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ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION LOCATION

(L. Z. MUSTANG) S-2 S-3 1st Battalion 8th Cavalry

PERIOD COVERED

0001 6 DEC - 2100 DEC 68

INCIDENTS, MISCELLANEOUS, ORDERS, ETC.

ITEM NO	TIME	INCIDENTS, MISCELLANEOUS, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	BY
1.	0001	Journal opened for 6 DEC 68	JS	CA
2.	0100	Situation negative.	JS BDE	CA
3.	0100	From BDE: Enemy FRED within 4500 meter of XT 347870. Late afternoon; 051855.	JS	CA
4.	0200	Situation negative.	JS BDE	CA
5.	0300	Situation negative.	JS BDE	CA
6.	0400	Situation negative.	JS BDE	CA
7.	0500	Situation negative.	JS BDE	CA
8.	0600	Situation negative.	JS BDE	CA
9.	0705	Organic Expenditures: A/CO- 48 HE, 8 WP, 0 ILL; B/CO 66 HE, 18 WP, 0 ILL, C/CO 80 HE, 60 WP, 0 ILL; D/CO 80 HE, 60 WP, 0 ILL; E/CO 80 HE, 0 WP OILL.	JS	JM
10.	0719	A/CO & B/CO night elements have close on last night's location.	JS BDE	JM
11.	0800	Unit Locations: A/CO @ 435785; B/CO @ 435785, 6/CO @ L. Z. Barbara, 2-6 & 3-6, @ L. Z. Mustang; D/CO @ L. Z. Mustang; E/CO @ L. Z. Mustang.	JS BDE	JM
12.	0802	Bn 6 has informed A/CO & B/CO to begin moving toward suspected bunker complex at vicinity of coordinates 447787. A/CO will move to the east and then to the north.	JS BDE	JM
13.	0830	Scout aircraft (Apache 11) on station.	JS BDE	JM
14.	0840	Bn 6 airborne to assist in location of bunker complex at vicinity of XT 447787.	JS	JM
15.	0845	B/CO moving from night location to the east.	JS BDE	JM
16.	0900	Scout aircraft reports that they located the bunker complex at vicinity of coordinate 447797. Bunker complex and trails in the area show recent use. Scouts report some of the bunkers are made of concrete and several have been destroyed. Also there are numerous fighting positions and trenches in and around the complex.	JS BDE	JM
17.	0905	Scout aircraft has spotted part of a body in the vicinity of the bunker complex in item #16.	JS BDE	JM
18.	0915	E/CO 1-6 & C/CO 3-6 leaving L. Z. Mustang moving to		

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18.	(con't)	SW to vicinity of coordinate 365809.	JS BDE	JM
19.	0925	Scout aircraft has broken station.	JS	JM
20.	0935	The bunker complex spotted by the scout aircraft is located vicinity of coordinate 447797 not 447787 as reported before.	JS BDE	JM
21.	0945	Unit Locations: A/CO @ 435785; B/CO @ 435782; C/CO (-) @ L. Z. Mustang, 2-6 @ 368817; 3-6 @ 368817; D/CO @ L. Z. Mustang; E/CO 4-6 L. Z. Mustang, 1-6 368817.	JS BDE	JM
22.	0950	E/CO 4-6 has been given organic clearance to fire on grid 363820.	JS BDE	JM
23.	1020	E/CO 1-6 @ 367813 found 4 fresh cut logs on a trail. also they found 2 trail markers on this trail pointing SW & NE. The trail has not been used within the last 2 to 3 weeks.	JS BDE	JM
24.	1020	Assistant Division CO enroute to L. Z. Mustang.	JS	JM
25.	1020	Battalion 3 airborne to recon area.	JS	JM
26.	1120	B/CO @ 435790 reports they have one man killed by either a gernade that went off on his web gear or he hit a booby-trap. B/CO believes it was a gernade on his web gear because an element had already went over the trail previously. Ten meters off of the trail and 15 meters from this EM they found commo wire running S-N. EM's roster number is 62. Readout to follow. Medivac requested to remove the body.	JS BDE	JM
27.	1130	B/CO reports that it was definitely a gernade on EM's web gear that accidentally went off. EM was hit in the mid-section and chest.	JS BDE	JM
28.	1140	E/CO 1-6 @ 369811 reports finding 30 to 40 bunkers which had been found previously by C/CO. Bunkers were destroyed when found by C/CO but E/CO reported that one of the bunkers was in process of being rebuilt. It looked as if this bunker had been worked on in the past week. They also found a ladder approximately 20 feet long. The ladder was leading up a tree which appeared to be on OP. Also they spotted 2 chickens in the area.	JS BDE	JM
29	1145	B/CO @ 435794 reports finding 2 AK rounds on the trail. This trail ran into a "Y" shaped junction. One trail ran to the NE and the other to the NW. Both trails have commo wire running along side them.	JS BDE	JM

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30.	1200	Unit Locations: A/CO @ 434777; B/CO @ 435794; C/CO(-) L. Z. Barbara, 2-6 L. Z. Mustang, 3-6 369811; D/CO @ L. Z. Mustang; E/CO 1-6 369811, 4-6 L.Z. Mustang.	JS BDE	JM
31.	1209	B/CO @ 435794 found 1 chicom grenade laying on the side of the trail. It looked like it had been there for a long time. It will be destroyed.	JS BDE	WR
32.	1320	Medivac on station.	JSBDE	CM
33.	1330	Medivac complete for B/CO. (REF ITEM 26).	JS BDE	CA
34.	1322	E/CO found a trail @ 354808. The trail went E & W and had been used in the past week. Primary direction of movement was to the east.	JS BDE	CM
35.	1345	Bn Intelligence Officer requested a Sniffer Box to be flown on 7 DEC 68. Box includes 2576, 3076, 2587, 3087. Also requested a SIAR in box coordinates 3380 to 4480 to 4483 to 3383. Also requested an ETA on when they will be flown.	JS BDE	BTS
36.	1400	Unit Locations: A/CO @ 434782; B/CO @ 435794; C/CO(-) @ L. Z. Barbara, 2-6 L.Z. Mustang, 3-6 354808; D/CO(-) @ L. Z. Mustang, 1-2 368818; E/CO 1-6 @ 354808, 4-6 L. Z. Mustang.	JS BDE	CM
37.	1435	B/CO @ 435798 found 8 graves beside a trail, 7 of the graves were old. One had a marker which had initials H.S. and dated 7-31-68. There was 1 fresh grave containing a body about 5 days old. The body had black pajama top and OD fatigue type trousers. The individual had been killed by fragmentation wounds. They found another highly decayed body covered over in a small "L" shaped trench 1 to 1 1/2 months old. 300 meters to the west of this location they found approximately 3 to 5 bunkers destroyed and 25 meters of trenchline destroyed by an "Arelight". Also along side of the grave containing the body previously describe was an NVA gas mask of plastic with a gauze filter.	JS BDE	CA
38.	1540	B/CO moving N from 435798 found 1 NVA canteen, pieces of NVA ponchos, 2 pieces of paper 6"x8". These were all found along the trail.	JS BDE	CA
39.	1545	(REF ITEM 36) Grave marker also had written on it Liet Sy and NC. HOMG Thang- 1/8 has claimed 8 of the 9 bodies found to be killed by air within the past 7 to 9 days and will be listed as NVA KBA for 1/8.	JS BDE	CA

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40.	1600	Unit Locations: A/CO @ 434800; B/CO @ 434800; C/CO(-) @ L. Z. Barbara, 2-6 @ L. Z. Mustang, 3-6 @ 360802; D/CO @ L.Z. Mustang; E/CO 4-6 @ L. Z. Mustang, 1-6 @ 360802.	JS BDE	JM
41.	1735	Final Night Locations: A/CO @ 434800, 1-1A 75 meters SW, 2-1A 75 meters W, 3-1A 75 meters NW; B/CO @ 434800, 1-1 50 meters NE, 2-0 50 meters SE, 3-2 75 meters NE; C/CO(-) @ L.Z. Barbara, 2-6 @ L. Z. Mustang, 3-6 @ 358801; D/CO @ L.Z. Mustang, 3-6 @ 100 meters N, OP-2 100 meters E, OP-3 100 meters SE, OP-4 100 meters S, OP-5 100 meters SW, OP-6 100 meters W, OP-7 100 meters NW; E/CO 1-6 358801, 4-6 358801.	JS BDE	CA
42.	1750	PDS: A/CO 94-5-7; B/CO 109-5-12; C/CO 94-4-8; D/CO 98-5-8; E/CO 56-2-1.	JS BDE	CA
43.	1755	C/CO & E/CO up on malaria.	JS	CA
44.	1825	Organic Clearance(061700 to 070630): A/CO & B/CO 8000 to 6400 mbls-2KM; D/CO & E/CO 3600 to 4000 mbls 1KM 4000 to 3600 mbls 2KM.	JS	CA
45.	1845	A/CO & B/CO up on malaria.	JS	CA
46.	1910	All 1/8 OP's in night locations.	JS BDE	CA
47.	2000	(REF ITEM 36) Bde Intel Sgt said mission would be flown tonight if the aircraft were available.	JS	RTS
48.	2000	Situation negative.	JS BDE	CA
49.	2100	Situation negative.	JS BDE	WP
50.	2200	Situation negative.	JS BDE	WP
51.	2220	Air strikes for 7 DEC 68 The following grids have been cleared; 449782(1545), 428788 (1615)	JS	WP
52.	2300	Situation negative.	JS BDE	WP
53.	2400	Situation negative.	JS BDE	WP
54.	2400	Journal closed for 6 DEC 68	JS BDE	WP

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