT 876219; 3rd plat will NDP at AT 877217; 1st sqd will ambush at AT 879216. Recon plat will NDP at LZ West and provide local security.	S M Bde	SW		
				S3 (Received by SGT Stroehler).			
23.	1630		(C) CO Co A: Element loc in NDP at AT 873239.	S M	SW		
24.	1630		(U) SP4 Blanchard (GB) relieved SGT Wiktorski (SW)	S	GB		

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1.	0001		(U) Journal opened by SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO.		CF		
2.	0535		(U) Bde S2 to S2 (CPT Mercado): The Weather Report is as follows: General Area: mostly cloudy, windy, cool, and drizzle. 3 day outlook: improving with increasing winds. low vis: 1 mile, light rain and fog; low ceiling: 800'; temp: H-70° L-65° hum: H-100% L-80%; DA: 1100 to 700; IAS: 29.98; AW: 10 knots; Daily rainfall: 0.40 inches; monthly rainfall: 2.81 inches.	S Bde S2 (From SP4 Parks).	CF		
3.	0715		(U) Rattler 13 (C/C) Command and Control Helicopter On station; sent to Hawk Hill due to weather at LZ West.		CF		
4.	0810		(U) CO Co C (CPT Thomas): 2nd plat closed LZ West	S	CF		
5.	0810		(U) CO Co A (CPT Wilson): Request dustoff for 2 US personnel, 1 with eye injury and 1 FUO 103°. (Routine). Dustoff ship #603. Neg ETA.	S	CF		
6.		0820	(C) S3 (Maj Lee) to Bde S3: Request Sky Spots in the following grids: (1) AT 815210, (2) AT 818273 (3) AT 865276, (4) AT 890121, (5) AT 951213. Request backups in the following grids: (1) AT 968218, (2) AT 903183, (3) AT 885127, (4) AT 868275, (5) AT 861271. Request Preplans in the following grids: (1) AT 915175, (2) AT 950190, (3) AT 955202.	S M Bde	CF		
7.	0830		(U) CO Co A: All elements loc in NDP of 14 Dec 69	S	CF		
8.	0830		(U) SGT Wiktorski (SW) relieved SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO.		SW		
9.	0840		(U) CO Co A: Co up on both pills.	S	SW		
10.	0845		(U) S3 to Bde S3: Request EOD Team from Bde.	S	SW		
11.	0850		(C) CO Co D (CPT Lynch): 2nd plat loc at AT 875220 and 3rd plat loc at AT 878220.	S M	SW		
12.	0910		(U) Recon plat (2LT Rapp): Element departing LZ West.	S	SW		
13.	0915		(U) CO Co D: Element up on both pills.	S	SW		
14.	0920		(U) Bde S3 to S3: Request LZ West's weather condition.	S	SW		
15.	0925		(U) CO Co A: Element moving to NDP.	S	SW		

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16.		0930	(C) S3 to Dustoff: Ground contact for A Co changed to T-74.	S	SW		
17.	0930		(C) Bde S2 to S2: Division request Aerial Personnel Detector (APD) Sniffer Mission to be run on 16-1300H to 161530H Dec 69, in the following area: AT 900200 on trail to AT 919107 along west bank of river east along stream to BT 020030 southwest along stream to BT 000010 north to AT 995034 west along stream to AT 954035 SE on east bank of river to AS 978981 northeast to AS 995995 east to BS 020993 southeast to BS 040970 southeast to BS 125945 northeast along stream to BS 150019 east along river to BS 235995 east along trail BT 279010. (Cleared by (CPT Mantell) S3 Air). Division also request Sniffer Mission (APD) to be flown on 1713-00H 171530H Dec 69 in the following area: AS 9000 east to BT 0700 south to BS 0794 west to BS 0494 north to BS 0496 west to AS 9096 north to starting point except in portion which falls in strike zone W.	S M Bde S2	SW		
18.	0945		(C) Bde S2 to S2: Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (IRRP) which were to be inserted in grid box: UL AT 8120; LR AT 8417 have been cancelled by Bde S3.	S M Bde S3 (From SGT Lin-ton).	SW		
19.	0955		(C) CO Co D: 2nd plat loc at AT 875220; 3rd plat loc at AT 876215.	S M	SW		
20.	1010		(C) Recon plat: Element loc in DDP at AT 969251.	S M	SW		
21.	1010		(U) CO Co C: Request permission to blow M-26 grenade in front of bunker 34. Permission granted.	S	SW		
22.	1015		(C) CO Co A: Co minus loc at AT 865237.	S M	SW		
23.	1020		(U) CO Co C: Dud M-26 grenade blown in place.	S	SW		
24.	1045		(C) Bde S3 to S3: On 22 Dec 69 Cardinal Cooke will hold Christmas services in Chu Lai at the Amphitheater. Major Saint requests that 25 personnel from each battalion attend.	S	SW		
25.	1055		(U) CO Co A: Co minus loc at AT 854236.	S M	SW		
26.	1100		(C) CO Co D: 2nd plat loc at AT 876213; 3rd plat loc at AT 875220.	S M	SW		
27.	1105		(U) Recon plat: Element moving to second DDP.	S	SW		
28.	1113		(U) CO Co A: Element moving	S	SW		

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29.	1200		(C) CO Co D: 2nd plat loc at AT 878215; 3rd plat loc at AT 876212.	S M	SW		
30.	1205		(C) CO Co A: Co minus loc at AT 849237.	S M	SW		
31.	1210		(C) Recon plat: Element loc at AT 968262.	S M	SW		
32.		1300	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Activities for 16 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A: will continue to recon in force in area A; AT 830260, AT 880260, AT 880235, along river to AT 830260. Be prepared to shift east on order. Co B: STANDDOWN. Co C: will continue to secure LZ West. Conduct 2 reinforced sqd size sweeps along routes C1; AT 990251, AT 995263, AT 999257, AT 990251, and C2; AT 990251, AT 975250, AT 975240, AT 980240, AT 980247, AT 990251. Co D: 1st plat will secure LZ Siberia; 1 plat will screen in area D; AT 870222, along river to AT 880232, AT 880215, AT 910215, AT 910210, AT 890210, AT 890200, AT 870200, AT 870222. Be prepared to shift east on order. Recon plat: will continue recon in force in area R; AT 970250, AT 970280, AT 940280, AT 940270, AT 950270, AT 950250, AT 970250. Be prepared to shift northwest on order. Note: Hiep Duc Regional Forces (RF) and Popular Forces (PF) will continue independent daylight operations in area V; AT 950270, AT 950240, AT 920240, AT 920270, AT 950270.	S M Bde	SW		
33.	1305		(C) CO Co D: 2nd plat loc at AT 879218; 3rd plat loc at AT 879213.	S M	SW		
34.	1310		(C) S5 to S2: At 1300 hours, Vietnamese of Que Son report having found 2 250 lb bombs at BT 001-277 and AT 998277. Bombs will be destroyed.	S M Bde	SW		
35.	1330		(C) CO Co A: 2nd and 3rd plats departing on sweeps	S	SW		
36.	1330		(C) CO Co D: At 1330 hours, AT 874216, sqd of 3rd plat detained 1 VCS male dressed in green T shirt and shorts. Neg ID card, pack or weapon. Approximately 24 or 25 years old. Did not try to evade. Will be extracted to LZ West.	S M Bde	SW		
37.		1340	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Request EOD Team from Bde to work with our S5 to blow dud 250 lb bombs.	S	SW		
38.	1402		(U) CO Co D: Reinforced sqd departing to pickup VCS and return to LZ Siberia.				
39.	1430		(U) CO Co A: 3rd plat closed DDP.	S	SW		

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40.	1430		(U) Recon plat: 1st sqd departing on sweep.	S	SW		
41.	1445		(U) Bde S3 to S3: Pickup EOD Team at 160900H Dec 69 to take care of M-79 rounds and 2 dud 250 lb bombs.	S	SW		
42.	1500		(C) Bde S3 to S3: Division G-3 request clearance for airstrike at grid at AT 8602. Time Frame: ASA to 151800H Dec 69.	S M Bde	SW		
43.	1510		(C) Bde S3 to S3: 4/6 Inf request clearance for Sky Spot at grid AT 86350270. Time Frame: 151800H Dec 69 to 160600H Dec 69.	S M Bde	SW		
44.	1510		(U) CO Co D: Reinforced sqd has linked up with 3rd plat at AT 877218.	S M	SW		
45.		1530	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night Activities for 15 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A will NDP at AT 852238; 2nd plat will ambush at AT 854237; 3rd plat will ambush at AT 847239. Co B STANDDOWN. Co C continue to secure LZ West and provide local security. Co D 1st plat and Co CP secure LZ Siberia; 2nd plat will ambush at AT 875217; 3rd plat will NDP at AT 876211; 1st sqd of 3rd plat will ambush at AT 877209. Recon plat will NDP at AT 955256; 1st sqd will ambush at AT 955260.	S M Bde	SW		
46.	1535		(U) CO Co A: 2nd plat closed DDP.	S	SW		
47.	1535		(C) CO Co D: At 1530 hours, 1 of detainees have been released. Kit Carson said that he was 49 years old and did not know anything about any VC. He was returned to Hiep Duc.	S M Bde	SW		
48.	1600		(U) Recon plat: 1st sqd closed.	S	SW		
49.	1615		(C) S5 (Que Son): At 1600 hours, the local people have reported that there are approximately 80 VC armed with approximately 40 weapons. 3 M-79s, 1 60mm mortar tube, 1 60mm machinegun, assorted AKs and Artillery will be fired on these locs AT 999285 and AT 998295. (C-3 Rating).	S M Bde	SW		
50.	1620		(C) Recon plat: At 1605 hours, AT 965269, engaged 1 VC evading east out of a hootch. VC evaded successfully to the east. Hootch was searched finding 1 NVA canteen, 2 hammocks, a few medical supplies all of which was in a small bag. Also found about	S M Bde	SW		

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50.	(Continued)		(C) 10 lbs of polished rice. All was destroyed except hootch which will be raided tonight.				
51.	1630		(U) S-4 (1LT Simms): Request permission to leave net. Permission granted.	S	SW		
52.	1630		(U) SP4 Blanchard (GB) relieved SGT Wiktorski (SW) as RTO.		GB		
53.	1645		(U) CO Co D: CP closed LZ Siberia; 2nd plat loc at AT 877218; 3rd plat NDP at AT 876211; 1st sqd of 3rd plat night ambush at AT 877209.	S M	GB		
54.		1700	(C) S2 to Bde S2: At 1700 hours, AT 936275. Sensors Team detected 8 personnel moving east to west 105's from LZ Siberia expended 10 rounds of fire - cracker. Results: movement ceased.	S M Bde	GB		
55.	1715		(U) Recon plat: Element moving to NDP.	S	GB		
56.	1715		(U) At 1700 hours Night Duty Officer (NDO) (1LT Allen) came on duty.	S	GB		
57.	1810		(C) Recon plat: Found TRC-3 detective device in NDP at AT 955256.	S M	GB		
58.	1810		(U) Recon plat: Element loc in NDP.	S	GB		
59.	1830		(C) CO Co E (CPT Brandon): The Line Nine report is as follows: 1-9, 2-0, 3-9, 4-26, 5-0, 6-26, 7-24, 8-0 and 9-2.	S	GB		
60.	1845		(U) CO Co A: 2nd and 3rd plat to night ambush loc	S	GB		
61.	1850		(C) S-5 (LZ Karen): Night Loc for RF/PF are as follows: (1) AT 915245, (2) AT 915246, (3) AT 922248, (4) AT 912247, (5) AT 913245, (6) AT 904246, (7) AT 912245, (8) AT 913230, (9) AT 915225.	S M	GB		
62.	1930		(U) Sent Co D Activities for 16 Dec 69.	S	GB		
63.	2000		(U) Sent Co A and Recon plat Activities for 16 Dec 69.	S	GB		
64.	2025		(U) CO Co A: Neg movement on perimeter.	S	GB		
65.	2025		(U) PFC Caballero (SC) relieved SP4 Blanchard (GB) as RTO.		SC		
66.	2025		(C) CO Co D: Request change of Internal Freq because of Korean override. Advised them to go up or down 5 to 10 on Internal push.	S	SC		
67.	2040		(U) Recieved resupply list from S-5 One Son.	S	SC		

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1.	0001		(U) Journal opened by SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO.		CF		
2.	0105		(U) CO Co G (CPT Thomas): Bunker line on Green Alert Status.	S	CF		
3.	0215		(U) Co A, Co D, and Recon plat neg situation report.	S	CF		
4.	0300		(U) CO Co G: Make commo check; loud and clear.	S	CF		
5.	0400		(U) Co A, Co D, and Recon plat; neg situation report.	S	CF		
6.	0530		(U) Co A, Co D, and Recon plat; neg situation report.	S	CF		
7.	0540		(U) Bde S2 to S2 (CPT Mercado): The Weather Report is as follows: General Area: cloudy with rain. temp: H-69° I-66°: 100% to 90%; DA: 900 to 600; d). IAS: 30.01; AW: NW to NE 10 knots with gusts to 15 knots; low vis: 1/2 mile; low ceiling: 300'.	S Bde S2	CF		
8.	0550		(U) 4/31 Inf entered the Bde Command Net.	S	CF		
9.	0630		(U) Co A, Co D, and Recon plat; neg situation report.	S	CF		
10.	0645		(U) Que Son: Weather Report: 2 miles vis. light rain.	S	CF		
11.	0650		(U) CO Co A (CPT Wilson): NDP becomes DDP; secured by sqd of 2nd plat; rest of Co raid to the west.	S	CF		
12.	0655		(U) CO Co A: Night ambush also at BDP as security (sqd of 3rd plat).	S	CF		
13.	0655		(U) LZ Karen: Weather Report: 0 ceiling and 0 vis.	S	CF		
14.	0715		(U) CO Co A: Element moving to loc of raid.	S	CF		
15.	0730		(U) Night Duty Officer (NDO) (1LT Allen) relieved by S3 Air (CPT Mantell).	S	CF		
16.	0740		(C) Bde S3 to S3 (Maj Lee): Unable to contact EOD Team. Their loc is unknown at present.	S Bde S3	CF		
17.	0750		(U) CO Co D (CPT Lynch): Elements still loc at NDP.	S	CF		
18.	0750		(U) Recon plat (2LT Rapp): NDP became DDP; Night ambush closing DDP.	S	CF		
19.		0815	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Request Sky Spots in the following grids on 17 Dec 69: (1) AT 815210, (2) AT 865-276, (3) AT 890121. Also request backups in the following grids: (1) AT 903183, (2) AT 885127, (3) AT 868275, (4) AT 861271. Request Preplans in the following grids.	S M Bde	CF		

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19.	(Continued)		(C) owing grids for 17 Dec 69: AT 915175.					
20.	0815		(U) SGT Wiktorski (SW) relieved SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO.					SW
21.	0840		(U) CO Co C: 1st plat departing on sweep.				S	SW
22.		0845	(U) S3 to Charger Dustoff: Request dustoff for 3 US personnel; 1 with eye injury and 2 FUOs. (Routine) Dustoff ship #603. ETA: neg.				S	SW
23.	0850		(U) CO Co D: 2nd plat loc at AT 875222; 3rd plat loc at AT 877220.				S M	SW
24.	0855		(C) CO Co A: Co minus 2 sqds loc at AT 840240; 1st sqd of 2nd plat and 1st sqd of 3rd plat loc at AT 852238.				S M	SW
25.	0900		(U) Recon plat: Night ambush closed NDP.				S	SW
26.	0905		(U) CO Co C: 1st sqd of 1st plat departing on wire sweep.				S	SW
27.	0935		(U) CO Co A: Raid completed. Neg results.				S	SW
28.	0950		(U) Recon plat: 2nd sqd departing on sweep.				S	SW
29.	0955		(U) Recon plat: Element up on pill.				S	SW
30.	0955		(U) CO Co D: Element up on pill.				S	SW
31.	1000		(U) Recon plat: 1st sqd departing on sweep.				S	SW
32.	1020		(C) CO Co A: Co minus 1 plat closed DDP; 3rd plat loc at AT 840240.				S M	SW
33.	1020		(C) Bde S3 to S3: On Sunday, 21 Dec 69, at 1100 hours, Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffman will conduct Protestant services at the Chu Lai Amphitheater. Major Saint requests 25 personnel from each battalion attend.				S	SW
34.	1025	1025	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Effective 170001H until further notice new area of operation for 4/31 Inf: from AT 880280 to AT 910280 to AT 910258 along CFZ to AT 896244 along river to AT 880235 to AT 880280.				S M Bde S3 (Received by CPT Wilson)	SW
35.	1040		(U) CO Co A: 3rd plat closed DDP; up on pill.				S	SW
36.	1100		(C) CO Co D: 2nd plat loc at AT 879228; 3rd plat				S M	SW

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36.	(Continued)	(C) loc at AT 879209.						
37.	1105	(U) CO Co A: All elements loc in DDP.					S	SW
38.	1155	(C) CO Co D: 2nd plat loc at AT 879228; 3rd plat loc at AT 883206					S M	SW
39.	1155	(C) Recon plat: At 1125 hours, questioned 1 old VN female and she stated that she knew 4 VC names which are as follows: (1) Tran Ngoc Hoang, (2) Tran Ngoc, (3) Tran Ngoc Nha, (4) Tran Ngoc Toa. She stated that these 4 VC run with a group of local VC. They are armed with 3 AK-47s, 1 M-79 and 1 M-72 IAW. She stated that she last saw these VC in AT 919275 on 15 Dec 69.					S M Bde	SW
40.	1230	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Request 3 CH-47s ACFT for air-lift from Chu Lai to LZ West. LZs and PZs are secure. Neg gunships escort required. Total pax: 126					S M Bde	SW
		Time Frame: 170730H to 170910H Dec 69. Alternate Time Frame: (if only 1 CH-47 available): 170730H to 171130H Dec 69.					S3 (Received by SGT Linton)	
		SORTIE ACFT PZ/TIME LZ/TIME PAX/UNIT						
		1 CH-47 Chu Lai/0730 LZ West/0800 34/Co B						
		2 CH-47 Chu Lai/0730 LZ West/0800 34/Co B						
		3 CH-47 Chu Lai/0730 LZ West/0800 34/Co B						
		RELEASE 2 CH-47s ACFT						
		4 CH-47 LZ West/0805 Chu Lai/0835						
		5 CH-47 Chu Lai/0840 LZ West/0910 24/Co B						
		ALTERNATE:						
		1 CH-47 Chu Lai/0730 LZ West/0800 34/Co B						
		2 CH-47 LZ West/0805 Chu Lai/0835						
		3 CH-47 Chu Lai/0840 LZ West/0910 34/Co B						
		4 CH-47 LZ West/0915 Chu Lai/0945						
		5 CH-47 Chu Lai/0950 LZ West/1020 34/Co B						
		6 CH-47 LZ West/1025 Chu Lai/1055						
		7 CH-47 Chu Lai/1100 LZ West/1130 24/Co B						
		Ground Contacts: Chu Lai---23rd Set Control						
		LZ West---LAWN 54						
		Frequency: AIR/GROUND---34.55						
		Request 10 UH-1B ACFT and Command and Control (C/C)						
		Helicopter for C/A from LZ West to field loc at AT 939212. PZ is secure. LZ is not secure. Request 2						
		gunships for escort. Total pax: 126. Time Frame: 171500H to 171517H Dec 69.						
		LIFT ACFT PZ/TIME LZ/TIME PAX/UNIT						
		1 5XUH-1D LZ West/1500 AT 939212/1505 35/Co B						

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40.	(Continued)		(C) Schedule for airlift is as follows:																																
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			Ground Contact: LZ West-----IAWN 54																																
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			Request 4 high-performance acfts and FAC for Prep of LZ, AT 939212, for C/A bomb load: CBU. FAC to arrive on station NLT171330H Dec 69. Ordinance to be delivered on target commencing 171425H Dec 69.																																
			Ground Contact: LZ West-----YUMA IAWN 54																																
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41.	1230		(C) S3 to Bde S3: Activities for 17 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A: conduct recon in force in area A; AT 880280, AT 960280, AT 960233, along river to AT 940235, AT 940270, AT 918270, along stream to AT 897244, along river to AT 880235, AT 880280. Co B: lift from Chu Lai to LZ West 170730H Dec 69. Conduct C/A from LZ West to AT 939212 and conduct recon in force in area B; AT 917220, AT 970220, AT 970190, AT 953190, along river to AT 917220. Co C: continue to secure LZ West. Co D: continue to screen in area D; AT 900214, AT 915214, along river to AT 951190, AT 900190, AT 900214. Recon plat: return to LZ West along route R; AT 964271, AT 973210, AT 980267, AT 987260, AT 987254, AT 990250 and assist in defense of LZ West.	S M Bde SW	SGT (Received by Strohler).																														
42.	1235		(C) Recon plat: Have received 2 more names of local VC which are (1) Tran Ngho Tan, (2) Tran Ngho Tom S2 (Received Questioned a small VC boy that stated the local VC by SGT Linton). are in a hootch loc at AT 950284 and armed with a total of 11 AK-47s, 3 M-79s and 1 M-72 IAW. Artillery was processed on grid with unknown results.	S M Bde SW	S2 (Received by SGT Linton).																														
43.	1300		(C) Bde S3 to S3: 1st Marines request clearance for "Ripple" airstrikes in the following grids: AT 813264 to AT 815265. Time Frame: ASAP to 170600H Dec 69.	S M Bde SW	S3 (Cleared by S3 Air). (Received by PFC Das her).																														
44.	1305		(C) CO Co D: 2nd plat loc at AT 879217; 3rd plat	S M	SW																														

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44.	(Continued)		(C) loc at AT 882204.					
45.	1305		(U) CO Co C: 1st plat closed LZ West; 3rd plat departing on sweep.				S	SW
46.	1330		(U) Recon plat: Found small gas mask/firing device (claymore).				S	SW
47.	1330		(C) S-5 (Que Son): Civilians reported finding 1 250 lb bomb at AT 995275.				S M	SW
48.	1355		(C) GO Co D: 3rd plat loc at AT 879208; 2nd plat loc at AT 881216.				S M	SW
49.	1400		(U) CO Co C: 3rd plat found 1 dud M-26 grenade 75 meters in front of bunker 27. S3 gave permission to blow it.				S	SW
50.	1455		(U) CO Co A: 2nd plat closed DDP.				S	SW
51.	1500		(U) CO Co A: Received night ambushes.				S	SW
52.	1515		(C) CO Co D: 2nd plat loc at AT 880224; 3rd plat loc at AT 882234.				S M	SW
53.	1530		(C) Recon plat: At 1330 hours, AT 950284, detained 1 VCS approximately 53 years old dressed in black pajamas. Neg pack or weapon. He stated that VC were by SGT (inton). in a hootch where artillery was processed. While checking out area found 1 claymore firing device and 1 gas mask. (Refer to entry 46).				S M Bde	SW
54.	1530		(C) Bde S3 to S3: G-3 operations granted the following AO and strike zone for use of recon element under OPCON to CG-3rd MAF. Time Frame: 161200H Dec to 152400H Jan 70. Extension follows: from AS 7898 east to AS 8998 south to AS 8995 west to AS 7895 north to AS 7898.				S M Bde S3 (From SGT St	SW
55.	1545		(C) S2 to Bde S2: While seeking out 8 VC who were evading Recon plat came across the following items at grid AT 950286: 1 PRC 25-freq: 50.30, 86 51 cal rounds, 1 AK-50, 1 SKS, 30 M-16 magazines, 1000 M-16 rounds, 5 82mm mortar rounds, 20 M-79 rounds, 20 AK-47 rounds and 6 sets of clothing, black pajamas and khakis. They also came across a base camp at the same grid. The plat Kit Carson stated that the VC probably evaded to AT 948305.				S M Bde S2 (Received by SP4 Burrueno).	SW
56.	1545		(U) CO Co A: Element departing DDP to NDP.				S	SW
57.	1610		(U) Recon plat: Returning to DDP.				S	SW

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58.	1610	Delayed Entry	(U) SP4 Blanchard (GB) relieved SGT Wiktorski (SW) as RTO, at 1455 hours.		GB		
59.	16	1650	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night Activities for 16 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A will NDP at AT 867238; 1st sqd of 3rd plat will have night patrol to the east of NDP into AO for 17 Dec 69. Time Frame: 2100 to 2400 hours. 3rd plat 2nd sqd will have night patrol to the south of NDP. Time Frame: 2400 to 0300 hours. Co B STANDDOWN. Co C will secure LZ West. Co D Co CP and 1st plat will secure LZ Siberia; 2nd plat will have a night ambush at AT 879228; 3rd plat will NDP at AT 882203; 3rd sqd of 3rd plat will ambush at AT 878210. Recon plat will NDP at AT 955256 and provide local security.	S M Bde	GB		
60.	1705		(C) Recon plat: Will sweep loc AT 957265.	S M	GB		
61.	1735		(C) Recon plat: Element closed NDP at AT 955265.	S M	GB		
62.	1740		(U) CO Co A: Dustoff complete. (Refer to entry 22) (2 pax).	S	GB		
63.	1750		(C) Recon plat: SN on radio (PRC 25) is 8202.	S	GB		
64.	1755		(U) S-5 to S3: PX list relayed.	S	GB		
65.	1820		(U) Sent Activities for 17 Dec 69 to Co A.	S	GB		
66.	1855		(C) S-5 (LZ Karen): Night Loc for Regional Forces (RF) and Popular Forces (PF) are as follows: (1) AT 912248, (2) AT 919247, (3) AT 916245, (4) AT 913248, (5) AT 904246, (6) AT 903245, (7) AT 913237, (8) AT 911230, (9) AT 911224.	S M	GB		
67.	1900		(C) CO Co E (CPT Brandon): The Line Nine Report is as follows: 1-8, 2-1, 3-7, 4-14, 5-2, 6-16, 7-16, 8-0 and 9-0.	S	GB		
68.		1915	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Recon plat reports that detainee that was apprehended on 16 Dec 69 (Refer to entry 53) stated that there were about 10 VC at AT 948305. Artillery did not fire.	S M Bde	GB		
69.		2050	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Hiep Duc Intelligence reports enemy to be in the following areas: At AT 845274 and AT 860274 400 VC/NVA. At AT 868274 believed to be Hqs unit Regimental size. At AT 915180, 350 VC/NVA. At AT 980174, 300 VC/NVA believed to be 31st	S M Bde	GB		

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2.	0130		(U) Co A, Co D, Recon plat: Neg situation report.	S	CF		
3.	0300		(U) Co A, Co D, Recon plat: Neg situation report.	S	CF		
4.		0405	(C) S2 (CPT Mercado) to Bde S2: At 0400 hours, Sensor device detected 6 individuals moving from south to north in grid AT 984228. 105's from LZ Siberia fired 4 rounds of HE with unknown results.	S M Bde	CF		
5.	0545		(U) Bde S2 to S2: The Weather Report is as follows: General Area: cloudy, rain and drizzle. 3 day outlook: little change; low vis: 1/2 mile; low ceiling: 300' and broken; temp: H-70° L-66°; Hum: H-100% L-90%; DA: N/W - N/E; AW: 5 to 15 knots; IAS: 30.04; Daily rainfall: 4.69; Monthly rainfall: 10.02.	S	CF		
6.	0700		(U) S3 Air (CPT Mantell) relieved Night Duty Officer (1LT Allen).	S	CF		
7.		0750	(C) S3 (Maj Lee) to Bde S3: Request Sky Spots in the following grids: (1) AT 815210, (2) AT 895115, (3) AT 865276, (4) AT 890121, (5) AT 820174. Request Preplans in the following grids: (1) AT 915175, (2) AT 817213, (3) ZC 219204. Backups are as follows: (1) AT 794230, (2) AT 903183, (3) AT 885127, (4) AT 868275, (5) AT 861271.	S M	CF		
8.	0755		(U) CO Co A (CPT Wilson): NDP becomes DDP.	S	CF		
9.	0755		(U) Recon plat (2LT Rapp): NDP becomes DDP.	S	CF		
10.	0800		(U) SGT Wiktorski (SW) relieved SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO.		SW		
11.	0845		(U) Recon plat: 1st sqd departing on sweep.	S	SW		
12.	0900		(U) CO Co C (CPT Thomas): 2nd plat departing on sweep.	S	SW		
13.	0905		(U) CO Co C: Request permission to blow dud M-26 grenade in front of bunker #3. Permission granted by S3 Air.	S	SW		
14.	0908		(U) CO Co C: M-26 destroyed.	S	SW		
15.	0925		(U) CO Co A: Element up on pills.	S	SW		

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16.	0930		(U) CO Co A: 1st plat moving on sweep.	S	SW		
17.	1000		(U) CO Co D (CPT Lynch): Spotted approximately 15 VC/NVA at grid AT 950237. 1st sqd sent to investigate.	S M	SW		
18.	1010		(C) Recon plat: 1st sqd loc at AT 955273.	S M	SW		
19.	1025		(U) CO Co C: 2nd plat closed LZ West.	S	SW		
20.	1050		(U) CO Co D: 1st plat closed LZ Siberia.	S	SW		
21.	1055		(C) Recon plat: 1st sqd loc at AT 947262.	S M	SW		
22.	1130		(C) CO Co D: 2nd plat closed LZ Siberia; 3rd plat loc at AT 882203.	S M	SW		
23.		1140	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Activities for 17 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A: Conduct recon in force from west to east in area A; AT 880235, AT 880280, AT 940280, AT 940270, along CFZ to AT 897245, along river to AT 880235. Co B: STANDDOWN. Co C: Continue to secure LZ West. Co D: 1 plat secure LZ Siberia; Co minus 1 plat screen and conduct recon in force in area D; AT 880230, along CFZ to AT 910215, AT 910210, AT 890210, AT 890200, AT 870200, AT 870222, along river to AT 880230. Recon plat: Continue recon in force in area R; AT 940280, AT 970280, AT 970250, AT 950250, AT 950270, AT 940270, AT 940280.	S M Bde S3 (Received by SP4 Morrow).	SW		
24.	1145		(U) Bde S3 to S3: All aircrafts request postponed until 18 Dec 69.	S	SW		
25.	1230		(U) Recon plat: 1st sqd closed DDP.	S	SW		
26.	1315		(C) Bde S3 to S3: Until further notice all troop movements by UH-1s are cancelled. Reason: The first available flying day will require all UH-1s to resupply units throughout the Americal Division. Plan accordingly! Add: The only exception is as a reaction to a known enemy action or intelligence.	S	SW		
27.	1405		(C) Bde S3 to S3: 3/21 Inf request AO extension # D be extended until 242400H Dec 69.	S M Bde S3 (Cleared by S3 Air (Received by SP4 Morrow).	SW		
28.	1410		(U) CO Co D: 1st plat departing LZ Siberia.	S	SW		

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29.	1410		(U) Recon plat: 2nd sqd departing on rice gathering detail.	S	SW			
30.	1415		(C) CO Co D: 3rd plat loc at AT 882203.	S M	SW			
31.		1450	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Activities for 18 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A: Conduct recon in force from west to east in area A; AT 880235, AT 880280, AT 960280, AT 960233, along river to AT 940236, AT 940255, AT 950258, AT 950268, AT 940265, along CFZ to AT 897-245, along river to AT 880235. Co B: STANDDOWN. Co C: Continue to secure LZ West. Co D: 1 plat secure LZ Siberia; Co minus 1 plat screen and conduct recon in force in area D; AT 870222, AT 870-200, AT 890210, AT 910210, AT 910215, along CFZ to AT 880230, along river to AT 870222. Recon plat: Return to LZ West and assist in defense of hill.	S M Bde S3 (Received by SP4 Morrow).	SW			
32.		1450	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night Activities for 17 Dec 69 is as follows: Co A will NDP at AT 901254; 1st plat will have 2 ambushes at grids AT 893254 and AT 904260. Co B STANDDOWN. Co C will continue to secure LZ West and provide local security. Co D 2nd plat and CP will secure LZ Siberia; 1st plat will NDP at AT 887202; 2nd sqd will have ambush at AT 894206; 3rd plat will have ambush at AT 88211. Recon plat will NDP at AT 968262 and provide local security.	S M Bde S3 (Received by SP4 Morrow).	SW			
33.	1500		(C) CO Co D: 1st plat loc at AT 885220.	S M	SW			
34.	1530		(U) CO Co A: Element moving to NDP.	S	SW			
35.	1540		(U) Recon plat: 2nd sqd closed DDP.	S	SW			
36.	1615		(C) CO Co D: 1st plat loc at AT 882202 along with 3rd plat.	S M	SW			
37.	1615		(U) PFC Caballero (SC) relieved SGT Wiktorski (SW) as RTO.		SC			
38.	1700		(C) CO Co E (CPT Brandon): The Line Nine Report is as follows: 1-2, 2-1, 3-1, 4-2, 5-16, 6-18, 7-16, 8-0 and 9-2.	S	SC			
39.	1705		(C) Bde S3 to S3: Request for convoy from LZ Baldy to LZ Ross has been cleared by the 7th Marines. When arriving at LZ Ross, contact "Big Flower". Radion freq will be 50.40. Between LZ Baldy and LZ Ross no trucks will be available because of condit	S	SC			

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39.	(Continued)		(C) ion of roads, although MP escort will be provided personnel will not move on foot from LZ Ross to LZ West.					
40.	1730		(U) CO Co A: Element loc in NDP.	S	SC			
41.	1740		(U) Recon plat: Element moving for NDP.	S	SC			
42.	1745		(C) Bde S3 to S3: The following danger zones will be used by all elements of this Bde for planning mortar illum fire for obtaining clearance to fire mortar illum. #2 For 4.2. in and 81mm mortar fire the danger zone is the area 400 meters on each side of the gun target line. Extending from the point of fuze function to the predicted point of projectile impact. #3 Under no circumstances will illum missions be fired where debris will impact into densely populated areas, as will all missions both military and political, clearance from appropriate personnel prior to firing projectile. It is emphasised that debris from the illum projectile does not follow a predicted balastic pattern. Commanding Officers will insure that clearing agencies will use the above critera to determine the danger zone.	S	SC			
43.		1745	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Request artillery coverage for convoy from Hawk Hill to LZ Ross. Request that Bde coordinate will Marines. Also request artillery coverage 500 meters on each side of Highway 16 between LZ Ross to LZ West. Contact only.	S	SC			
44.	1810		(U) Recon plat: Element loc in NDP.	S	SC			
45.	1810		(U) NDB relieved S3 Air.	S	SC			
46.	1820		(C) Bde S3 to S3: The Bob Hope Troupe will give a Christmas show in Chu Lai at 1300 hours sometime, between the 22th and 28th Dec 69. The date will be announced NLT 48 hours prior to the show. Division has guaranteed Bde 4 hook sorties from LZ West to Chu Lai on the morning of the show. There will be 115 seats reserved for 4/31 Inf at Chu Lai. These chairs are for 4/31 Inf and the artillery personnel on LZ West and LZ Siberia. It is perferred, that these troops be combat troops. Only 90 personnel will be returned the night of the show. By 19 Dec	S	SC			

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46.	(Continued)		(C) Bde needs to know the exact number of personnel that will be there and the names of the officers and NCOs who will be accompanying the troops. Before the men depart LZ West they are to be searched for alcohol and all types of explosives. Bde also requests that the men be fed the noon meal before departing for Chu Lai.				
47.	1925		(U) CO Co D: Night ambushes are in position.	S	SC		
48.	2050		(U) CO Co A: Night ambushes are moving towards position.	S	SC		
49.	2130		(U) Received secure punch from Bde.	S	SC		
50.	2150		(U) CO Co A: Night ambushes in position.	S	SC		
51.	2359		(C) S-5 (LZ Karen): Night Loc for Regional Forces (RF) and Popular Forces (PF) are as follows: (1) AT 916248, (2) AT 921248, (3) AT 916246, (4) AT 912247, (5) AT 904244, (6) AT 903245, (7) AT 912237, (8) AT 911230, (9) AT 910228.	S M	SC		
52.	2359		(C) Bde S3 to S3: Request AO extension for 5th Special Forces for group #35. Time Frame: 190600H to 241800H Dec 69. Grids are as follows: (1) BT 030020, (2) BT 000020, (3) BT 030036, (4) BT 000050	S M Bde	SC		
53.	2400		(C) Summary: Co A continued to recon in force in assigned area with neg results. Co B STANDDOWN. Co C continued to secure LZ West with neg results. Co D continued to secure LZ Siberia; 1 plat continued to screen in assigned area with neg results. Recon plat continued to recon in force in assigned area with neg results.	S	SC		
54.	2400		(U) Journal closed by PFC Caballero (SC) as RTO.		SC		

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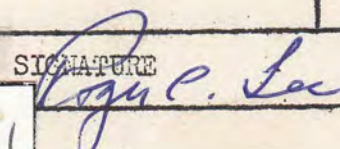
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1.	0001		(U) Journal opened by SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO.		CF			
2.	0200		(U) Bde S3 to S3 (Maj Lee): Secure punch set on date 17th Dec 69.	S	CF			
3.	0535		(U) Bde S2 to S2 (CPT Mercado): The Weather Report is as follows: General Area: cloudy with rain and fog. 3 day outlook: little change. low vis: 3/4 mile. low ceiling: 700' and broken; DA: 800' to 400'. temp: H-69° L-66°; hum: H-100% L-85%. AW: NW to NE 5 to 10 knots. IAS: 30.03.	S Bde S2 (From SP4 Boq-ward).	CF			
4.	0730		(U) CO Co A (CPT Wilson): NDP became DDP; 1st plat with CP; 2nd plat to sweep NW; 3rd plat to LZ Karen.	S	CF			
5.	0800		(U) SGT Wiktorski (SW) and SP4 Blanchard (GB) relieved SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO.		GB			
6.	0835		(U) CO Co A: Element up on malaria pills.	S	GB			
7.	0835		(U) Recon plat (2LT Rapp): Element moving out of NDP.	S	GB			
8.	0840		(U) CO Co A: 2nd and 3rd plats departing DDP.	S	GB			
9.	0900		(U) CO Co D (CPT Lynch): 1st and 3rd plats still loc in NDP.	S	GB			
10.	0945		(C) Bde S3 to S3: Intelligence indicators point to an increase in enemy attacks by fire, sapper and probing between dates: 18 Dec to 26 Dec 69. Hoi Chanh agents reports 19 Dec, 20 Dec and 22 Dec 69 as being enemy holidays. Relayed to 3/21 Inf.	S M	GB			
11.	1015		(U) Sent Points of Origin to Co A and Co D effective 19 Dec to 25 Dec 69 and CFZs.	S	GB			
12.	1015		(C) Recon plat: Element loc at AT 988270.	S M	GB			
13.	1045		(U) CO Co D: 1st plat captured 2 detainees ages: 50 and 17.	S	GB			
14.	1055		(C) Recon plat: Element loc at AT 997255.	S M	GB			
15.	1055		(C) CO Co D: At 0945, AT 887214, 1st plat detained 2 VCS approximate ages 50 and 17. 1 dressed in black pajamas and 1 dressed in black shirt and khaki trousers. Detained in a hootch. Neg pack or weapon. Did not try to evade. They will be extracted to LZ West when weather clears.	S M Bde S2 (Received by SGT Linton).	GB			
16.	1110		(C) CO Co A: 2nd plat loc at AT 893265.	S M	GB			
17.	1120		(C) Bde S3 to S3: Cipher changes are as follows:	S M	GB			

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17.	1130		(U) Recon plat: 20 to 30 min outside wire at LZ West.	S	GB			
18.	1135		(U) CO Co D: 2nd plat departing DDP to pick up detainees.	S	GB			
19.	1135		(U) CO Co A: 2nd plat closed DDP.	S	GB			
20.	1135		(U) Recon plat: Element entering wire at LZ West.	S	GB			
21.	1145		(U) S-5 (LZ Karen): Request dustoff for 1 VN with possible Thypoid fever. (Litter). Loc at AT 997277.	S M	GB			
22.	1150		(U) Recon plat: Element closed LZ West.	S	GB			
23.	1255		(C) CO Co D: At 1300 hours, AT 895213, detained 1 VCS male, approximately 35 years old. Neg pack or weapon. Detained in a hootch. Dressed in black pajamas. Detainee will be extracted to LZ West when weather clears.	S M Bde	GB			
24.	1300		(C) CO Co D: Detained 1 35 year old male at AT 895213.	S M	GB			
25.	1340		(U) CO Co B (CPT Hall): Element waiting for road clearance. Loc at LZ Baldy.	S	GB			
26.	1350		(U) Co A and Co D received Night Activities.	S	GB			
27.	1350		(U) CO Co C: 3rd plat departed LZ West.	S	GB			
28.	1355		(C) CO Co D: Released 2 detainees; 1 is 13 years old and 50 year old male is father of Regional Forces soldier at LZ Karen.	S	GB			
29.	1410		(U) CO Co B: Element moving from LZ Baldy.	S	GB			
30.	1410		(U) CO Co C: 2nd plat inside wire at LZ West.	S	GB			
31.		1420	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Activities for 19 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A: Continue to recon in force in area A; AT 920280, AT 920270, along CFZ to AT 897245, along river to AT 880235, AT 880280, AT 920280, Co B: Enter 4/31 Inf's AO and recon in force in area B; AT 970280, AT 970260, AT 950260, AT 950268, AT 940265, AT 940270, AT 920270, AT 920280, AT 970280. Be prepared to shift operations south on order. Co C: Continue to secure LZ West; conduct 2 reinforced sqd size sweeps along routes C1; AT 990251, AT 978-250, AT 978245, AT 985245, AT 990251 and C2. AT 990	S M Bde	GB			

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31.	(Continued)		(C) 251, AT 985257, AT 990259, AT 996257, AT 990251 Co D: 1 plat secure LZ Siberia; Co minus 1 plat screen and recon operations in area D; AT 870222, AT 870200, AT 890200, AT 890210, AT 910210, AT 910- 215, along CFZ to AT 880230, along river to AT 870- 222, Recon plat: Assist in defense of LZ West.						
32.	1445		(U) CO Co A: 2nd plat departing to blow 105 (dud) round.					S	GB
33.	1510		(U) CO Co B: Element closed LZ Ross.					S	GB
34.	1510		(U) S-5 (LZ Karen): Cancelled dustoff. (Refer to entry 21).					S	GB
35.		1540	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night Activities for 18 Dec 69 as follows: Co A will NDP at AT 906259; 2nd plat will night patrol NW of NDP and have a night ambush at AT 891266. Co B will NDP at AT 973270. Co C CP, 1st and 2nd plats will secure LZ West. 3rd plat will night ambush at BT 009244. Co D: Co CP and 2nd plat will secure LZ Siberia; 2nd sqd of 2nd plat will NDP at AT 879211. 3rd sqd 1st plat will night ambush at AT 874212; 3rd plat 2nd sqd will NDP at AT 893212. 3rd sqd of 3rd plat will night ambush at AT 893208. Recon plat will assist in security of LZ West.					S M Bde	GB
								S3 (Received by SP4 Morrow).	
36.	1540		(U) CO Co B: Element departing LZ Ross.					S	GB
37.	1600		(U) CO Co D: 1st and 3rd plats loc in NDP.					S	GB
38.	1650		(U) CO Co A: Element departing for DDP.					S	GB
39.	1650		(U) CO Co B: Element now moving.					S	GB
40.	1705		(C) CO Co E (CPT Brahdon): The Line Nine Report is as follows: 1-8, 2-0, 3-8, 4-16, 5-0, 6-16, 7-16, 8-0 and 9-0.					S	GB
41.	1725		(C) CO Co A: All elements have close d, also change in NDP from AT 906262 to AT 906269.					S M	GB
42.	1725		(U) PFC Caballero (SC) releived SGT Wiktorski (SW) and SP4 Blanchard (GB) as RTO.						SC
43.	1805		(C) Bde S3 to S3: Secure punch for 18 Dec 69 is as follows: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 LN MP LP LP LP LN LP MP LN G 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 D H A K C E B J B K F					S	SC

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1.	0001		(U) Journal opened by SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO.				CF
2.	0530		(U) Bde S2 to S2 (CPT Mercado): The Weather Report is as follows: General Area: cloudy with rain in the afternoon. low vis: 2 miles in rain and fog. low ceiling: 1000' and broken. temp: H-76° L-76°; hum: H-90% L-70%. DA: 1200' to 700'. IAS: 30.06. AW: NNE 10 to 15 knots. Daily rain: .99 Monthly: rain: 3.06.	S Bde			CF
				S2 (From SP4 Boquard).			
3.	0705		(U) CO Co D (CPT Lynch): 1st plat night ambush closed on 1st plat NDP.	S			CF
4.	0715		(C) CO Co B (CPT Hall): Element moving from NDP.	S			CF
5.	0715		(U) CO Co A (CPT Wilson): Night patrols closed; NDP becomes DDP. (Temporarily)	S			CF
6.	0720		(U) Command and Control Helicopter (C/C) Rattler 16: Setting down at Hill 29 due to bad weather at LZ West.	S			CF
7.	0800		(U) SGT Wiktorski (SW) and SP4 Blanchard (GB) relieved SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO.				GB
8.		0820	(C) S3 (Maj Lee) to Bde S3: Request Sky Spots in the following grids: (1) AT 815210, (2) AT 895115, (3) AT 865276, (4) AT 890121, (5) AT 820174, Request Preplans in the following grids: (1) AT 915175, (2) AT 817213, (3) ZC 219204. Backups are as follows: (1) AT 794230, (2) AT 903183, (3) AT 885127, (4) AT 868275, (5) AT 861271.	S M			GB
9.	0830		(U) CO Co D: Night ambush closed.	S			GB
10.	0920		(U) CO Co C (CPT Thomas): 2nd plat on wire sweep.	S			GB
11.	0925		(C) Bde S3 to S3: Request clearance on the following grids: AT 860274 and AT 868274. Time Frame: 200600H to 201800H Dec 69.	S M Bde			GB
				S3 (Cleared by (CPT Mantell) S3 Air).			
12.	0940		(U) CO Co A: 1st plat on sweep to north of DDP. 3rd plat on sweep NW of DDP.	S			GB
13.	0950		(U) CO Co A: Element up on Malaria pill/same status.	S			GB
14.	1005		(C) CO Co A: 1 man for leave starting 20 Dec 69. 1st plat loc at AT 901268.	S M			GB
15.	1010		(C) Bde S2 to S2: Division request clearance for	S M Bde			GB

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15.	(Continued)		(C) an Aerial Personnel Detector (APD) Sniffer Mission to be flown in the following area: AS 9000 east to BS 0700 south to BS 0794 west to BS 0494 north to BS 0496 west to AS 9096 north to AS 9000. Time Frame: 201300H to 201530H Dec 69.	S3 (From SGT Linton)			
16.	1010		(C) Bde S2 to S2: Request clearance for an (APD) Sniffer Mission to be flown in the following area: UL AT 8027; LR AT 8721. Time Frame: 201300H to 201330H Dec 69.	S M Bde GB			
17.		1010	(C) S2 to Bde S2: At 1000 hours, Sensor device picked up several voices in grid AT 936275. 105's from LZ Siberia expended 6 rounds of grid.	S2 (Cleared by S3 Air). (Received by SGT Linton)			
18.	1010		(C) CO Co B: Element loc at AT 951262.	S M	GB		
19.	1030		(U) CO Co B: 1st and 2nd plats out on sweeps.	S	GB		
20.	1045		(U) CO Co C: 2nd plat closed.	S	GB		
21.	1100		(U) S-5: Relayed message for LZ Karen.	S	GB		
22.	1105		(U) CO Co A: 3rd plat out on sweep.	S	GB		
23.	1105		(U) Bde S3 to S3: EOD Team won't come till Sunday.	S	GB		
24.	1115		(C) CO Co B: 2nd plat loc at AT 939270.	S M	GB		
25.	1125		(C) CO Co B: 1st plat loc at AT 957268.	S M	GB		
26.	1205		(U) CO Co A: Weather closing.	S	GB		
27.		1220	(U) S3 to Bde S3: Inserted L42 into Que Son.	S	GB		
28.	1230		(U) CO Co A: 1st plat closed DDP.	S	GB		
29.	1245		(C) CO Co B: 1st plat loc at AT 952272.	S M	GB		
30.		1330	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Activities for 20 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A: Recon in force in area A; AT 880280, AT 880235, along river to AT 897245, along CFZ to AT 920270, AT 920280, AT 880280, Co B: Block in area B; AT 940285, AT 940278, along river to AT 960270, AT 960260, AT 970260, AT 970270, AT 960280, AT 940285 in support of Regional Forces (RF) and Pop-	S M Bde GB			
				S3 (Received by SP4 Morrow).			

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(C) ular Forces (PF) operations to southwest with
OPs at points B1; AT 945278 and B2; AT 963271. Co
C: Continue to secure LZ West; 1 plat conduct 2
day plat sweep along route C; AT 990251, BT 000260
AT 996270, AT 991272, AT 985264, AT 974266, AT 975
250, AT 990251. Co D: 1 plat secure LZ Siberia;
Co minus 1 plat conduct recon in force in area D;
AT 890215, AT 890200, AT 910200, AT 910190, AT 925
190, AT 925196, along river to AT 915215, AT 890-
215. Recon plat: Assist in defense of LZ West.

31.

1330

(U) CO Co A: 3rd plat closed.

S

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32.

1345

(U) S-5: JIC clears grid for registration.

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33.

1435

(U) Aid Station (LZ West): EM with 104° temp to
go to Hawk Hill.

S

GB

34.

1530

(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night Activities for 19 Dec 69
are as follows: Co A will NDP at AT 898249; 3rd
plat has a night patrol NW of NDP. Time Frame:
2100 to 0100. 3rd plat, 1st sqd night patrol SW of
NDP. Time Frame: 0100 to 0300 hours. Co B will
NDP at AT 951262. Co C: will NDP at LZ West and
provide local security. 2nd plat will NDP at AT
978236. Co D will secure LZ Siberia; 3rd plat will
NDP at AT 908208. 3rd plat, 2nd sqd will night am-
bush at AT 912205. 1st plat will NDP at AT 876218,
1st plat, 2nd sqd night ambush at AT 877218. Recon
plat will NDP at LZ West and assist in providing
local security.

S M

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35.

1535

(U) CO Co B: 1st and 3rd plats closed.

S

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36.

1630

(U) CO Co A: Element moving to NDP.

S

GB

37.

1640

(U) PFC Caballero (SC) relieved SGT Wiktroski (SW)
and SP4 Blanchard (GB) as RTO.

SC

38.

1640

(U) CO Co B: Night ambush cancelled because of Co
being blocking force on 20 Dec 69. Sent to Bde at
1700 hours.

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39.

1745

(C) CO Co E (CPT Brandon): The Line Nine Report
is as follows: 1-7, 2-1, 3-6, 4-12, 5-3, 6-15,
7-12, 8-0 and 9-3.

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1750

(U) CO Co A: Element loc in NDP.

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1810

(C) MACV Advisor (LZ Karen): Night Loc for RF/PF are as follows: (1) AT 910248, (2) AT 919247, (3) AT 915246, (4) AT 904246, (5) AT 913245, (6) AT 91230, (7) AT 914227.

S M

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42.

1825

(U) CO Co D: Night ambush now in position.

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SC

43.

2115

(U) CO Co A: 3rd plat moving towards night ambush.

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SC

44.

2320

(C) Bde S3 to S3: Secure punch is as follows:

S Bde

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(From SP4 Orstead)

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J F B A H E G MP LP MP

31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40

LN MP MW LN MN MN LP LP LP LP

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LN.

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2400

(C) Summary: Co A continued to recon in force in assigned area with neg results. Co B continued to recon in force in assigned area with neg results. Co C continued to secure LZ West with 1 plat recon in force in assigned area with neg results. Co D continued to secure LZ Siberia with plats searching clearing in assigned area with neg results. Recon plat continued to assist in security of LZ West.

S9

SC

46.

2400

(U) Journal closed by PFC Caballero (SC) as RTO.

SC

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1.	0001		(U) Journal opened by SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO.		CF			
2.	0535		(U) Bde S2 to S2 (CPT Mercado): The Weather Report is as follows: General Area: mostly cloudy with isolated showers in the afternoon. 3 day outlook: increasing cloudiness with rain in the late evening. low vis: 4 miles; low ceiling: 2000'. temp: temp: H-74° L-67°; hum: H-85% L-60%; DA: 1000' to 600'; IAS: 30.06. AW: NW to NE 10 to 15 knots Daily rain: .21; Monthly rain: 13.42.	S Bde	CF			
3.	0725		(U) CO Co B (CPT Hall): Element on the move from NDP.	S	CF			
4.	0735		(U) CO Co A: NDP becomes DDP.	S	CF			
5.	0740		(U) CO Co D (CPT Lynch): Night ambushes have closed on NDP.	S	CF			
6.	0740		(U) Forward Air Control (FAC) Helix 12; Entering OZ on station.	S	CF			
7.	0755		(U) (FAC) Helix 12: Departing OZ off station.	S	CF			
8.	0755		(U) SP4 Blanchard (GB) relieved SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO.		GB			
9.	0800		(C) CO Co B: CP loc at AT 961272.	S M	GB			
10.	0835		(C) S-5 (LZ Karen): L60B will leave push for 2 to 3 hours.	S	GB			
11.	0850		(C) CO Co B: 1st sqd of 3rd plat loc at AT 967271; 3rd plat CP and 3rd sqd loc at AT 965271; 3rd plat 2nd sqd loc at AT 961272.	S M	GB			
12.	0900		(C) 1st Marines: Request clearance for box: AT 9630; BT 0028, AT 9628, AT 9630. Granted by E-7 CRM.	S M	GB			
13.	0900		(U) CO Co A (CPT Wilson): 1st plat sweep to NE; 2nd plat to NW.	S	GB			
14.		0910	(C) S3 (Maj Lee) to Bde S3: 4/31 Inf request clearance for artillery in the following box: AT 960-300, BT 000300, BT 000280, AT 960280. Time Frame: ASAP to 232400H Dec 69.	S M	GB			
15.	0920		(C) CO Co B: At AT 949279, sqd of 1st plat reported that they have found 1 M-16 Bipod with 1 M-16 magazine, 1 US canteen and 1 pair of NVA sandals. Neg personnel seen in area.	S M Bde	GB			
16.		0930	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Activities for 21 Dec 69 are as	S M Bde	GB			

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16.	(Continued)		(C) follows: Co A: Conduct reconnaissance in force in area A; AT 890260, AT 890245, along river to AT 850236, AT 850260, AT 890260. Be prepared to conduct operations in zone moving from east to west in conjunction with Co B on order. Co B: Conduct reconnaissance in force in area B; AT 890260, AT 920290, AT 940290, AT 940270, along CFZ to AT 897-245, along river to AT 890244, AT 890260. Be prepared to conduct operations to the west in conjunction with Co A on order. Co C: Continue to secure LZ West; Conduct 2 sqd size sweeps along routes C; AT 990251, BT 002246, BT 006252, AT 998256, AT 990251; C2; AT 990251, AT 982249, AT 983258, AT 990251. Co D: 1 plat secure LZ Siberia; Co minus conduct reconnaissance in force in area D; AT 880230, along river to AT 850233, along river to AT 830218, AT 840210, AT 880210, AT 880230. Be prepared to shift operations west in support of Cos A and B, on order. Recon plat: Conduct a detailed reconnaissance of area R; AT 960300, AT 960280, BT 000-280, BT 000300, AT 960300 to assess the effects of C/S drops in the area.	S3 (Received by DGM).	
17.	0950		(C) CO Co B: 2nd plat loc at AT 950275, AT 957272, and AT 959271.	S M	GB
18.	1000		(C) CO Co A: 1st plat loc at AT 894264; 2nd plat loc at AT 883263.	S M	GB
19.	1005		(U) CO Co C (CPT Thomas): 3rd plat closed.	S	GB
20.	1020		(U) CO Co C: 2nd departing LZ West.	S	GB
21.	1115		(U) Firing range on LZ West opened and closed.	S	GB
22.	1200		(U) CO Co A: 1st and 2nd plats closed.	S	GB
23.	1200		(U) CO Co D: 3rd plat closed.	S	GB
24.	1235		(C) CO Co C: 2nd plat located at AT 998266.	S M	GB
25.	1345		(U) CO Co D: 2nd plat departed LZ Siberia.	S	GB
26.	1350		(C) CO Co C: 2nd plat loc at AT 984268.	S M	GB
27.	1425		(C) CO Co C: 2nd plat loc at AT 967258.	S M	GB
28.	1425		(U) Bde CO (Col Lee) arrived at LZ West.	S	GB

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29.	1425		(U) S-5 (LZ Karen): L60B leaving net for 5 to 10 min.				S	GB
30.	1445		(U) Bde CO departing LZ West; to LZ Siberia.				S	GB
31.	1446		(U) Div CO (Gen Ramsey) arrived at LZ West.				S	GB
32.	1446		(U) (FAC) Helix 11: Entered AO on station.				S	GB
33.	1448		(U) GO Co D: Bde CO arrived at LZ Siberia.				S	GB
34.		1505	(U) Notes on General's discussion sent.				S	GB
35.	1505		(U) Div CO departed LZ West.				S	GB
36.	1535		(U) Bde CO departed LZ Siberia enroute to Hawk Hill				S	GB
37.	1535		(C) Bde S3 to S3: VNAF request clearance for air strikes in the following grids: AT 860274 and AT 863274. Time Frame: ASAP to 201800H Dec 69.				S M Bde GB S3 (Cleared by (CPT Mantall) S3 Air).	
38.		1540	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night Activities for 20 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A will NDP at AT 869239; 2 night patrols to the NW of NDP and 1 SE of NDP. Time Frame: 2000 to 2400 hours. Co B: will NDP at AT 970273; night ambush at AT 957275. Co C will NDP at LZ West; 1st plat will NDP at AT 972261; 1st sqd of 1st plat night raid at AT 978263. Co D will NDP at LZ Siberia; 1st plat NDP at AT 879212; 2nd plat 1st sqd NDP at AT 875216; 2nd plat 2nd sqd night ambush at AT 877221. Recon plat will NDP at LZ West.				S M Bde GB S3 (Received by DGM).	
39.	1555		(U) CO Co A: Element moving to NDP.				S	GB
40.	1555		(U) Blue Ghost 26: Entered AO on station.				S	GB
41.	1600		(U) PFC Caballero (SC) relieved SP4 Blanchard (GB) as RTO.				S	GB
42.	1605		(C) Blue Ghost 26: At AT 834241 and AT 843255 received unknown amount of small arms fire. Neg hits at this time. Will check ship at Hawk Hill. Artillery expended 36 rounds at the grids. Grids that Sniffer Mission was being flown was UL AT 80-27; LR AT 8721.				S M Bde GB S2 (Received by SP4 Buzgueno).	
43.	1625		(C) CO Co C: At 1600 hours. AT 979263. 2nd plat				S M Bde SC	
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43.	(Continued)		(C) found 1 small game trap which was made of vines and bamboo. About 50 meters west of AT 979263 found another trap which was a cage. Both were destroyed with an M-26 hand grenade. About 100 meters west of AT 979263 found a hootch area with neg personnel around. Hootch was big enough to house 5 people. 2nd plat will raid hootch tonight (20 Dec 69).	S2 (Received by SP4 Burgueneo).			
44.	1630		(U) (FAC) Helix 18: Entered AO on station.	S	SC		
45.	1648		(U) Rattler 16: Bn CO (LTC Henry) loc in Que Son Village.	S	SC		
46.	1650		(U) (FAC) Helix 18: Departing AO off station.	S	SC		
47.	1655		(U) CO Co B: All elements closed.	S	SC		
48.	1705		(C) Bde S2 to S2: At 1700 hours, Bde reports readout of Aerial Personnel Detector (APD) Sniffer Mission that was flown 20 Dec 69 in grids: UL AT 8027; IR AT 8721. Sub max readings at grids AT 832256 to AT 842253. 1 max reading at AT 812258. Artillery will be fired grids: Artillery was fired on grids expending 30 rounds of HE from 105's from LZ Siberia. Also fired on grid AT 834231.	S M Bde SC			
49.	1840		(C) CO Co E (CPT Brandon): The Line Nine Report is as follows: 1-1, 2-1, 3-0, 4-0, 5-7, 6-7, 7-8-0 and 9-0.	S	SC		
50.	1850		(U) CO Co A: Element loc in NDP.	S	SC		
51.	1855		(U) CO Co B: Night ambush moving at this time.	S	SC		
52.	1910		(U) CO Co B: 1st plat loc in night ambush.	S	SC		
53.	1920		(C) S2 to Bde S2: Co B while on sweep found an abundance of documents, hidden in a hootch in some pottery, documents consisted of rice receipts and medical records written in Vietnamese and Chinese.	S M Bde SC			
54.	1925		(C) Que Son to S3: Night Loc for Regional Forces (RF) and Popular Forces (PF) for 20 Dec are as follows: (1) AT 916248, (2) AT 922249, (3) AT 916246, (4) AT 910247, (5) AT 901250, (6) AT 913245, (7) AT 913230, (8) AT 910228. Night ambush at AT 997-278.	S M	SC		
55.	1955		(U) CO Co A: Night patrols on move.	S	SC		

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56.	2005		(U) CO Co D: Night ambush in position.	S	SC			
57.		2015	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Co C, 2nd plat while on sweep spotted from about 100 meters 1 hootch on fire. As they moved in at about a 100 meters spotted 1 VC/NVA male believed to be carrying weapon. VC/NVA evade successfully after being engaged. Element will go back into area at the first sign of light.	S M Bde	SC			
58.	2110		(C) Bde S2 to S2: Request clearance for Sky Spots in the following grids: AT 815210, AT 895115, AT 865276, AT 890121, AT 820174. Request Free Fire also. Time Frame: 210600H to 211800H Dec 69.	S2 (Cleared by (1LT Allen) Night Duty Officer). (Received by SP4	SC			
59.		2330	(U) S3 to Charger Dustoff: Request dustoff for 2 US for Allergic reactions to flu shots. Dustoff ship #612. ETA: 30 min.	S	SC			
60.	2355		(U) Charger Dustoff to S3: Dustoff completed.	S	SC			
61.	2400		(U) CO Co A: Night patrols closed NDP.	S	SC			
62.	2400		(C) Summary: Co A continued to recon in force in assigned area with neg results. Co B continued to recon in force in assigned area resulting in 1 M-16 Bipod, 1 M-16 magazine, 1 US canteen, 1 pair of sandals, and abundance of documents, receipts, medical records written in Chinese and Vietnamese. Also found some pottery. Co C continued to secure LZ West. 1 plat conducted recon in force in assigned area resulting in 1 small game trap made of vines and bamboo and 1 trap that was a cage. Also found 1 hootch. Traps were destroyed and hootch will be raided. Co D continued to secure LZ Siberia; with recon in force in assigned area with neg results. Recon plat continued to assist in security of LZ West. Neg results.	S	SC			
63.	2400		(U) Journal closed by PFC Caballero (SC) as RTO.		SC			

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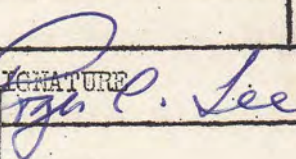
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1.	0001		(U) Journal opened by SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO.		CF		
2.	0015		(U) CO Co A (CPT Wilson): Night patrols closed NDP.		CF		
3.	0520	0520	(U) Bde S2 to S2 (CPT Mercado): The Weather Report S Bde is as follows: General Area: partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated showers. 3 day outlook: increasing cloudiness with scattered showers. low vis: 5 miles with showers. low ceiling: 3000'; temp: H-77° L-70°; hum: H-80% L-60%; DA: 1250 to 800; IAS: NE 10 to 15 knots; Daily rainfall: .01. Monthly rainfall: 13.44.		CF		
4.	0705		(U) CO Co B (CPT Hall): 1st plat night ambush at closed on CP NDP.	S	CF		
5.	0710		(U) CO Co B: Element moving from NDP.	S	CF		
6.	0715		(U) CO Co A: NDP will become DDP.	S	CF		
7.	0720		(U) CO Co C (CPT Thomas): 2nd plat moving from NDP to AT 978263.	S M	CF		
8.		0725	(C) S3 (Maj Lee) to Bde S3: Request Sky Spots in the following grids on 22 Dec 69: (1) AT 815210, (2) AT 895115, (3) AT 865276, (4) AT 890121, (5) AT 813258. Request Preplans for 22 Dec 69 in the following grids: (1) AT 915175, (2) AT 817213, (3) ZC 219204, Request Backups in the following grids: (1) AT 794230, (2) AT 903183, (3) AT 885127, (4) AT 868275, (5) AT 861271.	S M	CF		
9.	0755		(U) LZ Karen: Night ambushes for Regional Forces (RF) and Popular Forces (PF) have closed.	S	CF		
10.	0800		(U) SP4 Blanchard (GB) and SGT Wiktorski (SW) relieved SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO.		GB		
11.		0810	(U) S3 to CO Co A: Co authorized 4 enlisted men for Chu Lai for Protestant services.	S	GB		
12.	0820		(U) Cancelled services for EM from Co A for Protestants services. Told all Cos of Catholic services for all EM.	S	GB		
13.	0825		(U) Recon plat (2LT Rapp): Element departing LZ West.	S	GB		
14.	0845		(U) CO Co C: 1st plat departed LZ West.	S	GB		
15.	0845		(U) All elements told to have CO's ready for Bn CO's (LTC Henry) party at LZ West.		GB		
16.	0855		(U) CO Co D (CPT Lynch): Element departing on sweep	S	GB		

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17.	0855		(C) CO Co C: At 0830 hours, AT 978263, 2nd plat engaged 1 VC male approximately 25 years old. Engaged at 100 meters. Dressed in black pajamas. Neg pack or weapon. Evaded to the south out of a hootch. VC had pack marks on his back. Results: 1 VC KIA.	S M Bde GB	(Received by SGT Linton).		
18.	0915		(U) CO Co B: 2nd and 3rd plats departing DDP.	S	GB		
19.	0920		(U) S-4 (1LT Simms): Resupply for L60B not ready.	S	GB		
20.	0925		(U) Bn CO departed LZ West.	S	GB		
21.	0930		(U) Forward Air Control (FAC) Helix 13: Entered AO on station.	S	GB		
22.	0950		(U) CO Co A: 2nd plat departing DDP.	S	GB		
23.	0957		(U) Gen Donaldson arrived at LZ West.	S	GB		
24.	1000		(U) Recon plat: Received VN pax.	S	GB		
25.	1008		(U) CO Co A: 2nd plat loc at AT 863237.	S M	GB		
26.	1025		(C) Bde S3 to S3: 1st Marines request clearance for Airstrikes in the following grids: AT 830085, AT 868274, AT 860474. Time Frame: 220600H to 221800H Dec 69.	S M Bde GB	S3 (Cleared by (MSG Garber) S3 Air). (Received by SGT Butler).		
27.	1035		(U) CO Co D: CP has linked up with 1st and 2nd plats.	S	GB		
28.	1050		(C) (FAC) Helix 13: Request for clearance for an airstrike in the following grid: AT 908178.	S M Helix 13	(Cleared by (CPT Mantell) S3 Air).		
29.	1110		(C) Recon plat: 1 VC captured at grid AT 967268. 1/2 of element loc at AT 990273.	S M	GB		
30.	1115		(C) CO Co B: 2nd plat loc at AT 916274.	S M	GB		
31.	1120		(C) S3 to Bde S3: Gen Donaldson discussed the following topics while at LZ West: Local situation, medical problems (foot). Prevention of Malaria, cease fire rules and My Lai.	S Bde	GB		
32.	1120		(U) S3 to Charger Dustoff: Request dustoff for 1 VN with sucking chest wound (Urgent). Dustoff ship #612. ETA: 15 min.	S	GB		

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33.	1130		(U) CO Co C: 1st plat closed.	S	GB		
34.	1130		(U) CO Co C: 1st plat closed.	S	GB		
35.	1130		(U) CO Co D: 2nd plat, 1st sqd engaged 1 VN at AT 870205; evaded NW.	S	GB		
36.	1145		(U) Dustoff #612: Dustoff completed. (Refer to entry 32).	S	GB		
37.		1150	(U) S3 to Bde S3: Gen Donaldson spoke at LZ Siberia on the following topics: General nature, reconstruction of bunkerline, foot problems, and resupply of clean clothes.	S Bde	GB		
38.	1225		(U) CO Co C: 2nd plat closed LZ West.	S	GB		
39.	1225		(C) CO Co B: 2nd plat loc at AT 924280; 3rd plat loc at AT 910270.	S.M	GB		
40.	1245		(U) (FAC) Helix 12: In area on station.	S	GB		
41.	1300		(U) Recon plat: Sick EM picked up.	S	GB		
42.	1315		(U) CO Co B: Wounded VC picked up.	S	GB		
43.		1330	(U) S3 to Bde S3: Request dustoff for 1 VN with broken leg and gunshot wounds. (Priority) Dustoff ship #612. ETA: 25 min.	S	GB		
44.	1345		(C) (FAC) Helix 12: At 1330 hours, AT 835263, 13 500 lb bombs, 4 Napalm, were expended with a BDA of 80/50. Results: 2 fighting positions destroyed. At 1340 hours, AT 844257, 12 500 lb bombs were expended with a BDA of 100/100. Results: foliage prevention assessment.	S.M Bde	GB		
45.	1350		(C) Recon plat: At 1115 hours, AT 967267, detained 1 VC in a hootch. Neg pack or weapon. Dressed in tan shirt and shorts. Did not try to evade. VC will be extracted to LZ West. At 1135 hours, AT 967267, detained 1 VCS in a hootch. Neg pack or weapon. Dressed in black pajamas. Detainee is female, she will be extracted to LZ West.	S.M Bde	GB		
46.	1350		(C) CO Co D: At 1130 hours, AT 870205, engaged 1 VC who was evading NW at 400 meters. He was wearing black pajamas and white bottoms. He had pack consisting of personal gear, sandals and hammock. Evasion of VC was successful.	S.M Bde	GB		

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47.		1350	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Activities for 22 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A: Conduct recon in force in area A; AT 890260, AT 877263, AT 864262, AT 860270, AT 854270, along boundary to AT 815260, along river to AT 890245, AT 890260. Co B: Continue to screen in area B; AT 890260, AT 920290, AT 930290, AT 930270, along CFZ to AT 895245, along river to AT 890245, AT 890260. Co C: Continue to secure LZ West. Co D: 1 plat secure LZ Siberia; Co minus 1 plat screen in area D; AT 880230, AT 880210, AT 840210, AT 840218, along river to AT 880230, Recon plat: Continue to recon in force in area R; AT 970280, AT 970300, BT 000300, BT 000280, AT 970280.	S M Bde	GB		
				S3 (Received by SGT Linton).			
48.	1400		(C) Bde S2 to S2: Request clearance for Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (LRRP) overflight on Dec 22 at 1300 hours in grid box: UL AT 8120; IR AR 8417. Request Free Fire. Blue Ghost will work over area 221300H Dec 69. LRRPs will be inserted on 231100H Dec 69.	S M Bde	GB		
				S3 (Cleared by S3 Air. (Received by CPT Winemar			
49.	1415		(C) CO Co B: At 1355 hours, AT 915273, 3rd plat detained 1 female VCS. Approximate age 16 years old. Found hiding in elephant grass with a sandbag full of food. Kit Carson Scout questioned her and felt like she was a VCS. She will be extracted to LZ West.	S M Bde	GB		
				S2 (Received by SGT Linton).			
50.	1415		(C) CO Co B: At 1245 hours, AT 938279, 2nd plat engaged 2 VC that evaded out of a hootch to the west. Engaged at a distance of 150 to 200 meters. Resulting in 1 VC WIA dressed in GI shirt and blue pants. Wounds consist of a broken leg. The other VC evaded successfully to the west carrying a AK-47. Also found in area GI ponchoes, and 2 M-26 grenades all of which was destroyed. WIA will be extracted to LZ West for treatment.	S M Bde	GB		
				S2 (Received by SGT Linton).			
51.	1425		(U) CO Co B: 2nd plat closed.	S	GB		
52.		1435	(C) S2 to Bde S2: At 1400 hours, AT 834201, Sensors detected unknown amount of personnel. 105's from LZ Siberia expended 4 rounds of HE on grid. Results: unknown.	S M Bde	GB		
				S2 (Received by SGT Linton).			
53.	1435		(U) (FAC) Helix 17: Entered AO on station.	S	GB		
54.		1445	(U) S3 to Charger Dustoff: Request dustoff for 1	S	GB		

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54.	(Continued)		(U) US FUO (Priority). Dustoff ship #612. ETA: 30 min.		
55.	1445		(U) (FAC) Helix 17: Departing AO to the south.	S	GB
56.		1500	(U) Relayed 3/21 Inf's Activities for 22 Dec 69 to Bde.	S	GB
57.	1500		(U) Dustoff #612: Dustoff complete. (Refer to entry 54).	S	GB
58.	1525		(C) CO Co B: At 1500 hours, AT 939279, found the following equipment in and around a hootch area: 1 US rain jacket, 1 US pistol belt, 1 gas mask cover 1 US canteen, 3 ponchoes VC/NVA, 3 NVA hammocks, 3 NVA pit helmets, 1 pair of sandals, 3 sets of balck pajamas, 1 green NVA uniform, 1 NVA tent, 1 US entrenching tool, 2 M-26 hand grenades, 1 US duffle bag, 1 water proff bag, 1 pair of white shorts, 1 US T shirt, 1 flashlight, 1 balsting cap and 1 bear trap. All equipment will be destroyed.	S M Bde	GB
59.		1525	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Request 1 CH-47 to move 25 packs from LZ West to Chu Lai and return. Time Frame: 221000H to 1030H Dec 69 and 221700H to 221730H Dec 69.	S Bde	GB
				S3 (Received by SP4 Morrow).	
			LIFT ACFT PZ/TIME LZ/TIME UNIT		
			1 CH-47 LZ West/1000 Chu Lai/1030	25 pax	
			2 CH-47 Chu Lai/1700 LZ West/1730	25 pax	
60.	1525		(U) Rattler 29 refilling.	S	GB
61.	1420		(U) Recon plat: Sweep moving.	S	GB
62.	1720		(U) CO Co B: Element departing DDP.	S	GB
63.	1755		(U) LZ Karen: Request dustoff for 1 VN baby with broken arm.	S	GB
64.	1805		(C) CO Co E (CPT Brandon): The Line Nine Report is as follows: 1-15, 2-3, 3-12, 4-19, 5-39, 6-58, 7-49, 804, and 9-5.	S	GB
65.	1805		(U) PFC Caballero (SC) relieved SP4 Blanchard (GB) and SGT Wiktorski (SW) as RTO.		SC
66.	1825		(U) CO Co B: Element located in NDP.	S	SC
67.		1850	(U) S3 to Charger Dustoff: Request dustoff for 1 VN female with possible TB. Dustoff ship #612. ETA: ASAP.	S	SC

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68.	1905		(U) CO Co B: 2nd plat night ambush moving.	S	SC		
69.		1925	(C) S2 to Bde S2: While on sweep Co B detained 3 VN (2 females and 1 male). The old female will be dusted off for serious Tuberculosis. The other detainees will be evacuated to LZ West.	S M Bde S2 (Received by SP4 Burguero).	SC		
70.	1925		(C) CO Co D: At 1830 hours, AT 870209, engaged 1 VC at a distance of 75 meters. Evaded south, dressed in black shirt and khaki pants. Neg pack on weapon. Resulting in 1 VC KIA.	S M Bde S2 (Received by SP4 Burguero).	SC		
71.		1925	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night activities for 21 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A will NDP at AT 851249; 1st plat will night raid at AT 855236. Time Frame: 2100H to 2400H Dec 69. 2nd plat will night ambush at AT 846-247. Co B will NDP at AT 914273. 1 sqd will night ambush at AT 909269. Co C will NDP at LZ West. Co D will NDP at AT 878213; sqd of 1st plat will night ambush at AT 876212; sqd of 2nd plat will night ambush at AT 868208. Recon plat will NDP at AT 968-271; 1 night raid at AT 966282. Time Frame: 0100H to 0300H Dec 69.	S M Bde S3 (Received by SP4 Ofstead).	SC		
72.	1930		(U) CO Co D: Sqd of 1st plat moving to night ambush	S	SC		
73.	1935		(U) CO Co A: Element entered NDP.	S	SC		
74.		1935	(C) Bde S3 to S3: Change in B Co/1-46 Inf call sign and push. Call sign: Misty wages. Freq: 48.80.	S	SC		
75.	2100		(U) CO Co A: Night ambush and Night raid on the move	S	SC		
76.	2130		(C) Bde S3 to S3: The following LRRP boxes are in effect. Each unit is to provide 1 plat on 30 min Standby and 1 Co on 60 min Standby to react to the area as long as the LRRPs are in the area. Time Frame: 230600H to 262400H Dec 69. Box: UL AT 8120; LR AT 8417. Box #10.	S M	SC		
77.	2245		(U) Que Son: Received R/S list; given to S-4.	S	SC		
78.	2400		(C) Summary: Co A continued to recon in force in assigned area with neg results. Co B continued to recon in force in assigned area resulting in 1 VC/NVA WIA and 4 VCS detained. The following equipment was captured: 1 US rain jacket, 1 US pistol belt, 1 gas mask, cover, 1 US canteen, 3 VC/NVA ponchoes, 3 NVA hammocks, 3 NVA pit helmets, 1 pair sandals	S	SC		

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1.	0001		(U) Journal opened by SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO.		CF		
2.	0015		(U) CO Co A (CPT Wilson): Navigation round shot out.	S	CF		
3.	0100		(U) Recon plat (2LT Rapp): Raid changed until 22-0600H Dec 69.	S	CF		
4.	0400		(U) CO Co D (CPT Lynch): Element moving on sweep.	S	CF		
5.	0600		(U) SP4 Blanchard (GB) relieved SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO.		GB		
6.	0625		(C) CO Co D: Element loc at AT 866200.	S M	GB		
7.	0630		(U) CO Co B (CPT Hall): 2nd plat closed NDP.	S	GB		
8.	0635		(U) CO Co A: "Recon" element on the move to the west.	S	GB		
9.	0700		(U) Recon plat: Element moving out on raid.	S	GB		
10.	0705		(U) CO Co B: NDP becomes DDP; 1st and 3rd plats out on sweeps.	S	GB		
11.	0735		(C) CO Co D: Element loc at AT 864201; found 2 NVA rucksacks, hammocks and rice.	S M	GB		
12.	0750		(C) CO Co A: 1 VC KIA at grid AT 830244.	S M	GB		
13.	0800		(U) Bde S2 to S2 (CPT Mercado): The Weather Report is as follows: low vis: 7 miles. low ceiling: Unlimited. hum: H-80% L-60%; temp: H-75° L-67°; DA: 1100' to 700'; IAS: 30.05; AW: NE 10 to 15 knots. Daily rainfall: 0.0; Monthly rainfall: 13.44.	S	GB		
14.	0800		(C) CO Co D: At 0735 hours, AT 876201, found 2 NVA rucksacks. Neg equipment in them. Also found a small bag of unpolished rice. All was destroyed.	S M Bde	GB		
15.	0800		(C) CO Co A: At 0755 hours, AT 830244, engaged 1 VC at 75 meters that was evading out of a hootch. Resulting in 1 VC KIA, dressed in green pants and brown shirt, carrying a small pack containing 2 GI canteens, pistol belt, ammo pouch and other personal items.	S M Bde	GB		
16.	0810		(C) CO Co B: 1st plat loc at AT 903258; 3rd plat loc at AT 905265.	S M	GB		
17.	0840		(U) Bde S3 to S3 (Maj Lee): Special Services Choir to arrive at LZ West at 1300 hours.	S	GB		
18.	0920		(U) MEDCAP to Hiep Duc.	S	GB		

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19.	0920		(U) Bde CO (Col Lee) Inbound to LZ West.				S	GB
20.	0930		(U) Bde CO arrived at LZ West.				S	GB
21.	0950		(C) Bde S3 to S3: Request clearance for airstrikes in the following boxes: #1 UL AT 9798; IR BT 0596. #2 UL AT 9714; IR BT 0209.				S M Bde S3 (Cleared by (MSG Gerber) S3 Air). (Received by SGT Butler).	GB
22.	1010		(U) Firing range at LZ West opened				S	GB
23.	1020		(U) Bde CO departed LZ West.				S	GB
24.	1015		(U) Col Barlow arrived at LZ West.				S	GB
25.	1015		(U) Gen Powell arrived at LZ West.				S	GB
26.	1035		(C) Forward Air Control (FAC) Helix 11: Entered AO on station. At AT 817213, 2.5" rockets, 4 Napalm bombs, and 1000 rounds of 20mm were expended. Results unknown (unobserved).				S M	GB
27.	1039		(U) Col Barlow departed LZ West.				S	GB
28.		1045	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Col Lee departed LZ West enroute to LZ Professional.				S Bde S3 (Received by SP4 Morrow).	GB
29.		1045	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Col Barlow spoke at LZ West on the following topics: Resupply due to bad weather, new-AN/PPG-5's, AO briefing, Black Bore weapons, birds grounded. At 1039 enroute to LZ Siberia.				S Bde S3 (Received by SP4 Morrow).	GB
30.	1045		(C) S3 to Bde S3: Gen Powell spoke at LZ West on the following topics: Christmas visits by VIPs, Christmas Ceasefire. AO briefing, and Resupply during bad weather. Enroute to LZ Siberia next.				S Bde S3 (Received by SP4 Morrow).	GB
31.	1055		(C) CO Co B: 3rd plat loc at AT 912277.				S M	GB
32.		1055	(U) S3 to Charger Dustoff: Request (Urgent) dustoff for 1 US with 15% burns.				S	GB
33.	1059		(U) Dustoff #612: Dustoff complete.				S	GB
34.	1102		(U) Picking dustoff at Hiep Duc.				S	GB
35.	1110		(U) Range at LZ West closed.				S	GB
36.	1124		(U) Gen Powell departed LZ West.				S	GB

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37.	1130		(U) CO Co B: 3rd plat closed.	S	GB		
38.	1130		(U) Recon plat: Element moving toward AO.	S	GB		
39.	1135		(C) CO Co B: 1st plat loc at AT 902261.	S M	GB		
40.	1135		(U) (FAC) Helix 11: Airstrike complete/Helix 13 entered OZ on station.	S	GB		
41.	1148		(U) Gen Powell dropping off 2 pax at LZ West and departing.	S	GB		
42.	1210		(C) Recon plat: Element loc at DDP. AT 965280.	S M	GB		
43.	1215		(U) (FAC) Helix 13: Entered AO on station.	S	GB		
44.	1215		(U) Recon plat: Element running into strong C/S in vic of DDP.	S	GB		
45.	1245		(C) (FAC) Helix 13: Airstrike at BT 031223; at 1300S M hours.	S M	GB		
46.		1250	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Units occupying fire support bases 4/31 Inf are as follows: LZ West: HHC 4/31 Inf, Co A/4-31 Inf, Co B/4-31 Inf, Co C/4-31 Inf, Radio Research Co, Co D/4-31 Inf, Co E/4-31 Inf, Quad 50/G Btry/55 Artillery, A Btry/3-16 Artillery, Radar Section HHB 3/82 Artillery, Sensors-Division G-2, 23rd Inf. LZ Siberia: Quad 50/G Btry/55 Artillery, C Btry/3-82 Artillery. LZ Karen: T.2 Popular Forces Plat, 115 Popular Forces plat, (PF), 496 Regional Forces Co (RF) and 136 RF Co.	S Bde	GB		
47.	1300		(C) CO Co D: At 1245 hours, AT 843212, detained 2 VCS, (1 male and 1 female). Male had 1 M-26 hand grenade, and 1 M-16 magazine with ammo. Approximate age 42. Female was also detained in a hootch, age 30, dressed in green blouse, balck pants. Neg pack or weapon. Both will be extracted to LZ West.	S M Bde	GB		
48.		1320	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Activities for 23 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A: Continue recon in force along area A; AT 890245, along river to AT 817265, AT 830268, AT 853267, AT 853263, AT 835260, AT 833256, AT 840250, AT 870244, AT 890254 in conjunction with B Co movement. Co B: Continue recon in force in area B; AT 890260, AT 920290, AT 930290, AT 930270, along CRZ to AT 895245, along river to AT 890245, AT 890260. Be prepared to conduct recon in force on order, along axis B; AT 912287, AT 870273, AT 870270, AT 895270, in conjunction with A Co movement. Co C:	S M Bde	GB		

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48.	(Continued)		(C) Continue to secure LZ West. Conduct 3 sqd sweeps along routes (1) AT 990251, AT 983258, AT 976252, AT 990251, (2) AT 990251, AT 980247, AT 977245, AT 978240, AT 982240, AT 990251, (3) AT 990251, AT 997248, AT 998242, BT 003245, AT 990251. Co D: 1 plat continue to secure LZ Siberia; Co minus 1 plat continue recon in force in area D; AT 880230, AT 880210, AT 840210, AT 840218, along river to AT 880230. Be prepared in 30 min notice to react to Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (IRRP) insertion vic AT 800180. Recon plat: Continue combined cordon and search of hamlets in area E; AT 970280, AT 970300, BT 000300, BT 000280, AT 970280, with National Police and PF's from Que Son.				
49.	1325		(U) Blue Ghost departing AO.	S	GB		
50.	1325		(U) CO Co B: 1st plat closed DDP.	S	GB		
51.	1330		(U) Recon plat: 1 PF has FUO of 104.6°.	S	GB		
52.	1400		(U) PFC Caballero (SC) relieved SP4 Blanchard (GB) as RTO.		SC		
53.	1450		(U) (FAC) Helix 18: Entered AO on station.	S	SC		
54.	1530		(C) (FAC) Helix 18: Spotted 50 cal position at AT 848208.	S M	SC		
55.	1530		(C) CO Co D: At 1300 hours, released 1 detainee, female, age 30. Kit Carson Scout questioned her and stated that she was not a VCS.	S Bde	SC		
56.	1535		(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night Activities for 22 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A will NDP at AT 821255. Co B will NDP at AT 910264. Co C will NDP at LZ West and provide local security. Co D will secure LZ Siberia with CP and 3rd plat. 1st and 2nd plats will NDP at AT 879212. Recon plat will NDP at AT 960285.	S M Bde	SC		
57.	1540		(U) (FAC) Helix 18: Departing AO off station.	S	SC		
58.	1600		(C) S3 to Bde S3: Gen Ramsey discussed the following topics while at LZ West: Briefed on AO operations. Bn CO (LTC Henry) explained Sensor mechanics and loc, bunkerline operations. Discussed V/R with Huey (Night OP).	S Bde	SC		
59.	1630		(U) Recon plat: Element moving,	S	SC		

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60.		1630	(C) S2 to Bde S2: At 1600 hours, AT 936275, Sensor device detected several voices moving north to south. S2 (Received by 105's from LZ Siberia fired 5 FC. (Firecrackers). SP4 Burgueno).	S M Bde SC			
61.	1635		(C) CO Co A: At 1600 hours, AT 812251, received 10 to 15 rounds of sniper fire from above loc. Neg cas ualties. Artillery was processed in on grid. Area will be searched later after artillery has finished firing.	S M Bde SC			
62.	1755		(C) CO Co B: Element loc in NDP at AT 910264.	S M	SC		
63.	1800		(C) Recon plat: At 1745 hours, in vic of AT 960282 along with PF's on cordon and search engaged 1 VC male dressed in khaki uniform. Neg weapon. 1 pack captured containing rice and a few clothing. These are results of today's action.	S M Bde SC			
64.	1810		(C) CO Co E (CPT Brandon): The Line Nine Report is as follows: 1-11, 2-1, 3-10, 4-80, 5-11, 6-91, 7-91, 8-0, and 9-0.	S	SC		
65.	1835		(U) Recon plat: Element loc in NDP.	S	SC		
66.	1850		(U) CO Co D: Now in NDP. CO on LZ Siberia.	S	SC		
67.	1925		(C) S2 to Bde S2: At 1840 hours, AT 897207, PSDF of Son Hiep Village, while on patrol found 1 bunker Inside found 6 AK-44s and 1 M-1 carbine and 1 1907 Springfield.	S M Bde SC			
68.	1925		(C) S2 to Bde S2: At 1907 hours, AT 936275, Sensor Devices detected approximately 4 individuals speaking. Artillery fired 6 rounds of HE from the 105's from LZ Siberia. Results: unknown.	S M Bde SC			
69.	1930		(C) MACV Advisor (LZ Karen): Night Loc for Regional Forces (RF) and Popular Forces (PF) are as follows: (1) AT 921252, (2) AT 916246, (3) AT 923248, (4) AT 910248, (5) AT 903225, (6) AT 912230, (7) AT 908225, (8) AT 913245.	S M	SC		
70.	2000		(C) S2 to Bde S2: At 1925 hours, Co A reported having found along river 3 boats, many tracks, 3 hootches which have been used extensively. Boats and tracks were believed to have been used by 2 NVA Cos. Tracks lead to Ke Tre Ly River.	S M Bde SC			

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71.	2110		(C) Que Son: Request fire mission for PF's at grid S M BT 001292.	S M	SC		
72.	2120		(C) LZ Karen: PF Forces will be at Hills 110 and 102 on 23 Dec 69.	S M	SC		
73.	2130		(U) Que Son: End of fire mission.	S	SC		
74.	2145		(U) SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) relieved PFC Caballero (SC) as RTO.		CF		
75.		2148	(C) S2 to Bde S2: At 2100 hours, AT 999291 and BT 001292, PF's received M-79 and AK fire. Neg casual- ties. Artillery fired WP 200 on both grids with unk- nown results.	S M Bde CF	S2 (Received by SP4 Burgueno).		
76.	2400		(C) Summary: Co A continued recon in force in ass- igned area resulting in 1 VC KIA, 2 GI canteens, 1 pistol belt, 1 ammo pouch, and other personal items. Also found 3 hootches and 3 boats. Co B continued recon in force in assigned area with neg results. Co C continued to secure LZ West with neg results. Co D continued to secure LZ Siberia with Co CP and 1 plat; Co continued screen in assigned area result- ing in 2 VCS detained, 1 M-26 hand grenade, 1 M-16 magazine with ammo. Also found 2 NVA rucksacks, and a small bag of unpolished rice. Recon plat contin- ued recon in force in assigned area resulting in 1 VC KIA and 1 small pack captured containing rice.	S	CF		
77.	2400		(U) Journal closed by SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO.		CF		

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0001

(U) Journal opened by SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RT0.

CF

2.

0143

(C) S2 (CPT Mercado) to Bde S2: At 0140 hours, AT S M Bde CF 936275, Sensor device detected small arms fire. S2 (Received by Artillery fired 4 rounds of HE from LZ Siberia with SP4 Boquard). 105's.

3.

0530

(U) Bde S2 to S2: The Weather Report is as follows: S Bde CF General Area: partly cloudy. 3 day outlook: decreasing cloudiness with light rain. low vis: 7 S2 (From SP4 Boquard). miles. low ceiling: none. temp: H-75° L-66°; hum: H-90% L-60%; DA: 1200' to 400'; LAS: 30.04

4.

0600

(U) SGT Wiktorski (SW) and SP4 Blanchard (GB) relieved SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RT0.

GB

5.

0650

(C) S2 to Bde S2: At 0540 hours. Recon plat received 2 82mm mortars rounds. Neg casualties. 4.2mm S M Bde GB mortars from LZ West fired 16 rounds of HE with S2 (Received by SP4 Boquard). unknown results. Loc: AT 960275.

6.

0700

(U) Recon plat (2LT Rapp): Element moving to the east.

S

GB

7.

0715

(U) CO Co B: Element moving to the west.

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GB

8.

0720

(U) CO Co A (CPT Wilson): Element up on Malaria pill.

S

GB

9.

0800

(U) Forward Air Control (FAC) Helix 13: V/R for Preplan for airstrike.

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GB

10.

0810

(U) (FAC) Helix 13: Looking for other target (fog)

S

GB

11.

0815

(C) Bde S2 to S2: At 0805 hours, URI reports unknown size enemy force in grid AT 857112.

S M Bde GB

S2 (Received by SGT Linton).

12.

0815

(C) S3 (Maj Lee) to Bde S3: Request Sky Spots in the following area: AT 971213, AT 801223, AT 801245, AT 985205, AT 963202. Request backups in the following grids: AT 956185, AT 967227, AT 946205. Request Preplans in the following area: AT 913178 AT 845214, ZC 213163.

S M Bde GB

S3 (Received by CPT Stoher).

13.

0840

(C) Bde S3 to S3: Request clearance for airstrikes in the following grids: AT 950295, AT 955308, AT 966298. Time Frame: 240600H to 241800H Dec 69.

S M Bde GB

S3 (Cleared by (MSG Garber) S3 Air). (Received by LT Decker).

14.

0845

(U) Recon plat: Element up on pill.

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15.	0915		(U) S-5 (LZ Karen): 2 Popular Forces (PF) plats loc on Hill 118.	S	GB		
16.	0925		(U) CO Co C (CPT Thomas): 1st sqds of 1st and 2nd plats on sweep.	S	GB		
17.	0930		(U) Recon plat: Element moving from NDP.	S	GB		
18.	0930		(C) CO Co B (CPT Hall): Element loc at AT 892257 (moving).	S M	GB		
19.	0935		(C) S-5 (LZ Karen): Results of artillery fired for PF's on 222100H Dec 69 in grid BT 001292: 1 VC KIA S2 (Received by and 1 VC WIA. SGT Linton).	S M Bde	GB		
20.	1010		(C) Cleared #1 and #2 grid boxes. Time Frame: 240600H to 241800H Dec 69.	S	GB		
21.	1015		(U) Recon plat: Nearing top of 381 (C/S heavy).	S	GB		
22.	1050		(C) CO Co B: Element loc at AT 883263.	S M	GB		
23.	1105		(U) CO Co A: Neg situation report; moving to PZ.	S	GB		
24.		1115	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Bde CO (Col Lee) arrived at LZ West at 1050 hours. Bde CB departed LZ West at 1110 hours.	S Bde S3 (Received by SP4 Morrow.	GB		
25.	1120		(U) 1LT Dohohoe and boy in L60B village.	S	GB		
26.	1125		(U) Recon plat: On top of 381, found animal prints in fresh mud.	S	GB		
27.	1200		(C) CO Co A: Element loc at AT 845228.	S M	GB		
28.		1240	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Activities for 24 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A: Sweep from link-up, AT 860270 with Co B; along route A; AT 860270, AT 880268, AT 895267, AT 905262, AT 913263 in area X; AT 940277, AT 940257, AT 910257, AT 910262, along river to AT 940277. Co laager in area X with Co B for purpose of Christmas services and dinner through direct coordination with B Co's CO conduct local security operations within area X. Co B: Sweep from link-up vic AT 860270 with Co A along route B: AT 860270, AT 880268, AT 903250, AT 915258 to area X. Co laager in area X with A Co for purposes of Christmas services and dinner. Through direct coordination with A Co's CO conduct local security operations within area X.	S M Bde S3 (Received by SP4 Morrow.	GB		

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28.	(Continued)		(C) Co C: Secure LZ West; 1 plat conduct sweep along route C; AT 990251, AT 973240, AT 985233, AT 995231, BT 004246, AT 990251. Co D: 2 plats screen and block in area D; AT 880230, AT 880215, AT 890215, AT 890207, AT 877207, along river to AT 880230; 1 plat and Co CP secure LZ Siberia. Recon plat: Sweep along route R; AT 987273, AT 985263, AT 980257, AT 990251 to LZ West and assist in security of LZ West on night of 24 Dec 69.		
29.	1300		(C) CO Co A: Element loc at AT 830265.	S M	GB
30.	1320		(U) Recon plat: Element moving to backside of 381	S	GB
31.	1320		(C) S-5 (LZ Karen): MACV Advisor: registered mort ars at AT 9223.	S M	GB
32.	1335		(U) S-5 (LZ Karen): End of mission.	S	GB
33.	1350		(U) CO Co A: Found total of 8 WC packs.	S	GB
34.	1435		(U) (FAC) Helix 12: Directed to Co A.	S	GB
35.	1435		(U) CO Co A: All elements have closed.	S	GB
36.	1435		(C) Recon plat: Element loc at AT 975299.	S M	GB
37.	1440		(C) Hiep Duc: At 1055 hours, MEDCAP Team received a Hoi Chanh while in Hiep Duc. Name: Trang Hong Lai S2 (Received age 17. He attended indoctrination phase at Tam Ky by SGT Linton). but did not undergo training at Americal Division Chieu Hoi Center. Will be extracted to Hawk Hill.	S M Bde	GB
38.		1440	(C) S2 to Bde S2: At 1215 hours, Co A reported that they engaged a plat or sqd of NVA which were evading to the north; When engaged the NVA dropped 8 rucksacks which contained new AK-47 ammo, fish-net and personal gear. Artillery was fired on evading NVA with unknown results at this time. At 1220 hours Co B, while moving to assist Co A came upon an NVA base camp with fresh fire wood lying around. Camp was big enough for a possible 15 people. Neg personnel in the area.	S M Bde	GB
39.	1455		(U) (FAC) Helix 12: Departing AO to the east.	S	GB
40.	1500		(U) CO Co A: Element moving towards east.	S	GB

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41.	1505		(C) Marines: Cleared grid AT 988307 for recon.	S M	GB		
42.		1515	(C) S2 to Bde S2: At 1440 hours, AT 988307, Recon plat with the PF's got information that at grid AT 988307, on a 2 hill mass are 25 VC with 3 machineguns, AK-47s and M-79S. Artillery was fired on grid. Results unknown.	S M Bde GB	S2 (Received by SP4 Burguendo).		
43.		1550	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night Activities for 23 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A and Co B will NDP at AT 862271 and provide local security. 1 element loc at AT 863271 and 1 element loc at AT 856282. Co C will secure LZ West. Co D will secure LZ Siberia with Co CP and 3rd plat. 2nd plat will have night ambush at AT 877225 and AT 872221. 1st plat will have night ambush at AT 878211. Recon plat: will NDP at AT 997276 with night raid at AT 999294 and AT 999285. Time Frame: 0100 hours to 0300 hours.	S M Bde GB	S3 (Received by SP4 Morrow).		
44.	1555		(U) CO Co B: 1st and 2nd plats on sweeps.	S	GB		
45.	1600		(U) PFC Caballero (SC) relieved SGT Wiktorski (SW) and SP4 Blanchard (GB) as RTO.		SC		
46.	1615		(C) CO Co B: 1st plat loc at AT 859272; 2nd plat loc at AT 852270.	S M	SC		
47.	1630		(C) Recon plat: At 1605 hours, AT 980298, with PF's and National Police detained 1 VC guerilla whose name is on balck list. He will be extracted to Hawk Hill. Also found 1 banana clip with 30 rounds of AK-47 ammo, 1 pistol belt, 1 M-1 carbine with 30 rounds, 1 stamp, 1 civilian radio, clothes, 1 army medal (unknown type), 1 VC grenade, 1 poncho and liner. SN on M-1 3191496.	S M Bde SC	S2 (Received by SP4 Burguendo).		
48.		1640	(U) S3 to Charger Dustoff: Request 1 dustoff for 1 PF loc at LZ Karen. Dustoff ship #605. Neg ETA.	S	SC		
49.	1650		(C) Sensor Team (LZ West): At 1536 hours, Sensor device detected several voices at AT 936275. Personnel were trying to dig up Sensors. 105's from LZ Siberia fired 10 rounds of firecrackers with unknown results.	S M Bde SC	S2 (Received by SP4 Burguendo).		
50.	1705		(C) CO Co B: 1st plat loc at AT 862272; 2nd plat loc at AT 861275.	S M	SC		
51.	1710		(C) CO Co A: Element loc at AT 861272.	S M	SC		
52.	1725		(U) CO Co A and B: Both CP's have closed.	S	SC		

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53.	1725		(C) CO Co E (CPT Brandon): The Line Nine Report is as follows: 1-2, 2-2, 3-0, 4-0, 5-19, 6-19, 7-19, 8-0 and 9-0.	S	SC		
54.	1750		(U) CO Co B: 1st and 2nd plats have closed.	S	SC		
55.	1800		(C) Recon plat: At 1755 hours, AT 988307, with PF's and National Police received 3 rounds of sniper fire. Neg casualties. Artillery will be fired on grids. Results: unknown.	S M Bde	SC		
56.	1825		(C) MACV Advisor (LZ Karen): Regional Forces (RF) and PF's night loc are as follows: AT 916249, AT 916246, AT 918246, AT 911248, AT 907248, AT 902245, AT 912230, AT 914221.	S M	SC		
57.		1900	(C) S2 to Bde S2: At 1840 hours, AT 936275, Sensor device detected 6 voices. 105's from LZ Siberia fired 6 rounds of HE with unknown results.	S M Bde	SC		
58.		1910	(C) S2 to Bde S2: At 1842 hours, AT 873222, Co D while on sweep approximately 100 meters NW engaged 2 VC. Neg pack or weapon. Dressed in black pajamas. Results: 1 VC KIA, 1 VC evaded to the NW successfully.	S M Bde	SC		
59.	1930		(U) CO Co D (CPT Lynch): All night ambushes in position.	S	SC		
60.		1940	(C) S3 to Bde S3: The PF's from Que Son CFZ will conduct a rice denial project at grid block: UL AT 960270; IR AT 980260. Time: 24 Dec 69.	S M Bde	SC		
61.		1940	(C) S2 to Bde S2: At UL AT 9628; IR AT 9827 PF's from Que Son and Son Hoa captured 2 tons of rice in several caches in ammo boxes, pottery in open fields. At grid AT 998281, PF's found 30 lbs of TNT in 2 1/2 lb blocks in a tunnel. TNT was destroyed. At AT 945285, PF's engaged 8 VC with neg results. VC evaded to the north successfully.	S M Bde	SC		
62.	2200		(U) SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) relieved PFC Caballero (SC) as RTO.		CF		
63.	2400		(C) Summary: Co A linked-up with Co B and conducted search and clear operations in assigned area resulting in 8 rucksacks containing AK-47 ammo, 1 fishnet and personal gear captured in action.	S	CF		

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1.	0001		(U) Journal opened by SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO.		CF
2.	0020		(U) Recon plat (2LT Rapp): Element moving to loc of night raid.	S	CF
3.	0115		(U) Recon plat: Neg results on 1st raid.	S	CF
4.	0200		(U) Recon plat: Neg results on 2nd raid due to fog.	S	CF
5.	0210		(U) Recon plat: Element moving to NDP.	S	CF
6.	0250		(U) Recon plat: Element closed NDP.	S	CF
7.	0535		(U) Bde S2 to S2 (CPT Mercado): Thr Weather Report is as follows: General Area: light rain. low vis 4 miles in light rain. low ceiling: 2000' overcast. hum: H-97% L-85%; DA: 1300 to 800; IAS: 30.02; AW: NW to NE 5 to 15 knots. Rain daily: .03; Rain Monthly: 13.47. temp: H-75° L-68°;	S Bde S2 (From SP4 Boq uard).	CF
8.	0550		(U) SP4 Blanchard (GB) relieved SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO.		GB
9.	0640		(U) CO Co A (CPT Wilson): 3rd plat night ambush closed NDP.	S	GB
10.	0641		(U) CO Co B (CPT Hall): 1st plat night ambush closed NDP.	S	GB
11.	0700		(U) CO Co D (CPT Lynch): LZ Siberia is socked in.	S	GB
12.	0700		(U) CO Co D: Element up on Malaria pill.	S	GB
13.	0705		(U) CO Co B: 1st and 2nd plats on sweeps to the north.	S	GB
14.	0710		(U) CO Co A: 2nd plat on sweep to the west.	S	GB
15.	0720		(U) CO Co A: 1st plat on sweep, to the SW.	S	GB
16.	0730		(U) Recon plat: 1 mile visibility, low ceiling.	S	GB
17.	0800		(C) CO Co B: 1st plat loc at AT 866274; 2nd plat loc at AT 861276.	S M	GB
18.	0815		(C) CO Co A: 1st plat loc at AT 854269; 2nd plat loc at AT 858275.	S M	GB
19.	0815		(U) Command and Control (C/C) Helicopter on east end of hill.	S	GB
20.	0905		(C) CO Co A: 1st plat loc at AT 847267; 2nd plat loc at AT 853273.	S M	GB
21.	0905		(C) CO Co B: 1st plat loc at AT 867276; 2nd plat	S M	GB

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2/S3		LZ WEST		HOUR	DATE	HOUR	DATE
4th Bn, 31st Inf		AT 990251		0001	24 Dec 69	2400	24 Dec 69
196th Inf Bde							
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21.	(Continued)		(C) loc at AT 863276.				
22.	0920		(U) CO Co B: Made commo check on secure.	S	GB		
23.	0925		(U) Recon plat: Element moving out of NDP.	S	GB		
24.	0930		(U) CO Co A: Relayed R/S to S-4 pad.	S	GB		
25.	1020		(C) Cleared boxes #1 and #2 for 25 Dec 69.	S	GB		
26.	1035		(U) CO Co A: Received status.	S	GB		
27.	1040		(U) Recon plat: Received status.	S	GB		
28.	1100		(U) S-5 (LZ Karen): Relayed Hiep Duc's PX list.	S	GB		
29.	1105		(C) Bde S2 to S2: At 1100 hours, HRI reports unknown size enemy force in the following grids: AT 895025, AT 976053, AT 818019, AT 870034. These were of 23 Dec 69.	S M Bde	GB		
			(C) CO Co C (CPT Thomas): 1st plat loc at AT 983-237.	S2 (Received by SGT Linton)			
30.	1120		(U) CO Co C: Received status.	S M	GB		
31.	1125		(U) CO Co B: Status same as 23 Dec 69.	S	GB		
32.	1130		(U) CO Co A: Element moving out of DDP.	S	GB		
33.	1130		(U) CO Co B: Element moving out of DDP.	S	GB		
34.	1200		(U) 31 pax extracted from LZ West.	S	GB		
35.	1220		(U) Bde S3 to S3: Neg helicopter for LZ Siberia.	S	GB		
36.	1255		(C) CO Co D: 2nd plat loc at AT 873217. 1st plat loc at AT 882212.	S M	GB		
37.	1305		(U) Recon plat: Kit Carson Scout bruised leg.	S	GB		
38.	13 30		(C) Bde S3 to S3 (Maj Lee): 3/21 Inf request AO extension from grid BT 010252 to BT 010216. Time Frame: 302400H Dec 69 to 052400H Jan 70.	S M Bde	GB		
			(C) S3 to Bde S3: Activities for 25 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A: Co-laager with Co B at Hill 118 vic AT 920259 for Christmas dinner and services	S3 (Cleared by S3). (Received by CHS).			
40.	1345			S M Bde	GB		
				S3 (Received by SP4 Morrow).			

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196th Inf Bde							
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40.	(Continued)		(C) with local security and move to area A; AT 950280, AT 950270, AT 918270, AT 913277, AT 950280 to conduct night activities on 25 Dec 69. Co B: Co-laager with Co A for Christmas dinner and services with local security and move to area B; AT 917270, AT 950270, AT 950280, AT 920280, AT 913277 AT 917270, to conduct night activities on 25 Dec 69. Co C: secure LZ West and provide local security. Co D: Conduct Christmas dinner and services on LZ Siberia with local security and move 1st plat into area D; AT 880231, AT 880215, AT 890215, AT 890205, AT 877205, AT 875222, along river to AT 880231, for night ambush. Recon plat: secure LZ West.				
41.	1425		(C) Que Son: At 1425 hours, AT 966265. Popular Forces (PF) have engaged 1 VC evading to the south Engaged at 100 meters dressed in black pajamas. Neg pack or weapon. Evaded south successfully. Also in vic of above loc found approximately 1 ton of unpolished rice stored in baskets and crocks. Extracted to Que Son.	S M Bde GB	S2 (Received by SGT Linton).		
42.	1430		(C) CO Co C: 1st plat loc at AT 999234.	S M	GB		
43.	1430		(U) Recon plat: Request dustoff for Kit Carson Scout.	S	GB		
44.	1435		(U) Charger Bustoff: ETA moved up to 1500 hours.	S	GB		
45.	1505		(C) CO Co B: Element loc at AT 900255.	S M	GB		
46.	1510		(C) CO Co A: Element loc at AT 903251.	S M	GB		
47.	1600		(U) Dustoff cancelled.	S	GB		
48.		1700	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night Activities for 24 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A will Co-laager with Co B at AT 922260 and provide local security. Co B will Co-laager with Co A at AT 922260 and provide local security. Co C will NDP at LZ West and provide local security. Co D will secure LZ Siberia; 1st and 2nd plats will NDP at AT 879212. Recon plat will NDP at LZ West and assist in providing local security.	S M Bde GB	S3 (Received by SGT Strohler).		
49.	1705		(C) CO Co E (CPT Brandon): The LineNine Report is as follows: 1-12, 2-0, 3-12, 4-48, 5-0, 6-48, 7-48, 8-0 and 9-0.	S	GB		

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S2/S3		LZ WEST		FROM		TO	
4th Bn, 31st Inf		AT 990251		hr	date	hr	date
196th Inf Bde				0001	25 Dec 69	2400	25 Dec 69

ITEM NO	TIME		incidents, messages, orders, etc.	action taken	initials
	IN	OUT			
1.	0001		(H) Journal opened by SP4 Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO		CF
2.	0545		(U) Bde S2 to S2 (Cpt Mercado): The weather report is as follows: Ceiling: 1500; Visibility: 4 mi; Temp: H-77% L-68%; Rel Hum-97% H, L-80%; Altitude: 1350'-800'; Winds: NW/NE-5-15Knots. Daily rain: .10; Mon Rains: 13.5; three day outlook: Little change	S Bde	CF
3.	0600		(U) Sgt Wiktorski (SW) & PFC Cabalero (SC) on duty	SC	SW
4.	0735		(U) FAC: Helix 15 entered AO on station	S	SW
5.	0800		(U) FAC: Helix 15 departing AO to east	S	SW
6.	0805		(U) CO Co A (Cpt Wilson): All personnel took daily malaria pill.	S	SW
7.		0805	(C) Same sky spots as 24 Dec sent in	S	SW
8.	1030		(C) Bde S2 to S2: Agents report that the 1st NVA Regt is located in vic Thu Bon AT 800295; Bn located within the Regt are as follows: 1 unknown Bn vic AT 830336; 1 unknown Bn vic AT 831308; 1 unknown Bn vic AT 820320; Regt Col: Dam Quang Trung; Deputy Cmdr: LTC Tra; Strength: 1250 men; Weapons: 2/122mm rocket launchers; 6/140mm Rocket launcher; 9/82mm Mortars; 11/60mm mortars; 16/75mm Recoilless Rifles; 14/57mm Recoilless Rifles; 30-Heavy Machine Guns; 40/B40 Rocket Launchers; 3-Anti-Air Craft Mach Gun; Mission Unknown.	S Bde (From Sgt Linton)	SW
9.	1030		(C) Bde S2 to S2: Agents report that 1 VC Regt of the 2nd NVA Div located in vic Tan Thuan AT 861275 & AT 861285; CO- LTC Hoeng Quang; Cadre CO- CPT Lan; Deputy Commander Kiem, Staff Officer; Strength: 1,500 Men; Weapons: 2/122mm Rocket Launchers; 4/140mm Rocket Launchers; 9/60mm Mortars; 5/82mm Mortars; 6/25mm Recoilless Rifles; 9/57mm Recoilless Rifles; 50-Anti-Air Craft MG; 19 Heavy M.G. 40 Automatic weapons; Mission to unite with 105 District Force and attack Hiep Duc on 28 Dec-(AT 909244)	S Bde (From Sgt Linton)	SW
10.	1020		(C) CO Co D (Cpt Lynch): All elements on LZ Siberia	S	SW
11.	1201		(C) BG Powell arrived LZ West	S	SW

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AT 9902514th Bn, 31st Inf
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12.	1207		(C) BG Powell departed LZ WEST enroute to LZ Siberia	S	SW
13.		1208	(U) S3 to Bde S3: BG Powell gave Christmas Greeting to BTOC, inquired about weather at Hill 118 and LZ Siberia	S Bde (Taken by Sgt Strohler)	SW
14.	1213		CO Co D: BG Powell arrived LZ Siberia	S	SW
15.	1320		CO Co D: BG Powell departed LZ Siberia	S	SW
16.	1325		(C) CO Co A: BG Powell arrived field location	S	SW
17.	1335		(C) CO Co A: BG Powell departed field location	S	SW
18.	1350		(C) BTOC: Bde Cmdr (Col Lee) arrived LZ West	S	SW
19.	1400		(C) BTOC: Bde Cmdr departs LZ West.	S	SW
20.	1515		(U) FAC: Helix 16 entered AO on station	S	SW
21.	1540		(U) FAC: Helix 16 Departs AO	S	SW
22.	1605		(U) FAC: Helix 18 entered AO on station	S	SW
23.	1610		(U) FAC: Helix 18 departed AO to east	S	SW
24.	1615		(C) CO Co A: Co now moving to N/L	S	SW
25.		1650	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night Activities for 25 Dec; A Co: will N/L AT 990253, sqd of 1st plat will have a night patrol to the NW from 2100H to 0100H. Co B will N/L AT 922260 with local security. Co C: Will secure LZ West, 2nd plat will move for N/A at 1800H and ambush at BT 0032461 Co D: Co (-) local security on LZ Siberia, 1 sqd at 87215, 1 sqd 877218. Recon Plat will secure LZ West.	S Bde (Taken by Sgt Strohler)	SW
26.	1730		(C) CO Co A: Co now in N/L	S	SW
27.	1745		(C) CO Co E (Opt Brandon) Line Nine report is as follows: 1-0-1-8-0-8-0-0-8	S	SC
28.	1920		(C) CO Co D: N/A now in position	S	SC
29.	1930		(C) S-5 (LZ Karen): Night activities for Popular	S	SC

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0730	0745	4	1hr 15min	LZ Siberia, Co B, D
0900	0920	2	45min	Co A,
1005	1030	3	30min	
1135	1230	4	1hr00min	
1330	1410	3	30min	
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S2/S3		LZ WEST		HOOR	DATE	HOOR	DATE
4th Bn, 31st Inf		AT 990250		0001	26Dec69	2400	26Dec69
196th Inf Bde							
TIME NO	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS ETC	ACTION	INITIALS		
	IN	OUT					
1.	0001		(U) Journal opened by SP Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO	S	CF		
2.	0030		(C) CO Co A (Cpt Wilson): Spotted blinking lights 600m north of their N/L. Lights appeared to be stationary and blinking in 5 second intervals. Arty fired 1 rd WP 200 and 26 rds HE. Unk results. A Co will be going to investigate BMNT	(Sent by PFC Vriseno)	(Taken by Sgt Linton)		
3.	0520		(U) Bde S2 to S2 (Cpt Mercado): Weather report is as follows: Gen outlook: Fair/Partly cloudy; 3day Outlook: Increasing cloudiness/Light rain. Vis: 7mi Ceiling: 2500 broken; Temp: H-77, L-67; Hum: H-95 L-70; D.A.: 1300/600; IAS: 29.96; Winds: N/NE 5-15	S	CF		
4.	0600		(U) SP Blanchard (GB) on duty as RTO	S	GB		
5.	0700		(C) CO Co B (Cpt Hall): Co moving out of N/L to AO	S	GB		
6.	0710		(C) S5: Que Son Liaison going out on sweep	S	GB		
7.	0720		(U) Helix 18 entered AO- asked for targets	S	GB		
8.	0721		(U) Helix 18 changed frequency on his radio	S	GB		
9.	0735		(C) CO Co A: N/L becomes D/L, 3rd plat sweep north	S	GB		
10.	0750		(U) CO Co A: Co has taken daily malaria pill	S	GB		
11.	0800		(C) S2: Cpt Mercado asked 3-21 Inf for an interpreter for time frame 261500 to 261700 Dec 69	S	GB		
12.	0810		(C) CO Co B: Co Now in D/L AT 915274	S	GB		
13.	0825		(C) CO Co D (Cpt Lynch) N/A has closed N/L; N/L is D/L	S	GB		
14.	0830		(C) S3 to Bde S3: Same skyspots were sent in	S	GB		
15.	0840		(C) CO Co D: 3rd plat requests AO extension to include following box: AT 8620, AT 8820, AT 880210 (Cleared by MSG Gerber S3 Air)	S	GB		
16.	0850		CO Co D: (C) 3rd plat moving to new AO	S	GB		
17.		0855	(C) S4 (Lt Simms) cancellend all resupply hooks from 1300-1500/27 Dec 69	S	GB		
18.	0900		CO Co B: 2nd & 3rd platoons are on sweeps	S	GB		

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19.	0900		CO Co A: Requests 4 pr pants and check on promotion for EM line No. 3065	S	GB
20.	0905		CO Co D: (C) 2nd & 3rd platoons located AT 868205	S	GB
21.	0910		(C) FAC: Helix 16 on station for preplan AT 913175	S	GB
22.	0950		(C) FAC: Helix 16 departing A0 to east	S	GB
23.	0950		(C) CO Co A: 3rd platoon located AT 891258	S	GB
24.	0955		Bde S3 to S3: Tam Ky requests clearance on air strike boxes #1&2 Time frame: 270600H to 291800H Dec 69	S	GB
			(Cleared By Sgy Wiktorski) (Taken by Sgt Butler)		
25.	1000		(C) CO Co B: 2nd Plat-AT 920275, 3rd plat-AT 940275	S	GB
26.	1010		(C) CO Co C (Cpt Thomas) 3rd plat has closed	S	GB
27.	1025		(C) Helix 16 to S2: Helix reports A/S has destroyed 2 structures, 2 structures damaged, 2 secondary fires. Expended 6 500lbs, 4 napalm. 2 dud 500lbs 1 Napalm.	S	GB
28.	1030		(C) Bde S2 to S2: URS reports unknown size enemy force at grids: AT 842007, AS 903915, AT 992103.	S	GB
			(Sent by SP Parks)		
29.	1045		(C) CO Co B: Request clearance for Grid AT 956271. 3rd plat located AT 945273. Cleared	S	GB
30.	1110		(C) CO Co D: 3rd plat loc: AT 877218. 3rd sqd on sweep	S	GB
31.	1110		(C) S3 to S3 3-21: We have KC on Nui Loc Son to return to our location.	S	GB
32.	1110		(C) CO Co B: 3rd plat to check out Fire mission at AT 956271	S	GB
33.	1145		(C) CO Co B: 3rd plat moving to check area	S	GB
34.	1145		(C) S3 to Bde S3: Activities for 27 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A will conduct recon in force in area AT 885250, AT 867227, along river to AT 896244 along CFZ to AT 902250, AT 885250 Co B will conduct recon in force in area AT 913280, AT 885250, AT 902250, along CFZ to AT 930270, AT 930280, AT 913280. Co C will continue to secure LZ West with local security. Co D (-) will conduct recon in force in area	S	GB
			(Taken by Sgt Strohler)		

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		LZ WEST	HOUR	DATE	HOUR	DATE
106th Inf Bde		AT 990251	0001	26 Dec 69	2400	26 Dec 69

ITEM NO	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS ETC	ACTION	IN
	IN	OUT			
			AT 860232, AT 860200, AT 890200 AT 860232 along CFZ to AT 880230 along river to AT 860232. 1 plat will continue to secure LZ Siberia. Recon Plat will conduct 3 squad sweeps along routes (1) AT 990251 BT 003245, BT 000238, AT 992228; route 2 AT 990251 AT 980236, AT 978237, Route 3 AT 990251, AT 974249, AT 968243 to arrive NLT 271100H Dec, on order, move to pre-coordinated link-up point AT 967237, and conduct recon in force in area AT 970255, AT 970234 along river to AT 940235, AT 940255, AT 970255 returning to LZ West on 29 Dec 69.		
35.		1200	S2 to S2 Bde: Arty LNO (Cpt Boito) spotted 5 VC in open with water buffalo. 105's from LZ Siberia fired on grid with unknown results. B Co will check out Area. Parks)	S	GB
36.		1215	(C) S2 to Bde S2: 2nd plat B Co reported they found 2 NVA uniforms, 1 NVA canteen, 14 US 1 qt canteens 4 US 2qt canteens, 4 US canteen cups. also questioned mamason with negative results, destroyed all equipment and three hootches. mamason sent to Hiep Duc	S	GB
37.		1300	S2 to Bde S2: 3rd plat B Co at AT 967277 engaged 2 VC that evaded north out of a hootch. VC had neg pack or weapon. Engaged at 200m Results VC evaded north successfully, searched area and engaged and killed one water buffalo. Also sqd of 3rd plat engaged 6 VC that evaded north into some foothills in the rocks, engaged at 150 meters with neg results	S	GB
38.	1300		(C) CO Co B: 3rd Plat location: AT 953277	S	GB
39.		1320	(C) S3 to Bde S3: 4-31 Inf requests 2 CH-47 for airlift. 1st CH-47 time frame: 290730-290830 Dec 69 2nd CH47 time frame: 290730-290830 Dec 69.	S	GB
			LIFT A/C PZ/TIME LZ/TIME UNIT PAX		
			1 CH-47 Siberia/0730 921259/0740 B Co 31		
			2 CH-47 921259/0740 Siberia/0750 B Co 31		
			3 CH-47 Siberia/0730 921259/0800 D Co 31		
			4 CH-47 921259/0800 Siberia/0810 B Co 31		
			5 CH-47 Siberia/0810 921259/0820 B Co 31		
			6 CH-47 921259/0820 Siberia/0830 B Co 31		
			7 CH-47 Siberia/0830 921259/0840 D Co 31		
			8 CH-47 921259/0840 Siberia/0850 B Co 24		

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196th Inf Bde									
ITEM NO	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS ETC				ACTION	IN	
	IN	OUT							
			LIFT A/C	PZ/TIME	LZ/TIME	UNIT	PAX		
			1	CH-47 West/0730	921259/0740	Co C	31		
			2	CH-47 921259/0740	West/0750	Co A	31		
			3	CH-47 West/0750	921259/0800	Co C	31		
			4	CH-47 921259/0800	West/0810	Co A	31		
			5	CH-47 West/0810	921259/0820	Co C	30		
			6	CH-47 921259/0820	West/0830	Co A	26		
			Ground contacts: West G99Q Field:Z99Q/ Siberia:Y99Q						
			Field V99Q Frequency Air Ground 34.55						
40	1340		(C) Rattler 23 to S3: CO 2/1 Inf Arrives					S	GB
41	1400		(C) BTOC: CO 2/1 Inf Departs					S	GB
42	1500		(C) CO Co B: 2nd & 3rd platoons closed					S	GB
43	1510		(C) FAC: Blue Ghost 27 entered AO					S	GB
44	1515		(C) FAC: Blue Ghost 27 Departing AO					S	GB
45	1520		(U) PFC Caballero (SC) on duty as BTO					S	SC
46	1520		(C) FAC: Helix 11 entered AO					S	SC
47	1535		(C) FAC: Helix 11 departed AO					S	SC
48	1630		(C) CO Co A: Co moving to N/L					S	SC
49	1710		(C) CO Co D: Co went up on internal 204					S	SC
50		1715	(C) S3 to Bde S3: MG Ramsey visits LZ West, given situation briefing, personnel status.					S	SC
			(Taken by Sgt Strohe)						
51		1715	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night activities for 26 Dec 69 is as follows: A Co will N/L at AT 896250, 2nd plat, 1st sqd has a N/Pisw of N/L. Co B N/L AT 915274, 2nd plat 2nd sqd N/A at AT 928276, Co C will have local security on LZ West. D Co: LZ Siberia, 3rd plat at AT 877218, 2nd sqd 3rd plat W/A AT 875215, 3rd sqd N/A 876212. Recon Plat local security on West.					S	SC
			(Taken by Sgt Strohe)						
52		1715	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Request a VR to be flown on 27 Dec 69 from 0700-0800 in the following box: AT 7928 east to AT 8528 south to AT 8523 west to AT 7923 north to AT 7928.					S	SC
			(Taken by SP Burguend)						

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BATTALION		LOCATION		FROM		TO	
S3 4th Bn, 31st Inf 196th Inf Bde		LZ WEST AT 990251		HOUR 0001	DATE 26Dec69	HOUR 2400	DATE 26Dec69
TIME NO	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS ETC	ACTION	IN		
	IN	OUT					
53	1715		(C) LNO Que Son to Bn S2: AT 998288 LNO Que Son reports they have 20 VC in open. 155 LZ West fired on grid-Results Unknown	S Taken by	SC SP Burguena)		
54.	1720		(C) C Co E (Capt Brandon): Line Nine: 2-2-0-0-14-14-14-0-0	S	SC		
55	1820		(C) BTQC: Sent our N/A to S-5	S	SC		
56	1820		(C) CO Co D: Went back to original push	S	SC		
57	1830		(C) CO Co A: Closed N/L at AT 89250	S	SC		
58	1830		(C) CO Co B: D/L becomes N/L	S	SC		
59	1900		(C) CO Co A: Sqd leaving for N/A	S	SC		
60	1925		(C) CO Co A: N/A now in position	S	SC		
61		1945	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Col Henry observed stationary lights. Mortars fired grids(4.2) Unknown results. (Taken by	S	SC SP Burguena)		
62	1945		(C)S5 (LZ Karen) to S3: RF/PF Locations: AT 915249, AT 915245, AT 921247, AT 912148, AT 907248, AT 904-246, AT 912230, AT 912234, 2 N/R AT 895197, AT 895178	S	SC		
63	2035		(C) Bde S3 to S3: Do to CA by ARVNS Bde requests all birds to be released to Re-fuel in order to be in Tam Ky by 0830 27 Dec 69	S	SC		
64	2100		(C) Bde S2 to S2: Bde S2 request clearance for free fire on 10 Jan 1970 from 1300-1530H Area: AS 9496, BS 0496, BS 0490, AS 9490. Bde S2 request direction and proximities of friendlies.	S (Cleared by LT Allen)	SC		
65.	2200		(U) SP Finkbeiner on duty as RTO (CF)	S	CF		
66.	2325		(C) Bde S2 to S2: Indications of renewal of enemy activity between the hours of 270001H to 270330H Dec 69. Specific targets are Da Nang area, DaNang Air Base; ARVN ammo dump, Quang Da sector regiment Weapons used will be 122mm rockets, 140mm rockets, 82mm rockets. Report maybe an indication of increased enemy activity in Americal AO.	S (Received by Hq. LT Allen)	CF		

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S2/S3		LZ WEST		HOOR	DATE	HOOR	DATE
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196th Inf Bde							
ITEM NO	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS ETC	ACTION	IN		
	IN	OUT					
1.	0001		(U) Journal opened by SP Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO	S	CF		
2.		0030	(C) S2 (Cpt Mercado) to Bde S2: B Co 2nd plat during raid engaged 1 VC, neg pack or weapon, from approx. 200 meters. VC evaded north successfully.	S	CF		
3.	0200		(C) CO Co B (Cpt Hall): 2nd plt N/R closed N/L	S	CF		
4.	0615		(C) CO Co B: Squad of 2nd plat closed N/L	S	CF		
5.	0630		(U) BTOC: Sp Blanchard (GB) on duty as RTO	S	GB		
6.	0700		(C) CO Co A (Cpt Wilson): N/A's have closed. N/L is D/L, 1st plat is on sweep.	S	GB		
7.	0705		(C) CO Co B: N/A's have closed; Co on move to D/L	S	GB		
8.	0720		(C) CO Co D (Cpt Lynch) N/A's have closed N/L	S	GB		
9.	0735		(C) CO Co B: Arrived D/L AT 910264	S	GB		
10.	0740		(C) FAC: Helix 13 arrived AO on station	S	GB		
11.	0750		(C) CO Co A: Co taken daily malaria pill	S	GB		
12.	0810		(C) FAC: Helix 13 departing AO to east	S	GB		
13.	0830		(C) CO Co B: 1st and 3rd platoons leaving on sweep	S	GB		
14.		0830	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Hain Duc advisors report that PF's of the 122 PF Co killed 4 VC and captured 1 weapon (AK 44) while on a night raid also received reports that a plt of VC/NVA were still in area. Arty was fired on grid with unknown results DT 895178	S	GB		
15.	0900		(C) Recon Plt Ldr (Lt Rapp): OP's 2&3 moving out	S	GB		
16.		0910	(C) S3 to Co D CO: Sent D Co friendly positions	S	GB		
17.	0930		(C) FAC: Helix 15 entering AO on station	S	GB		
18.	0930		(C) CO Co B: 1st plt loc: AT 927275. 3rd plt loc AT 898252	S	GB		
19.	0940		(C) FAC: Helix 15 preparing to A/S AT 861252	S	GB		
20.	0945		(C) Blue Ghost 20 will be on station conducting VR	S	GB		

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S2/S3		LZ WEST		HOUR	DATE	HOUR	DATE
4th Bn, 31st Inf		At 990251		0001	27 Dec 69	2400	27 Dec 69
196th Inf Bde							
ITEM NO	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS ETC	ACTION	IN		
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			In a block with lower right corner AT 8523 and upper right AT 8528. Blue Ghost 20 was given free fire in the entire VR block west of the two corner blocks by MSG Gerber, S3 Air.				
21.		0950	(C) S2 to Bde S2: A Co reports they have engaged 3 VC that evaded northwest out of a hootch. Engaged at 50-75 meters. Results 1 VC KTA-dressed in black PT's Linton). Neg weapon, Approx age 21-25, 3 packs were found inside hootch containing 2 ponchos, 3 hammock and 2lbs of polished rice, fish nets. Area being searched for other 2 VC which evaded successfully to the northwest. Packs were destroyed. <i>AT 813 223</i>	S	GB		
22.		0950	(C) CO Co A: 1st plat loc: AT 873223	S	GB		
23.		0955	(C) Recon Plt Ldr: At AT 970250 found one booby trap made up of 1/82mm mortar rd with trip wire across trail. Booby trap will be blown in place.	S	GB		
24.		0955	(C) Bde S3 to S3: Recusest clearance on Box 182 for A/S on 28 Dec 69 (Cleared by Maj Lee, S3)	S	GB		
25.		1000	(C) Recon Plat Ldr: OP #3 loc: AT 998233, OP#3 AT 983240	S	GB		
26.		1005	(C) CO Co A: 3rd plat leaving D/L	S	GB		
27.		1005	(C) Recon Plt Ldr: OP#1 located at AT 970250	S	GB		
28.		1015	(C) S2 to Bde S2: At AT 957273, B Co reports that they found in a hootch area about 5 PRG/25 batteries, one PRG/25 jungle antenna and 1 bear trap which will be extracted to LZ West. Questioned VN in area with neg results. VN were sent to Hien Duc.	S	GB		
29.		1035	(C) FAC: Helix 15 departing AO to east	S	SG		
30.		1035	(C) Blue Ghost 20 departing AO to east	S	GB		
31.		1055	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Recon reports at AT 963250, finding 82mm booby trap set up across trail with trip wire. It was disarmed and blown in place.	S	GB		
32.		1055	(C) S2 to Bde S2: At AT 954276, B Co detained 1 VCS approx age 60. KC questioned VCS, VCS had 1 M-26 hand frag on his possession. Dressed in green pants & shirt, will be extracted to LZ West.	S	GB		
33.		1125	(C) CO Co D: 2nd plt linked with 3rd plt	S	GB		
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S2/S3		LZ WEST		HOUR	DATE	HOUR	DATE
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196th Inf Bde							
TIME NO	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS ETC	ACTION	IN		
	IN	OUT					
34.	1130		(C) CO Co B: 1st plt loc: AT 923276, 3rd plt has closed D/L	S	GB		
35.	1145		(C) CO Co A: 1st plat has closed D/L	S	GB		
36.		1200	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Activities for 28 Dec 69; Co A will recon in force in area A, AT 860250, AT 860233 along river to AT 887245 along CFZ to AT 900250, AT 860250 (Taken by Sgt Stroblar)	S	GB		
			Co B will recon in force in area B, AT 920280, AT 900280, AT 880260, AT 880250, AT 990250 along CFZ to AT 920270, AT 920280. Co C will continue to secure LZ West. D Co (-) will conduct recon in force in area D, AT 860232, AT 860200, AT 890200, AT 890215 along CFZ to AT 880230 along river to AT 860232. One plat will secure LZ Siberia. Recon Plat will conduct recon in force in area R AT 940255, AT 940235, along river to AT 970234, AT 970255, AT 940255.				
37.	1220		(C) Recon Plat Ldr: OP#1 loc: AT 965247, OP#2 loc AT 975233, OP#3 loc: AT 991227	S	GB		
38.	1230		(C) CO Co B: 1st plat loc: AT 919274	S	GB		
39.	1235		(C) FAC: Helix 17 entered AO on station	S	GB		
40.		1300	(C) S2 to Bde S2: AT 936275. Ground sensors detected several voices in above location. 105's from LZ Siberia expended 5 rds VT. Results unknown.	S	GB		
41.	1300		(C) Bde S2 to S2: Bde S2 requests to run AVR on 29 Dec 0700-0800 in following grids: UL 9423 LR 0018 Cleared by MSG Gerber, S3 Air	S	GB		
42.	1320		(C) CO Co A: 3rd plat closed D/L	S	GB		
43.	1320		(C) Recon Plat Ldr: OP#2 loc: AT 972234	S	GB		
44.	1400		(U) LZ Karen to S3: Request dustoff for 2 BF with flag wounds, Dustoff #607, ETA 60min	S	GB		
45.	1400		(U) S3: PFC Cabellaro (SC) on duty as BTO	S	SC		
46.	1430		(C) Bde S2 to S2: Bde request clearance for T/T in grid box UL 8120, LR 8417 for IRRP's. Cleared by MSG Gerber for 280660 to 312400 Dec IRRP's insertion	S	SC		
47.	1530		(C) LZ Karen: Dustoff complete	S	SC		
48.		1531	(U) S3 to Dustoff 607: Request dustoff for 1 US with	S	SC		

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196th Inf Bde					0001	27Dec69	2400	27Dec 69
TIME NO	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS ETC	ACTION	IN			
	IN	OUT						
			possible appendicitis/Priority-Dustoff Complete					
49.	1615		(C) Blue Ghost 20 leaving AO	S	SC			
50.	1635		(C) CO Co A: Co moving to N/L	S	SC			
51.	1800		(C) Recon Plt Ldr: All elements have closed	S	SC			
52.	1805		(C) CO Co E (Cpt Brandon): Line Nine report: 16-2-14- 79-14-93-92-0-1	S	SC			
53.	1810		(C) CO Co A: Cb closed N/L	S	AG			
54.	1815		(C) CO Co D: Went back to original internal freq	S	SC			
55.	1827	1827	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Request EOD team For Que Son Liaison	S	SC			
56.	1905		(C) CO Co B: Co now in N/L	S	SC			
57.	1910		(C) CO Co D: N/A now in position. Went up 254 on internal push.	S	SC			
58.	2010		(C) Bde S3 to S3: Rules of Engagement/ Advise all Commanding Officers civilian property and dwellings including live stock will not be destroyed except as unavoidable consequence of Combat actions. Also regardless of circumstances Montagnard dwellings and property will never be destroyed by fire, they believe in a fire god. If we burn their property they will never rally.	S	SC			
59.		2010	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night activities for 27 Dec 69. Co A: N/L 877237, 1 plt N/P circular patrol to the SW 2100-2400. Co B N/L 910264 1 plat N/R vic AT 924 274 Time frame 2330. Co C will secure LZ West with local security. D Co N/L 879219. two N/A's AT 872210 A- 882212. Recon Plat N/L 964234, N/A 963245.	S	SC			
60.		2015	(C) S2 to Bde S2: MACV Advisor at Hiep Duc reports that the civilian people have spotted 36 VC in grid AT 969283 armed with 15 AK47's RF/PT will check area tomorrow.	S	SC			
61.	2015		(C) Que Son to S3: Que son will be moving 1 plt of PF from BT 020290 to his location at 0800 and sending them back to BT 020290 at approximately 1500. Also 28 Dec 69 they will have 2 night ambushes at the following grids: AT 994294, AT 997292	S	SC			
62.	2020		(C) S5 (Karen) RF/PT locations: AT 916248, AT 915245	S	SC			

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				hr	date	hr	date
				0001	28 Dec 69	2400	28 Dec 69
ITEM NO	TIME IN OUT		incidents, messages, orders, etc.	action taken		ini- tials	
1	0001		(U) Journal opened by SP Finkbeiner (OF) As RTO	S	CF		
2	0015		(C) CO Co B (Cpt Hall) Squad raid cancelled due to bad illumination.	S	CF		
3	0530		(U) SP Blanchard on duty as RTO (GB)	S	GB		
4	0550		(C) Bde S2 to S2 (Cpt Mercado): Weather report is as follows: Cloudy, windy, showers. 3Day outlook: increasing cloudiness. Weather warning 0400 to 1800-winds N to NE 5-20K 30-35K Vis: 3 mi Ceiling: 1600ft. Temp: H-74, L-67; Hum: H-97 L-85; D.A.-700-1100ft L.W.-3008. Ave Wind: NE 15-20K, Daily Rain: .32in Mon Rain: 14.07in	S	GB		
5		0555	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Situation report for Hiep Duc Negative	S	GB		
6	0720		(C) Recon Plt Ldr (Lt Rapp) N/A has closed N/L	S	GB		
7	0745		(C) CO Co B: 1st&2nd Plts on sweep, D/L is N/L	S	GB		
8	0750		(C) CO Co A (Cpt Wilson): D/L is N/L, 2nd plat on sweep	S	GB		
9	0750		(C) Recon Plt Ldr: D/L is N/L, Sqd on sweep	S	GB		
10	0810		(C) CO Co A: Internal push changed to 62.60	S	GB		
11		0815	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Same sky spots sent in	S	GB		
12	0830		(C) Bde S3 to S3: Rules of Engagement: Advise all commanding officers that civilian property and dwellings including live stock, will not be destroyed; except as unavoidable consequence of combat actions. Also regardless of circumstances, Montagnard dwellings and property will never be destroyed by fire. They believe in a fife god and if we burn their property, they will never rally. Added: If it is necessary to destroy either water buffalo or hootches permission must be obtained from this headquarters prior to doing so except in cases of self defense (Passed to all companies).	S	GB		
13	0845		(C) CO Co D (Cpt Lynch) 1st&2nd plts on sweep	S	GB		
14	0850		(C) Recon Plt Ldr: OP is moving toward site	S	GB		
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HOUR	DATE	HOUR	DATE
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ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
15.	0855		(C) CO Co A: Taken daily malaria pills	S	GB
16.	0905		(C) CO Co B: 1st plt loc: AT 891255, 2nd plt loc: AT 905263	S	GB
17.	0910		(C) S5 (Que Son) Advisors on sweep with RF's at BT 001283	S	GB
18.	0915		(C) Recon Plt Ldr: OP in position AT 962235	S	GB
19.	0920		(C) CO Co A: 1st plt loc: AT 874228, 2nd plt loc: AT 873243	S	GB
20.	0920		(C) S5 (Que Son) Contact fire mission at AT 994296	S	GB
21.	0925		(C) CO Co B: 2nd plt loc: AT 901266, 3rd Sqd loc: AT 913275	S	GB
22.	0930		(C) S5 (Que Son): Cancelled fire mission, dinks evaded.	S	GB
23.	0935		(C) Recon Plt Ldr: 1st sqd departing D/L on sweep	S	GB
24.		0950	(C) S2 to Bde S2: 0915, AT 994296, Que Son Liaison reports 20 VC dug in with Small arms. PF's fired on them, they evaded to the north. The marines would not grant clearance to fire arty.	S	GB
25.	0950		(C) CO Co A: 2nd plt has closed D/L	S	GB
26.		0955	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Cleared boxes #1&2 for A/S on 29th (Cleared by Maj Lee, S3)	S	GB
27.	1000		(C) Bde S3 to S3: Skyspot 801245 was hit by 4 500lbs bombs-280120 Dec 69.	S	GB
28.	1100		(C) CO Co A: 1st plt has closed	S	GB
29.	1150		(C) CO Co B: 1st plt loc: AT 895265, 2nd plt loc: 905258, 2nd plt/3rd sqd loc: AT 918272	S	GB
30.	1230		(C) CO Co B: 2nd plt closed D/L	S	GB
31.	1245		(C) CO Co B: 3rd sqd 2nd plt closed D/L	S	GB
32.		1300	(C) Recon Plt Ldr: At AT 963240, Recon while firing on suspected enemy location with M-79's (Taken by SP Parks) one US EM was wounded in lower chest. Extracted from field by R/S bird and treated and sent to Hawk Hill.	S	GB
33.		1305	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Request that a red haze be	S	GB

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					0001	28Dec69	2400	28Dec 69	
ITEM NO	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS ETC					ACTION	IN
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			flown on 29 Dec from 2000-2100H in the following					S	GB
			grids: AT UL 8027, LR AT 8517 (Taken by Sgt Linton)					S	GB
34.	1400		(C) Recon Plt Ldr: 1st sqd closed from sweep					S	GB
35.	1630		(C) CO Co A: Moving to N/L					S	GB
36.	1655		(C) Recon Plt Ldr: Now moving					S	GB
37.	1700		(C) CO.Co E (Cpt Brandon): Line nine report: 10-1-9					S	GB
			-36-11-47-45-0-2						
38.	1755		(C) Recon Plt Ldr: Closed N/L					S	GB
39.		1800	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Activities for 29 Dec 69: Co A will					(Sent to 3/21	
			airlift from Hill 118, AT 921259 to LZ West and assume Inf, resent					to Bde S3)	
			security of LZ West 290730H Dec 69; B Co will air-						
			lift from Hill 118, AT 921259 to LZ Siberia and assume						
			security of LZ Siberia with 1 plt and Co CP 290730H						
			Dec 69. 1 plt move to area B1 AT 880230, AT 880210,						
			AT 874210 along stream to AT 874222 along river to						
			AT 880230 to act as a screening and blocking force						
			for the proposed CFZ, 1 plt move to area B2 AT 910215,						
			AT 910215, AT 910190, AT 930190, AT 930197 along river						
			to AT 915215 AT 910215 for detailed search from 29						
			Dec to 31 Dec 69. Co C will airlift from LZ West to						
			Hill 118 AT 921259 and move to area C AT 845245, AT						
			890245 along river to AT 845238 AT 845245 for reconing						
			in force operations 290730H Dec 69. Co D will airlift						
			from LZ Siberia to Hill 118 AT 921259 290730H Dec						
			69 and move to area D AT 930280, AT 930270, along						
			CFZ to AT 940266, AT 950268, AT 950280, AT 930280,						
			for cordon and search of An Son (2) vic AT 942273						
			on Dec 30, 69. Recon plt will sweep along assigned						
			route R AT 959243 AT 970250 AT 980249, AT 990251 to						
			LZ West and assist in security of LZ West.						
40.		1810	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Recon plt at grid AT 961247 at 1800					S	GB
			found one hole 5ft deep which is thought to be 1-man					(Taken by	
			position. In hole found C-ration cans, US pistol belt					Sgt Linton)	
			and canteen.						
41.	1910		(C) CO CO B: 2 sqds now leaving for N/A					S	GB
42.	2030		(C) CO Co B: N/A now in position					S	GB
43.		2030	(C) S3 to Bde S3: A Co will N/L AT 895247 1 plat will						
			N/L to NW. Time frame 2100 to 2400. B Co N/L AT						
			910264. 1 sqd will N/A AT 913266. 1sqd N/A AT 907250						

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S2/S3 4th Bn, 31st Inf 196th Inf Bde		LZ WEST AT 990251	0001	29 Dec 69	2400	29 Dec 69
ITEM NO	TIME		incidents, messages, orders, etc.		action taken	initials
	IN	OUT				
1.	0001		(U) Journal opened by SP Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO		S	CF
2.		0030	(C) S2 (Cpt Mercado) to Bde S2: BT 032209 Sensor device detected 6 pers moving NE/SW. Special forces failed to clear grid, 6 pers evade SW successfully. end of mission called. No action taken.		S	CF
3.	0540		(C) CO Co A (Cpt Wilson): moving to PZ		S	CF
4.	0555		(C) Bde S2 to S2: Weather report is as follows: Gen area: mostly cloudy with scattered showers 3 Day outlook: Little change, Vis: 5 miles with rain showers, Ceiling: 2000ft. Temp: H-84, L-68 Hum: H-90 L-75, DensAlt: 1100/700, Low Alt Set: 30.02, Winds NE 5-15 Kn, Rainfall: Daily-.19 Mon*14.26		S	CF
5.	0600		(U) SP Blanchard on Duty as RTO (GB)		S	CF
6.	0620		(C) CO Co B (Cpt Hall): 1plt, 2nd&3rd sqds closed N/L		S	CF
7.	0645		(C) CO Co B: Inquired as to time of airlift rescheduled due to weather		S	CF
8.	0700		(C) CO Co B: N/A's have closed N/L		S	CF
9.	0705		(C) CO Co D (Cpt Lynch): 2&3 plts moving to Siberia		S	CF
10.	0715		(C) CO Co A: Arrived Million Dollar Hill		S	CF
11.	0750		(C) CO Co B: Moving towards 118 (MDH)		S	CF
12.		0800	(C) S2 to Co A: Told to start closing LZ West		S	CF
13.	0825		(C) CO Co A: moving towards LZ West		S	CF
14.	0835		(C) CO Co B: Arrived million dollar hill		S	CF
15.	0845		(C) S5 (Que Son) Que Son PF's on sweeps toward following boxes: (UL) 990285 (LR) 0028; (UL) 993270 (LR) 0126		S	CF
16.		0845	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Airlift for A Co & Co C cancelled		S	CF
17.	0900		(C) CO Co C (Cpt Thomas) Moving off West for AO		S	CF

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AT 990251

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ITEM NO	TIME		incidents, messages, orders, etc.	action taken	initials
	IN	OUT			
18.	0945		(C) CO Co D: 2&3 plts arrived Siberia	S	GB
19.	0955		(C) 3-21 Inf to S3: 4/31 class A food Conex is LZ Center	S	GB
20.	1000		(C) Bde S3 to S3: Request clearance for boxes 1&2 (Cleared by Maj Lee, S3)	S	GB
21.	1015		(C) Recon Plt Ldr (Lt Rapp): 1 sqd moving on sweep to SW	S	GB
22.	1040		(C) CO Co B: 1st plt moving on sweep to NW	S	GB
23.	1045		(C) CO Co A: Location: AT 967252	S	GB
24.	1045		(C) CO Co C: Location: AT 961255	S	GB
25.		1045	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Request that a red haze mission be flown on 30 Dec 69 from 2000-2100Hrs in following grid box: UL AT 8419 east to AT 9019 south to LR AT 9013 west to AT 8413 north to AT 8419	S	GB
			(Taken at Bde by Sgt Linton)		
26.		1045	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Request that a V/R be flown on 31 Dec 69 from 0700-0800 in the following grid: AT 7927 east to AT 8427 south to AT 8422 west to AT 7922 north to AT 7927	S	GB
			(Taken at Bde by Sgt Linton)		
27.		1045	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Request that a APD sniffer mission be flown on 30 Dec from 0700-0800 in the following grid box: AT 9420 east to BT 0015 west to AT 928150 north along east bank of river to AT 9420.	S	GB
			(Taken at Bde by Sgt Linton)		
28.		1045	(C) S2 to Bde S2: AT 911265 B Co's FO spotted 5 VC armed with 1 AK-47 and 4 M-16 in their night laager. 105's from LZ Siberia fired on grid with unknown results. B Co will check out area.	S	GB
			(Taken at Bde by SP Burgueno)		
29.		1045	(C) S2 to Bde S2: AT 936275- Sensors have detected several voices in above location. 105's from LZ Siberia fired on grid expended 4 rds. Results unknown.	S	GB
			(Taken at Bde by Sgt Linton)		
30.		1045	(C) Bde S3 to S3: Division requests to know from all battalions how many large 30" ENON searchlights with traylor, generator, and probable infrared capabilities they would like-reply no later than 301200H Dec 69	S	GB
			(Sent by Offthead)		

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		FROM		TO	
4th Bn, 31st Inf 196th Inf Bde	LZ WEST AT 990251	hr	date	hr	date
		0001	29 Dec 69	2400	29 Dec 69

ITEM NO	TIME		incidents, messages, orders, etc.	action taken	initials
	IN	OUT			
31.	1050		(C) FAC: Helix 17 entered AO on station	S	GB
32.	1120		(C) C) Co B: 1st plt closed D/L	S	GB
33.	1145		(C) Recon Plt Ldr: 1st plat closed	S	GB
34.	1145		(C) S3: Airlift of Co's D and B begun	S	GB
35.	1215		(C) S2 to Bde S2: At AT 961247 Recon reports they have destroyed the sleeping position they found on 28 december 1800 hrs. Position turned out to be big enough to sleep two personnel. Destroyed by C-4	S	GB
			(Taken at Bde by SP Burgueno)		
36.	1220		(C) CO Co D: Request 2 National Police, 5 PF's from Hiep Duc Liaison for D Co	S	GB
37.	1225		(C) S3: Airlift of Co's D and B completed	S	GB
38.	1230		(C) CO CoA: Entering wire, plt size element still out	S	GB
39.	1345		(C) CO Co D: Moving at this time	S	GB
40.	1400		(C) S3 to Bde S3: Activities for 30 Dec 69: A Co will secure LZ West with local security Conduct morning and evening wire sweeps. Co B will conduct recon in force in area B, AT 870200, AT 870222 along river to AT 880230, along CFZ to AT 915215, along river to AT 922200, AT 870200 Co C will conduct recon in force in area C, AT 840253, AT 903253 along CFZ to AT 897245 along river to AT 840239, AT 840253. D Co upon receipt by C&C of 3 National Police and 5 PF's from Hiep Duc, conduct cordon and search of An Son 2 vic AT 942273. Recon plat will airlift by C&C from LZ West to LZ Siberia 20 Dec 69, Time TBA and assume security of LZ Siberia.	S	GB
			(Taken at Bde by SP Moorow)		
41.	1410		(C) S5 LZ Karen): Dustoff completed. Dustoff called for 2 PF's injured by frag wounds. No hostile action involved.	S	GB
42.	1420		(C) S3: C&C picked up sick EM from recon plt	S	GB
43.	1510		(C) Recon Plt Ldr: Now moving	S	GB

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ITEM NO	TIME		incidents, messages, orders, etc.	action taken	initials
	IN	OUT			
44.		1600	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night activities for 29 Dec 69 are as follows: A Co: Local security on LZ West. Co B: Local security on LZ Siberia. 1 sqd at AT 891226, 1 sqd at AT 907233. Co C will N/L at AT 900253 with local security. D Co will N/L at AT 940271, 1sqd N/A at AT 941276, 1sqd N/A at AT 941273. Recon plat will assist in security of LZ West; 1 reinforced sqd will have a N/A at AT 971250	(Taken at Bde by Sp Ofstead)	S GB
45	1615		(C) CO Co D: Now leaving for N/L		S GB
46.	1635		(C) CO Co D: Now in N/L		S GB
47.	1655		(C) S5 (LZ Karen) to S3: Request dustoff for 1 PF possible pneumonia, Negative ETA, dustoff #607		S GB
48.	1710		(C) Recon Plt Ldr: Recon closed LZ West		S GB
49.	1715		(C) CO Co E (Cpt Brandon): Line Nine report: 12-2-10-40-7-47-47-0-0		S GB
50.	1730		(C) S5 (LZ Karen) to S3: Dustoff complete		S GB
51.	1825		(C) S3: Huey from Bde to pick up Duffle bag tape-Tail #272		S GB
52.	1825		(C) S3 to Charger dustoff: Dustoff requested for 1 EM, possible concussion, location LZ Siberia Dustoff #607 ETA 20 min.		S GB
53.	1825		(C) CO Co B: N/A now in position		S GB
54.		1825	(C) S2 to Bde S2: AT 936275, sensors detected several voices. 105's LZ Siberia was given negative clearance by Co D/4-31	(Taken at Bde by SP Parks)	S GB
55.	1855		(C) CO CoC) Arrived N/L AT 900253		S GB
56.	1910		(C) CO Co D: All N/A's in position		S GB
57.		1915	(C) S3 to S3 Bde: Activities for 30 Dec 69 Change 1; Co B: 1 platoon secure LZ Siberia CO (-) conduct recon in force in area B, AT 870200, AT 870222, along river to AT 880200, along CFZ to AT 915215 along river to AT 922200		

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ITEM NO	TIME		incidents, messages, orders, etc.	action taken	initials
	IN	OUT			
			AT 870200. Recon plat will continue to assist in security of LZ West. Work on maintenance of bunker line.	(Taken by Morrow)	S GB
58.	1950		(C) S5 (LZ Karen) to S3: RF/PT Locations: AT 916247, AT 915244, AT 910248, AT 907247, AT 904246, AT 918245, AT 915221.		S GB
59.	2200		(U) SP Finkbeiner on duty as RTO (CF)		S CF
60.		2215	(C) S2 to Bde S2: BT 002292 LNO Team 4/31 QUR Son stated RF's made contact with enemy force of 40 VC who had weapons, AK's, SKS's, M-79's Arty fired, 2 WP 200, 18 rds HE 105. Results unknown. VC evaded west successfully.	(Taken at Bde by SP Parks).	S CF
61.	2400		(C) Summary: Co A secured LZ West with Negative results. Co B (-) conducted recon in force in area with negative results. 1 pat continued to secure LZ Siberia. Co C conducted recon in force in area with negative results. Co D conducted operations in area with negative results. Recon plat assisted in security of LZ West with negative results. Journal closed by SP Finkbeiner.		S CF
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			hr	date	hr	date
			0001	29 Dec 69	2400	29 Dec 69
ITEM NO	TIME	IN	OUT	incidents, messages, orders, etc.	action taken	initials
1.	0001			(U) Journal opened by SP Finkbeiner (CF) as RTO	S	CF
2.		0030		(C) S2 (Cpt Mercado) to Bde S2: BT-032209 Sensor device detected 6 pers moving NE/SW. Special forces failed to clear grid, 6 pers evade SW successfully. end of mission called. No action taken.	(Taken at Bde by SP Bogard)	S CF
3.	0540			(C) CO Co A (Cpt Wilson): moving to PZ	S	CF
4.	0555			(C) Bde S2 to S2: Weather report is as follows: Gen area: mostly cloudy with scattered showers 3 Day outlook: Little change, Vis: 5 miles with rain showers, Ceiling: 2000ft. Temp: H-84, L-68 Hum: H-90 L-75, DensAlt: 1100/700, Low Alt Set: 30.02, Winds NE 5-15 Kn, Rainfall: Daily-.19 Mon#14.26	S	CF
5.	0600			(U) SP Blanchard on Duty as RTO (GB)	S	GB
6.	0620			(C) CO Co B (Cpt Hall): 1plt, 2nd&3rd sqds closed N/L	S	GB
7.	0645			(C) CO Co B: Inquired as to time of airlift rescheduled due to weather	S	GB
8.	0700			(C) CO Co B: N/A's have closed N/L	S	GB
9.	0705			(C) CO Co D (Cpt Lynch): 2&3 plts moving to Siberia	S	GB
10.	0715			(C) CO Co A: Arrived Million Dollar Hill	S	GB
11.	0750			(C) CO Co B: Moving towards 118 (MDH)	S	GB
12.		0800		(C) S2 to Co A: Told to start closing LZ West	S	GB
13.	0825			(C) CO Co A: moving towards LZ West	S	GB
14.	0835			(C) CO Co B: Arrived million dollar hill	S	GB
15.	0845			(C) S5 (Que Son) Que Son EF's on sweeps toward following boxes: (UL) 990285 (LR) 0028; (UL) 993270 (LR) 0126	S	GB
16.		0845		(C) S3 to Bde S3: Airlift for A Co & Co C cancelled	S	GB
17.	0900			(C) CO Co C (Cpt Thomas) Moving off West for MO	S	GB

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LZ WEST
AT 990251

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ITEM NO	TIME		incidents, messages, orders, etc.	action taken	initials
	IN	OUT			
18.	0945		(C) CO Co D: 2&3 plts arrived Siberia	S	GB
19.	0955		(C) 3-21 Inf to S3: 4/31 class A food Conex is	S	GB
			LZ Center		
20.	1000		(C) Bde S3 to S3: Request clearance for boxes	S	GB
			1&2 (Cleared by Maj Lee, S3)		
21.	1015		(C) Recon Plt Ldr (Lt Rapp): 1 sqd moving on	S	GB
			sweep to SW		
22.	1040		(C) CO Co B: 1st plt moving on sweep to NW	S	GB
23.	1045		(C) CO Co A: Location: AT 967252	S	GB
24.	1045		(C) CO Co C: Location: AT 961255	S	GB
25.		1045	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Request that a red haze mission	S	GB
			be flown on 30 Dec 69 from 2000-2100Hrs in (Taken at Bde by Sgt Linton)		
			following grid box: UL AT 8419 east to AT 9019		
			south to LR AT 9013 west to AT 8413 north to		
			AT 8419		
26.		1045	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Request that a V/R be flown on	S	GB
			31 Dec 69 from 0700-0800 in the following grid: (Taken at Bde by Sgt		
			AT 7927 east to AT 8427 south to AT 8422 west Linton).		
			to AT 7922 north to AT 7927		
27.		1045	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Request that a APD sniffer	S	GB
			mission be flown on 30 Dec from 0700-0800 in (Taken at Bde by Sgt		
			the following grid box: AT 9420 east to BT Linton)		
			0015 west to AT 928150 north along east bank		
			of river to AT 9420.		
28.		1045	(C) S2 to Bde S2: AT 911265 B Co's FO spotted	S	GB
			5 VC armed with 1 AK-47 and 4 M-16 in their (Taken at Bde by SP		
			night laager. 105's from LZ Siberia fired on Burgeno)		
			grid with unknown results. B Co will check out		
			area.		
29.		1045	(C) S2 to Bde S2: AT 936275- Sensors have de-	S	GB
			tected several voices in above location. 105's (Taken at Bde by Sgt		
			from LZ Siberia fired on grid expended 4 rds Linton)		
			Results unknown.		
30.	1045		(C) Bde S3 to S3: Division requests to know	S	GB
			from all battalions how many large 30" ENON (Sent by Offthead)		
			searchlights with trailor, generator, and		
			probable infrared capabilities they would		
			like reply no later than 301200H Dec 69		

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LZ WEST
AT 990251

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ITEM NO	TIME		incidents, messages, orders, etc.	action taken	initials
	IN	OUT			
31.	1050		(C) FAC: Helix 17 entered AO on station	S	GB
32.	1120		(C) C) Co B: 1st plt closed D/L	S	GB
33.	1145		(C) Recon Plt Ldr: 1st plat closed	S	GB
34.	1145		(C) S3: Airlift of Co's D and B begun	S	GB
35.	1215		(C) S2 to Bde S2: At AT 961247 Recon reports they have destroyed the sleeping position they found on 28 december 1800 hrs. Position turned out to be big enough to sleep two personnel. Destroyed by C-4	S	GB
36.	1220		(C) CO Co D: Request 2 National Police, 5 PF's from Hiep Duc Liaison for D Co	S	GB
37.	1225		(C) S3: Airlift of Co's D and B completed	S	GB
38.	1230		(C) CO CoA: Entering wire, plt size element still out	S	GB
39.	1345		(C) CO Co D: Moving at this time	S	GB
40.	1400		(C) S3 to Bde S3: Activities for 30 Dec 69: A Co will secure LZ West with local security Conduct morning and evening wire sweeps. Co B will conduct recon in force in area B, AT 870200, AT 870222 along river to AT 880230, along CFZ to AT 915215, along river to AT 922200, AT 870200 Co C will conduct recon in force in area C, AT 840253, AT 903253 along CFZ to AT 897245 along river to AT 840239, AT 840253. D Co upon receipt by C&C of 3 National Police and 5 PF's from Hiep Duc, conduct cordon and search of An Son 2 vic AT 942273. Recon plat will airlift by C&C from LZ West to LZ Siberia 20 Dec 69, Time TBA and assume security of LZ Siberia.	S	GB
41.	1410		(C) S5 LZ Karen): Dustoff completed. Dustoff called for 2 PF's injured by frag wounds. No hostile action involved.	S	GB
42.	1420		(C) S3: C&C picked up sick EM from recon plt	S	GB
43.	1510		(C) Recon Plt Ldr: Now moving	S	GB

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44.		1600	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night activities for 29 Dec 69 are as follows: A Co: Local security on LZ West. Co B: Local security of LZ Siberia. 1 sqd at AT 891226, 1 sqd at AT 907233. Co C will N/L at AT 900253 with local security. D Co will N/L at AT 940271, 1sqd N/A at AT 941276, 1sqd N/A at AT 941273. Recon plat will assist in security of LZ West; 1 reinforced sqd will have a N/A at AT 971250	(Taken at Bde by Sp Ofstead)	S GB
45	1615		(C) CO Co D: Now leaving for N/L		S GB
46.	1635		(C) CO Co D: Now in N/L		S GB
47.	1655		(C) S5 (LZ Karen) to S3: Request dustoff for 1 PF possible pneumonia, Negative ETA, dustoff #607		S GB
48.	1710		(C) Recon Plt Ldr: Recon closed LZ West		S GB
49.	1715		(C) CO Co E (Cpt Brandon): Line Nine report: 12-2-10-40-7-47-47-0-0		S GB
50.	1730		(C) S5 (LZ Karen) to S3: Dustoff complete		S GB
51.	1825		(C) S3: Huey from Bde to pick up Duffle bag tape-Tail #272		S GB
52.	1825		(C) S3 to Charger dustoff: Dustoff requested for 1 EM, possible concussion, location LZ Siberia Dustoff #607 ETA 20 min.		S GB
53.	1825		(C) CO Co B: N/A now in position		S GB
54.		1825	(C) S2 to Bde S2: AT 936275, sensors detected several voices. 105's LZ Siberia was given negative clearance by Co D/4-31	(Taken at Bde by SP Parks)	S GB
55.	1855		(C) CO CoC: Arrived N/L AT 900253		S GB
56.	1910		(C) CO Co D: All N/A's in position		S GB
57.		1915	(C) S3 to S3 Bde: Activities for 30 Dec 69 Change 1; Co B: 1 platoon secure LZ Siberia CO (-) conduct recon in force in area B, AT 870200, AT 870222, along river to AT 880200, along CFZ to AT 915215 along river to AT 922200		

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196th Inf Bde

LZ WEST
AT 990251

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	IN	OUT			
1.	0001		(U) Journal opened by SP Finkbeiner CF as RTO	S	CF
2.	0035		(C) CO Co A (Cpt Wilson): Bunker line on yellow alert	S	CF
3.		0105	(C) S2 (Cpt Mercado) to S2 Bde: 0035 AT 990251 Line company on perimeter guard reports movement (Taken at Bde by in formt of bunkers 33, 1, 2 on north side of SP Bogard) LZ West. Mortars fired 9 rds 81mm Unk results LZ West on yellow alert.	S	CF
4.	0130		(C) CO Co A: Bunker line on green alert	S	GB
5.	0530		(U) SP Blanchard GB) on duty as RTO	S	GB
6.	0530		(C) CO Co D (Cpt Lynch): 3rd plat in position for operation CP and 2nd plt leaving N/L shortly, 2nd plt 2nd sqd secures N/L	S	GB
6.		0605	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Negative sitrap for Hiep Due	S	GB
7.	0610		(C) Recon Plt Ldr (Lt Rapp): ambush sqd closing LZ West	S	GB
8.	0605		(C) Bde S2 to S2: Weather report is as follows: Gen Area: Variable cloudiness e/widely scattered showers. 2 Day outlook: Partly cloudy. Vis: 5 mi. Ceiling: 3000ft. Temp: H-78, L-70: Rel Hum: 85%-H 65%-L, Den Alt: 1450-800. DR-1407. MR: 32, IAR 3004, Winds: NE 5-15 KN	S	GB
9.	0630		(C) CO Co D: CP and 2nd plat leaving N/L	S	GB
10.	0645		(C) CO Co B (Cpt Hall): 3rd plat, 3rd sqd has closed N/L	S	GB
11.	0655		(C) CO Co B: 3rd plt has closed N/L	S	GB
12.		0700	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Acknowledged receipt of message concerning destruction of VN dwellings and property (271700 Dec 69)	S	GB
13.	0705		(C) Recon Plt Ldr: 1st plt, 2nd sqd entering wire	S	GB
14.	0710		(C) CO Co B: Requested a commo EM to check communications wire on Siberia	S	GB
15.	0725		(C) CO Co D: AT 941273, detained as a result of cordon and search a VCS in a hootch. Dressed in black PJ's neg pack or weapon Age 30 Extracddto West	S	GB

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ITEM NO	TIME		incidents, messages, orders, etc.	action taken	initials
	IN	OUT			
16.		0735	S3 to Bde S3: Cleared grid 809209 for A/S by Marines at 31066-311800 Dec 69 (Cleared by Lt Allen LNO)	S	GB
17.	0800		(C) CO Co D: Reported fonding 3 women, 5 children AT 940275	S	GB
18.	0820		(C) CO Co C (Capt Thomas) Moving out of N/L	S	GB
19.	0830		(C) CO Co D: Found a number of caves and hidden rice near An Son (2) vic AT 943275	S	GB
20.	0835		(C) CO Co B: Moving off Siberia Call Sign V220	S	GB
21.		0850	(C) S2 to Bde S2: Co D at AT 930275, as a result of cordon and search have found a hootch complex with 3 females, 5 children in it. KC questioned the female and on being detained because her husband is a VC Security Intell Cadre. Also found approx 400 to 500 lbs of rice it will be extracted to LZ West. Rice was hid in hootches in baskets and crocks and cans. The children and the other two females were released.	S (Taken at Bde By Sgt Linton)	GB
22.	0900		(J) Sgt Wiktorski (SW) on duty as RTO	S	SW
23.	0935		(C) FAC: Helix 13 entered A0 on station	S	SW
24.	0945		(C) FAC: Helix 13 departing A0 to east	S	SW
25.	1000		(C) Bde S2 to S2: Bde reports URIS in the following locations: AS 882938, AS 972838, AS 877922, AS 833978, AS 892939, AT 980060, AT 007058, AT 994072, AS 939943, AS 838938.	S Sent by Sgt Linton)	SW
26.	1015		(C) Bde S3 to S3: All sky spots were hit with 500lb bombs: 971213&801223-6/500lbs; 801223&985205-4/500lbs; 963202-9/500lbs	S	SW
27.	1040		FAC: Helix 13 entered A0 on station	S	SW
28.	1040		(C) Bde S3 to S3: Tam Ky request clearance for airstrikes in boxes 1&2. Time frame: 310600t, 311800H Dec 69. (Cleared By Maj Lee)	S	SW

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	IN	OUT			
29.	1045		(C) CO Co C: Location: AT 884240	S	SW
30.	1050		(C) FAC: Helix 13 departing AO to East	S	SW
31.		1110	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Request 1 spotlight be sent to LZ Siberia (taken by CMO)	S	SW
32.	1130		(C) CO Co C: Now in day Laager Loc: 883241	S	SW
33.	1205		(C) CO Co B: 2nd&3rd plats leaving on sweeps	S	SW
34.	1220		(C) Bde to S3: 3/21 Inf requests the following AO extension. From 0125 south to 0123 west to 0023 south to 0021 east to AO Boundry. Time frame: 30001 Dec 69 to 052400 Jan 70.	S	SW
35.		1245	(C) BTOC: Request dustoff for 3 VN: Priority Dustoff #607 ETA 1520min Called by Medcap	S	SW
36.	1245		(C) CO Co C: 1st&2nd plt moving on sweeps	S	SW
37.	1250		(C) FAC: Helix 16 entered AO on station	S	SW
38.	1350		(C) FAC: Helix 16 departed AO to east	S	SW
39.		1320	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Col Lee arrived LZ West	S	SW
40.	1330		(C) CO Co B: 2nd plat loc: 904201, 3rd plat loc: 913204	S	SW
41.	1340		(C) CO Co D: RF&NP returned to LZ Karen	S	SW
42.		1340	(C) S2 to Bde S2: 1100 to 1300 30 Dec 69- Cordon and search with Co D, PM's and Nations Police. Results are as follows: In vic of grid AT 950274 have captured 5 military age males and two females (ages-15-20) They were captured in a bunker along with 3 packs containing hammocks, fishnets&VC/NVA propaganda paper. One of the VC is the deputy intell chief of An Son Village and one is a VC Doctor. Also captured 1-m26 hand frag, 1 m-16 rifle (SN988829-Two of the VC are Hoi Chanhs. Quang Man-Male age 23, other is Female age 20 Vien Thi Thanh. These Hoi Chanhs showed D Co where the weapons were hidden.	S	SW
43.	1400	1400	(C) S3 to Bde: Col Lee departed LZ West	S	SW
44.	1430		(C) FAC: Helix 12 entered AO on station	S	SW

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45.	1450		(C) FAC: Helix 12 departed AO to East	S	SW
46.	1451		(C) CO Co C: 2nd plt closed	S	SW
47.	1455		(C) CO Co B: 3rd plt closed D/L	S	SW
48.	1455		(C) CO Co B: 2nd plt closed	S	SW
49.	1500		(C) S3 to Bde S3: Daily activities for 31 Dec 69 are as follows: Co A will continue to secure (Taken by SP Morrow) LZ West with wire sweeps in the morning and evening and work on maintenance of base defense. 1 plat of Co B will secure LZ Siberia; Co () will recon in force in area B AT 870200, AT 923200 along river to AT 915215 along CFZ to AT 880230 along river to AT 870220, to AT 870200. Co C will recon in force in area C: AT 840254 to AT 840240 along river to AT 904253 to AT 840253 to AT 840254. Co D will recon in force in area D; AT 910280 to AT 910263 along CFZ to AT 950270 to AT 950280 to AT 910280. Recon Plt will sweep from LZ West along route R; AT 990250 to AT 977250 to AT 980258 to AT 973262 to AT 990275 to AT 990287 to AT 966287 to AT 966275 to AT 990275 and conduct recon in force in area R.	S	SW
50.	1530		(C) CO Co C: Element has closed	S	SW
51.	1650		(C) CO Co E (Capt Brandon): Line Nine report is as follows: 16-2-14-99-47-146-123-2-2-1	S	SW
52.	1655		(C) CO Co C: Now leaving D/L	S	SW
53.	1730		(C) CO Co B: Now leaving D/L	S	SW
54.	1810		(C) Co Co B: Now in N/L	S	SW
55.	1810		(C) CO Co C: Now in N/L	S	SW
56.	1815		(C) CO Co D: AO Extension: AT 9527 to 9628 to 9629 to 9329 to 9328. 31 Dec 69 Elements will move out at 0500	S	SW
57.	1830		(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night Activities for 30 Dec 69	S	SW

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0115

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(C) CO Co B (Cpt Hall): 1st sqd of 3rd plt closed

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(C) CO Co B: Now moving to D/L

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(C) CO Co D: Location: AT 945277

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0750

(C) CO Co C: 1st plt closed N/L; 3rd plt on sweep

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SW

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(C) DELAYED CO Co D: Dustoff complete

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(C) S2 to S2 Bde (DELAYED): 0600, AT 946266, D Co

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0840

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SW

10.

0700

(C) CO Co B (Cpt Hall): 1st sqd of 3rd plt closed N/L

S

SW

11.

0720

(C) CO Co B: Now moving to D/L

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SW

12.

0735

(C) CO Co D: Location: AT 945277

S

SW

13.

0750

(C) CO Co C: 1st plt closed N/L; 3rd plt on sweep

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SW

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(C) DELAYED CO Co D: Dustoff complete

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196th Inf Bde				2400		31Dec 69	
TIME NO	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS ETC	ACTION	IN		
	IN	OUT					
17.	0915		(C) CO Co B: In D/L AT 890205	S	SW		
18.	0955		(C) CO Co D: 3rd plt found dud 500lb bomb AT 942279	S	SW		
19.	0955		(C) CO Co B: 2nd&3rd plts moving on sweeps	S	SW		
20.	1000		(C) Recon Plt Idr(Lt Rapp): Now moving	S	SW		
21.	1030		(C) CO Co D: Locations: AT 950274	S	SW		
22.		1030	(C) S2to Bde S2: 0835, AT 951277, D Co 2nd plt while on a sweep came across a hootch area where they have detained a 30 yr old VCS female with 2 children. They will be extracted to LZ West.	S	SW		
23.		1100	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Col Lee arrives LZ West	S	SW		
24.	1115		(C) FAC: Helix 11 Entering AO on station	S	SW		
25.	1125		(C) Recon Plt Idr: Location: AT 993275	S	SW		
26.		1130	(C) S2 to Bde S2: AT 987295 BC scope on LZ West spotted 7 VC in above location. 42 mortars for LZ West fired on grid expended 3 rds. Results unknown.	S	SW		
27.	1145		(C) Co CO B: 2nd plt loc: AT 885209, 3rd Plt Loc: AT 882193	S	SW		
28.		1145	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Col Lee departs LZ West	S	SW		
29.	12.00		(C) Co CO C: 2nd plt leaving on sweep	S	SW		
30.	1200		(C) Recon Plt Idr: Linked up with Que Son Liaison	S	SW		
31.	1205		(C) Co CO B: 2nd plt location: AT 876212	S	SW		
32.		1230	(C) S3 to Charger Dustoff: Request dustoff for 1 VN female with disentary. Routine #611 ETA 3 hours Called by Que Son Liaison	S	SW		
33.	1230		(C) S5 (LZ Karen): Report new shelters and bunkers being built at grid 948238	S	SW		
34.	1240		(C) Co CO D: All elements location: AT 940271	S	SW		
35.	1330		(C) CO Co C: 2nd plt closed D/L	S	SW		
36.	1340		(C) CO Co B: 2nd plt Locat: 883210, 3rd plt: closed D/L	S	SW		

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	IN	OUT					
37.	1345		(C) CO Co C: 3rd plt closed D/L	S	SW		
38.	1420		(C) Co Co D: 1st plt & Dufflebag moving on sweep	S	SW		
39.	1505		(C) Que Son Liaison to S3: Dustoff complete	S	SW		
40.		1530	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Activities for 1 Jan 70: Co A will continue to secure LZ West with morning and evening sweeps and work on maintenance of base defenses. Co B (-) will recon in force in area B, AT 860231 to AT 860200 to AT 890200 to AT 890215 along CFZ to AT 880230 along river to AT 860231; 1 platoon will secure LZ Siberia. Co C will recon in force in area C; AT 870255 to AT 870224 along river to AT 897245 along CFZ to AT 905270 to AT 950285 to AT 910285. Co D will recon in force in area D AT 920 285 to AT 910261 along CFZ to AT 950270 to AT 950285 to AT 910285. Recon Plt will recon in force in area R AT 990200 to AT 990275 to BT 000275 to BT 000300 to AT 990300.	S	SW		
41.	1545		(C) FAC: Helix 05 entered AO	S	SC		
42.	1615		(C) FAC: Helix 05 departing AO	S	SC		
43.		1705	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Night Activities for 31 Dec 69. Co A- Local security on LZ West; B Co N/L AT 881208 1 plat ambush AT 875229; Co C N/L 877236, N/A AT 878239, N/A 874239; Co D- N/L 940270 with local security. Recon N/L 994275 with local security.	S	SC		
44.		1710	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Combat Airlift Request: 4/31 Inf requests 8 UH-1's and C&C to CA C Co from PZ AT 921259 to LZ AT 965224; on 2 Jan 1970. Time frame: 020930 to 020950 Jan 70. Request one heavy team of gun ships to escort lift. PZ is secure. LZ is not secure.	S	SC		
			LIFT ACFT PZTIME LZTIME UNIT				
			1 UH-1D 921259/0930 965224/0940 Co C 54				
			2 " 963224/0940 921259/0945 Empty				
			3. " 921259/0945 965224/0950 Co C 54				
			Frequency-Air ground 45.85, Ground Contact: PZ Zulu 21 Foxtrot.				
45.	1710		(C) Bde to S3: Sky spot 4 (AT 865165) was hit 210510H	S	SC		

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ITEM NO	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS ETC				ACTION	IN
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			Dec 69 with 2 500lbs bombs					
45.	1720		(C) CO Co C: Departing D/I				S	SW
46.	1800		(C) CO Co B: Now in N/L				S	SW
47.	1800		(C) CO Co C: Now in N/L				S	SW
48.	1815		(C) CO Co E (Cpt Brandon): Line Nine Report: 15-1-14-88-3-91-32-1-58				S	SW
49.	1905		(C) CO Co C: N/A now in position				S	SW
50.	1905		(C) CO Co B: Element leaving to N/A				S	SW
51		1910	(C) S3 to Bde S3: Truce will be observed from 1759H to 1801H 1 Jan 70 (Taken at Bde by SP Morrow)				S	SW
52.	1920		(C) S5 (LZ Karen) to Bde S3: Request clearance for combat operations outside CFZ. RF-PF were granted clearance for combat operations east of the 9020, 9022 grid box to the blue. Time frame: 1000 to 1800 1 Jan 70				S	SC
53.	1930		(C) S5 (LZ Karen) to S3: RF/PF night locations are as follows: AT 916247, AT 918246, AT 915245, AT 911247, AT 906247, AT 904246, AT 912230, AT 908245, AT 908240				S	SC
54	2200		(D) SP Finkbeiner on duty as BTO (CF)				S	CF
56	2400		(C) Summary: Co A secured LZ West with negative results. Co B (-) conducted operations in zone with negative results. 1 plat continue to secure LZ Siberia. Co C conducted operations in assigned area with negative results. Co D while on operations stuck a booby trap resulting in 3 US WIA. Recon plt conducted operations in zone with negative results				S	CF
57.	2400		(C) Journal closed by SP Finkbeiner (CF) as BTO				S	CF

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