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(AR 220-346)

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1st Bn, 8th Cav		LZ Wescott	HOUR 0001	DATE 29 Aug 69	HOUR 2400	DATE 29 Aug 69
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			IN	OUT		IN
1.	0001	Journal opened.	JS		JV	
2.	0030	Shadow 62 on station for recon in box 8506, 9213, 9908, 9997. Reports at 0025hrs, spotting 2 small lights at 910025. Will engage with mini guns.	JS Bde		EH	
3.	0055	Shadow 62 reports breaking station with only 1 sighting at 910025. Expended 6000rds of mini gun with neg results.	JS Bde		EH	
4.	0100	Situation negative.	JS		JV	
5.	0200	Situation negative.	JS		JV	
6.	0300	Situation negative.	JS		JV	
7.	0400	Situation negative.	JS		JV	
8.	0430	Bde 83M: Will have to release our log bird at 0900hrs, for CA of 1/7 followed by CA of E 1/8. We will receive 1/7 log bird for our CA. Will have a 5+2 lift.	JS		EH	
9.	0440	Shadow 64 reports on station to work recon box 8506, 9213, 9908, 9997. Nearest friendlies given and clearance for fire given. 64 breaking station due to cloud cover at 0454hrs.	JS Bde		EH	
10.	0456	Bn 84 reports that bunker 7 had both ind on guard asleep.	JS		JV	
11.	0600	Situation negative, stand-to complete.	JS		EH	

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	12.	0607		Bde 83M: A/S for 29 Aug as follows; TOT 1345 XT 920975, 500lb and napalm; TOT 1445, XT 983908, 500lb with napalm.		
13.	0630		RRF for 29 Aug D Co 16, QRF for 29 Aug D Co.			JS Bde EH
14.	0647		IR Readings as follows; TOT 0420-0510, 828785, 822773, 824773, 826773, 826772,			JS EH
15.	0700		Medevacs will be requested only through Bn and no other means of request are authorized. All efforts will be made to have a sitdown pad while jungle penetrator and ridged litter w/hoyst will be used in urgent medevac. Dis- cretion on fever and small injuries should be used to get ind in on log bird or other means to prevent using a medevac later in the day.			JS Co JV
16.	0700		Bn 3; Use extreme caution when using smoke grenades, flares, trip flares, and burning trash, due to the hazards of dry weather fires are breaking out and spreading causing injuries and extreme damage.			JS Co JV
17.	0715		Bde 83M: Sky spot went in at 98093 0 at 0515, 6 750lb bombs, request first light BDA, BDA; 6 bomb craters.			JS Bde EH
18.	0717		D Co reports claymores and TF taken in.			JS JV
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19.	0730		A 1/4 check of area that was engaged by sniper negative finding's.			JS Bde	EH
20.	0735		CC will be late because of bad weather. CC on station at 0740hrs.			JS Bde	EH
21.		0745	Plans for 29 Aug sent to C Co.			JS	JV
22.	0745		Bde 3B: Sector 3 from An Loc requests road clearance for the 399 RF, 855845 to 849875, 849881 to 839880. Approved by Bn 3A.			JS Bde	EH
23.	0747		PZ for today 890828, it is a 5 shiper and they are in posture at this time, E Co 16.			JS	JV
24.	0845		Bn 3A: on 28 Aug requested Drumdrop missions at grid 915880, 005877, Bde 23 said that as soon as CS was released for use one grid Square where the bunkers were would be blanketed also he would coordinate another mission for 005877 and let Bn 3A know when it went in.			JS	RC
25.	0857		Bde 83I: Log bird was weathered in this AM. 0855, started working RF, should have log approx. 1130-1200hrs.			JS	CG
26.	0915		A 1/4 Kit Carson learned from PF that VC have planted many mines in area last night. Both sides of the road mined from 852900 to				

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	IN	OUT					
			843900, 852923 to 843923. A 1/4 has one element mine sweeping the area. Mine sweep showed negative finding's.				
27.	0916		Bde 38D: No Chieu Hoi leaflets available, as soon as they are 1/8 will get some.			JS	RC
28.	0930		Bde 3MB: SF C62A will operate in the following Box, 8605, 8006, 8811, 8314, from 290600 to 291645.			JS	CG
29.	0935		A Co at 001887 found 2 NS trails neg rec use. At 004894 found 2 EW trails, 1 NS trail, 1 NW trail, neg rec use.			JS Bde	CG
30.	1007		Unit Location's; A Co 001887, B Co Quan Loi, C Co 886956, 795926, D Co Wescott, E Co 890828, A 1/4 843900.			JS Bde	CG
31.	1049		Bde 3MB: Sabre Blues will be inserted in square 8278, neg ETA. They were not inserted.			JS	CG
32.	1040		C Co at 856947 found 20 B-40 expended cannisters, 7 75mm expended cannister, 2 months old. Also a very good view of QL.			JS Bde	CG
33.	1051		Bn 3A; Request ext A0; 0595, 0598, 0798, 0795. Called Bde at 1855hrs, approved, term. %.			JS Bde	CG
34.	1112		Bde 2MC: Agent Report- 0800-0920hrs, at XT 795807 SF reports 80 to 100 VC armed with				
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	IN	OUT				
			1 82mm. SF believed this is a valid report.			
			Arty is being fired, scout bird will check			
			the area, after Arty is finished firing.			JS CG
35. 1142			Bde 2MC: ST 31 will be inserted in our AO, 301600 at XT 8197.			JS CG
36. 1216			Bde 83: Lift birds were released from 1/7 at 1204hrs. ETA 45 min before starting 1/8 lift.			
			Mission No 3G10.			JS CG
37. 1215			Flight leader reports on station for CA scheduled for 1100hrs. Being diverted to area of downed aircraft. Will report back to 1/8 immediately after this mission is complete.			JS RV
38. 1223			Bde 2MC: ST 36 extracted 1210hrs, XT 977947.			JS CG
39. 1215			Sabre 26 reports on station for recon 8278.			JS RV
40. 1225			Bde 3A: G/A fire 890970, C Co checked the area with neg finding's. At 1230hrs, Rash 31 on station to check the area. A/C took 1 hit, neg casualties, flying at 2000', 85 knots.			JS CG
41. 1235			Bde 3MB: RF checking BDA at XT 7980.			JS CG
42. 1307			A 1/4 have a person at 846960, ID for '67 request to have MP pick up. Bde can't provide escort for MP, suggest A 1/4 bring him back to QL. A 1/4 can't supply escort, ind released			
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	IN	OUT					
			est age 67, name Vuong Van Mang, village AP				
			Pho Binh.		JS Bde		CG
43.	1315		Extraction of E 16 to Wescott. PZ 890828.				
			1st lift off PZ 1247, 1st lift on LZ 1300.				
			2d lift off PA 1305, 2d lift on LZ 1315.		JS Bde		CG
44.	1400		Unit Location's: A no 991867, 992869, B Co QL, C Co 856947, 810928, D Co Wescott, E Co 050964.				
			A 1/4 846907.		JS Bde		CG
45.	1408		Bde 83: After RF is complete keep 1 bird for log ship. Release other to their mission's.		JS		CG
46.	1415		Rash 37 on station, A/S TOT 1345, 920975, complete 1410, BDA negative.		JS		RC
47.	1422		E Co 16 CA to 050964. 1st lift off PZ 1404, 1st lift on LZ 1417, lift complete 1417.		JS Bde		RC
48.	1424		Sabre 26; 1315hrs, 834995, 1 50 cal position, with 4 bunkers, 784788, 1 EW trail used by 20 ind last 24 hrs, 832782, 1 NS trail used by 25 to 50 ind last 24 hrs. Direction of travel unknown.		JS Bde		CG
49.	1428	3	Bn 6: E Co 16 CA to 050964, LZ was red, birds drew fire while letting troops off. Lobo and ARA worked over the area. Only small arms were used by enemy. (4 to 5 burst) Rat				
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		a squad size enemy force. E 16 was at NW end of LZ fire came from NE about 200 meters.					
		Contact broke at 1435hrs. A/S was put in at 052966. E 16 swept area and found fresh footprints of 3 to 4 ind on trail to the East.					
		Scout team also checked area, neg finding's.					
		E 16 found 1 VC pack (medical) 600m at a 310° from 050964. Pack contained misc medical supplies.					
		Pack will be backlogged at first chance.			JS Bde	RC	
50. 1545		Debriefing E 16- XT890830- staging area with numerous grass trails, small 1 man foxholes, and bunkers on edge of the rubber. XT 909877, also believed to be a staging area with numerous bunkers along the rubber. XT 925877, VC Bunkers/village, 20 bunkers, 8 pars destroyed appears to still be in use, 8 more bunkers.					
		XT 927869, trail well used EW 12 bunkers, found within 300m, 1 oh i com grenade.					
		XT 870955, center of mass 100m NS from white ball approx 100 old but usable foxholes and bunkers could be used as ambush position,					
		linear ambush. Trackers lost trail on edge 26 Aug XT 873965, The tracks were very obvious					

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		to that location. The tracker team did not have a dog and seemed more interested in returning to QL than their job.				JS	WM
51.	1546	Resh 371 A/S 983908, diverted to 050964, E 16 marking position. TOT 1445, complete 1515.					
		BDA fresh footprints of 3-4 ind on road to east. Scout 1 following readout to follow.					
		Neg finding's.			JS Bde	CG	
52.	1608	Flight leader for CA on 30 Aug will be log bird pilot.			JS	RV	
53.	1609	Chieu Hoi leaflets dropped; 9788, 9887, 9885, 0085, 0186, 0187, 0288, 0395, 0496, 0596, 0597, 0297, 8796, 8596, 8696.			JS Bde	CG	
54.	1615	A o at 991867, found 30 very old bunkers 3 to 8 months old. No recent use. Found 10 good canteens in bunkers, some clothing various types, no great quantity. Black PJ shirt top, bunkers destroyed, clothes destroyed, canteens destroyed.			JS Bde	CG	
55.	1639	Bn 3A: Request for A/S for 29 Aug; 970004, 030970, 987912, 845865, 875006, 862001, 910878, 917877, 896830.			JS Bde	CG	
56.	1700	RF boxes- 300600-1800; 399(-) 8489, 8789,					
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			8787, 8487, 1 plt 399- 8585, 8685, 8684, 8584;			
			781 (-) 7983, 8283, 8281, 7981; 257(-) 7693,			
			7993, 7685, 7985. Approved by Bn 3.			JS CG
57.	1835		Bde 2MC: UES XU 898061, 800m radius, early afternoon. Believed at 1815hrs, by Bde.			JS CG
58.	1903		Bde 3: At 1900hrs the CA of A co has not yet been confirmed.			JS CG
59.	1915		Hatchet Report: Day ambushes; 6 plt, night ambushes 5 plt.			JS Bde CG
60.	1940		Unit Location's: A co 990878, B Co QL, C Co 865941, 16 864946, 26 806923, D Co Wescott, E Co 047968, A 1/4 846898.			JS Bde CG
61.	2010		Bde 3: From Bde 6 to Bn 3 & 6; A Co will CA 30 Aug into rocket belt as planned. Bde 6 also request false insertion.			JS EH
62.	2030		Bn 2: Request dog team at 0700 for A Co 30 Aug, to be picked up at Snoopy pad.			JS Bde EH
63.	2045		Bn 3A: Request smoke bird for false insertion 30 Aug. Also will have 19 sorties for A Co. PZ 990878, to Wescott. From Wescott to LZ 912984.			JS Bde EH
64.	2100		From Arty: Sky spots, 292100 to 300600, 02189768, 01989629.			JS HB

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65.	2130	Tentative plans for 31 Aug and 1 Sept sent to Bde. Also change for 30 Aug for A Co sent to Bde.			JS Bde		EH
66.	2235	Bde 3MB: Boundary extension request for 30 Aug 0900-1400hrs, 11 ACR, 7991, 7990, 8091, 8090. Approved by Bn 3.			JS Bde		EH
67.	2311	Bde 3: Be prepared to insert D Co 1/7 and A Co into rocket belt on the morning of 30 Aug, also Bn 6 to come to cold steel CP at 0800hrs for recommendations for employment and possible landing zones.			JS		JV
68.	2340	Bde 2M: Div 2 to Bn 2; The first infantry division received three believed to be confirmed reports: at 2200hrs this evening will be the start of a nationwide offensive. By VC and NVA wide spread sapper and mortar fire on US installations.			JS		EH
69.	2355	Situation negative.			JS		JV
70.	2400	Summary: During the daily operation's E Co 16 hit a hot LZ. The contact lasted approx. 10 minutes. The enemy used small arms and automatic weapons's. Airstrike and scout team were employed with negative results. There					
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