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1.	0001		Journal opened.		JS	JV
2.	0050		FY 0526 activated 2316 903985, medium.		JS C/co	EH
3.	0050		FY 0329 987984 activated at 2352, light.		JS B/co	EH
4.	0130		<p>Should a standdown be directed by higher Hq</p> <p>the following rules are to be followed:</p> <p>a. enemy action which impinge on friendly forces</p> <p>will be met with decisive overwhelming forces.</p> <p>b. US Forces are not to initiate any air or</p> <p>ground offensive operations; however, defensive</p> <p>action against enemy initiated actions are</p> <p>authorized as follows: illum is authorized,</p> <p>defensive ambushes on routes or approaches to</p> <p>friendly positions are authorized, intensified air</p> <p>recon is authorized in area containing potential</p> <p>enemy concentration, helicopter cover is authorized</p> <p>for convoy movement, friendly forces in contact</p> <p>as a result of enemy attack will not break contact</p> <p>or decrease the intensity of action until the</p> <p>NVA and VC forces withdraw, d. commanders at</p> <p>all levels will insure that US forces maintain</p> <p>high state of readiness before, during, and</p> <p>after any cessation period, e. artillery and</p> <p>mortar interdiction fires are not to be con-</p>			

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		ducted during the cessation period. f. resume all normal operatio sat the conclusion of the cessation period. g. report immediately all NVA and VC hostile acts during the cessation period together with friendly responsive actions. h. no public comments will be made concerning a cessation or cornerning this instruction. refer all inquires to higher Hq. i. before going instructions are to be implemented only on instruction from higher Hq. Meanwhile proceed with operations as planned. j. acknowledge receipt of the instructions.			
5.	0200	Negative sitrep.	JS		JH
6.	0300	Negative sitrep.	JS		JV
7.	0400	Negative sitrep.	JS		JV
8.	0500	Negative sitrep.	JS		JH
9.	0540	844942 0500 IR bird received grd/air fire, scout team will make 1st light check in area. If he finds a target, will put in AS, A/co heard nothing, arty fired.	JS		JH
10.	0600	Negative sitrep.	JS		JH
11.	0628	RRF D 26, QRF D/co for 7 Sept.	JS Bde		JH
12.	0655	All companies had neg movement, B/co and C/co will be making sweep of contact areas.	JS		JV

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13.	0657		D/co reports CM in at this time.		JS	JV
14.	0727		D/co reports 23 made recon w/neg finds.		JS	JV
15.	0730		Request scout team to assist C/co and B/co in locating bodies in contact area, also to check out G/A fire at 844942.		JS Bde	EH
16.	0753		Weekly sniper report sent to Bde.		JS Bde	EH
17.	0740		Log bird on station 0740 GR 42, C/C Snoopy on station 1003 at Wescott.		JS	EH
18.	0803		Immediate AD requested on 844942 grd/air fire taken by nighthawk bird, at 0900 AD cancelled.		JS	JV
19.	0845		Bde has the Rome Plow overlay, discussed the FY 0329 and 0526 with Bde 3, also requested 1 plt of base defense at QL check out 810910 to 806907 in reference to the dead bodies that could be in area.		JS Bde	CG
20.	0859		Phu Ming 7891 receiving 60mm 0730 this AM, heard approx 12 rd impacting in that vic this morning, heard no tubes popping so E 16 believes enemy is from the SW or SE.		JS	CG
21.	0907		Snoopy 043 will come to Wescott to take ammo to C/co, ASAP. Yellow 1 to run supply mission for C/co at 0953H.		JS	CG
22.	0914		An Loc sector 5 reports firing, E 16 heard none.		JS Bde	CG

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23.	1024	A/co 868953, 887937, B/co 974979, C/co 896979, D/co Wescott, E/co 811936, A 1/4 811936.			JS Bde CG
24.	0930	Bn 3 request C/C or scout bird, C/co in contact 896979, Bde 3 bounced Max, coordinating at this time.			JS Bde CG
25.	0915	Request LZ constructs: 889807, 919807, 902822, 863832, 893810.			JS Bde RW
26.	0927 (8)	C/co contact 0925, 896979 1 KIA NVA, max 69 TOS 0937, Yellow 1 TOS 0952, est size enemy force 30 ind, at 1030 total 15 NVA KIA, contact broke 1030H, 1 51 cal and aprt of another 51 cal. At 1230 a cook blew himself up in the area, of contact with chi com grenade. C/co was close enough to hear the explosion.			JS Bde EH
27.	0945	Have QRF ready ASAP for CA to 896979 to support C/co.			JS D/co RC
28.	0955	Bn 6 to A/co move 1 plt up towards C/co, reply moving plt back to patrol base then move out.			JS RC
29.	1057 (3)	B/co at 1055 in contact, 974979, arty being called in, max TOS 1100H, B/c received AK fire from E and NE, contact broke 1100, enemy evading to W, enemy force 5 ind, Arty and mortars have engaged, Max working to W, at 1150H B/co beginnings			

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	IN OUT					
		sweep of area of contact, 1 hat, 2 web gear, bodies of yesterdays contact were gone.			JS Bde	RC
30.	1145	Complete readout on C/co contact passed to Bde 6A by Bn 3, 1140H.			JS Bde	CG
31.	1150	D 16 sec to sec LZ 896979, 1 sortie off PZ 1110 down 1115, 5 sorties off PZ 1140, down 1149 complete.			JS Bde	RC
32.	1151	C/co contact: Chinese 12.7 AM6 type 54 which was disassembled, 1 barrel no. 132152-1, 232.069, 1 feed tray, 1 receiver group no. 132154, 1 cleaning rod. Missing the tripod. Does have anti-aircraft mount. 248 linked 51 cal rds, 1 RPG carrying pack w/3 RPG7 rds, 3 boosters, cleaning kit, complete sight for RPG 7; 1 chi com web gear, w/2 AK-47 magazines and 1 oil can, 1 chi com grenade, 1 NVA pith helmet. 1415 total body count yesterday and today 16 NVA KIA, 1 RPG7 reported yesterday, 3 RPG rockets total 9, 3 helmets, 8 pistol belts and canteens, 3 flashlights, 1 AK-47 rifle w/3 full magazines, 1 more 51 cal, ind were wearing; 8 green uniforms, 2 w/blk shorts and shirts, 6 w/kahki uniforms, all had HCM sandals and fresh haircuts. Neg				

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		some personnel letter which will be backlogged. JS Bde			WM
33.	1209	Saber 26 1105 844944 found E-W trail used by 10-15 ind in last 24H, movement to E, 1135			
		822982, 10 trails use by 2 ind on each trail, E-W movement to E in last 24H, 1145 via C/co contact			
		trail to SE used by 9 ind in last 6-12H to SE, JS Bde			WM
34.	1215	Saber 26 at 1200 spotted a E-W to SW trail at 912905 used by 10 ind within last 24H, neg			
		direction due to rain, Breaking station, JS Bde			CG
35.	1235	Toy 05 request clearance AP at 029023, clearance granted w/nearest friendlies at 6k to S and 6k to SW. BDA 5 bnk 2 dest, 3 part dest.			JS RV
36.	1300	Escort arty survey party to 7988 send 2 carrier to link up with the survey party at S gate of QL, JS			CG
37.	1309	CIDG lift of CIDG from Eleanor to 912801: 1228 off PZ, 1243 on LZ green; 1251 2nd off PZ, 1300 on LZ, complete 1300. JS Bde RV			
38.	1315	Request medevac for ind C/co 5M hurt leg, request at 1316, cancelled medevac at 1410, log is taking ind to QL, JS Bde CG			
39.	1330	Plan on a 4+2 to lift D/co in exchange for C/co set for 1600. JS Bde CG			

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40.	1355	Layed on a 6+2 for extraction for E 16 PZ 814928, LZ 028966, 0900 8 Sept, D/co will have 13 sorties, C/co will have 19 sorties.				JS Bde	CG
41.	1500	Rash 39 AS TOT 1415 915829, complete 1455, BDA 3 5x8 1½ OGC bnks dest, 4 bnks 5x8 ½ OHC part dest.				JS	RC
42.	1508	A/co 874964, 887942, 868953; B/co 979987, 974979, C/co 896979; E/co 896979 16; E/co 811936; A 1/4 844894, 870921; CIDG 912802.				JS Bde	CG
43.	1515	Saber 28 TOT 1450, at 898829 2 hootches 5x8 w/bnk under them, hootches dest bnk part dest.				JS Bde	RC
44.	1515	D and C exchange to take place 1600 7 Sept.				JS	RC
45.	1530	Serial no for C/co AK47 61786; RP47 NRAB006, 1968; 2nd 51 cal contained receiver group w/ serial no 132157 and other part was anti air- craft mount, these were the only parts that C/co had, 2 legs for 51 cal; D/co contact serial no for AK47 16586 838864.				JS	WM
46.	1601	The 11th Group is prepared for flight leader to coordinate with Bn CO of day prior to CA, when requested. The prior recon and coordination should be made whenever there is a large CA to be made or the LZ is hard to locate.				JS	CG

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47.	1600		Infor on KGS: How many on leave AWOL, etc. Do we need anymore, if so how many? Nguyen Van Ty leave 5 Sept, Need 4, A 1, C 2, D 1, Will make 3 per Co.			JS Bde	CG
48.	1615		Informed Bde about bird dropping smoke over A 1/4, Bde checked w/neg result.			JS Bde	CG
49.	1617		Saber Red reports ST 33 inserted at 019866 at 1610H.			JS	RW
50.	1625		D/co sec to sec PZ Wescott, LZ 896979, off 1555, complete 1625, 14 sorties.			JS Bde	RC
51.	1640		RF time 080600-081800 for 212 RF and 257: 7594 to 7794, to 7891 to 7890 W to Road W on read to 7592, approved by Bn 3.			JS Bde	CG
52.	1645		C/co sec to sec extraction of C/co; off PZ 896979 at 1600, complete 1645, 18 sorties.			JS Bde	RC
53.	1700		ST 35 inserted 021425, XT 834975 extracted 071105 at 834975, no enemy activity, no trails, LZ's 834957 6 ship sit down can be improved to 10 ship.			JS	CG
54.	1745		A/co 868945, 868945; B/co 975984, 982984; C/co Wescott; D/co 892988; E/co 809935; A 1/4 844894, 832844; CIDG 909815.			JS Bde	CG
55.	1807		Hatchet report: day plt 11; night plt 9.			JS Bde	RC
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56.	1641	Request medevac for CIDG 1638 fever 106, jungle penetrator, at 909815 requested again 1718, cancelled medevac 1806.	JS Bde			CG
57.	1814	Bde 6 desires that A 16 remains in area NW of QL tomorrow, will not conduct extraction 8 Sept.	JS			CG
58.	1830	D/co at 892985 1 E-W trail neg recent use, at 895982 1 4x8 fighting position 6 months old neg recent use.	JS Bde			RC
59.	1945	All up on the bug.	JS			RC
60.	1915	D/co 1 of our EM left his wallet on bnks? have 5M send it out, called C/co he checking bnk.	JS			RC
61.	2000	A/co 868945, 889431; B/co 975984, 982984, 971981; C/co Wescott; D/co 892988; E/co 809935; E/co 46 Wescott; A 1/4 850907, 846897, 801894, 810886; CIDG 908814.	JS Bde			CG
62.	2000	Agent report: 1200H 809939 observed 150 NVA 6 VC, neg wounded, neg bnk, 1 HP radio, 1 107 w/15 rds, 2 82 w/20 rds, 1LMG, 5 RPG7 20 rds, AK and SKS mission to hit QL and spread propaganda B-3 rating.	JS			CG
63.	2001	A/co at 887988 found NE trail w/recent movement				

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	5-10 ind direction unknown,					JS Bde	RC
64.	2020	SLAR TOT 1845-1908 846020 1 open, arty notified, JS					BH
65.	2021	Agent report: 1700 908829 300 NVA and 12 VC coming from the SE, no bnks C-6 rating, armed w/4 radios, 2 107, 4 82mm, 2 light and 2 heavy MG 4 RPG7 and 6 RPG2,					
66.	2055	Cheiu Hoi leaflets dropped: 8793, 8898, 8999, 9096, 8996, 8980, 9081, 9079, 9180, 9281, 9797, 9898, 9899, 9895, 9098.				JS Bde	BH
67.	2110	Cache site, 056017 in regards to agent report 061900, 15 100k bags of rice, 4 50 bags of salt, C-3 rating.				JS	
68.	2200	Alerted A 1/4 to standby on possible move to QL at this time QL has radar sightings to NE and a possible ground probe.				JS	JV
69.	2200	FY0528 89983 activated 2153 movement heavy, activated again at 2220 movement heavy and continuing, arty notified and fired 50 rds 105.				JS	
70.	2220	None of Big Duke elements around QL heard any firing in their area.				JS Bde	JV
71.	2222	Final loc for A/co GP 26 46 857947, 16 885942, A 1/4 no 3 831894.				JS Bde	JV

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