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		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 received. 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			JS	RB
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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.	06001	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/0			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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		LZ Ellen	0001	14 Oct. 69	2400	14 Oct. 69
18.	0929		hooks now.		JS	JB
			E/Co. final extraction to LZ Ellen 1st lift off PZ #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 result 1 enemy KIA neg. friendly casualties.			
			NVA was moving to the N. he had VN and Cambodian money. The NVA was moving same direction as B/Co. off the trail. When he was sighted he was engaged. NVA did not return fire. B/Co. ambushing area now ready out to follow. NVA had canteen, poncho 50 rds 30 cal. Ser. # of SKS 11259750			
21.	1115		A/S tot 0900H #046048- complete 0930H BDA 01-shipper 01-2 shipper		JS Bde	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	RC
23.	1120		Gary-Owen Combat-Tip- From Division. When		JS Bde	JB
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		IN	OUT			
		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	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. assessment.			JS Bde	RC
27.	1300	At #023143 3 <sup>rd</sup> stream EW #023140 1 trail EW 2 <sup>nd</sup> wide neg. recent use #023135 1 EW trail				
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ITEM NO.	TIME IN      OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.			ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
		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 last 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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		to be the same movement as the first spot				
		report at 1435H. Neg air strike		JS	JB	
35.	165800	URG early am # yu 107292 received 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 received 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 & in- cluding command nets. Proved unsatisfactory due to weight. Div. questions are 1)Do you want retention of small funny boxes in con- junction 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 issue for company's using during defensive operations at night. Request be available 1300H 16 Oct. at Bde location for discussion.					JS
39.	1908	/	NL sent to Bde. A/Co.-cp, 26, 36-024142, (16)- (46-028145, B/Co.-cp-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
41.	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 loca- tions 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		QRF 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 from 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 freq. 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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55.	2320	and action taken so it can be delivered on suspected K 16 locations From Div Arty w/CG emphasis. All BES5 radar readings use night hawk and snipers. We must give the reason why it 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 cashes and trail networks pre- marily heading south. Will set up plt. size night ambushes. B/Co. ground recon in direc- tion of NW from grid 942133 to vic 938138.  Continue search for cashes 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. En- gaged with arty. Neg. assessment. No. 27 for read out.				
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