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ITEM NO.	TIME	IN	OUT	INSIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS ETC.	INL.
1	0001			Journal Opened	JS Bde DS
2	0100			Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde DS
3	0200			Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde DS
4	0300			Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde DS
5	0310			Message from Brigade: Radar has picked up movement at 189459 to 201452 along the road, suspected to be enemy convoy. Requested that we notify D Co that they will be putting artillery into that area.	
				D company informed.	JS DS
6	0400			Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde DS
7	0500			Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde DS
8	0645			All 1/8th OP's and ambushes have closed their C.P. locations.	JS Bde DS
9	0645			Organic expenditures: A Co 30he, 12wp, neg. ill. B Co 63he, 21 wp, 3 ill.: C Co 32 he, neg. wp., neg. ill. D Co	JS DS
10	0800			Unit locations : A Co at 333423; (-) at 253398, 246 142 Sharon, : C Co OPCON 2/8th; D Co at 210436; E Co (201)	
				LZ Sharon, 1-6 at 253398, 1-1 at 252396.	JS Bde DS
11	0800			Scouts bird on station (apache bird)	JS JM
12	0900			From Brigade: A platoon in Quang Ngain province at BS 648756 recieved a mortar and gas attack PF said gas tasted bitter and smelled like fertilizer. Attack occurred at 2220, 30 September 68. Shortly after smelling smoke individuals had the following symptoms; burning in nose, dizzy with headaches, chest pain, nausea, vomiting, 4 individuals could not walk, (became unconscious). This agent is similar to our riot agent CN - DM which is a vomit and tear gas agent.	
				Format for use of chemical agent; A. Time and duration of attack B. Persistence of agent, dissemination C. Method of dissemination. D. enemy protective equipment. E. Friendly protective equipment. F. Effect of friendly force and operation G. Concept of enemy use; to break contact; assault, exploit by fire support.	JS Bde JM
13	0905			From Brigade: Possible defection of Kit Carson Scouts: Individuals reported missing from LRRP team on 29 September 68 in vicinity grid 409275. B. In event an individuals identifying himself as a kit Carson Scout approaches on LZ or fire base, he is to be handled with extreme caution. He is to be confined as a POW and his area of confinement will be kept under surveillance. G-2 is to be notified immediately through S-2 channels. C. Individuals name - NGUYEN VAN DAV, age 27 years old, date of birth 10 November 1941 D. Individual is armed	

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ITEM NO.	TIME	CONT.	INL.	
13	cont	INSIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS ETC. with AK-47. E. Individuals dressed in tiger suit, web gear, soft hat and Ho Chi Minh sandals, or gray shirt, tan shorts, HO Chi Minh sandals with AK-47.	JS	JM
14	1000	In reference to suspected enemy convoy movement (reference item no. 5) at 189459 to 201452, scout birds checked this area out and reported finding fresh vehicle tracks with at least one of the vehicles being of the track type along with fresh oil on the road. Tracks running West to East, appeared to be running towards the Quang Tri area.	JS	Bde BS
15	1000	Unit locations: A Co (-) at 332426, 1-6 at 325428; B Co 253398, 1-6 at 245396, 2-6 at LZ Sharon; C Co OPCON 2/8th; D Co at 213435; E Co LZ Sharon	JS	Bde DS
16	1015	1-6 at 245396 OPCON B Co 1/8th. A Co 196 at 325428 found 1 bunker 5x6x4 feet approx.	JS	Bde DS
17	1000	2 months old, had been destroyed by air strikes. (Delayed Entry) Scout birds broke station.	JS	DS
18	1145	D Co 3-6 at 219432 made contact with 6 enemy, have 2 confirmed enemy KIA's at thistime. Scout birds requested. Read out to follow.	JS	Bde DS
19	1200	Unit locations: A Co (-) at 332426, 1-6 at 325428; 2-6 333429; B Co (-) at 253398, 1-6 at 245395, 2-6 LZ Sharon, 3-6 253398; C Co OPCON 2/8th; D Co (-) at 213435, 3-6 219432; E Co (-) LZ Sharon, 1-6 at 244398, F Co OPCON B Co 1/8th.	JS	Bde DS
20	1237	Scout birds on station.	JS	DS
21	1240	D Co 3-6 at 219432 reference time 1145 engaged 6 NVA of which 2 a KIA and they think 3 of them WIA. They have captured 3 weapons: 1 U.S. 30 Cal. Carbine, 1 AK-47, 1 9m.m. pistol. The 3-6 element says they think they have the three NVA trapped in a bunker complex. Further readout to follow.	JS	Bde LG
22	1300	D Co 1-6 at 216436 found 1 hootch 10x15 feet with 1 bunker under it 8x6 feet with 3 feet of over head cover, 6 fighting positions around the hootch 2x3x4 feet with 6 inches of overhead cover. In the hootch they found 3 pairs mens pants, 2 pairs womens pants, 2 pairs silk panties, 2 bras, 1 tooth brush, 1 tube toothpaste, 100 AK-47 rounds, 2 bags of nuts, 2 pounds of rice, various cooking utensils, 3 U.S. canteens, cups, 2 U.S. machettes, 2 sun hats, 2 large cooking pots, 1 shovel, 10 82 m.m. fuses, 1 NVA shot gun round. Further read out will follow.	JS	Bde LG
23	1320	B Co 1-6 element at 245394 found a cleared off area 100 meters x 150 meters with a fence around it.	JS	LG
24	1345	LRRP box 20 will go in 1 October at 1800 hours to 5 October 0800 hours, at 190401. Box along the		
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24	cont			blue line to 210408 South to 210390 West to 190390 to complete area.	North JS GW
25	1405			Unit locations: A Co (-) 332426, 1-6 at 325428, 2-6 at 331431, 3-6 333428; B Co (-) 243397, 1-6 245394, 2-6 LZ Sharon; C Co OPCON #2 /8th; D Co (-) 213435, 1-6 216436, 3-6 219432; E Co (-) LZ Sharon	
26	1420			1-6 OPCON B Co 1/8th. D Co 3-6 at 219432 found 4 sets of female clothing, 1 tee shirt, 1 straight razor, 20 pounds of rice, 2 news papers, 2 men pants, 2 ponchos, 30 to 40 bunkers 6x8x4 feet, approx 3 months old. They had worked on them in the last 2 weeks.	JS Bde GW
27	1420			A Co 1-6 at 334426 found 18 bunkers 7x5x4 with 2 feet of overhead cover. They were about 2 months old. They had been destroyed before.	JS Bde GW
x 28	1445			D Co 3-6 at 219432 found 2 banners written on them was HO CHUTISH MUON NAM. The other was DANG LAO DONG VIET NAM MUON NAM: 1 wooden tool kit, inside were 2 punches, 2 files, 1 axe head, 2 pair wire cutters, 2 long handle machettes, 1 NVA uniforms, 1 NVA mosquito net, 1 picture of HO CHI MINH, 1 USSR flag, 2 new magazines for a grease gun, 2 NVA pistol belts.	JS Bde LG
29	1500			1 nurse kit. E Co 1-6 at 242399 found an arrow on a tree it pointed toward the North. It was about 5 months old.	JS Bde GW
30	1509			E Co 1-6 off PZ at 239299 PZ was secure.	JS Bde LG
31	1527			E Co 1-6 on LZ Sharon E Co 1-6 element complete.	JS Bde LG
x 32	1545			D Co 1-6 element at 217436 found 1 american radio (civilian type), 1 saw, 2 jars cooking oil, D Co 3-6 at 217436 found on one of the enemy KIA's 3/4 inch documents.	JS Bde LG
33	1600			Unit locations: A Co (-) 332426 2-6 331433; B Co (-) 239299 2-6 LZ Sharon; C Co OPCON 2/8th; D Co 213435; E Co LZ Sharon	JS Bde GW
34	1605			C Co up on malaria.	JS GW
x 35	1815			D Co 1-6 about at 213435 was moving to their night location and found 1 AK-44 rifle about 500 meters from C.P. This was not there this afternoon. The Ser. No. 4017960.	JS Bde GW
36	1824			A Co up on malaria.	JS GW
37	1845			Unit Night locations: A Co (-) 332426, 1-1A 333425, 2-1A 330424, 3-1A 330427, B Co (-) 243399, 1-6 239399, 1-6A 236398, 2-6 LZ Sharon, 3-0 244400, 3-0 75 meters North of CP.; C Co OPCON 2/8th; D Co 213435, CB 1-3 213434, TB 2-1 213436, A 3-2412435, E Co LZ Sharon	JS Bde GW
38	1855			Unit P.D.S. A Co 99-4-15 B Co 101-3-13 C Co 84-3-12 D Co 92-4-17 E Co 47-2-2	JS Bde GW

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39	1856		Jim Bowie turned in to brigade.	JS Bde LG
40	1920		A Co reports all elements in night locations	JS Bde LG
41	1945		B Co and D Co reports all elements in night locations	JS Bde LG
42	1945		B Co up on malaria.	JS LG
43	1945		D Co up on malaria.	JS LG
44	1945		HHC up on malaria.	JS LG
45	1950		D Co reports AK 47 serial No. 11079076 the 30 Cal. Carbine is No. 3786936.	JS Bde LG
46	1950		D Co at coord 213435 destroyed 15 bunkers.	JS Bde LG
47	2100		Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde LG
48	2200		Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde LG
49	2235		Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde LG
50	2400		Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde LG
51	2400		Journal Closed.	JS LG

SUMMARY: 1st Battalion 8th Cavalry continued search operations in the Eastern Ba Long Valley area. Company D 3-6 element at 219432 made contact with a party of about 6 NVA. two of the NVA were KIA and 3 possible WIA. They recovered three enemy weapons. D company 1-6 element at 216436 found a bunker containing various items of enemy equipment. D company 3-6 at 219432 found 2 bunkers containing various items of enemy equipment. Company C remained OP CON 2/8th Cavalry.

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