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	IN	OUT					
			1st Bn. 8th Cav				
			LZ Ellen				
				0001	14 Oct. 69	2400 14 Oct. 69	
1.	0001		Journal opened	JS		RB	
2.	0045		The northern boundary of Big Duke A/O has been terminated. Effective 14 Oct. 0045H Big Duke northern boundary is Cambodian border	JS		RR	
3.	0100		Neg. sit rep.	JS		RR	
4.	0200		Neg. sit. rep.	JS		RR	
5.	0300		Neg. sit. rep.	JS		RR	
6.	0400		Neg. sit rep.	JS		RR	
7.	0500		Neg. sit. rep.	JS		RR	
8.	0520		Message from Bde 3 to Bn 3. There are indications of possible enemy build-up throughout the 3rd Bde A/O. However this cannot be confirmed until additional intelligence is recieved. During the current operation directed toward interdiction of enemy activity in our A/O. I would like to emphasize 1) The use of combat trackers teams to assist in detecting enemy trail activity, 2) The importance and need for POW's	JS		RB	
9.	0537		Air Strikes: Grid yu 046048 LZ construct tot 0900H target #5209 ord. HFI&HDJ grid yu 030083 LZ construct tot 1515H target #5201 ord HDJ Since Big Duke lost air strikes on				

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on the 13th of Oct. would Duke threelike to
divert either or both of these to another
target?

JS

RB

10.

0600

QRF C/Co.-26, RRF C/Co.

JS Bde

RR

11.

0600

E/Co. 16-plans for 14 Oct. 0930H they are
to be in PZ posture at #002140 Code message
as follows assume PZ posture at #002040.

Send coded message to E/Co. 16 as soon as
possible. Message passed to A/Co. will try
to relay to E/Co. Has been received by E 16

JS

RR

12.

0700

C/Co. first light check has left perimeter
Claymores and Trip flares are in

JS

RR

13.

0650

Big Duke CC Snoopy 532, 2-8 will call when
in bound to Quan Loi. Masher 372 log bird

JS

RB

14.

0711

Skyspot: xu 920105, TOT 0100H target 13 bunker
ord. 10-750lb bombs. Went in.

JS

RB

15.

0730

PZ for D/Co. #926125

JS

RR

16.

0750

Spot report from Saber 27 time 0725H 14 Oct.
at grid xu009724 a NS trail used by 05 ind.
in the last 24 hrs. movement S. Out of A/O

JS

RB

17.

0840

Because of long distance involved, would
like to final extract D/Co. to Ellen then
use hooks to Quan Loi. Bde 83 is getting

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	IN	OUT						
			hooks now.			JS		JB
18.	0929		E/Co. final extraction to LZ Ellen 1st lift					
			off FZ #002140, 0920 hrs. lift complete					
			0928 hrs. 4 sorties			JS Bde		JB
19.	0932		Additional information concerning POW. All					
			sights are underground.			JS		JB
20.	1100	6	B/Co. at #941130 had engagement with 01 gook					
			in green unkform Ho Chi Minh sandals, SKS					
			and rice. B/Co. engaged with S/A at 20M re-					
			sult 1 enemy KIA neg. friendly casualties.					
			NVA was moving to the N. he had VN and Cam-					
			bodian money. The NVA was moving same direc-					
			tion as B/Co. off the trail. When he was					
			sighted he was engaged. NVA did not return					
			fire. B/Co. ambushing area now-read out to					
			follow. NVA had canteen, poncho 50 rds 30					
			cal. Ser. # of SKS 11259750			JS Bde		RC
21.	1115		A/S tot 0900H #046048- complete 0930H BDA					
			01-shipper 01-2 shipper			JS		RC
22.	1125		1000H locs. A/Co.-023139, B/Co.-941130, C/Co.					
			Ellen, D/Co.-Quan Loi and Ellen. B/Co. 16					
			at 953127, E/Co.- Ellen			JS Bde		JB
23.	1120		Gary-Owen Combat-Tip- From Division. When					

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using smoke to mark our position always remember to dig a hole in which to throw the smoke-grenade. Smoke grenades frequently start fires in a dry area.

JS

RR

24.

1130

Lt. Col. Brady tentative schedule (Div Arty Co.) 1330H- Arrival at quan loi, 1330-1430 briefing S-2, S-3, LNO & base defense 1430-1445-enroute to Wescott, 1445-1505-tour of Wescott, 1505-1520-enroute to Ellen, 1520-1540-tour of Ellen, 1540-1555-enroute to Vivian, 1555-1615-tour of Vivian, 1615-1630 back to Quan Loi

JS

JB

25.

1150

Final extraction of D/Co. to Ellen then Quan Loi 1st lift off PZ #926125 at 0937 hrs- 1015 lift complete to Quan Loi 1145H Total 14 sorties to Ellen and 3 hooks sorties from Ellen to Quan Loi.

JS Bde

RC

26.

1230

8

A/Co. spotted 02 VC in lack uniforms moving west 150m away from log site #023139 VC were to far away to tell if armed. A/Co. engaged with arty neg. assesement.

JS Bde

RC

27.

1300

At #023143 3*stream EW #023140 1 trail EW 2* wide neg. recent use #023135 1 EW trail

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2' wide neg recent use 02 bunkers 4x4 10"

over head cover neg, recent use bunkers des-

troyed #022136 1 trail EW 1' wide neg. recent

use

JS Bde

RC

28.

1325

Request Pink team to work with B/Co.

JS Bde

RC

29.

1430

C/Co. 16, 350 meters out from FSB Ellen 6'

wide trail running NS. 375 meters 01 fighting

position 4 1/2 x 2 1/2 x4 vic grid 030060.

negative recent use.

JS Bde

JB

30.

1525

Saber spotted at xu951074- 03 bunkers 8x10

04 bunkers 5x8, EW trail with movement E in

last 24 hrs. by 08-10 ind.

JS

JB

31.

1530

1400H locs. A/Co.-023139, B/Co.-949134, C/Co

Ellen D/Co. Quan Loi BD. E/Co. Ellen

JS

JB

32.

1554

16 element of C/Co. reports at #029061 found

trail used by approx. 15 ind. within the

past 12 hrs. moving north.

JS Bde

RM

33.

1435

Saber spotted at xu 059065 an EW trail used

by 200 ind. in last 24 hrs. at 968070 trail

turned S and was lost at 963049

JS

JB

34.

1630

B 1/9- 1505- xu969047- 01 bridge 25 ft long

3 ft. wide on a NS trail used by 150 to 200

ind. moving south. in last 24 hrs. Believed

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	IN OUT				
		to be the same movement as the first spot report at 1435H. Neg air strike	JS	JB	
35.	1658	URS early am # yu 107292 recieved at Bde			
		1645H. Given to arty-out of range	JS Bde	RC	
35.	1705	A/Co. 16-46 at #028145 1 NE trail which is on map neg recent use, but off of trail is another NE trail 2' wide with heavy recent use in last 12 hrs. L.1-028145, L.2-NE, L.3-Both directions. L.4-last 12 hrs. L.5-very heavy, L.6-2 ft. L.7-mud, L.8-natural canopy L.9- L.10- L.11-neg.	JS Bde	RC	
36.	1830	ST-32 inserted at 1615H at grid 950063.			
		Given to 1-9 for Arty. purposes.	JS Bde	JB	
38.	1900	To all 10's from Bde 10. I have recieved message from Gary Owen 10-subject-Use of small funny boxes in conjunction with 77's equipment with in Bn. He mentioned tests conducted using combination down to & including command nets. Proved unsatisfactory due to weight. Div. questions are 1)Do you want retention of small funny boxes in conjunction with 77's at company level, 2 each for Bn nets. 2)Do you want retention of small			

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		funny boxes in conjunction with 77's at Bn level for usue for company's using during defensive operations at night. Request be available 1300H 16 Oct. at Bde location for discussion.		JS		JB	
39.	1908	✓	NL sent to Bde. A/Co.-op, 26, 36-024142, (16)-(46(-028145, B/Co.-op-46-943136, 12-944136, 13-943134, 21-940135, 32-948137, C/Co.-FSB Ellen, 16-029061- D/Co.-Quan Loi BD, E/Co.-FSB Ellen	JS Bde		RC	
40.	1910		Hatchet Report: Plt. Sq. Day----- 4 0 Night----- 4 4 8 4	JS Bde		RC	
40.	1911		C/Co.-Gates closed-op 3 front of bunker 11 op 2 front of bunker 6	JS		JB	
41.	1915		Bde 23M has 07 barrels fugas now-expects 75 tomorrow-we can expect 18 on 16 Oct.	JS		JB	
42.	1930	✓	B/Co. found 30 bunkers at #947133 4x8 2' ohc neg. recent use. Destroyed bunkers, seem to be fighting rather than storage bunkers At # 953134 1 hooch 6x8 4 bunkers 6x8 18" over head cover. Both destroyed. Both locations good A/S grids. very thick canopy un-				

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			able to see from air.	JS Bde			RC
43.	1940		Requested dog teams for B/Co. and C/Co. for				
			15 Oct. 0700H at Big Duke log pad. Recieved				
			2015H Negative dog teams available till 16				
			Oct. from 3MB	JS Bde			JB
44.	2013		Report: 947133-953134-968047-957075 Bunker				
			Air Strikes. 924127 Trail net. Time liked				
			0930H and bunkers 08 w/cashe site bikes.				
			Grids 967054-950064-943124-928110 LZ construct	JS Bde			JB
45.	2050		1/7 Kool Miller in 1/8 A/O CP FY 019020,				
			16-018022, 36-1020019	JS			RB
46.	2106		ORF C/Co.-36, RRF C/Co. 26,	JS Bde			RB
47.	2110		Scout Teams any shortage Saber supporting				
			1st Bde also Dog teams: They are committed				
			Ben Hoia or Phuoc Vinh. Tracker Team?				
			Bow Wow at 1200H to Pig-Iron Quan Loi Duke				
			log pad	JS Bde			RB
48.	2200		B/Co. 6 doesn't want dog team if it will take				
			a special bird to extract him after his two				
			nights are up. Will only take dog team if				
			he can spend 3 nights out.	JS			RR
49.	2215		Final plans sent for 15 Oct. tentative plans				
			sent for 16 Oct.	JS Bde			RB
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50.	2230		Chu Hoi leaflets- 400 at each location					
			Message "Beware of Allied FirePower" Dropped					
			at: 9114-9314-9213-9413-9311-9411-9510-9407-					
			9603-9708				JS Bde	RB
51.	2250		op-2 heard a M-16 shot. and voices approx.					
			300-400m in front of bunkers 1-2-3. C/Co.					
			will contact E/Co. 46 and for 81mm to be					
			fired in area. E/Co. does not have clearance					
			to fire in that area.				JS	RR
52.	2330		In reference to a request form 1/7. Cool					
			Killer, working in A/O of 1/8 to south of					
			Ellen has neg. commo with 1/7. 1/8 will have					
			radio on Cool Killer frq. to monitor in case					
			of trouble. Admin Log is now on Cool Killers					
			push. Commo-Loud and Clear.				JS	RR
53.	2350		Preplanned Air Strikes are cut to 02 each					
			day for entire Brigade. Any other requests					
			must be immediate for troops in contact					
			Includes LZ constructs				JS	RB
54.	2400		From Bn 3 to Bde 35. While 1/8 was at Jerri					
			the Bn Interpreter wrote a poem to K 16 (
			Local Force Bn) which was to be produced in					
			bulk as a Chu Hoi Leaflet. What is status					
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and action taken so it can be delivered

on suspected K 16 locations

JS Bde

RB

55.

2320

From Div Arty w/CG emphasis. All BPS5 radar readings use night hawk and snipers. We must give the reason why it is is not used.

JS Bde

RB

56.

2400

Summary: A/Co. Continue ground recon to the east from grid 023140 to 034140. Mission is to search for caches and trail networks primarily heading south. Will set up plt. size night ambushes. B/Co. ground recon in direction of NW from grid 942133 to vic 938138. Continue search for cache sites and trail networks set up night ambushes. C/Co. Base Defense of FSB Ellen. Platoon at on 14 Oct. night ambush will return to FSB Ellen. D/Co. Base Defense Quan Loi Base Camp. E/Co. (-) Base defense FSB Ellen 16 Base defense with local ground recon patrols west of FSB Ellen

1) B/Co. killed 1 NVA soldier at #941130. No. 20 for readout. 2) A/Co. spotted 02 VC 150 meters away from log site #023139. Engaged with arty. Neg. assessment. No. 27 for read out.

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