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## FF JOURNAL OR DUTY OFFICER'S LOG

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ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION

LOCATION

PERIOD COVERED

1st Bn, 8th Cav

FSB Ellen

FROM

TO

HOUR

DATE

HOUR

DATE

0001

25 Oct. 69

2400

25 Oct. 69

ITEM  
NO.

TIME

IN

OUT

INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

ACTION TAKEN

INITIALS

1.

0001

Journal opened. Big Ears operational neg.

sittings

JS

DF

2.

0003-0600

Negative situation report

JS

DF

3.

0630

AS target LZ construct yu 025121 tot 0900H

mission # 5206 (HDI HDJ) Big Duke CC snoppy

662 tos 0710, Log Bird Black Bandit 096 tos

0710

JS

RB

4.

0640

A/Co reports 100% stand to and all trip flare

and claymores in. A/Co. 16 now returing to

FSB. 0735H QRF A/Co. 26. 16 back on Ellen

0800

JS

DF

5.

0710

Saber Red working frid #0624-0123 tos-0710H

yu 078235 NE-SW trail used by 5 ind. in last

24H 068243 5 rafts 4x8 destroyed, 10 15x15

rafts destroyed 052256 NS trail movement to

S by 2 ind. running in last 6 hrs and used

by 01 elephant last 12 hrs in both direction

060270 02 deer feeding in pond both destroyed

061271 NS trail used by 02 elephants and he-

avy smell of elephants in area. #040245 2

5x15 rafts destroyed

JS Bde

DF

6230

0930

Rash 02A A/S tot 0900 yu 025121 LZ construct

complete 0930 BDA 1 ship unusable because of

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			crater	JS Bde	RC
7005	1005		CLC EM is due at FTA NLT 26 Oct. 1800H. is Justice in field with you? If so can you find a LZ for EM pick up? If not do you have a alt. student in rear? Note D-3 can pick up with CC. Get replacement from D-5 in rear	JS	RC
8.	1020		Current locs 1000H A/Co.-Ellen, B/Co. (-) 920122, 16-930128, C/Co.-005180, D/Co.-924118 E/Co.-Ellen	JS Bde	JB
9.	1020H		Requested pink team for D/Co. for some trail	JS Bde	JB
10.	1110		D/Co. at # 921120 found 01 bunker and 24 1/2 lb charges in bunker. Spot report for C/Co. at 006183 found 1 bunker 8x10 01 bunker 6x8 unfinished C/Co. destroyed them also 01 trail leading 200 AZ weather CL 00 W	JS Bde=	RC
11.	1239		Extraction of B/Co. 930128 to FSB Ellen 1st lift of PZ 1130H, 1st lift on LZ 1145. Complete 1243 hrs. 19 total sorties. CA of A/ Co. to 930128 from Ellen 1st lift off PZ 1145 1st on LZ 1158H complete 1230 hrs total sorties 18.	JS Bde	RC
12.	1230		Entered the VC-From this time on he was afraid of any US weapon especially the B-52 and		

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U. interrogators comment-source was cooperative  
but not very knowledgeable concerning location  
and personnel. Interrogator Grover, Inter-

preter-Hiep. 1) Initial interrogation report JS JB

A. Report No., B. Date of Rally-11 Oct. 69,

C. Place of Rally-Loc Ninh. D/Unit rallied  
to-National police. E. Name-Chung Nguu (AKA

Chung Van Thanh) code name Chay. F. Rank

category-Gorilla Hoi Chanh, G. Uni-Tan Jhai

(Know to US-AP Son Tay) Gorilla Force. H.

Disposition-an Loc Chieu Hoi Center. 2)i.

Dob Feb-1948 Tan Lap Phu An Loc (d) Binh Long

(P) J. Letter box No. AKA code Nos.-none K.

Strength- 5 personnel L. Parent organization

unknown to source M. Area of operation-From

Son Tay xu 820125 to Tan Loi() xu 855138-

source stated his unit operated on both sides

of hgh 14 between these 2 villages. N. Base

area-source stated his unit base area set

betwee son Tay xu 820125 and Tan Loi xu-855

138-Base Area is approx. 2 Kilometers E of

Son Tay next to a trail runs parallel to a

rubber plantation. source stated a stream

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			ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
			also ran a few meters to S. of base camp.	
			camp in vic of xu 835126 2) O. Mission-source	
			stated his unit mission was to keep track of	
			ARVN and US Forces and transport food & weapons.	
			F. Personality-Son Tay-forces Ba Nang	
			Plt. leader Xiem-cell leader Ngot-gorilla	
			Tham-gorilla the source also a gorilla Nam	
			True-head of District Committee Nam Bao-see	
			to Nam True Q. Moral-source stated very low	
			because no rice and medicine-stated he was afraid	
			to die. R.-Supply-source stated he went on	
			supply Bun the other day into Cambodia near	
			the Song Mang River source stated the follow-	
			ing weapons brought back to sources base camp	
			for pick up by unknown unit. 82mm rds, 60mm rds,	
			B-40 rds, grenades and S/A ammo quantity un-	
			known. S. Weapons and ammo-1 AK-47 unknown	
			rds. 3 SKS unknown rds. 1 K-54 pistol unk.	
			rds. T. Added info-source stated he abducted	
			into gorilla force approx. 1 yr. ago-since	
			this time he had wanted to Chieu Hoi but he	
			never had a chance-finally he just left the	
			base camp and walked to Loc Ninh-he Chieu	
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	IN	OUT						
			Hoi's not only because he was a gorilla and had a hard life but VC unit had been in arty strike right after source			JS		JB
12.	1240		Sniffer mission-tot 0902-0925H 9019, 9014, 9521, 950157, max-925146, 920142, Saber to Do VR tot 0937-0956H 0002, 00955, 0402, 040955 Neg. read. Due to A/S			JS		JB
13.	1315		D/Co at 921120 found 6 82mm mortar rounds, at 922120 01 120' bridge made of bamboo and 8' logs with bamboo mate surface bridge spans swamp and stream area has signs of recent use at 915123 5 bunkers 12x10 2' ohc used in last 24 hrs 02 shovels 2 picks and 10 ponchos all destroyed except ponchos D/Co. kept ponches mortar in bunker no markings bridge 4' wide could hold ox cart 24 1/2 charges for mortars			JS Bde		JB
14.	1343		A/S requests. 030180-40 bunkers (2), 992163 -30 bunkers, (3), 977146-20 bunkers (6) 974149 30 bunkers (4) 975158-30 bunkers (5) 962143 9 bunkers (7) 997145-50 bunkers (1)			JS Bde		JB
1505	1405		Report 21 Oct. 1600H 50 VC around 1 bunker xu-979078 were cleaning weapons-wearing black uniforms and jungle hats-AK-47's, B-40, B-41, BAR's, CPC					
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			K-50, K54, 2 82mm C-3 Saber Red checked grid		
			neg findings	JS	JB
1615	1415		Current 1400H locs. A/Co.-932130, B/Co.-		
			Ellen, D/Co. 922119, C/Co.-005180. E/Co. (-)		
			Ellen 16-037057 E/Co. 16 left FSB 1100H	JS Bde	JB
17.	1515		IR boxes 1023, 1024, 1025, 1037, 1038-1830H		
			1086, 1087-0400H	JS	JB
18.	1635		RR 16 request to come in for base defense for		
			night of 25 Oct. 69. Request denied by Duke-6		
19.	1700		1/7 request A/O ext from present 9905 E 0105		
			S 0100 ASAP Granted	JS Bde	JB
20.	1655		Special forces unit in contact 1655H at 913252		
			912249, 911250 with a company size element	JS	JB
21.	1845		Final locs. A/Co.-942137, B/Co.-Ellen, C/Co.		
			006173, D/Co. (-)-925115, 36-917126, E/Co.-		
			Ellen, 16-035056	JS Bde	JB
22.	1847		Hatchet Report Plt Sq		
			day---- 4 0		
			night-- 5 0		
			9	JS Bde	JB
23.	1845		Request the following Sniffer Boxes be run		
			ASAP 1) 0114, 0814, 0821, 0121, 2) 0322, 1022, 1029		
			0329	JS Bde	EW
24.	1847		25 Bunkers 6x8 neg recent use last 3 mo.		

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TIALS

3 acres red peppers and squash has not been  
harvested, 15 bike frames and parts, 942137

929127 EW trail 5-7 ind last 6-12 hrs.

JS

JB

25.

2020

Rod 1/6 will move by hook from Ellen to 8796

buick 8696 at 0930H 26 oct mission 3613

ground contact Silver Spartan security push

Baron Primary Baron 65 or 64 Blackhats should

tell bird its mission and to come up on VIV

control.

JS Bde

RB

26.

2035

Effective 2300H Hooper Esteem push will be

changed to 61.25

JS Bde

SH

26.

0900

RR 16 heard movement to their NE about 500

meters away. Sounded like someone cutting

bamboo. E/Co. fired 12 rds HE on area mortar

RR 16 will check out area tomorrow morning

before coming into FSB Ellen. Big Ears working

area out SE of FSB Ellen

JS Bde

SH

27.

2105

2 of 6 Chu Hoi's captured Monday at QL and

they will come to Ellen 26 Oct. to go up

on Psyops mission at C 1/8 loc to talk in

bird or on ground. Steel needs to get a

speaker for them in bird

JS Bde

RB

28.

2115

Red Baron request AO extension to yu 0103

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INITIALS

29.

2134

E to 0503 S to 0500 W to 0100 Approved

JS Bde

RB

Request persistent CS mission on 3 acres of

garden plot center mass. 941136, 941139, 944136

Request defoliation mission at Ellen in the

winter or readout on same. Must check in with

Bn 65. 23 needs corners of area for CS. Will

lay on another defoliant mission, for Ellen

JS Bde

RB

30.

2134

Provide LNO to CIDG on a continuing basis.

Wants a reliable man who can coord. activities

in local Bu Dop area want choice ready 26 Oct.

AM w/commo to go to Bu Dop and wants secure

equipment at Bu Duc Dist SF loc. Warning thank

about 3 red legs and 1 family maybe to go up

to Bo Duc if situation continues to develop

Pink team in route to Bo Duc in AM

JS Bde

RB

31.

2235

Red Baron would like to have 2nd Bde AO ext

after it terminates at 26 Oct. 1800H. They

will be taking it over at 27 Oct. 0001 and

it will terminate at 09 Nov. 2400H. AO ext

to the East of 2nd Bde ext. now will terminate

in the next couple of days. Ext for Red Ba-

ron approved by Bn 3

JS Bde

SH

32.

2245

Tentative plans for 27 Oct. sent in

JS Bde

RB

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