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	IN	OUT			
1.	0001		Journal opened	JS	JR
2.	0100		Neg sit rep	JS	JB
3.	0200		Neg sit rep	JS	JB
4.	0300		Neg sit rep	JS	JB
5.	0400		Neg sti rep	JS	JB
56.	0500		Neg sit rep	JS	JB
7.	0600		Neg sit rep p stand to complete	JS	JB
8.	0610		B/Co 16 hears a tube popping on a 300 AZ about 1 1/2 K's 36 hears a tube NW of their position about 2 K's, Arty under check fire due to red haze bird flying IR box	JS Bde	JR
9.	0650		Pink team requested for B/Co to check out popping of mortar tube near their area	JS Bde	SH
10.	0651		CC Snoopy 440 tos 0745H log bird Potatoe Masher 391 tos 0740H, CC and Log bird released at 1725H	JS Bde	DF
11.	0710		All units up on the bug	JS	JB
12.	0711		Trips and claymores in , first light check at on 140 AZ first light check found 100 rds 50 cal ammo 2 frags and M-16 magazines all equip- was brought back in. Equip was GI	JS	JB
13.	0800		PZ 0759, 4 sorties Big Sioux lifted 0805 1st sortie on LZ 825994, 0807 2nd sortie on LZ		

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			825994, 0810 3rd sortie on LZ 825994, 0812					
			4th sortie on LZ 825994, 0814 Big Sioux complete	JS Bde	DF			
14.	0807		B-16 Ram Rod PZ 0807 1st sortie of Ram Rod to					
			Quan Loi, 0804 2nd sortie to QL, 3rd sortie					
			to QL, 4th sortie to QL, 5th to QL, 0820H LZ					
			complete at QL	JS Bde	DF			
23.	1330		Request Pink team for B/Co. 12 gooks, 8ber					
			26 tos 1415H	JS	DF			
15.	0910		Boundry Extension approved from 9200 all the					
			way up the Song Be River to the Bde boundry	JS	DF			
16.	0928		Snoopy 50 tos 0927, gone to work A/Co 1st on					
			internal then B/Co. broke station 1120H for					
			QL POL and lunch will be back to work D/Co.					
			spot 023176 2 bunkers 4x8' NS and EW trail					
			neg recent use. 054179 one bridge partically					
			destroyed 054184 2 fighting positions neg					
			recent use plus NS trail to abandoned village					
			Neg recent use	JS	RB			
17.	0958		Saber 26 tos 0958 to work North A/O went to					
			Fig-Iron and snoopy was already there so saber					
			broke station 1015	JS	RB			
18.	1000		1000 loss, A-019097, 26-Ellen, B-037148, 16-026152					
			36-044145, C-Ellen, D-943087, E-Ellen, 16-VIP, QL JS Bde		DF			
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19.	1025		Steel 381 speaker & leaflet mission NW & W of Ellen broke station 1130H for QL, tos 1427H working at 026149 working with Pig-Iron, 1555H playing tape via grid xu 941079 following D/Co. contact.	JS	RB
20.	1143		Spot report 010101, 12 12x20 ft bunkers with 2 1/2 OHG living bunkers 2 cooking position that accomodate 50 people each 1 latrine, 6 hootches w/eating benches, on top of bunkers and had stated work on other hootches but hadn't finished them neg fighting positions in complex last used this a.m. to clean area nothing left behind, neg direction on where they went too many trails, B-52 strike missed entire complex, A/Co still patrolling to locate possible exit routes	JS Bde	DF
21.	1237		Sniffer mission tot 0931H to 0956H, 975090, 0209, 020045, 975045, reading at 972053, to old to fire on	JS	DF
24.	1555		1400 locs A-016100, 16- Ellen, B-037143, 16- 026149, 36-044145, C-Ellen, D-943085, E-Ellen 16-QL VIP	JS Bde	DF
25.	1420		Spot report D/Co 936079 1 bridge 25' x 3' 6"		

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			logs with matting on top 940080, 30 bunkers		
			10x18 2 ft OHC, 6 months old last used 2 months		
			ago and 10 fingering pos s/ out OHC, 2 bikes		
			1 pr trousers green 20 expended AK rds, 3 chi		
			com flashlights destroyed then 10 sheets of		
			plastic 4 empty rice bags. D/Co. will destroy		
			bunkers and bridge 1 SE NW trail with movement		
			to southeast last week by 1-5 indiv	JS Bde	DF
26.	1425		Target may be possible URS on XX6, Jaguar Yel-		
			low spotted movement at 070193, Pink team has		
			been requested neg arty at this time, 27 rds		
			155 fired on target	JS	DF
27.	1430		Slashing Talon 32 extracted at 1430H, leader		
			bite by snake extracted all of 32	JS	DF
28.	1450		Saber Red tos 0719H w/ Jaguar Yellow nearest		
			Fig-Iron 4-5 K's	JS	RB
29.	1458		D/Co. Request Pink team NS trail 3ft wide at		
			940075, by 15-20 ind this AM found 1 chi com		
			grenade and 1 helmet movement to S in pursuit		
			at this time, requested Pink Team neg ETA	JS Bde	DF
30.	1511		SPot Report D/Co 952088 03 82 mortar pits 01 51		
			cal MG pit checking trails in area last used		
			1 week ago	JS Bde	DF

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31.	1530	31	D/Co. 26 had contact 1515H 940079 w/ 2-4 ind. v range 30m to S. D/Co initiated contact indiv were dressed in green traveling from N-S and evade to S, result 1 pool of blood and 1 blood trail D/Co 26 in pursuit same trail as reported on page 29. 1555H Payops bird on station broke at 1620H, 1610 saber 26 scout team on station 1715H contact resulted in 2 NVA KIA. bodies found at xu 940079 bodies had been dressed in green, and dragged into heavy brush. They were carrying 4 AK magazines, wearing HO Chi's, and had no unit identification, other enemy force with drew to W will be pursued	JS Bde	DF
32.	1545		Request a A/S at 024148	JS	DF
33.	1600		Final plans for 18 nov sent in	JS	DF
34.	1610		Saber 26 tos 1610 to work with Rain Cloud	JS	RB
35.	1402		Rash 32 A/S 051061 tot 1415H, BDA 3 bunkers destroyed at xu 051056, neg size, tot 1415H complete 1425H	JS	RR
36.	1616		Rash 32 and 02 tos 1615 with Pig-Iron for A/S neg A/S did not go in	JS	RB
37.	1615		Saber x tos 1615 0518, fresh trails	JS	RB
38.	1620		1520 085205, N-S trail 30-40 ind traveling S		

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			last 12 hrs. 1530H 085208, NW-SE trail 10-20		
			ind traveling Southeast last 6-12 hrs. also		
			01 houch 15x20 unfinished 02 bunkers 20x30'		
			neg recent use, 1535H 085188 EW trail 15-20 ind		
			traveling West last 24 hrs. 1540H 183182, NS trail 5-6		
			elephants traveling South last 24 hrs., 1545H		
			075173, NS trail 15-20 ind traveling SE last		
			24 hrs. 1600H 053280 EW trail 20-30 ind and		
			undetermine no of elephants traveling West		
			last 6 hrs. breeding station for POL 1625H	JS Bde	DF
39.	1640		Saber 26X, 1620H 938085 NW-SE trail 15-20 ind.		
			moving SE last 24 hrs 02 bridges 15x4 bamboo		
			construction. 1 tunnel entrance recent use.		
			1 bunker 20x40, dug within last 7 days, 1630H		
			935081 fresh diggings 3 bunkers 4x8 SA-NW trail		
			40-50 ind moving both direction last 48 hrs.	JS	RR
40.	1705		Saber x tos 1705H to work 0518, working with		
			B/Co 1730H broke station at 1800 Quan Loi is		
			receiving incoming	JS	RB
41.	1837		last light negative findings	JS	RB
42.	1900		Pig-Iron 16 moved out south from log locatin		
		16	026152 and about 300m south at 026149 observed		
			8-12 indiv setting up an ambush, because of		

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of their Pig-Iron's position they could not fire on the enemy so they observed the enemy for 30 minutes till Snoopy 50 got on station and began to engage enemy with organics at which time 1600H Pig-Iron 16 opened up with S/A. Snoopy 50 took G/A to fire and Pig-Iron 16 took S/A fire only. At 1630H contact broke and Pig-Iron 16 swept area finding 4 M-16 magazines empty and 2 smoke grenades expended US, also a trail that led south with drag marks and small amounts of blood to 027140 then West and disappeared into bamboo. Pig-Iron 16 also reports having seen 1 individual fall out of a tree. He wore a green shirt and a helmet. All in green uniforms. Saber 26, & 6 and Blue Mas 1 section expended as well as snoopy 50 42 rds 105 blocking fire Rash 3-2 on station 1615H but could not put in A/S due to proximity of friendlies, diverted to North, Snoopy 50 credit 01 KBH.

JS Bde

DF

43.

1900

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Closing locs, A-018097, B-029142, 16-027146, 36-044152, C-Ellen, D-942085, E-Ellen, 16-QL VIP, hatchet report: Plt. Sq.

day-- 5 0
night-- 5 0

JS Bde

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44.	1920		Bad Bet 104036, Joker 5, 109097	JS	RB
45.	2026		1/7 A-Jerry, B-974177, C-958231, D-Wescott, E-Wescott, 36-832982, 1/5- A-899983, opcon 1/7 B-Vivian, C-Quan Loi, D-890051, E-Vivian, 3rd ARVN Ranger, 1st & 2nd co-948263, 3rd & 4th 581249, 3rd MSF, 2nd bn, 941257, 3rd 018307 F-Troop 2/11, 955245, CIDG-998327, Bn 3 to Bde 3 2110H requested NightHawk and Spooky, Flare ship requested again at 2145H	JS Bde	DF
45.	2110		Night Hawk tos 2200H flare ship 2230H chicken man tos 2205H flare ship broke for resupply 2355H saber 26, tos 2220H broke for resupply 2355, 2355H firing arty	JS Bde	JR
46.	2110		Receiving incoming-2110H 04 RPG-bunker 16, 2115H, bunker due north taking incoming 2120 bunker 13 taking RPG's- 2150H, RPG's sighting at 355 AZ 150 meters, 2155H, RPG's 80 AZ 300m 2155H, bunker 13 taking 3 RPG, 80AZ 2200H, 2200H bunker 2&3 took 2 RPG's 175AZ 600 meters, bunker 1, 170AZ RPG, neg distance 2205,	JS Bde	JR
47.	2230		2116H-3770 mils-580 meters, 2127H-6350 mils-530 meters 2118H-5930 " 515 " 2136H- 3900 " 300 " 2125H-0430 " 350 " 2140H-0890 " 430 "		

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		2155H-175AZ-600 meters, 2230H-5280 mils-1710m.			
		Big Ears 6380 mils- 320 meters 2305H, 6530 mils			
		390 meters 2305H, 2-3 ind on all readings. Bde			
		request grid coordinate for radar sightings Bn			
		83 gave 8 digit coordinates for Ellen and said			
		they could do it them selves, fired 478 rds			
		105mm, 207 rds 155mm, 500 81mm, last night			
		during attack	JS Bde		JR
48.	2250	Ghost Rider 340AZ 1.5 K out sighted a tube			
		flash, engaging at this time 2215H, Ghost rider			
		grid yu 048057 took 01 RPG neg hit, assessment			
		of rounds taken at Ellen, 75mm RR-03 rds,			
		11 RPG's, B-40-13 rds, 82mm were 23 rds, approx.			
		120 AK fire	JS Bde		JR
49.	2220	Saber 26 on station 2220H, off station 2235H			
		went to re-arm mini-gun was jammed, Saber 36			
		2305H on station part of Night Hawk working			
		SE and S side 2315H off station	JS Bde		JR
50.	2205	Flare bird Chicken Man 471 on station 2205H			
		off station 2300H, Quan Loi to re-arm	JS Bde		JR
51.	2240	Between bunker 7&8 3 enemy laying down near			
		3rd wire. SW on 220 AZ night hawk engaged them			
		Base defense spotted them with their starlight	JS Bde		JR
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52.	2300		C/Co 04 slightly wounded, 01 kit carson wounded ammo redistributed, not critical, incoming 82mm re set off 01 E-8 gas dispenser on North side birds observing ground to air on low ground to NW and S. area engaged by arty, 81mm and air craft.	JS Bde	JR
53.	2330		Redleg had secondary explosion 150 AZ 500 meters out.	JS Bde	JR
54.	2335		All units neg sit rep	JS	JF
55.	2340		Tac E log request sent to Duke 4 for first light resupply, 01 pallet M-79 HE, 25 cases 50 cal. 01 pallet M-60, 02 pallets 81mm Illum.	JS	SH
56.	2345		Chicken Man 471 on station 2345H broke 0020H	JS	JF
57.	2355		Changes in finals sent Nov. 18, tent. sent in for Nov.19	JS Bde	JR
58.	2350		Night Hawk 0200H 18 Nov. 69, 01 scout team dog type, 01 tracker team , Pink team first light 18 Nov.69	JS Bde	SH
59.	2400		Summary: 1) D/Co. contact 1515H, 941079. Re- sult 2 NVA KIA, No. 31 for readout. 2) Pig- Iron had contact with 12 indiv. result 1 KBH. No. 42. 3) FSB Ellen took incoming and light ground probe. No.46 for read out. Journal closed	JS	SH

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