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1.	0001		Journal opened.		JS		JV
2.	0010		Request RF boxes cleared for 0600-1800 6 Sept: 781 RF Co 7882, 8182, 7880, 8180; 257 RF Co 7789, 8089, 8085, 7885, 7884, 7684, 7687, 7887, approved by Bn 2.		JS		JH
3.	0100		Negative sitrep.		JS		JV
4.	0124		LZ Andy going on red alert at this time.		JS		JH
5.	0205		Message Bde 3 to Bn 3, loc of units under fact order 44-69; B/co center of mass 1935970; D/co 980985; E/co 035970, request info of D/co CA for 6 Sept, will have in the morning.		JS Bde		JH
6.	0208		Bde S-3 to Bn 3 follows: wide spread enemy activity throughout 3 corp area, Bu Doc and Quan Loi currently under stand off attack. Recommend high state of vigilence of Wescott.		JS		JH
7.	0215		1 man awake on bunk 3, 2 men asleep on bunk 4, and same on #8.		JS		JH
8.	0223		A/co reports their CP SE 800-1000m of their NL heard what appeared to be a possible loc for rocket or mortars, 873940, A/co to search area, C/co heard a rocket going off 1000m to their S CP loc 882989.		JS Bde		JV
9.	0230		AS requests 883968 G/A fire; 888963 G/A fire				

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		987907 G/A fire; 985878 LZ Construct; 998942			
		LZ Construct; 888005 LZ Construct; 875997 bnk			
		complex; 982970 agent report; 029033 storage			
		ammo, uniforms, packs bnks.	JS Bde	BH	
10.	0230	Quan Loi village taking incoming at 0215, believed VC in village, neg cas, little damage.	JS	BH	
11.	0300	D/co 26 reports hearing explosions to his SE and SA fire at times believes it is coming from village SE of his loc.	JS Bde	JV	
12.	0315	C/co heard a rocket go off from CP loc 882989 2900 400-500m.	JS Bde	JV	
13.	0320	Bde 6A to Bn 6 operations planned for 5 Sept is post phoned to 6 Sept, request Acknowledged, acknowledged.	JS Bde	BH	
14.	0326	At 1st light check rocket sites and send in grids for further reference to counter rocket and mortar fires to A and C/co.	JS	JV	
15.	0400	Negative sitrep.	JS	JV	
16.	0425	FY 0383 99579831 0412H light, arty fired.	JS Arty	BH	
17.	0500	Negative sitrep.	JS	JV	
18.	0600	Negative sitrep.	JS	BH	
19.	0630	RRF D 1-6; QRF D/co for 5 Sept.	JS Bde	BH	
20.	0650	Sky spot went 891831 and 912125.	JS	BH	

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21.	0642		CA for D 26 has been cancelled for 5 Sept, also CA of E 16 has been cancelled for 5 Sept will take place 6 Sept same time and same lift as scheduled previously for 5 Sept.			JS Bde		BH
22.	0707		C/oc heard 2 possible rocket sites, D 26 also heard 1 possible mortar or rocket site.			JS		JV
23.	0715		CM in at Wescott at this time.			JS		BH
24.	0747		Sabre 25 on station for visual recon of 9292.			JS Bde		JV
25.	0748		Sabre 34 on station for 1st light recon around Andy and rocket sites from last night.			JS Bde		JV
26.	0736		D 46 made 1st light check of Wescott w/neg findings.			JS		CG
27.	0740		Request birds for CA switch of 1 plt D 26 and E 16, request to be at 1000H.			BS Bde		BH
28.	0800		Request boxes cleared 5 Sept 0800 to 1800: 251 RF 7692, 7792, 7791, 7691; 251 RF 7992, 8092, 8091, 7991; 257 800875, 800899, 780890, 780875 approved Bn 3.			JS		BH
29.	0814		RF will be a 3+2 including Duke log bird.			JS		CG
30.	0834		Log bird on station 0715 GR 11; C/C on station Snoopy 0835.			BS		BH
31.	0840		Aircraft spotted gooks in open at 899879 and 9091, Chickenman Yellow 471, A 1/4 maneuver					
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		into area of spottings, from arty.	JS	RV	
32.	0902	A 2/4; 1 at 44 for standdown, 1 will R ⁴⁴ from 8691 E of Redball; A 36 will recon in 840913, 853913, 853924, 840924.	JS	RR	
33.	0904	B 1/9 at 871026 observed NW-SE trail used by 15 ind, neg travel, 871026 is also a 4 ship LZ.	JS	CG	
34.	0907	ST 43 050820 at 910080, were not inserted.	JS	CG	
35.	0913	A/co 26 will do local patrolling in 890934 searching for rocket sites, CP 46 will link up with 16 and patrol in eastern box, neg rocket sites found.	JS	RR	
36.	0945	Request name of person that released dog team to go back to kennels this morning, they took it upon themselves.	JS Bde	RR	
37.	0923	Both dog teams have been notified to be on Snoopy pad at 0945, log bird will pick them up.	JS	UG	
38.	1000	Formal complaint of dog team for not being at their assigned place at assigned time.	JS	CG	
39.	1009	Request lift, extract from 875988 PZ Wescott 18 sorties C/co; D/co PZ Wescott, LZ 026966, 21 sec to sec; E/co PZ 779928, LZ 026966, 6 sorties extract to CA.	JS Bde	CG	

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40.	1010	A/co 871941, 880935, 885933, 847907; B/co 953993, C/co 882993; D/co 786923, Wescott; E/co Wescott; A 1/4 852912, 847896.			JS Bde	CG
41.	1030	A/co has 9 radios that receive and transmit, 1 will just receive.			JS	RR
42.	1024	Sabre 25 working LZ Vivian, borke station 1034, neg sitrep.			JS Bde	CG
43.	1031	No dog team at Snoopy pad, log bird was there at 1000.			JS Bde	CG
44.	1035	Ref cordon and search: all coordination w/NP is completed at QL, searching force to be NP, cordoning force 1/8, searching force will be at 790913 at 070630 remainder of coordination will between Bde S3 and 1/8. It is the 1/8 parogative to deny mission, Bn CO mission denied. No troops available, 1/8 still trying to arrange for medcap.			JS Bde	RV
45.	1045	Bn 3 wants a report of the daog team situation, and the happenings of 5 Sept, after written up wants sent to Bde, being written at this time.			JS	RR
46.	1350	Rash 38 AB at 994065 TOT 1430 complete 1500, BDA 1 hootch destroyed.			JS	RR

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47.	1055		In ref to changes in AO, if we will send the C/C or log bird to Bde, they will send out overlay, at 1600 4A brought overlay to Wescott.	JS Bde	CG		
48.	1122		B 1/9 Saber 25 at 909024 spotted 35 bnks w/OHC w/gun position.	JS	CG		
49.	1147		Exchange D 26 w/E 16; D 26 to Wescott E 16 to 798931; E 16 off Wescott 1114, on LZ 1120, D 26 off PZ 1120 on LZ 1123; E 16 off Wescott 1124, on LZ 1136, E 16 complete at 1136 6 sorties; D 26 off PZ 1137, on Wescott, complete 1147, total 6 sorties.	JS Bde	RR		
50.	1158		Rds received at QL, 3 107 came from 899927, 1 82 5135 ax, approx 3000-3040 radius possibly from Phu Linh village. Will recon area.	JS	CG		
51.	1214		Called in previous 2 dog team requested and not there, 0730 26 Aug; 0730 30 Aug, also for 5 Sept 0700 and 5 Sept 0945, log finally got team at 1210 5 Sept.	JS Bde	CG		
52.	1220		A/co reports at 858945 found 1 N-S trail used by 2-3 ind within 2-3 days, neg direction of movement.	JS Bde	RV		
53.	1346		Request a return from Bde 23 in ref to CS mis- sion requested by 3A on overlay sent 4 Sept.	JS Bde	CG		

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54.	1400		A/co 858945, 885932, 873940; B/co 955983, 950983, C/co 879988; D/co Wescott; E/co 798928; A 1/4 900877.			JS Bde		CG
55.	1428		D 36 in patrolling around Wescott neg findings.			JS		CG
56.	1429		A 1/4 at 890876 reports neg findings, area is very thick, does not feel there has been any movement in area.			JS Bde		CG
57.	1444		B/co sitrep at 955983 found old VC base camp, from 955983 for approx 200m to the S found 85 fighting positions 3x2x3 no OHC, area had not been used for the past 6-8 months.			JS Bde		RR
58.	1310		A 1/4 sitrep on edge of bamboo, A 36 sweeping in area of 8091, if A 36 has neg findings will link up with A 1/4 and Big Boy will burst through area, once this is done if findings are neg request to return to choke point. Reply; recon area as thoroughly as possible, after which may return to choke point.			JS		RR
59.	1410		A/co found a N-S trail w/track that showed signs of traffic by 2-3 ind within past 2-3 days, tracks were barefoot prints loc 858945. Trail movement N.			JS Bde		RR
60.	1600		Tentative NL: E/co 803937; A/co GP 26 46 851940					
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		16 882927; A 1/4 854906, 847896, C/co 881985.		JS Bde	CG
61. 1525		Agent report from 031100 F-3 rating, at 026024.			
		SF report 60 VC w/mixed uniforms, crew served and ind weapons, arty request.		JS Arty	CG
62. 1529		AS at 998068 TOT 1330 BDA 1 bnk, 1 hootch, by Rash 36.		JS	RR
63. 1620		Saber 28x on station this time working in area of Vivian, have Sabre 28x check out 9091, 9090, 9089, 8988, 8987, neg findings due to weather.	JS Bde		RR
		Spot report: time 1630 935968 E-W trail travel- ed on by 5-8 ind to E within past 24H. At 905852 spotted 3 rocket cases w/chinese writing on sides. Had to break station due to weather,			
		arty fired 935968 and 905852.	JS Bde		RR
64.	1648	Final plans for 6 Sept sent to Bde.	JS Bde		CG
65.	1701	B/co will move to center of mass 980985, am- bush between 960975 and 000982 for 6 Sept.	JS		RR
66.	1738	Boxes clear for RF co time 060600 to 1800; 257 Rf Co 7594, 7994, 7589, 7989; 212 RF co 7990, 8390, 8385, 7985; 399 RF would like to work in same box that they had today,			
		center mass 8787. approved by Bn 3.	JS Bde		CG
67.	1740	Hatchet report: day plt 8; night plt 9.	JS Bde		CG

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68.	1944		Sabre 25 887896 5 8x10 bnks and 3 spider holes under construction, will recon further, neg assessment.		JS	RR
69.	1745		Sabre 28 recon by fire in 875890, had movement in brush, at 877895 spotted 30 bnks 4x8, neg recent use, recon by fire, neg assess.		JS	RR
70.	1811		Saber White at 905850 spotted numerous trails move E by 20 ind in last 6H.		JS	CG
71.	1850		A at 888922 found 2 N-S trails traffic by 8-10 ind within past 3-6 days to N. Also in same area 1 E-W trail movement to E by 15 ind past 3-6 days.		JS Bde	RR
72.	1911	✓	A/oo 856945, 882927; B/co 954973, 958975, 949975, C/oo 881985; D/oo Wescott; E/oo Wescott; A 1/4 851907, 857896.		JS Bde	CG
73.	1930		All elements up on the bug.		JS	RR
74.	1910		D 21 patrolling around Wescott for last light neg findings.		JS	RR
75.	2020		Agent report 050900 905976 300 NVA/9 VC 300m SW of Suoi Be Hoc, 40 old 2 man open positions, 20 old 5 man bnks, 3 HT1 radius, 4 82mm w/30 rds, 4 LMG, 4 RPG 2 w/20 rds, 3 RPG 7 w/10 rds, AK and SKA, R-6 rating.		JS Arty	EW

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76. 2029		Changes in NL as follows: A CP 855943, C/co CP 881986; A 1/4 847896.			JS Bde	JV
77. 2030		Agent report: 051630 787941 200 NVA/12 VC came from NE, resting, neg bnks, 2 BP radios, 3 82mm 30 rds, 2 107 w/25 rds, 4 RPG 2 w/25 rds, 3 RPG 7 15 rds, AK SKS B-3 rating. Arty fired.			JS Arty	JV
78. 2105		Tn tentative plans sent to Bde for 7 & 8 Sept.			JS Bde	JH
79. 2115		AS for 1/8 AO: TOT 1100 985878 LZ construct; TOT 998948 1400H, LZ construct.			JS	JH
80. 2104		Need from E/co 1 FO team to go to Chu Linh on 6 Sept to work with CIDG.			JS	JV
81. 2140		Request AO extension on old 1/8 AO 060600 to terminate when new 1/8 AO goes into effect: 7794, 7796, 8096, 8094, approved by Bde 3MB.			JS Bde	JV
82. 2230		In ref to conversation of Bde 6 and Bn 6, QL -1 789895, QL 2 793895, Soc Trao -k 818893, Soc Trao -t 804873, villages planned to be attacked tonight.			JS	JH
83. 2355		Agent report: 050600 954958 109 NVA and VC wearing green uniforms, armed with AK and 4 AW, RPG 2 and RPG 7, 15 mines w/det in center, constr cting bnks, mission to attack Phouc Vinh on unknown date, asking about US troops in area C-3 rating. JS Bde			JS	JV

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