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ITEM NO.	TIME	IN	OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS ETC.	INL.
1.	0001			Journal Opened.	JS JM
2	0100			Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde JM
3	0200			Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde JM
4	0300			Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde JM
5	0345			From Brigade; From usually reliable source, has reported an unknown size force (enemy) 1500 meters radius from YD 202413.	JS Bde JM
6	0400			Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde JM
7	0500			Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde JM
8	0600			Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde JM
9	0630			(In Reference to item no. 66) C Co 3-6 element at 215472 reports their ambush was set up in a triangular formation with 3 to 4 man positions approx. 15 to 20 meters apart. The E.M. who was shot was in one group and the E.M. who shot him was in another group. The E.M.'s roster number who did the shooting is #110.	JS Bde JM
10	0650			All 1/8th ambushes and OP's have closed with their CP locations at this time except for B Co. Their OP's and ambushes will be closing later this morning after they have checked out the movement reported last night (item no. 59 and 60 of 3 Oct 68).	JS Bde DS
11	0700			Organic Expenditures: A Co OPCON 1/12th; B Co 30he, neg. wp, neg. ill; C Co OPCON 2/8th; D Co 23he, 2 wp, neg. ill.	JS DS
12	0715			B Co (in reference to movement last night, item no. 59 and 60) around 2000 hours they reported finding footprints of 1 individuals. Footprints ran from North East to South, approx. 2 to 3 days old. B Co did not think they were connected with movement they had last night. Negative other findings.	JS Bde DS
13	0845			D Co 3-6 at 213436 found 2 NVA uniforms, 1 blue sweat shirt, 1 Russian made gas mask, 1 poncho, 1 mosquito bar, 1 hammock, 1 diary or log book; log book will be sent in. D Co was in this area 2 days ago and this equipment was not there, consequently the enemy had to have been there within the last 2 days.	JS Bde DS
14	0900			Message from Brigade: Concerning 1/12 boundary. Boundary will start at grid intersection 29445 and will go South., along the vertical grid line 29 in to present 1/12 Area of operation. Everything East of vertical grid line 29 will belong to 1/12 Will be effective from 0900 hours, 4 October to 1800 hours, 4 October.	JS Bde DS
15	0910			Further read out from item no. 14. All equipment found by D Co was wrapped in the poncho and was found near ones of the destroyed bunkers, in a bush.	JS Bde DS
16	0910			Unit locations: A Co OPCON 1/12; B Co (-) at 204 1-6 at 195444, 1-6A at 195447, 3-6 at 218444;	

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ITEM NO.	TIME	IN	OUT	INSIDE ACTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS ETC.	INL.
16	cont.			C Co OPCON 2/8th; D Co (-) at 213431, 1-6 at 209430, 3-6 at 213436; E Co (-) LZ Sharon, 1-6 at 223443, 1-2 at 226442.	JS Bde DS
17	1025			D Co 3-6 at 213436 found 25 82mm mortar changes Found in a G.I. type sandbag approx. 10 meters from one of the destroyed bunkers. Destroyed.	JS Bde DS
18	1130			D Co 3-6 at 213436 found 3 new NVA uniforms with names and numbers on one (1) uniforms In one of these uniforms they found what they believe to be an ID card. Item were found near bunkers that had been previously destroyed. Same area item no. 18. Item will be sent in. Writing found on shirt and pants as follows: HA-HAI- TL7H63-HO-VON-TAM. All that was distinguishable on the ID card were the words HA-TROUG-HAI.	JS Bde DS
19	1145			Unit locations: A Co OPCON 1/22th; B Co (-) at 204439, 1-6 at 195445, 2-6 at 199437, 3-6 at 223443, C Co OPCON 2/8th; D Co (-) at 213431, 1-6 at 208435, 3-6 at 213436; E Co (-) LZ Sharon, 1-6 at 223443, 1-2 at 226442.	JS Bde DS
20	1210			B Co 3-6 at 223443 saw one NVA. They did not engage the person when he saw them he dropped his weapon and ruck sack. The weapons was a M-1 Carbine the Serial number was partly rusted out, the number is 30525. The Individual did not have any ammo, in the ruck sack was a U.S. air mattress.	JS Bde GW
21	1245			B Co 1-5 at 187477 found 3 bunkers 10x3x3 feet, 4x5x3, 10x8x4 feet with negative overhead cover. There were fresh cut poles in the area, they said it looked as though they were about to build hootches. The pole had been cut within the last 4 to 7 days and the bunkers will be destroyed.	JS Bde LG
22	1355			D Co 1-6 at 203433 found 1 hootch 15x10 feet 6 to 8 people could sleep in it, It had been used today. Also 1 map case with 3 inches of documents inside, 2 NVA uniforms, 1 U.S. shirt MEDIUM LONG it had not been used, 3 sets of civilian clothes, 1 U.S. grenade, 5 bottles of pills, 1 pouncho, 1 life preserver 8 inches wide blow up type 8 radio batteries BA 3-0, 600 gm TNT.	JS Bde GW
23	1400			Unit locations: A Co OPCON 1/12; B Co 204439, 1-6 199448, 1-5 198443, 3-6 223443; C Co OPCON 2/8th; D Co 213431, 1-6 203433, 3-6 212438.	JS Bde LG
24	1415			E Co 1-6 at 229440 found foot prints of 2 personal on a trail going North they were 1 day old. The trail has several markers on it.	JS Bde GW
25	1435			(Reference #25 time 1415 hours) The trail signs at grid 229440 were notches in trees and knots tied in vines.	JS Bde

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26	1555			E Co 1-6 at 219442 found 2 graves 10 feet off of the trail they are 3x6x3 feet inside were two (2) NVA they had been killed by red leg 3 to 4 days ago. They had been buried for about 1 to 1 1/2 days. They are checking the area out at this time.	JS Bde GW
27	1615			Unit locations: A Co OPCON 2/12; B Co 204439, 1-6 194441, 3-6 214444; C Co OPCON 2/8th; D Co 213431; E Co LZ Sharon, 1-6 219442.	JS Bde GW
28	1616			E Co 1-6 at 218441 found a trail running North to South. There is a trail running off North East at that area there was a fire about 3 days ago there were signs of cooking 50 meters down the trail there were two trail running off. Both trails were camouflaged to keep them from being seen from the air.	JS Bde GW
29	1655			C o up on malaria.	JS GW
30	1830			D Co up on malaria.	JS GW
31	1845			From Brigade: LRRP 2B has been extracted.	JS LG
32	1850			A Co up on malaria.	JS LG
33	1915			Unit night locations: A Co OPCON 1/12th; B Co (-) 204439, 2-6 196439, 3-6 203437 3-5 202442; C Co OPCON 2/8th; D Co (-) 213431, 1-1 215431, 2-1 211429, 3-1 213435, E Co (-) LZ Sharon 1-6 213442.	JS Bde GW
34	1917			Unit P.D.S.; A Co 96-4-13 B Co 107-4-13, C Co 90-3-12, D Co 92-4-15, E Co 46-1-1.	JS Bde GW
35	1920			B Co up on malaria.	JS Bde GW
36	1930			All massaves in night locations.	JS Bde GW
37	2000			Message from 1/12th; S-3 :1/8th will receive OPCON of A Co 1/8th at 050630 Oct.	JS GW
38	2100			Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde GW
39	2235			D Co 3-1 at 213435 has movement. They have engaged the enemy and are moving back to the CP at this time. There is a unknown number of enemy in the area. A send out will follow.	JS Bde GW
40	2255			Reference #49 time 2235. D Co 3-1 at 213435. The movement was a small force of about 2 to 5 personnel, moving from the North West. They came within about 10 meters of the 3-1 element they engaged with m-16, m-79, m-60 and grenades. When the 3-1 element pulled back they fired 81 m.m. mortars on them a total of 31. They are now putting artillery in the area. The 3-1 element said there is a possible 5 KIA, but will not know until morning when they can go back in the area. They are relocating at this time and will not go back to the CP.	JS Bde GW
41	2300			Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde GW
42	2315			From Brigade: Boundary extension requested has been cleared. From vertical grid 17 East to present A boundary cleared to the 6 Oct 1800 hours.	JS KT

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43	2340		D Co at 213431 requested medivac for E.M. with 102 degrees temperature has possible malaria.	JS Bde GW
44	2400		Medivac completed	JS Bde GW
45	2400		Situation Report Negative:	JS Bde GW
46	2400		Journal Closed.	JS GW
			SUMMARY: 1st Battalion 8th Cavalry continued search and clear operations in the Eastern Ba Long Valley area.	
			Companies B, H and Necon, platoon continued to find fresh trails, bunkers, uniforms and miscellaneous equipment. Company B 3-6 element sighted one NVA atdcoord. 223443. The NVA dropped his weapons (M-1 Carbine) and evaded. At 2235 Company D 3-1 element engaged an unknown sized enemy party with negative assesment. Company C remained OPCON to 2/8th Cavalry.	

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