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	IN	OUT					
1.	0001		Journal opened	JS		RB	
2.	0027		Combat Artists with Pig-Iron. 0-10 Capt.				
			William R. Hoettels SSAN 388-42-4671, 0-11				
			PFC David E. Graves SSAN 511-44-3573	JS		RB	
3.	0031		FY Report #0541 TA 0022 xt810914. Out of AO	JS		RB	
4.	0045		Slip move of A/Co. to 0930H No problem	JS Bde		RB	
5.	0045		Ran Red 16 location revised and sent in grid				
			004154	JS Bde		RB	
6.	0101		Clean clothes have been re nested for E/Co.				
			16, Request sent 28. will pass to E/Co.	JS		RR	
7.	0200		Neg. sit. rep.	JS		RR	
8.	0300		Neg. sit. rep.	JS		RR	
9.	0400		Neg. sit. rep.	JS		RR	
10.	0500		Neg. sit. rep.	JS		RR	
11.	0610		RRF 16, QRF Brightnight complete	JS Bde		RB	
12.	0650		Air Strikes: at xu 967054 target LZ construct				
			tot 1330 # 5216 ord HDJ at xu950064 LZ				
			construct tot 1430H #5202 HDJ at xu920105				
			13 bunkers tot 1645H # 5230 HDA&HDI	JS		RB	
13.	0700		CC bird potatoe Masher 509 log bird Ghost				
			Rider 912 CC and log bird.	JS		RB	
14.	0715		Final out status of D/Co. impact awards for				
			EM'S that have played major role's in find-				

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ing cashes and killing enemy soldiers. D/Co.

will be authorized a liberal amount of a-

wards. Bn needs recommendation from D/Co. 6

Request to know if GM has informed them of

any from their Bn. Have them ready for 1/8

Bn. tomorrow. Bn 3 will be coming to their

location in morning if they can have a sit down

pad.

JS

RR

15.

0730

D 1/7 location 963007

JS

RB

16.

0745

B/Co. has EM with a badly cut hand want to

have him taken out at 0755H. They have a

sit down pad. #950114. Have passed to 4E

JS

RR

17.

0745

Duke 3A request scout team to check grid

926072. Request granted. neg findings.

JS Bde

RB

18.

0830

Spot report B/Co. at #948110 B/Co. found

8 bunkers 5x6 2' OHC onely 1 had useable

cover. bunkers destroyed found trail NS

bamboo matting very old neg. Neg. recent

use

JS Bde

RC

19.

0705

Bde 6 to Bn 6. 81mm mortar gunners test or

use of 81mm M53 sight unit. Effective immed-

iately. All firing of 81mm mortars discon-

tinued until the state of training of mortar

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			crews is brought up to the level where safe firing can be conducted. Until this can be accomplished 81 mortars are not to be fired unless its an emergency where 81mm are necessary to unit safety providing additional fire support. 81mm mortars used only after all other types of fire support is utilized.	JS	RB
20.	0750		SLA report tot 0408H to 0425H 13 Oct. grid 050215. Out of A/Co.	JS	RB
21.	1000		B/Co. found at #949119 18" elephant tracks going on AZ 160 degrees in last 24H. B/Co. 16 following trail.	JS Bde	RC
23.	1022		Current locs for 1000H. A/Co.-FSB Jerri, B/Co.-949119, C/Co.-Ellen, D/Co.-923126, E/Co.(-) Ellen, 16-004145.	JS Bde	JB
24.	1130		Reference message sen t 0630H to all Bn's. The 81mm mortar gunner test will be administered by Bn NCO's to all mortar personal on immediate prioity to be completed not later than 15 Oct. 69. Submit rister to 3rd Bde by name rank, serial number & position listing results of this test not later than 15 Oct. Resumption of 81 mm mortar firing will		

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			be approved when mortar crews are sufficient-				
			tly qualified to accomplish base fire missions				
			This approval will be authorized on the re-				
			commendation to Co. 3rd Bde. Reference A-				
			Cav. Reg. 350-70 Subj. 81mm mortar operations				
			and training procedures. 22 Sept. 69. B-				
			1st Cav unclassified message-9FU2811, AVDAGT				
			DT, DTG 0801372.	JS Bde	JB		
25.	1218		A/Co. CA from FSB Jerri to #004145 1st lift				
			off PZ at 1145H on LZ 004175 at 1155H LZ				
			Green. Lift complete 1217 hrs. total 16				
			sorties	JS Bde	RC		
26.	1250		Request scout team for D/Co. Scout team on				
			station- 1400H	JS Bde	JB		
27.	1255		D/Co. at #924126 found 2 hooches 25x8, 26				
			bikes (reinforced for heavy loads) 1 200lb.				
			bag rice neg. marking on bag. Also 10' wide				
			road SE to NW Neg. recent use but believed				
			to be infiltration route. bikes, hooch and				
			rice destroyed also found 2 picks.	JS Bde	RC		
28.	1300		Air Craft request for D/Co. 8 plus 2 for				
			15 sorties 88 packs PZ-933116 LZ Quan Loi				
			PZ time 1100	JS	RC		
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29.	1355		Gary Owen 3-Saber is responsible for covering 2nd and 3rd Bde. Will have very limited pink teams because of this-request to be cautious about requesting pink teams effective immediately	JS			JB
30.	1415		Must have overhead cover for Arty.-Bn 6 wants the rest of culvert and PSP ASAP	JS			JB
31.	1417		Weather warning-1500H-2000H isolated thunder storms, intermittent cond. 1000B-2Mi vis-winds E 10K	JS			JB
32.	1437		A/S cancelled for another A/O for 1430H but re-scheduled a daisy cutter for the same grid at 1645H	JS			JB
33.	1446		IR boxes for 13 & 14 Oct. 1054-9090,0090, 9080,0080, 1055-0090,1090,0080,1080, 1070-9080.0080.9070.0070. 1071-0080,1080,0070 1070 Not in A/O	JS			JB
34.	1450		Scout Team found #943129- 1 hooch partially built, 1 table, 1 camp fire site could not tell if used recently	JS Bde			RC
35.	1515		1400H locs. A/Co.-004145, B/Co.-947126, C/Co. Ellen, D/Co.-924126, E/Co.(-)Ellen, 16-004145	JS Bde			JB
36.	1540		Heavy arty- #30319-109306-119308,114338,				

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			TOT 13 Oct. 1915H. # 30320-134321-129351-139352-		
			144222- TOT 13 Oct. 1940H #30321-147,157354		
			152322, 161324, TOT 13 Oct. 2215H #30322-		
			177364, 187365, 182334, 182334, 192336, TOT 14		
			Oct. 0010H	JS	JB
37.	1610		Agent Report- from CIDG's at Bu Dop-11 Oct.		
			1000H C-3 rating- VC base camp, regimental		
			size via yu 0039, 0339, 0036, - wearing yellow		
			khakis and ind. weapons and crew served		
			weapons.	JS	JB
39.	1635		POW reports-1550H 10 Oct. 3 rice caches in		
			A/O xu965017-700 to 800 meters south from		
			place of capture at xu964026- 1 ton of rice		
			north of small stream. xu970016 or 970017-		
			200 meters SE of 1st cache- located on side		
			of small hill 10 meters high, another cache.		
			xt 005767, not much rice, but 30 minutes		
			walk north is 235th group base camp. yt007757		
			on the bank of Suoi Cam Stream 300-400 men		
			at base camp at time of capture of POW	JS	JB
40.	1645		Final plans for 14 Oct. sent to Bde	JS Bde	JB
41/	1805		Until further notice no firing 81mm illum		
			rounds and hand held flares or 40mm illum		

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			except in emergencies. Items are in strict				
			ASR			JS	JB
42.	1810		Requested from 83M birds for E/Co. extraction				
			following D/Co. extraction.			JS	JB
43.	1820		Night locations: A/Co.-CP-26,36,-#015137-				
			16-46-#008137, B/Co.-CP46-#946126, 16-947133				
			12-947134-22-947126- 21-946124- 31-944129,				
			C/Co.-Ellen, D/Co.-928124, E/Co.-928124,				
			E/Co.-16-004143, 46-Ellen			JS Bde	RC
44.	1830		All units are up on the bug.			JS	RC
45.	1832		Hatchet Report: Plt. Sq.				
			Day--- 5 0				
			Night- 5 5				
			10 5			JS Bde	RC
46.	1840		Snoopy 25 spotted a hole in the ground poss-				
			ible tunnel entrance at 925068			JS	JB
47.	2015		Request for Slashing Talon element granted				
			as stated insertion set for 14 Oct. Also,				
			Steel 2 would like a bicycle if one can be b				
			back logged w/o much trouble			JS	RB
48.	2150		Request A/O extension from 1/7 N from exis-				
			ting boundary to 0104 East to 0504 South to				
			0503 time from 1200H 18 Oct. to 1800H 20				
			Oct. Granted as requested			JS	RB
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49.	2240		FY 0675-057006-activated 2223 medium-Arty- 18 rds 105. Out of 1/8 A/O	JS	HB
50.	2215		Delayed entry from 10 Oct. Reference the attached Subject: 81mm Mortar training. Steel 3 to Duke 3. Subject: 81mm mortar gun- ner test and use of 81mm mortar M-53 sight unit. Part I- Reference Cav Regulation 350- 70 22 Sept. 1969. Para. 1: Gunners test-para 1, the required quarterly 81mm gunners test for all personnel assigned to 81mm sections will be given during period 15-31 Oct. 69. All units wilco with requirements to conduct gunners test during the period. Para 2. Units will submit consolidated report NLT 5 Nov 69. W/name, rank, DEROS position, and unit of all personnel successfully completing gunners test-Personnel who fail will be re- tested- once prior to 31 Oct. 69, Personnel who fail retest will be reassigned to other duties within unit. Part II- use of 81mm mortar M-53 sight unit. 3) Effective immedi- ately: all 81mm crews will use M-53 sight when firing in support of friendly ground units.		

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			Units assigned 81mm mortar will take immediate action to insure crew members are properly trained on M-53 sight. 4) 81mm mortar SN 34A2 sight is no longer authorized for use in this Div. except where M-53 not available. Steel 6 Desires this directive be carried out in detail complete copy of message and Cav Regulation will be sent by courier to our location ASAP.	JS	RB
51.	2400		Summary: A/Co. - Ground recon East from 006145 to 022140, searching for caches and trail networks night ambushes at 023143 and 019139. B/Co. - Ground recon North West from 945127 to 942133, search for Jungle Highway and caches, night ambushes at 940132 and 945133. C/Co. Base Defense of FSB Ellen. Tactical training and weapons training for mortar section. Platoon size patrolling from FSB Ellen to 020060, searching for trails and caches, night ambushes at 021059. D/Co. extraction to Quan Loi for Base Defense 0900H. E/Co. (46) base defense FSB Ellen with mortar training and testing (16) Ground recon SW to 998140 and assume		

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PZ posture for extraction to FSB Ellen upon completion of D/Co. extraction. Log schedule 0730 Report to Ellen via Cold Steel VIP Pad 0730 Stand-by, 1030, Log A/Co. APO/Beer-soda H2O/Misc/Pax (Sitdown) (No time given, after noon) Log B/Co. H2O/Misc. Air Strikes: TOT 0900H yu046048 LZ Construct, TOT 1515H yu 030083 LZ Construct. D/Co. at # 924126 found 2 hooches 25x8, 26 bikes (reinforced for heavy loads) 1 200lb bag rice. No. 27 for further readout, 2) POW report 3 rice cashes in A/O. No. 39 for further readout, 3) Delayed entry from 10 Oct. Reference the Subject: 81mm Mortar training. No. 50 for complete readout on message.

JS

JB

52.

2400

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