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FROM: CO, 3D BDE, 1ST CAV DIV (AM), LZ ANDY (QUAN LOI), RVN

TO: CG, 1ST CAV DIV (AM), PHUOC VINH, RVN

INFO: CO, 1ST BDE, 1ST CAV DIV, TAY NINH	INTERNAL DIST
CO, 2D BDE, 1ST CAV DIV, QUAN LOI	CO
CO, 1-5 CAV, LZ ELEANOR	DCO
CO, 2-5 CAV, LZ ODESSA	S-1
CO, 2-7 CAV, LZ SUE	S-2
CO, 1-12 CAV, LZ BUTTONS	S-3
CO, 1-21 ARTY, LZ ANDY	S-4
CO, B TRP, 1-9 CAV, LZ BUTTONS	S-5
CO, CO C, 8TH ENG, LZ ANDY	BDE AVN
CO, CO B, 31ST ENG, LZ ANDY	3D FSE
CO, 371ST RRU, LZ ANDY	IACD LNO
CO, 545TH MP DET, LZ ANDY	11TH AVN LNO
CO 34TH INF PLAT, LZ ANDY	
SA, 5TH ARVN DIV, LAM SON	
SA, 9TH ARVN REGT, CHON THANH	
SA, BINH LONG PROVINCE, AN LOC/HON QUAN	
SA, PHUOC LONG PROVINCE, SONG BE	
SA, LOC NINH DIST, LOC NINH	
SF, B TEAM 33, HON QUAN	
SF, B TEAM 34, SONG BE	

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1. (C) GARRY OWEN CONTINUED OPERATION SHERIDAN-SABRE WITH LIGHT ENEMY CONTACT. C/2-5 AT 1105H MADE CONTACT WITH (L)K OR SNEAKS IN TREES RESULTING IN 01 US WIA, 02 US MIA, AND NEGATIVE ENEMY ASSESSMENT. C & D/2-7 AT 1210H RECEIVED HPG AND SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE VIC XU 937036. RESULTS: 04 NVA KIA; NEGATIVE US CASUALTIES. C/2-5 AT 1420H RECEIVED FIRE FROM AN ESTIMATED COMPANY SIZE FORCE VIC XU 940060 RESULTING IN 06 US WIA, 01 US MIA, AND NEGATIVE ENEMY ASSESSMENT.

2. (C) ACTIVITIES REPORT

A. 1-5 CAV:

- (1) CO A - S & C TO VIC XT 986791 & EST JOINT FOB W/CO E.
- (2) CO B - SCTY OPNS IN AO COBRA; OPCON TO DIVARTY.
- (3) CO C(-) - SCTY LZ ELEANOR; 01 PLAT RIVER WATCH VIC XT 924756.
- (4) CO D - OPCON TO 2-7.
- (5) CO E - S & C TO VIC XT 986791 & EST JOINT FOB W/CO A.

B. 2-5 CAV:

- (1) CO A - SCTY OPNS IN AO COBRA; OPCON TO DIVARTY.
- (2) CO B - S & C TO VIC XU 942048.
- (3) CO C - S & C TO VIC XU 944055.
- (4) CO D - SCTY OPNS IN AO COBRA; OPCON TO DIVARTY.
- (5) CO E - SCTY LZ ODESSA & LOC PTLS.

C. 2-7 CAV:

- (1) CO A & E - S & C TO VIC XU 924051.
- (2) CO B - SCTY LZ SUE & LOC PTLS.

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(3) CO C & D - S & G TO VIC XU 937038.

(4) CO D/1-5 - SCTY LZ SUE & LOC PTLS.

D. 1-12 CAV:

(1) CO A(-) - SCTY LZ ELLEN; 01 PLAT SEC TO SEC TO LZ BUTTONS AT 0800H & RTN TO LZ ELLEN AT 1530H.

(2) CO B - S & C TO VIC XU 929060 & EST BLOCKING PSN.

(3) CO C - S & C TO VIC XU 937061 & EST BLOCKING PSN.

(4) CO D - SCTY LZ ELLEN & LOC PTLS.

(5) CO E - SCTY LZ BUTTONS & LOC PTLS.

E. 2-12 CAV(-):

(1) CO A - 03 PLAT RIF TO VIC XT 810938; 01 PLAT QRF AT LZ ANDY.

(2) CO D - RIF TO VIC XT 855906.

F. 9TH ARVN REGT(-):

(1) 1-9 ARVN BN - S & C TO VIC YU 232154.

(2) 4-9 ARVN BN - SEC HAMLETS & VILLAGES IN ASG AO.

3. (C) PLANS SUMMARY

A. 1-5 CAV:

(1) CO A - S & D TO VIC XT 979786 & CDT DAYLIGHT AMBUSH.

(2) CO B - SCTY OPNS IN AO COBRA; OPCON TO DIVARTY.

(3) CO C - SEC LZ ELEANOR; 01 PLAT CDT RIVER WATCH VIC XT 924756 & EST ARTY OP VIC XT 922744.

(4) CO D - OPCON 2-7 LZ SUE.

(5) CO E - CDT DAYLIGHT AMBUSH & PTLS VIC XT 993795 & RTN TO LZ ODESSA.

B. 2-5 CAV(-):

(1) CO B - S & C TO VIC XU 941050 & EST BLOCKING PSN.

(2) CO C - S & C TO VIC XU 935045 & EST BLOCKING PSN.

(3) CO E - SEC LZ ODESSA & CDT LOC PTLS.

C. 2-7 CAV:

(1) CO A & E - FE TO CA VIC XT 912978 AT 1100H & RIF TO VIC XT 904982.

(2) CO B - SEC LZ SUE & CDT LOC PTLS.

(3) CO C & D - S & C TO VIC XU 935045 & EST BLOCKING PSN & SCREEN E & W.

(4) CO D/1-5 - SEC LZ SUE & CDT LOC PTLS.

D. 2-12 CAV(-):

(1) CO A - FOB VIC XT 811928 - 02 PLAT S & C TO VIC XT 808941; 01 PLAT S & C TO VIC XT 790930 THEN TO XT 790920 THEN TO XT 810920 & EST FOB VIC XT 811928; 01 PLAT QRF AT LZ ANDY.

(2) CO D - RIF TO VIC XT 865885.

E. 1-12 CAV:

(1) CO A & D - SEC LZ ELLEN & CDT LOC PTLS.

(2) CO B - S & C TO VIC XU 933054 THEN O/O TO VIC XU 941050.

(3) CO C - CDT LOC PTLS VIC XU 932061 THEN O/O S & C TO VIC XU 943057.

(4) CO E - SEC LZ BUTTONS & CDT LOC PTLS.

F. 9TH ARVN REGT(-):

(1) 1-9 ARVN BN - S & C TO VIC XU 249186.

(2) 4-9 ARVN BN - HAMLET & VILLAGE SCTY IN ASSIGNED AO.

4. (C) ENEMY CONTACTS

A. (1) 2/1-5 AT 0915H ENG 03 NVA W/SA VIC XT 998789. RESULTS: NEG US CAS; NEG EN ASSESSMENT.

(2) C & D/2-7 AT 1040H RCD SA FIRE VIC XU 937034. RESULTS: NEG US CAS; NEG EN ASSESSMENT.

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(3) C/2-5 AT 1150H MADE CONTACT W/UNK NR SNIPERS IN TREES
VIC XU 937036. RESULTS: 01 US WIA, 02 US MIA; NEG EN ASSESSMENT.

(4) C & D/2-7 AT 1210H RCD RPG & SA FIRE FM UNK SIZE EN
FORCE VIC XU 937036. RESULTS: 04 NVA KIA; NEG US CAS.

(5) C/2-5 AT 1420H MADE CONTACT W/EST CO SIZE FORCE VIC
XU 940060. RESULTS: 06 US WIA, 01 US MIA; NEG EN ASSESSMENT.

B. TODAY'S LOSSES

- (1) US LOSSES
 - (a) HOSTILE: 07 WIA; 03 MIA
 - (b) NON-HOSTILE: 05 WNHA
 - (c) WEAPONS: NONE
- (2) ENEMY LOSSES
 - (a) PERSONNEL: 04 NVA KIA
 - (b) WEAPONS: NONE

C. CUMULATIVE LOSSES

75 KIA; 376 WIA; 03 MIA
 05 KNHA; 78 WNHA
 01 APC
 501 VC/NVA KIA; 02 PW
 104 IND; 31 C/S

5. (C) UNIT LOCATIONS: CP 3D BDE, 1ST CAV DIV (AM), LZ ANDY (QUAN LOI), RVN

CP 1-5 CAV	LZ ELEANOR	CP 2-5 CAV(-)	LZ ODESSA
CO A	XT 986791	CO B	XT 942048
CO B	PHUOC VINH	CO C	XT 944055
CO C	LZ ELEANOR	CO E	LZ ODESSA
CO D	LZ SUE		
CO E	XT 986791		
CP 2-7 CAV	LZ SUE	CP 1-12 CAV	LZ BUTTONS
CO A	XT 924051	CO A	LZ ELLEN
CO B	LZ SUE	CO B	XT 929060
CO C	XT 937038	CO C	XT 937061
CO D	XT 937038	CO D	LZ ELLEN
CO E	XT 924051	CO E	LZ BUTTONS
2-12 CAV(-) (OPCEN 2D BDE)		1-9 ARVN	YU 232154
A/2-12	XT 810938	4-9 ARVN	YU 153063
D/2-12	XT 855906		
CIDG	XT 840783		

6. (C) DUSHMASTER REPORT: 32 AMBUSH SITES; NEG CONTACT; NEG WPNS LOST.

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1 0001 JOURNAL OPENS

1A 0115 FM 1-5: Request B/1-9 check out area where LRRP's were extracted and give a grid where they think the best place for a CS drop and TOT would be

2 0340 FM FDC 1-21: 0230H, ARA, Grid 770870 spotted light. Requested Arty. Fired 01 rd W/P and 01 rd H/E. Results: light went out and 01 secondary explosion. (Arty was fired by B/6-15). INFO

3 0730 FM 2-12: D Co called in an said, Tricker Treat 36/ came back to FOB. INFO

4 0755 FM 3D BDE TO 2-7: Request SP time of attack. Contacted 2-7 S-3, not moving at this time. Waiting for A/S. SEL ITEM

5 0815 FM 2-7: C 61 departing at this time. INFO

6 0810 FM 2-7: 0810H, C Co, XU 937037. A/S went in at 0810H. At 0812 H there was a secondary explosion. At 0816H there was another secondary explosion. INFO

7 0735 FM DIV G-2 AIR: Last nights Lightning Bug was aborted. Crew chief was evacuated to 15th Med when fire ignited. INFO

8 0825 FM 1-12: A Co 16/lift info. Sec to Sec - PZ: ELLEN 0800H, BTCC NOT LZ: BUTTONS 0810H, Lift complete 0810H, 01 Sortee. 0957H

9 0900 FM 2-7: 2 A/S complete at this time. 2 Secondary explosions each for total of 4 explosions. Grid 937036 0800H, and 913023 0745H. INFO

10 0905 FM 2-7 (6): All units are now moving. Delay was due to A/S which were required to open up bunker complex that has been accomplished. Compliments to USAF; 04 Secondary explosions were observed after A/S. Some Arty problems w/Birth Control. INFO

11 0900 FM 2-7: Co A & B are moving out at this time. INFO

12 0910 FM 2-7: Co D & C are moving N EDA A/S. INFO

13 0925 FM 2-12: 0920H, D Co leaving FOB, D Co 36/ CP/ 853914 35/859911 26/ 865906 25/ 860900 moving to these locations. INFO

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	LATE		
14	2130	ENTRY	FM B/1-9: XT 838733. Saw 25 indiv w/AK-47's & est there. SEE ITEM was up to 40 NVA all total. at coord AT 838733, 06 bunkers 8'x10' w/overhead cover, 10 indiv by bunkers, 03 had wpns. Road not used by vehicles in a long time. Sabre 6 worked over the area. One NVA was knocked down, but had been dragged off, big blood trail. Two other poss NVA KIA's fm booby trap left by Tm 31. EXTRACTED AT 1804H
15	0945		FM 2-12: A Co 26/ departed FCB to N. D Co 25, 36 & 35/ INFO in position.
16	0950		FM 2-7: Unit locations. B Co & D/1-5 LZ SUE, all others POSTED moving N.
17	1000		FM 2-12: A Co 36/ moving SE at this time. INFO
18	1000		FM 1-5: 0915H, E Co, XT 998789 spotted 03 poss NVA sitting INFO on trail. 01 stood up, E Co engaged w/small arms. 03 EM evaded to hole and returned fire w/AK-47. E Co used frags on hole, 03 poss KIA, EM were wearing Tiger fatigues. At 0953H spotted movement 15 meters from position. A 26&36/ moving to that location a reinforcement. Found empty AK-47 rds in hole.
19	1007		FM 2-5: Unit locations. C Co 952053, B Co 954049. POSTED
20	1010		FM 1-5: Unit Locations. A(-) 988794 16/981795 POSTED 26, 36/993795, A 46/LZ ELEANOR. B Co OPCON DIV ARTY. C(-) LZ ELEANOR 31/924755 33/893735. D Co OPCON 2-7 Cav, 46/ LZ ELEANOR. E(-) 998788 46/ LZ ELEANOR
21	1047		FM 2-7: 1040H, C & D Co, 937034. Receiving S/A fire approx INFO 15 rds. Spotted 01 NVA believed to be more unknown at this time. Engaged w/Arty.
21A	1015		FM 2-7: 1014H, C Co, 937034. Found 01 bunker 2x5x5' neg overhead INFO cover. C 16/ spotted 01 NVA to their front wearing green fatigues. Further readout follows.
22	1020		FM 1412: A Co(-) LZ ELLEN 16/LZ BUTTONS. C Co(-) 937061 POSTED 16/937060 26/935061 36/931060. D Co LZ ELLEN. E Co LZ BUTTONS. 1-9 ARVN 178105, 4-9 ARVN 133062.
23		NEGATIVE ENTRY	
24	1025		FM 1-12: B Co 926062. POSTED
25	1045		FM 2-7: A & E Co vicinity of 923043 and still moving. POSTED

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26	1045	FM 1-5: CIDG at LZ ELEANOR	POSTED
27	1100	FM 2-7: C Co had 01 EM amp fm snake bit. Priority Medevac requested.	INFO
28	1105	FM 2-12: D(-) CP moving S/SE at this time.	INFO
29	1120	FM 2-12: A26 closed FOB at 810928 1115H.	POSTED
30	1130	FM 2-7: C Co moving into area of contact, found new commo wire, and unknown # of bunkers, fresh built, more information to follow.	S-2 INFO
31	1135	FM 2/7: C Co MEDEVAC REQUEST COMPLETED 1127H. 937033. 1 EM, Snake Bite. Log bird used.	DTCG 1246H SP HELD
32	1155	FM 1/5: LOCATIONS. BN CP- ELANOR, A CO(-) 993795, A16 981795, A46 ELANOR. B Co OPCON DIV ARTY. C CO (-) ELANOR, C31 924755, C33 893735. D CO (-) OPCON 2/7 D46 ELANOR. E CO(-) 990788, B46 ELANOR.	POSTED
33	1155	FM 2/5: <u>937036</u> . Ref 201150H. Contact is high. Believed to be sniper in tree W, one NVA/ Air strike to be put in.	INFO
33A	1150 SEE 33	FM 2/5: C36. In contact at this time. One US KIA. Further readout to follow.	INFO
34	1200	FM 1/12: A LZ BETH. B XU 229060. C 937061, C16 935060, C26 935061, C36 935060. D ELLEN. E LZ BETH. 1/9 215130. 4/9 133062.	POSTED
35	1200	FM 2/12: D Co, 46 CP 855906. No change for others.	POSTED
36	1200	FM 2/5: B 945049. C 944054.	POSTED
37	1217	FM 2/7: 1210H, C & D Co. Pulling back to old NDP. Spot 6 bnkrs, 1 hut, more NVA moving into area, 3 possible NVA KIA.	INFO
38	1200	FM 2/7: 1140H. C&D Co. <u>937036</u> . Fired on by 2 RPG. Neg cas, no movement at this time.	INFO
39	1250	FM 2/7: D Co readout. Four NVA KIA, 2 more POSS, 2 RPG, from N, shot out by LAW, many frags were thrown at C & D Co, spotted 1 hut & many bnkrs.	INFO
40	1300	FM 2/5: C Co, rpts one KIA, 2 WIA, US from snipers, ARA (ARTY) in area. Info to follow.	DTCG 1300H
41	1335	FM 2/7: C & D Co, 932034. 3d set of AS in this time.	INFO

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- 42 1345 FM 2/7: RASH 22, Same as Air Strike. Spotted 25-50 INFO
bnkrs in area of 3d AS. Area well traveled. Suspect
more activity in area later.
- 43 1400 FM 1/12: Locations remain the same. POSTED
- 44 1330 FM B1/9: 1200H. XT 907781. B1/9 26/37 spotted a trail GOLD STEEL
running N & S with movement of approx 20 indiv with- NOT
in last 2 - 4 days. Direction of movement unknown.
Visual recon. Neg eng.
- 45 1330 FM B1/9: 1100H. YT 288980. B1/9 26/37 spotted one struc- GOLD STEEL
ture 3'x8' with an air compressor ~~at~~ beside it. The NCT
compressor was yellow in color and air cooled.
Visual recon. Neg Eng.
- 46 1410 FM 1/5: Locations. E 990790. All others remain same. POSTED
- 47 1410 FM 2/5: Loc. B 942048. C 944045. POSTED
- 48 1410 FM 2/5: C Co MEDEVAC Completed 1410H. 944054. DTOC 1415E
Hostile action, gunshot forearm, one EM. Jungle
penetrator, Med # 15. *Declarator*
- 49 1435 FM 1/5: 1425H, A Co, XT 993795. Observed movement INFO
50 m North moving Se-NW. Called arty, neg assess
at this time.
- 50 1430 FM 2/7: 3d AS completed 1420H, at 1427H, one 2nd INFO
explosion, one 2nd explosion 1435H.
- 51 1455 FM 2/7: 1450H, D & E, obj 2. D & E have reached obj INFO
2 at this time, also had one more secondary explosion
total 7.
- 52 1455 FM 2/12: A26 OP to W. INFO
- 53 1445 FM 2/12: D36&35, 855906. Moving back to D(-) INFO
location 855906. Neg assess.
- 54 1445 FM 2/7: E & A Co 923049 move N. B SUE. C 937033. POSTED
D 937033.
- 55 1500 FM 2/5: 1420H, G26, 940060. Sniper fire res 1 KIA; *HAWK*
2 WIA, US, move back to FOB, med requested. This is INFO
new contact not the same as spot rpt # 40.
- 56 1527 FM 3D BDE S-2: 3D BDE CO is landing at SUE. Will be INFO
there about 30 minutes.
- 57 1530 TO 2/5: B & C. Plan on cont to operate in AO RR til NOT 2/5
1300H then FE to LZ ODESSA to begin opns to NE. 3A, 1500H.

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58 1530 FM 2/7: Four AS complete, 2 additional 2d explosion INFO
fm this AS make a total of eight.

58A 1545 FM 2/12: D Co, 26, 36, & 16 closing. INFO

59 1540 FM 1/5: 1525H, Agent, 822661. Agent Report/ Special INFO
Forces AgentSD detachment Tax Collector was collect-
ing taxes along Highway LTL 13A near CHON THONH.
Believed place is near 822661, agent stated he saw
a girl dressed in plack PJ's with an M-16. No more
info available. Agent is new so he is not reliable.

60 1559 FM 1/12: Locations. Same as 1400H locations. A: ELLEN INFO
B: 929060 C: 937061 D: ELLEN E: BUTTONS.

61 1605 FM 1/12: B Co, 01 EM from B Co is sick. Neg knowledge INFO
of what it is. 1/12 83 picked him up and is bring-
ing him to C MEDEVAC pad. More info to follow.

62 1617 FM 1/5: Locations. CP: ELEANOR A(-): 986791 46/ELEANOR POSTED
B: CPCON DIVARTY C(-): ELEANOR 31/924755 33/893-
735 D(-): OFCON 2/7 46/ELEANOR E: 986791 46/ELEANOR

63 1625 FM 2/7: 1505H, B Co, 923954. Found 01 Booby Trap of TNT INFO
with trip wire and frag fuse. Wire was around bamboo
stick. Was dismantled in place.

64 1630 FM ARTY LNO: WO 2 W/METRO SEC, XT 795905. Observed smoke INFO
rising from woodline. Rubber workers are reportedly
not in the area this day.

65 1640 FM 1/12: Intelligence from MAXY. VC CO or more at YU 241- DTCS NOT
095. FAC is checking area out.

66 1635 FM 2/7: Locations: A & E: Objective 5 B: SUE 04 OP's POSTED
out C: 937033 D1/5: SUE D: 937033.

67 1705 FM 2/5: Locations. B: 942048 C: 944054 REST ARE SAME POSTED

68 1700 FM B1 /9: 0940H, YU 100219. Sabre 23/18 spotted trampled COLD STEEL
bamboo on trail running N/S. Trail was used by approx INFO
10 indiv in last 12 hrs. Unable to determine direction
of movement. Area appeared to be an overnight campsite.

69 1700 FM B1/9: 0810H, YU 176226. Sabre 23/18 spotted 10 bunkers COLD STEEL
4x6 with possibly 1 camouflaged bunker. Also a trail INFO
running E/W beside bunkers. The trail is well traveled
& at YU 163218 the trail branches to the south. Spotted
4 additional bunkers 4x6 where trail branches. 18 indiv
went south and 7 indiv went to the west. Neg eng.

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70	1700	FM B1/9: YU 197179. Sabre 23/18 spotted a trail running NW/SE with movement of 3-4 indiv in last 24 Hrs. Unable to determine direction of movement. Vis recon, neg eng.	COLD STEEL N INFO
71	1700	FM B1/9: 0730H, YU 108188. Sabre 23/18 spotted one old raft, 8'x20'. Vis recon, neg eng.	COLD STEEL N INFO
72	1700	FM B1/9: 0730H, YU 116188. Sabre 23/18 spotted one sampan 15' long & a comouflaged raft 4'x12'. Also spotted 4-5 fish traps in river. Engaged with organics. Results: one sampan destroyed. Vis recon.	COLD STEEL N INFO
73	1700	FM B1/9: 0715H, YU 276100. Sabre 23/18 spotted one individual who evaded to the north on a trail running N/S. Also spotted 10 spider holes 2' in diameter and 3 bunkers 3x5. Vis recon, neg eng.	COLD STEEL N INFO
74	1700	FM B1/9: 0930H, YU 148214. Sabre 23/18/38 spotted numerous structures all approx 20'x30'. Area was engaged with concussion grenades. One structure damaged and Sabre 18 had 2 small secondary explosions. Vis recon.	COLD STEEL N INFO
75	1700	FM B1/9: 1040H, YU 205121. Sabre 23/18 spotted 7 piles of hay 4'x5'. The piles of hay were camouflaged. Vis recon, neg eng.	COLD STEEL N INFO
76	1730	FM 1/5: Closing locations. CP: ELEANOR A(-): 986791 16/986795 26/991790 36/981789 B: CPCCN DIVARTY C(-): ELEANOR 36/924753 31/924753 33/928730 16/892735. D: CPCCN 2/7 26/ELEANOR E: FCB with A Co: 986791, no ambushes 46/ELEANOR.	POSTED INFO
77	1535	FM 2/5: XU 944054. Change in plans for 21 DEC 68. Will remain in contact area vic XU 944054 & est blocking position, they will be prepared on order to move the CP and O1 Co FE to LE ODESSA.	INFO
78	1750	FM B1/9: 1530H, YU 035244. Spotted a raft 4x8. Eng with WP and destroyed the raft.	COLD STEEL N
79	1750	FM B1/9: 1600H, YU 274209. Spotted a bridge 4x8 crossing a stream. Eng with WP and destroyed it.	COLD STEEL N
80	1500 LATE ENTRY	FM B1/9: 0745H, YU 199170. Spotted a hay stack 8x10 with a structure or bunker underneath. The hay was piled at the end of a tree line about 50m away from a Mountagnard village. There was a Mountagnard man & woman & a 15 yr old girl beside the structure. There were several other structures 300 meters E of this area. No other indiv were	COLD STEEL N

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- 80 CCH'T Observed. Spotted numerous bunkers near the hay stack could not determine the size or number due to heavy foliage. Neg eng due to personnel in area. GOLD STEEL NOT
- 81 1500 FM B1/9: 1200H, YU 162213. Spotted 40 bunkers, 15 structures, unable to determine size due to foliage trail complex in the area and a camp site. Good Arc Light area. Box would be 158210 - 162209 - 168216 - 162213. Vis recon. GOLD STEEL NOT
- 82 1500 FM B1/9: 1115H, YU 097182. Spotted a trail running SW from YU 088180. Trail showed movement of approx 200 individuals. Unable to determine direction of movement. GOLD STEEL NOT
- 83 1445 FM B1/9: 1110H, YU 088180. Spotted a network of trails to bamboo structures unable to determine size due to foliage. 1 structure with a black tin roof under const had a large pit underneath. Pit was 30x50x4. Also a pit 30'x50'x4' about 30 meters from structure Spotted 30 bunkers in area 4x4. All structures & bunkers were built within last week. Appeared that 3 more structures were to be built. Fresh dirt around all bunkers & structures. Estimated 200 individuals were needed to build such a complex in such a short time. Recommended Arc Light area. Target would be bamboo huts, large pits & bunkers. Box would be 080190 - 100190 - 080190 - 100180. GOLD STEEL 1
- 84 1445 FM B1/9: 0815H, YU 245134. Spotted a trail 3' wide running N/S with movement of squad size element moving S in last 6 hrs. Also spotted bunkers 5'x5' every 30 meters along trail. Vis recon. GOLD STEEL NOT
- 85 1805 FM DIV to EDE: AO DARKHORSE & CHARGER out as of 1800H. Also boundary extension for DARKHORSE out at this time. INFO
- 86 1 730 FM MACV to EDE: Request for ^{boundary} bombing extension. Center of mass - 790895, 500m around this point. Time - 210400H until 210900H. APPROVED BY CS 23
- 87 1800 FM 3D EDE to MACV 3: Request boundary extension grid 8588 to 8988 to 8990 to 8590. Time - 211000H to 221000H. This boundary is for A/2-12. APPROVED BY MACV SECTOR 1805H
- 88 1820 FM 1/12: Locations are the same as 1600H locations. INFO
- 88A 1730 FM 2/7: Sabre 26, Location 921921 found 2 rafts and destroyed them. 928917 01 raft 4x10 used within last 18 hrs. In the raft were 01 AK-47 and a clip, black PJ's, NVA pack and a red bag. Rafts were dest. GOLD STEEL 1
INFO
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- 88A CON'T Also found 01 trail leading W from ~~XXXX~~ used by 03 people. AT 1809, grid 923895, found 03 trails which run from W to E used in last 24 hrs by squad size element.
- 89 1845 FM 02/7: NDP, MEDEVAC Requested for 01 EM with piece of wood in chest from a tree which C Co was blowing up. Log bird bringing him to LZ SUE, then MEDEVACED to LZ ANDY. EM needs oxygen. DTCC NOT
- 90 1904 FM 2/7: Locations. A & E: 924051 B: LZ SUE C & D: 937038 D1/5: LZ SUE. POSTED
- 91 ~~1900~~ FM 1/5: E Co, 999789, Reference Contact at 0920H. INFO
E(36) ~~going on~~ a trail, saw 01 NVA stand up, take safety off his weapon and point at the lead man. (36) backup man saw and wounded the NVA. Then the point man saw 2 more NVA stand up. E Co observed and they went down. Appeared wounded. E Co engaged with M-60 rds and wounded 01 NVA. 2 NVA returned fire. 3 NVA altogether having green fatigues, no hats or packs. E Co thinks they tried to set up an ambush. (36) was at 15 to 20 meters to the west side of the trail. Enemy evaded to the SW. (26) heard movement, checked the area with neg results, but found 03 trails leading SW.
- 92 1910 FM 1/5: 1700H, E Co, 993788. Followed trail leading NE and after 20 meters, found old fighting positions. LP shaped 4x4 ft with 1 ft overhead cover of bamboo. Neg equip found. Did not destroy position. INFO
- 93 1900 FM SF to EDE: XT 925848. Found base camp with 50 men 3 houses, 1 bunker with another near stream vic XT 918854 with 3 houses, 3 bunkers, 20 VC XT 913-870 5 houses, 4 bunkers, XT 903883, base camp. Readout of 2 Chieu Hoi & VC prisoner to follow. DTCC NOT
- 94 1925 FM 2/7: C Co, MEDEVAC Completed by WATER BUFFALO #398 at 1835H. DTCC NOT
- 95 1930 FM GM 3 to EDE: 150 CIDG OP in area XT 8384 - 8379 - 9084 - 9079. F0201200H - 281800. 34 CIDG at XT 8373 - 8369 - 8773 - 8769. 201200H - 241800H. INFO
- 96 2000 FM 2/5: Locations. A: vic of PV B(-): 942048 14/LP 100m to N 21/100m to SE 31/100m to SW C: 944054 D: vic of PV E: LZ ODESSA. POSTED

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97	1900	FM 1/12: MEDEVAC Request for O2 EM with unknown illness and high fever. Lift off time 1910H, Time completed 1927H. LZ BUTTONS.	DTOC NOT
98	1945	FM B1/9: 1820H, XT 909855. Spotted a village that had 2 spider holes. Occupants of village acted strange. They all stood in one group, 50-100 military aged men in the group.	COLD STEEL NO INFO
99	1845	FM B1/9: 1715H, YU 215265. Spotted a fresh trail 2' wide running N/S with movement to the north in last 24 hrs. Vis recon.	COLD STEEL NO
100	1845	FM B1/9: 1710H, YU 260305. Spotted a road intersection between trail going N/S.	COLD STEEL NO
101	1845	FM B1/9: 1710H, YU 273317. Spotted road intersection between trail going E/W with fresh movement in the last 24 hrs.	COLD STEEL NO
102	1845	FM B1/9: 1705H, YU 299399. Spotted a trail running N/S with fresh movement to the north by neg number of individuals given.	COLD STEEL NO
103	1845	FM B1/9: 1720H, YU 204254. Spotted 3 huts 10'x20' engaged with WP and destroyed. Vis recon.	COLD STEEL NO
104	1845	FM B1/9: 1650H, YU 331350. Spotted a road running NE/SW heavily used in last 12 hrs. Neg direction of travel given.	COLD STEEL NO
105	1845	FM B1/9: 1640H, YU 360387. Spotted 06 bunkers 4x8.	COLD STEEL NO
106	1845	FM B1/9: 1645H, YU 348375. Engaged field with 2.75 and had large secondary explosion from unknown object. Also 2 bunkers, 1-5x8, & 1-4x8, well camouflaged. Eng with WP and received secondary explosion. Vis recon.	COLD STEEL NO
107	1845	FM B1/9: 1635H, YU 365390. Spotted 2 bunkers 4x8, well used within last 24 hrs. Vis recon.	COLD STEEL NO
108	1845	FM B1/9: 1600H, YU 367387. Spotted 2 small bridges 1 - 2'x4' & 1 - 1'x5' made of bamboo. Vis recon.	COLD STEEL NO
109	1845	FM B1/9: 1600H, YU 365387. Spotted fields that had been tended lately. 1 dam 4'x12' covered w/dried weeds. Eng w/WP and the dam is burning. Vis recon.	COLD STEEL NO

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110 1845 FM B1/9: 1535H, YU 388363. BDA - 1 hut 20'x30' COLD STEEL NO
dest, 2 bunkers 8'x10' dest, 01 KBA in black
PJ's, 1 tunnel complex dest, 1 picnic table
dest, 1-55 gal drum dest. BDA of A/S.

111 1845 FM B1/9: 1530H, YU 389360. Spotted logs 10"x15' COLD STEEL NO
across a river, a bridge 10' long, 1 bunker 10'x
15', 1 hut 10'x20', 1 picnic table, 5 or 6 - 50
gal drums, 1 individual evading. Eng w/7.62 & WP.
Neg assessment on individual. Vis recon.

112 1820 FM B1/9: 1420H, YU 343392. BDA of A/S showed 01 KBA, COLD STEEL NO
01 hut 15'x30' dest with rice inside the structure,
01 hut 15'x40' not damaged. Vis recon.

113 1820 FM B1/9: 1400H, YU 200260. Spotted a trail running COLD STEEL NO
NW/SE used by squad size element in last 24 hrs.

114 1820 FM B1/9: 1810H, XT 923895. Followed 3 trails from WHITE SCALP
river that merged at XT 923895 into 01 trail
going West. Used by platoon size element in last
12-24 hrs. Vis recon.

115 1820 FM B1/9: 1820H, XT 928917. Spotted a raft 4'x10' w/ WHITE SCALP
01 AK-47 with magazine, NVA back pack, & red bag.
Eng w/WP & 7.62 & destroyed the raft, AK-47, back
pack, & red bag. Vis recon

116 1820 FM B1/9: 1755H, XT 921921. Spotted 2 rafts 4'x10' WHITE SCALP
along river. Trail leading west away from river.
Raft and trail used in the last 12 hrs. Rafts
were destroyed with WP.

117 2050 FM 2/7: 1758H, C & D Co, 937036. Found 35 bunkers, INFO DTCC NOT
2x4x6 with 10" overhead cover. Also 01 BQ40 rkt,
will destroy. Many flashlight batteries made in
Cambodia, 1 flower sack, 250 rds AK-47 in sack,
5000 lbs rice spread on bunkers, 01 60mm round,
01 cooking pot used today, cooking crock & wash-
ing area, 01 NVA entrenching tool (new), Will
destroy ammo and equipment.

118 1930 FM 2/5: C Co, 1150H, 940060. Received sniper fire DTCC NOT SP
from unknown size enemy element force in trees BAUCH
& bunkers. Engaged with Arty, ABA, & A/S. Results:
US - 02 MIA & 01 WIA. The missing EM are believed
to be KIA but due to enemy fire power, bodies
could not be recovered. At 1420H, C Co again made

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contact with estimated company size enemy element in bunkers. Engaged with ARA & A/S, Results (US) 01 MIA and 06 WIA. The MIA is believed to be KIA but again the fire was too great to extract the body. Contact broken at 1630H, No enemy assessment. DTCC SP BAU

119 2145 FM 1/12: 2025H, A Co, LZ ELLEN. 01 EM requested MEDEVAC at 2041H and MEDEVAC 15 on station. EM was sick with some virus or flu. 2048H MEDEVAC completed. DTCC NOT

120 2149 FM 1/12: 2100H, B Co, Gun Port. Requested MEDEVAC for 02 sick EM at B Co location. MEDEVAC completed at 2120H at XU 929060. DTCC NOT

121 2220 FM 2/5: B Co. Report movement 75m to SW. Believed to be a large enemy force. Engaging with Redleg. INFO

122 2203 FM 2/7: 2155H, D Co, 937038. Spotted movement going from S to N about 8-10 persons and were dragging something. Engaged with M-79. Called in Redleg and received 01 secondary explosion. INFO

123 2400 JOURNAL CLOSED

GARRY OWEN CONTINUED OPERATION SHERIDAN-SABRE WITH LIGHT ENEMY CONTACT. C/2-5 AT 1105H MADE CONTACT WITH UNKNOWN NUMBER OF SNIPERS IN TREES RESULTING IN 01 US WIA, 02 US MIA, AND NEGATIVE ENEMY ASSESSMENT. C & D CO 2-7 AT 1210H RECEIVED RPG AND SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE VIC XU 937036. RESULTS: 04 NVA KIA; NEGATIVE US CASUALTIES. C/2-5 AT 1420H RECEIVED FIRE FROM AN ESTIMATED COMPANY SIZE FORCE VIC XU 940060 RESULTING IN 06 US WIA, 01 US MIA, AND NEGATIVE ENEMY ASSESSMENT.

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