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| 1. | 0001 | | Journal opened. | JS | | JV |
| 2. | 0100 | | Negative sitrep. | JS | | JV |
| 3. | 0200 | | Negative sitrep. | JS | | JV |
| 4. | 0230 | | Bnk 18 and 17 had only 1 2M awake, bnk 16 both | | | |
| | | | were asleep. C/co notified. | JS | | JV |
| 5. | 0300 | | Negative sitrep. | JS | | JV |
| 6. | 0400 | | Negative sitrep. | JS | | JV |
| 7. | 0500 | | Negative sitrep. | JS | | JV |
| 8. | 0600 | | Negative sitrep. | JS | | JV |
| 9. | 0610 | | FY0529, 898983 0556H medium, D/co will check. | JS Arty | | JB |
| 10. | 0621 | | Bde 2M requests contact around sensor reading | | | |
| | | | 8988 for possible movement of any kind. | JS | | JB |
| 11. | 0640 | | All Co's report neg movement or happenings. | JS | | JV |
| 12. | 0647 | | RRF for 10 Sept C/co and QRF is C/co 26. | JS Bde | | JV |
| 13. | 0746 | | Deputy USARV Surgeon will visit LZ approx 1530H. | JS | | JV |
| 14. | 0750 | | Bde 3, warning order, prepare to move 1 rifle | | | |
| | | | company at 1000 to QL for base defense. Chemical | | | |
| | | | mission on LZ, also info on CS drop requested, | | | |
| | | | Rifle company will be B/co. | JS | | JB |
| 15. | 0815 | | 1st light wire check, neg finds. | JS | | RC |
| 16. | | 0825 | Request scout team for D/co for vis. recon. | JS Bde | | CG |
| 17. | 0855 | | Pacification responsible for the Phouc Long | | | |
| | | | province is being transfered from 3 Bde to | | | |
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| | | | 2nd Bde however we will continue to support | | | | |
| | | | pacification Phouc Long province that is in | | | | |
| | | | part of our tactical A ^U . | | | JS | CG |
| 18. | 0915 | | Log bird GR 767 TOS 0700, C/C Snoopy 25 TOS | | | | |
| | | | 1010. | | | JS | JV |
| 19. | 0950 | | XU 9112 aircraft believe he got a beep from a | | | | |
| | | | radar gun. | | | JS | CG |
| 20. | | 1015 | A/co 848956, 901947; B/co 976984, 99382; C/co | | | | |
| | | | Wescott; D/co 909988, 915974, 897997; C/co | | | | |
| | | | 783939; A 1/3 847897, 832894; C/WG 896764, | | | | |
| | | | 815900. | | | JS | CG |
| 21. | | 1104 | Request set tm for E 16 at 1105. | | | JS Bde | CG |
| 22. | 1102 | 16 | 897997 D 36 spotted 2 ind moving E along blue, | | | | |
| | | | engaged with SA at 40m, the 2 ind evaded to | | | | |
| | | | the W, sweeping area, gooks did not return fire, | | | | |
| | | | gooks had neg pack or web gear or weapons. | | | JS Bde | RC |
| 23. | 1140 | | SLAR, TOT 0645 040060 1 stream, TOT 0714-0723 | | | | |
| | | | 820825 1 in plantation. | | | JS | CG |
| 24. | 1145 | | GR 11 on station at 1146. C/C. | | | JS Bde | CG |
| 25. | 1205 | | Lift will be approx 1030, we are getting a | | | | |
| | | | C/C w/console, the new C/C will be a snoopy | | | | |
| | | | bird, when comes on station release the other | | | | |
| | | | C/C, have birdcontact Red Hawk 53 or GR 53. | | | JS | CG |
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| 26. | 1235 | | Bde 83 will have to release 2 of the Killer | | | | | |
| | | | Spade at 1230 to work for Gary Owen. | | | JS | | CG |
| 27. | | 1245 | Requested hooks, arty has most of hooks tied | | | | | |
| | | | up, but plan on using the 3 birds for the lift. | | | JS | | CG |
| 28. | 1250 | | A 1/4 at 851932 2 old hootch 8x6, 1-2 months | | | | | |
| | | | also base palte for mortar 3x3 3-4 weeks old. | | | | | |
| | | | hootches destroyed neg recent use. | | | JS Bde | | RC |
| 29. | 1310 | | Recommend this area be a no fly zone for all | | | | | |
| | | | aircraft, due to suspected anti aircraft gun | | | | | |
| | | | radar controlled located 8908, 9208, 9214, | | | | | |
| | | | 8914. | | | JS | | CG |
| 30. | 1315 | | Saber 6 while flying over 9001 picked up buzz | | | | | |
| | | | on FM believed to be radar controlled anti- | | | | | |
| | | | aircraft weapon. | | | JS | | RV |
| 31. | 1330 | | In the 155 area the water building up and will | | | | | |
| | | | eventually wash our borm away, a drainage route | | | | | |
| | | | must be est through the berm to prevent this | | | | | |
| | | | now that the water is high we can better rec- | | | | | |
| | | | ognize the problem areas and establish drainage | | | | | |
| | | | routes accordingly. Start work ASAP. | | | JS | | RV |
| 32. | 1355 | | Subject VC morning; recent info indicates that | | | | | |
| | | | the death of HCM is to be observed by communist | | | | | |
| | | | and S VN in following manner: organizing committee | | | | | |
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| | | | to est a morning week from 5-11 Sept; organizing | | | | | |
| | | | a funeral setting up an altar, stopping all | | | | | |
| | | | activities for a certain period, having public | | | | | |
| | | | meeting and prayer during cease fire days. | | | | | |
| | | | Subjected warning rites are set to include a | | | | | |
| | | | hoisted S Vietnam flag with a black morning | | | | | |
| | | | band on it. Pictures of HCM framed in blk. Wearing | | | | | |
| | | | morning bands on hat and pins on shirts. During | | | | | |
| | | | morning week, communist controlled an influenced | | | | | |
| | | | festivities, films, art shows, sports matches, and | | | | | |
| | | | other intertainment are cancelled. The above | | | | | |
| | | | represent a change of pace which may make possible | | | | | |
| | | | positive identification of VC leader, agents | | | | | |
| | | | and supported. Units will est contact w/appropriate | | | | | |
| | | | province and district advisor in their AO to | | | | | |
| | | | make positive ID of individual. | | | JS | CG | |
| 33. | 1405 | | D/co at 903000 36 heard 3 rds pop from mortar | | | | | |
| | | | from 36 it was on 1200 1k, rd impact 3k S of | | | | | |
| | | | D 36, at 913986 CP heard rds impacted 1 1/2 k to | | | | | |
| | | | W, Feel mortar position 908993, impact 903985, | | | | | |
| | | | at 1640 patrol reconning area of mortar fire | | | | | |
| | | | report neg finds. | | | JS Bde | RC | |
| 34. | | 1410 | Request set tm for D/co at 1405, Saber 1429H. | | | JS Bde | CG | |
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| 35. | 1415 | | Agent report, K2 Bn, 209 Red, 7th Div, reported 2 Sept, Bn has been located in Ru Ngso Dah, jungle in Loc Ninh, District in bnks, foxholes and using nylon tents for shelter. C1 Co XU 785002; Hq C2 801009; C3 790020 300men 3 Red Chinese advisors in Bn, blk, green, and blue, and kahki material uniforms, weapons, 2 82mm, 2 75 RR, 1 12.7 AA MG; 30 B 40, unk no. of AA and 1-79. 1 K60 radio, 3 PRO 10 and 25, mission mortar and attack QL and ambush troops along H.13 from Binh Long and Loc Ninh. Obtained from VC cadre talking to agent 1st Inf Div. report no. 4997-69, C rating. | JS | SH | | |
| 36. | 1425 | | SUBJECT: Harding for fire base: arty casualties are increasing at an alarming reate, commanders will take necassary action to insure maximum harding of fire base position area. The possibly of increasing parapets might especially in those areas were direct fire is not possible should be consider. Another possibility is a kick out section added to the top of parapet that can be removed for direct fire. This Hq is looking for ideas and suggestions on the | | | | |
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| | | | ways and means of providing OHC and protection to crew members who are required on the place during fire missions. Comments are welcome and encouraged, harding of firebase is a matter of commander attention. Attention should be given to it today in view of expected action during coming night and early morning. | | | JS | | CG |
| 37. | 1430 | | Saber 21 TOS 1427 going out to D/co, will be on D internal, eng finds, broke station 1605. | | | JS | | RC |
| 38. | 1507 | | B/co extraction to sec LZ QL, PZ 16 993982, CP 46 36 26 976984; 1st off 1136, clear 1433, complete 1451 total 19 sorties. | | | JS Bde | | RC |
| 39. | 1508 | | A/co 847965, 906947; B/co 4L; C/co Wescott; D/co 913986, 921990, 918972, 903000; E/co 783939; A 1/4 887885; CIUG 920710. | | | JS | | CG |
| 40. | 1520 | | ST 43 loc at 1520H 006867. | | | JS | | CG |
| 41. | 1530 | | Finals plans sent to Bde by 3A. | | | JS Bde | | CG |
| 42. | 1601 | | Saber 26, 1520 893089, spotted N-S trail, 5 ind traveled in last 6-12H going S. 1530H 876055 1 bnk 5x8 also N-S trail used by 25 ind in last 24H direction unknown. 1540H 845059 N-S trail used by 6-12 ind in last 12H going N. 1555 E-W trail used by ind moving W in last 12H. | | | JS | | CG |
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| 43. | 1430 | | An Loc request road clearing, 215 1 plt RF 804850, to 810890; 399 (-) 860880 to 849879, 110600 to 111800. Approved Bn 3. | JS Bde | | CG | |
| 44. | 1530 | | B/co 6 at 1000H found 7 empty graves just waiting for some occupants at 971982. Dug within past week, neg trails around area. They were dug side by side R.W. | JS Bde | | CG | |
| 45. | | 1648 | Psyops mission Chieu Hoi leaflets dropped, 0199, 0198, 0298, 0297, 9199, 9198, 9098. Requested 6 boxes leaflets. | JS Bde | | RV | |
| 46. | | 1700 | Request 5+2 for 11 Sept 1969 0830H, P2 Wescott, LZ 995918 for C 36, control Bn 6 or Bn 3. | JS | | CG | |
| 47. | 1705 | | Cease fire will end 0100 11 Sept, all units to recon with arty after 0100. | JS Co's | | CG | |
| 48. | 1708 | | Set tm request permission to test fire on Sue advised of friendlies on W side of Blue and told to proceed accordingly. # | JS | | RV | |
| 49. | 1725 | | D/co neg results on W bank of Song Be river reconning today. Will log on 11 Sept and move W. | JS | | RV | |
| 50. | 1840 | | A slick flew over CIG and fired up area, neg friendly casualties, bird was flying towards PV 910710. | JS Bde | | RC | |

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| 51. | 1850 | | Agent report: C-6 rating 1140 11 Sept 881942 | | | | | |
| | | | 150 NVA 6 VC resting, 2 82mm 20 rds, 2 LMG | | | | | |
| | | | 3 RPG2 15 rds, 1 RPG 7 4 AK47 and SKS; 1200 | | | | | |
| | | | 9 Sept 917772, 300m E Suoi Ngoien stream 200 | | | | | |
| | | | NVA 5 VC 2 82mm 10 rds, 5 LMG, 4 RPG 2 20 rds, | | | | | |
| | | | 3 RPG 7 5 rds, AK47 and SKS, F-6 rating. | | | | JS | CG |
| 52. | 1905 | | Request clearance 110600 to 111800 212 RF | | | | | |
| | | | 8089, 8085, 8485, 8489, Approved by Bn 3. | | | | JS | CG |
| 53. | 1956 | | We can logical expect that communist may attempt | | | | | |
| | | | to captialize on suprise attacks, we probable can | | | | | |
| | | | expect hits on nights of 10 and 11 Sept by | | | | | |
| | | | fire attack or sappers or both. All commander | | | | | |
| | | | will take precaution to protects their troop | | | | | |
| | | | and give max damage inflected upon the enemy | | | | | |
| | | | starting 110100 Sept all units will return to | | | | | |
| | | | full scale recon activity day and night to | | | | | |
| | | | locate and get the enemy under control once | | | | | |
| | | | again and inflect maximum damage on him. | | | | JS | CG |
| 54. | 1906 | | Alerted QRF at 1907. Saber 28 bird went down | | | | | |
| | | | 770865 blues are being inserted they need 1/8 | | | | | |
| | | | QRF to be a backup. Bird went down with possible | | | | | |
| | | | mechanical problem, Black Horse M troop has | | | | | |
| | | | also been alerted. Release QRF 1925. Blue in. | | | | JS | CG |
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| 55. | 1945 | | A 16 at 905943 N-S trail w/recent use in last 3-4 days, 600m from above grid to the mine found 10 bns 5-B 1 1/2 OHC 2 months old neg recent use well camouflaged. | JS Bde | | RC | |
| 56. | 1935 | | A/co 845967, 905943; B/co Quan Loi; CIDG 900737, 918727; C/co Wescott; D/co 912988, 916981, 905992, 913986; E/co 779927; A 1/4 847906, 847897. | JS Bde | | CG | |
| 57. | 1936 | | Hatchet report: day plt 10; night plt 11. | JS Bde | | RC | |
| 58. | 2220 | | Change in plans for 11 Sept and called in tentative plans for 12 and 13 Sept. | JS Bde | | JB | |
| 59. | 2027 | | All units up on the bug. | JS | | JV | |
| 60. | 2037 | | Request all units use arty recon by fires after 0100 11 Sept. | JS | | JV | |
| 61. | 2120 | | Request AO extension for B 16 for 110600 to 120600, 7794, 7796, 8094, 8096, approved by Bde JEB. | JS Bde | | JB | |
| 62. | 2200 | | A 1/4 informed by Bn 83 they may send one plt to 3rd Bde VIP center on 11 Sept, however on their own request the plt will not go in until 12 Sept, the plt presently in VIP center exists on morning of 11 Sept.= | JS | | JB | |
| 63. | 2215 | | Present road clearing mission for 215 1st plt | | | | |
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