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1st Bn, 8th Cav

FSB Ellen

FROM

TO

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0001

18 Nov. 69

2400

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IN

OUT

INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

ACTION TAKEN

INITIALS

1.

0001

Journal opened

JS

JR

2.

0035

The overlay of the new Bn, boundaries with in

Bde A/O are wrong the loc. of A/O Patton of

the 11th ACR is smaller that A/O is short at

the Eastern boundary of this A/O is a line

from 8512 N to 8521 NE to 878218, SE to 9017

S to 9012 W to 8512

JS

JR

3.

0001

Spooky 72 tos 0001 broke station 0035H expended

around FSB Ellen and also used flares

JS Bde

JR

4.

0100

All units negative situation

JS

JF

5130

0130

#119 SSN 6893 Henry Owens, # 58 SSN 0915 Charles

Arnette, #107, SSN 1646 Harry Logue, #40 SSN

9073, Timothy Gentry, WIA's for contact of

Nov. 17, from C/Co., Taken by Duke 2-8

JS Bde

JF

6.

0200

Neg sit rep

JS

JR

7.

0230

Night Hawk will not come unless something devel-

opes Out!

JS

JR

8.

0300

Neg sit rep

JS

JR

9.

0400

Neg sit rep

JS

JR

10.

0500

Neg sit rep

JS

JR

11.

0525

Slar tot 2223H to 2240H yu 040080 1 in stream

might be friendly, yu 015120 1 in stream check

it, A/Co., xt 900940 1 in steam 1/7 AO, check it

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			xu 921042 1 in river check it, D/Co., xu979048		
			1 in open check it, yu 050088, 1 in open mibht		
			be friendly	JS Bde	JR
12.	0600		Neg sit rep, stand to complete	JS	JR
13.	0600		xu 965104 LZ construct tot 0900H 5206 HDI, HDJ		
			yu 044052, bunkers tot 1615H 5210 HDA, yu077097		
			bunker complex tot 1400H, 5218 HFJ, Nau, all		
			A/S diverted out of A/O	JS	JR
14.	0630		CC Snoopy 162 tos 0745H, log bird Potatoe Mash		
			173 tos 0730H, birds release at 1700 hrs.	JS Bde	DF
15.	0645		Trips and claymoresiin, first light check out		
			in at 0800 findings noted else where in log if		
			any	JS Bde	JR
16.	0705		All units up on the bug	JS	JR
17.	0710		Tracker team not currently avaible but will		
			get one later, tracker team on pad 0735H	JS	JR
18.	0725		Saber 24 on station 0725H sppt report, 0755H		
			#028067 NS trail neg directions by 8-10 indiv		
			last 24-48 hrs. 6 US, recoilless casings 106		
			empty 750 cal pits, 6 spider holes, 4 fighting		
			positio s,	JS	JR
19.	0730		Snoopy 50 tos 0730H # 044052 04 hootches 15x30	JS	JR
20.	0827		Rash 34 tos 0825H for LZ construt at 965104, 1st set		

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			of fighters diverted. 2nd set aborted mission				
			Rash 4 broke station 0900H. Diverted out of				
			A/C			JS	JB
21.	0830		Masher green 1 to 0830H for flight briefing				
			on A/C. 26 move			JS	RB
22.	0930		A/C. 26 FSB Ellen insertion sec to sec to				
			015101 PZ time lifted from Ellen 4 sorties				
			0906H LZ time inserted with A/C. 0932H 1st LZ				
			0927H complet 0932H LZ gren			JS Bde	DF
23.	0957		A-015101, B-027146, C-Ellen, D-942085, E-Ellen				
			E 16- VIP center Quan Loi			JS Bde	DF
24.	1000H		Quick reaction lesson learned, letter to Duke				
			3 on 13-14 Nov. required reply due 16 Nov.				
			Please send immediately, Any question call Bde 3A JS				DF
25.	1000		Body which appeared to be possible sapper				
			is badly burned by ARA and has been stripped				
			Has fragments of green pants on. Believed to				
			be line NVA			JS Bde	GN
26.	1030		Initial assessment of 17 Nov. attack on FSB Ellen				
			Heavy drag marks, blood trails found leading				
			to SW. 05 bodies, green uniform, neg weapons				
			or identification, 10 fighting positions found				
			in same direction at 550m, 02 bodies found on				
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		North side dragged into bushes. 01 of these appears to be dressed as a sapper. Heavy movement, blood pools, and nasty graves are located on low ground to N. W & S. Most of the damage was initially done by direct fire, arty and mortar, credit 2 small arms, 12 arty, 3 mortars, 6 KBH, enemy withdrawal is to SW and NINE tracker team is following N-SW withdrawal.			
		17 Nov. Attack on FSB Ellen thought to be by 141st with only the stand off phase coming off. Ground attack if planned was spoiled by arty direct fire before it could move into position	JS Bde		GN
27.	1140	Air lift request for C and B Co. Daisy Chain sec to sec FSB Ellen to 003142	JS Bde		DF
28.	1240	Received 20 rds Auto S/A ground to air at 005075, altitude 1800 ft. speed 75 knots. neg hits, arty will be adjusted by Masher 173 who was shot at. time arty requested 1242H 09 rds 155 fired in area	JS Bde		DF
29.	1242	Saber 24 in AO tos 1142H for VR of Ellen area	JS		RB
30.	1310	Saber 24 time 1300H, 041051 3 hootches 20x30 4 hootches 15x15 tin roof, 3 ladders 2x15, area shows constant use, possible staging area for			

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			ground attack went upon arty to check on poss-		
			ibility of direct fire. fired 9 rds 155mm	JS	RB
31.	1341		Rash 35 tos 1341H to A/S 007097 nearest friend-		
			Lies Bad Baron, diverted out of A/O	JS	RB
32.	1337		99ar IR boxes 1014, 1015, at 1700H, boxes 1024		
			1025, 1037, 1038 at 0100H	JS	DF
33.	1400		A-013101, B-016144, 16-022138, C-FSB Ellen,		
			D-942085, E-FSB Ellen 16-Quan Loi VIP	JS Ede	DF
34.	1402	17	B/Co. in contact 016144, 26 & 36, 2-4 indiv		
			NVA, 3 NVA KIA we initiated contact at 1355H		
			broke 1400H, 01 51 cal receiver and bipod 01		
			9mm pistol, documents, 01 NVA KIA green uni-		
			form. Enemy moving on NW to SE trail moving		
			SE trail was new 48 hrs old. Sweeping area at		
			this time swept E 150m found blood trails to		
			E, 9mm pisto receiver barrel serial #M20,		
			No. 1113771, contact was with A*47 only enemy		
			returned fire, 2 notebooks single sheets of		
			paper, range 50-75, meter	JS Ede	DF
35.	1423		B/Co. 1423H, B/Co back in contact request		
			Pink team we initiated contact fire from N &		
			NW S/A and B-40's, 016144, contact broke 1433H		
			Pink Team tos 1428H Saber 24, enemy evaded to		

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		NW trail same group as before neg enemy assess-		
		ment. Fired arty narrative, after sweeping SE		
		B/Co. returned for heavy gear and began to		
		move out to NW at	JS Bde	DF
15.	1520	Final plane sent in for 19 Nov. 69	JS	DF
27.	1535	Sniffer Box tot 1398H 1401 H. 910175, 965175		
		965130, 9113, readings at 942135 and 927154		
		vic of 917120 good mark passed to arty	JS Bde	DF
38.	1600	A/Co. 26 incontact 1530H, neg return fire		
		contact broke immediately 1 enemy KIA 013100		
		1 AK-47 serial 11041804, range contact 20m		
		enemy moving from N to S evade to N. green		
		shirt and brown pants, pistol belt negative		
		documents also several blood trails leading		
		to north neg number. A/Co. 26 also found a		
		second body in green shirt and brown pants KBA		
		neg documents and neg weapon. 013100, 48 hrs.		
		1510 hrs, final readout shows that KBA resulted		
		from heavy arty box, blood trail resulted in		
		one additional KIA, total 2 KIA, 01 KBHeavy arty,		
		1 AK-47, 1800H Baron 6 upgrades to 03 KIA's,		
		they were NVA not VC	JS Bde	DF
39.	1610	Air request for E/Co 16, from QL to FSB Ellen	JS	DF
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40.

1646

Incoming Ellen 1646H, 01 round B-40, neg damage or casualties, 340A2 800 meters, hit on north side of Ellen outside berm, Request Pink team neg at this time Ram Rod fired, radar scanning area at this time, 50 rounds of 105

Fired, 15 rds 81mm fired in area

JS Bde

RR

41.

1650

B/Co. 16 moving west to join B/Co. 26236, found blood trail heavy leading east to Bamboo #1

*028146

JS Bde

DF

42.

1700

E/Co. big ears picked up movement 6130 mils 1430 meters moving away from Ellen fast, 50 rds 105 will be fired in area. 25 rds 81mm also

JS Bde

RR

43.

1700

18

B/Co in contact 1700H, broke 1703H, 2 enemy moving from W-E, about 100m from night loc enemy initiated fire B/Co returned fire afterward B/Co. swept area with negative findings range of contact was 200m. individuals were not seen, only muzzle flashes S/A

JS Bde

RB

44.

1755

C/Co last light partol out 1755H, in w/neg findings 1815H

JS

RB

45.

1930

Request 1) CC be at Ellen NLT 0700H, 2) log bird have cargo hook, 3) scout team for A/Co. at first light, 4) A/S plotted in Bn, A/O to

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			day and diverted by put in on 19 Nov. 69	JS Bde	GC
46.	1820	18	A/Co in contact in NE 013101, S/A and B-40's from NW 75 meters enemy initiated contact W/ 09 B-40, and 450 rds AK-47 broke contact 1830H neg US casualties, believe enemy evaded to NW neg. enemy assessment tonight, A/Co, returned with S/A M-79, claymores, nas 67 took ground to air fire at contact location when rolling in hot, 013101, AK-47 20 rds. 1850H	JS Bde	DF
47.	1846	✓	A-013101, B-013148, 12-012149, 22-013148, 32-012146, C-Allen, D-942081, 36-948085, E-Allen 16-VIP QL, hatchet report, plt. sq. D-1 2 N-1 3 2 5	JS Bde	DF
49.	2055		Big Ears has movement at 3280 mils at 550 meters eng with 81mm 30 rds, arty fired 50 rds, 105mm neg movement at 2108H	JS Bde	JF
50.	2125		FY 0727, 092003, activated 2111H, light, 9 rds 105mm	JS	JB
51.	2130		Cold Steel request us to use hooks in extraction 68 B/Co being replaced by C/Co. Cold Steel informs us they will use 6 plus 2, We can use hooks in area but can not be sure of safety		

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			of them	JS Bde	JF
52.	2145		Big Ears has movement at 2830 to 3200 mils 430 meters 8mm 40 rds. arty 50 rds of 105, neg movement at this time 2155H	JS Bde	JF
53.	2148		Saber 22 to 2148H for free fire box center of mass 9704, took G/A at 938075, 2155H neg no. of rds. neg knowledge of weapon used, did not fire because of nearness of friendlies. flying at 3000 ft 100 knots, bird reported also to Song Be arty passed on to 1/8 looks in open at 942050, 960032, Saber to check out, Star, negative findings, broke station 2240H	JS Bde	JF
54.	2230		Report on night visual aides, type: TV3-2 auth. 8 on hand 3, Hq. 1 unserviceable D/Co. 2 unserviceable, type: TV3-4 auth 8, on hand 3, E Co. 3 unserviceable, Type: PVS-1 auth 80 on hand 39, A/Co. 8- 1 unserviceable, B/Co. 8 all good, C/Co-8 2 unserviceable, D/Co. 8 2 unserviceable, E/Co. 7 6 unserviceable. Type PVS auth 30 on hand 23, A/Co-5, 2 unser, B/Co 6, 1 unser, C/Co 3, 2 unser, D/Co.-5, 1 unser. Type: Metascopes auth 20 all Bn request, Cpt Bohn must attend CMMI critique at Phouc Vinh		

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will not be able to come to Ellen, division has negative well, digging equipment to dig further than 25 ft. D/Co. has 2 starlight, A/Co has 0 B/Co has 3,

JS

CG

55.

2210

1) Results of photo mission neg. by 1/8 on 18 Nov. 1) xu 990155, to 983146, mod. used trails along tree line and swamp area. 2) xu 990155, 02 garden plots 01 old 01 to be used, 3) xu 977151 02 garden plots trails running to item #1, 01 old 01 new, 4) xu 988148, to 988195, 15 garden plots forming semi-circle well maintained trails from plots xu 983146, 5) xu 975165, to 982139 moderate used trails from roads to trails in item #3, 6) xu 980139 to 982139, 02 old garden plots separated by trails of junction of road 7) xu 981138 fence around area next to road. 8) xu 982139 to 983197 trail from junction of trails in #5 and road running south into jungle

JS Bde

JF

56.

2250

Changes in final for 19 Nov. and tentative for 20 Nov. sent into Bde

JS Bde

SH

57.

2400

Summary: B/Co contacts are complete in journal No.s. 34, 35, 43, 2) A/Co's contact in Journal are No.s 38 & 46. 3) 26 in log for readout of attack

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