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	IN	OUT		
1.	0001	Bn NCS? JOURNAL OPENED	JS	MD
2.	0545	Bde NCS/Bn NCS: YU154121 19th P.F. plt took 16 rounds of 60mm mortar with negative casualties and unknow damages. Night Hawk was requested then cancelled by MACV because enemy location was fired upon by artillery. Contact began 0235H broke 0245H. Direction of fire was from the W.	JS	MD
3.	0600	All Units/Bn NCS: Hourly Sitrep: Negative (0100,0200,0300,0400,0500,0600H) (A,B,C,D,E,Fcn)	JS	MD
4.	0730	All Units/Bn NCS: Up on the pill (A,B,C,D,E,Fcn) Trips and claymores in at FSB Betty at 0715	JS	DW
5.	0745	A Co/Bn NCS: YU226368 reports first light patrol to the south heard chopping 200m to their south A Co request pink team.	JS	DW
6.	0832	Bde S-2 Ast/Bn NCS: Shaffer Boxes: 7,13,14,15,20, 21,29, Night Hawk: #2-2026-2526-2620-2020 #3-2726-3326-3318-2718 #1-1128-1528-1520-1120 Cleared by WDB	JS	DQ
7.	0850	Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Request a scout dog team to work with C Co. Request team bring enough food and supplies for at least 3 days. Request team report 1/8Cav leg pad NLT 0700 1 Sep.	JS	DQ
8.	1005	Rash 27(FAO)/Bn NCS: to work with A Co on their		

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Continuation from page 1: internal to work out
their organics. TOS 0940hrs Breke station 1005

JS

M

9.

1105

All Units/Bn NCS: Current Locations: A Co*
YU 226368, B Co FSB Betty, C Co-YU229374,

D Co YU242358, E Co-FSB Betty Recon Opcom A Co

JS

DB

10

1115

Timber 29(1/9Cav A Trp)/Bn NCS: to work with
A Co on their internal/ clearance for free fire
YU 198354. YU 190352 trail SW/NE 18" wide with
recent movement in both direction, by 10 indiv
in last 12-24 hrs. 03 15X25 heeches made of
bamboo. Also 03 5X8 bunkers below heeches.
engaged with organics and destroyed 01 heech.
01-5X8 bunker partially destroyed. YU220350
spotted 01 pairs of pajamas under a tree with
recent digging in the last 12-24hrs. Also
01 bunker 5X8 negative OHC neg recent use.
Also 01 1HX15 bunker with possible light OHC
showing some recent use in area.

JS

DB

11.

1135

Bde S-2 Asst/Bn NCS: Sensor Reading: YU319442
at 1113 hrs-heavy, YU371372 ay 1116-heavy

JS

DQ

12.

1200

Bde S-2/Bn NCS: Sensor Reading: YU164496
heavy activation 1500m radius .

JS

WB

13.

1222

Bn NCS/Bde S-2 Asst: Requested a high bird

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13.	1222		Continuation from page 2: to cover the LOH dropping sensors in 1/8 A.O. Bde S-2 Asst said bde is unable to provide coverage for this sensor bird	JS	DW
14.	1305		Rash 21 (FAC)/Bn NCS: to come up with ARA and napalm for A Co and employ his organics. Broke station 1445 hrs.	JS	DB
15.	1325		Bn CO/Bn NCS: Have what looks like a letter box number written inside a helmet, number is TH 63,276 after this number is U/3 request you pass this on to your S-2 ASAP/initials:GAP	JS	JD
16.	1336		Bn NCS/Bde Sig O: have Vietnamese on CMD 54.10 interpreter says they belong to 5th Inf Div, also talked to their adviser, Red 01, and he said they just had an SOI change and were given our frequency.	JS	JD
17.	1400		All Units/Bn NCS: Current Locations: A Co-YU228389, B Co-FSB Betty, C Co-229374, D Co-YU 243358 log site, E Co-FSB Betty, Recon-Opcon A Co	JS	JS
18.	1415		C Co/Bn NCS: YU 232370 found 01 N/S 1' wide trail used by approximately 3 to 6 individuals within the last 24-48 hrs moving to the north	JS	JD
19.	1418		Bde S-2/Bn S-3 Air: Message from Bde CO: The way to certify success is to present evidence		

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19.	1418		Continuation of page 3: of success such as document, weapons, equipment etc. All of which should be evacuated ASAP. This will allow full exploration by intelligence agencies.	JS	JB
20.	1450		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: VR Priority: D Co, A Co, C Co. Sniffer Boxes: #15 west to NS grid 33, #21, 22, 29, 30	JS	JD
21.	1500		A Co/Bn NCS: YU 226369 found 01 EW trail 1 wide showing recent use in the last 2-3 days. 05 bunkers 3X5 2' OHC in a semi-circle around a potential leg pad in the area. The bunkers are about a year old but have recent reinforcement and camouflaged within the last 2-3 days. Also 60 meters to the west found a 01 3X5 bunker with neg recent use. The bunkers are incomplete. Also 10 bunkers all 3X5 08 bunker had 2 OHC 02 had neg OHC They were incomplete, recent use last 2-3 days.	JS	JD
22.	1550		Bn NCS/Bde S-2: NVA officer KIS from B Co contact is reported to have been 5'10" to 5'11" tall and weighted in the vicinity of 165 to 175 lbs. Believe he could be Chinese Communist. Also request information on LBN ASAP	JS	JD

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23.	1550		Bn S-3/Bn NCS: Bn S-3 in C&C acft took ground to air fire at YU 238397 received 15-20 rds AK small arms fire at 2500 ft 80 knots. engaged with organics, Artillery, ARA. Request airstrike, Negative hits, neg damage	JS	PD
24.	1555		Bn S-3 Air/Bde S-3 Air: request an airstrike vicinity YU238397. S-3 took G/A fire in area request 500# bombs and napalm/TAC not airborne due to weather in Phuoc Vinh airstrike doubtful /we have an unlimited ceiling in target area and looks as if weather will hold	JS&	JD
25	1627		Rash 23(FAC)/Bn NCS: Rash on station to work G/A fire site YU238397 1627 hrs w/out fighters; to expend organics. Broke station at 1733 hrs neg BDA	JS	PD
26.	1800		All Units/Bn NCS: Night Locations: A Co-YU226371, B Co-Betty, C CO-231372, D Co- YU238358 E(-)-Betty Rcn-Open A Co, Malaria green(A,B,C,D,E,Rcn) Auto Ambushes: A-02, B- neg, C-04, D-03. Day Manned Ambushes: Neg (A,B,C,D,E,Rcn) Night Manned Ambushes: A-Neg B-Neg, C-squad 231371 100m, sq 230372 100m 231373 100m, D-neg, E(-)neg, Rcn-neg		

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26.	1800		Continuation from page 5: Dags: A-neg,B-neg,C-neg,D-01,E-neg,Rcn-A Co, Snipers: A,D,E,Rcn-neg B-01,C-01.	JS	JD
27.	1800		Bn MCS/Bde MCS: Mortar Sitrep Line1-E-296/100 Line1-G-47, Line2-E-02, Line 2-G-04	JS	JD
28	1810		All Units/Bn MCS: Field Strength PDS: A CO-3 Off,34 NCO,68EM, C Co-5 Off,13NCO,73EM, D CO-3 Off,26NCO,63EM Rcn Opcon A Co, FSB Betty PDS Comme 0 Off,5NCO,14EM Pathfinders 0 Off,ONCO,2EM, Engineers 0 Off,1N CO,1EM, HHC & E Co-6 Off,18NCO,59EM, B CO(Base Defense)6 Off,20 NCO,45EM, 105's-4 Off,13NCO,42EM, 155's: 3 Off,16NCO,66 EM	JS	JD
29.	1826		Bde S-3 Air/Bn S-3Air: 01 airstrike planned for 1 Sep at YU 451395 at 1230 hrs LZ construct	JS	JD
30.	1830		Bn S-3 Air/Bde S-3 Air: Aircraft request for 1 Sep 70: 1 UH1H for C7C/log acft. Report to FSB Buttons MLT 0700. Contact Reform 15m (comme rear) on 38.65, Pick up sortie for FSB Betty. Contact Reform 42(TOC RTO) on 54.10. Request acft have jump seat, protective masks for crew, extra Y cerd. 1 UH1H for log acft. Report to FSB Buttons MLT 0700. Contact Reform 15M (comme Rear) on		

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30.	1830		Continuation from page 6: 38.65. Pick up sortie for FSB Betty. Contact Reform 42 (TOC RTO) on 54.10. Request acft have protective mask for crew and external cargo hook. Log for 1 Sep		
			A Co 08 sorties no set time	JS	JD
31.	1845		D Co/Bn NCS: YU238358 reports hearing movement around their NDP. A recon has been sent out on a 360 AZ to check it, approx. 150m out. Patrol found foot path in grass of 1 indiv		
			Might have caught glimpse of him. Indiv eveded to the north. Recon has been brought back in.		
			Request pink team for first light check of AO	JS	PD
32.	2007		Bn S-3 Air/Bde S-3 Air: Airstrike request		
			#1-LZ construct at YU235588 nearest friendlies		
			1Km to south, #2-LZ construct at YU238390		
			nearest friendlies 1Km to south, #3-LZ construct		
			at YU 240394 nearest friendlies 2Km to south	JS	JD
33.	2007		Bde S-2/Bn NCS; sensor people dropped 13 or 14		
			sensors in 1/8 Cav AO today	JS	JD
34.	(Late Entry) 1950		Bn S-3/Bde S-3: Final Plans for 1 Sep:		
			A- conduct GR to NW after accepting log. GR		
			will be to check out B Co contact area. NDP		
			in vicinity YU228374. B Co-Base Defense FSB Betty		

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1950

Continuation from page 7: C Co-Conduct GR to the
South. NDP in vicinity YU231368. D Co-
conduct GR to the SW. NDP in vicinity YU234356
E Co(-)-Base Defense FSB Betty. Recon-Conduct
Sec/Sec from grid YU226371 to FSB Betty. Become
Open to E Co for Base Defense FSB Betty.

JS

JD

35.8

1950

Bn S-3/Bde S-3: Alternative Plans for 2 Sep:
A Co-Conduct GR to the North vicinity YU216376
B Co-Base Defense FSB Betty, C Co-Conduct GR
to the NE to Vicinity YU234472, D Co-Conduct
GR to the SW to vicinity YU231354, E Co(-)-
Base Defense FSB Betty, Recon Base Defense FSB Betty

JS

JD

36.

2000

Bn S-3Air/Bde S-3 Air: Air movement for 1 Sep
011030 Recon Sec/Sec on UH1H within 5+2 acft
and 5 sorties with ACL 5 total no. PAX 24
Mission control Reform 10(Bn CO) on 60.75
PZ Loc & Contact: Wender 10M (A Co RT0) on
60.75 LZ Loc & Contact Reform 40(S-3Air) on
60.75. PZ at YU 226371 LZ-FSB Betty

JS

JD

37.

2020

Bn S-3 Air/Bde S-3Air: request smoke bird at
1030 hrs 1 Sep to help on recon extraction

JS

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38.

2131

Bn S-2/Bde S-2: Request a 1/250,000 overlay

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38.

2131

Continuation from page 8: of division/If bde
does not have an overlay request written
boundries of division AO.

JS

JD

39.

2112

Bn S-2/Bde S-2: Request Bde check their order
of battle book and find out if 174th Regiment
had an officer named LE this was the name on
the back of the map portion found by 1/8 A Co
/Bde has two or three dozen of these names

JS

JD

40.

2210

Bde S-2/Bn S-3: Number of starlight scopes being
utilized by Bn subordinate elements in field
locations and on the fire base. Report should
be submitted prior to 010900H

JS

MD

40.

2305

Bn NCS/Bde NCS; Exposure Report: D Co 1st
sertie 1125, last sertie at 1500, Time in PZ
start 1100 end 1515 no. serties 10

JS

MD

41.

2330

Bde S-2 Asst/Bn S-2: Indication of increased enemy
activity points to possible high point of 02
and 03 Sep 70. Areas south of Phouc Vinh and
Bien Hoa area are possibly enemy attack areas.
Reminder to Commanders: Increased security
precautions should go into effect 01 Sep with particular
emphasis on 02 and 03 Sep

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Bde NCS/Bn NCS: Effective immediately FSB operations

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Continuation from page 9 : on the frequencies

indicated: Lee at YT564738 on 59.80, FSB SUN

YT936211 on 38.35, FSB Guin ZT100190 on 37.45

FSB Logger YT771594 on 49.25, FSB Deebly YT994263

on 56.05. FSB Mo YU259429 on 52.15 Reminder:

All MACV and Special Forces nets will change

010001H Sep 70.

JS

MD

43.

2351

Bde NCS/Bn NCS: SOI changes for 1st Cav SOI

Item 43A-10 1st Bde change 1st Bde B-1-1 relay

47.65 to 71.85. Item 43B-10 2nd Bde change

B-2 primary 42.25 to 35.55. Item 43C-7 11th

ACR 8-24 stated that the 11th ACR Item was

labeled on 49C-10 It should read 49C-7.

Also change 11th ACR BTRP CMD frequency 44.20

to 44.75. Reminder: IIFV Item 49A-9 will be placed

into effect 01107H Sept 70 25th Infantry Item

49B-10 will be placed into effect 010001H Sep

70

JS

MD

44.

2359

DAILY SUMMARY: Air Move: Negative, Contact:

Negative, Significant Events: C & C acft

received ground to air fire in vicinity YU238397

15 to 20 rounds AK-47 with negative damage

JS

MD

45.

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46					
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2130			Co B/ Bn NCS; Spotted 01 flashlight and heard 03 rifle shots; 345 AZ from bunker #11 at a distance of 900 meters from the FSB. Area was engaged with M-79 and 81 mm.		
47.					
Late Entry					
1000			Bde S-2 Asst/Bn S-3: 1st Cav Div Analysis of Contact ed B 1/8 on 28 Aug 70: 90th R & R Regt, The 28 Aug contact of B 1/8 was very close 09 Comme Laison section discovered on 1 Aug at YU209361 by C 1/8. The 90 R & R Regt is responsible for maintaining the 09 cache system of Comme Laison Station. This regt. handles all newly infiltrated personnel and processes them for further movement south. This movement could be covered by the 2 & 3 September high point. This concentration of forces in the vicinity of Bu Der and Ba Duc area to include the 174th Regt. may forecast offensive activity which could easily distract from the border areas. From the Cambodian border to the NE the 90th Regt is staging its replacement activities with the view of supplying them south along the Adams trail during the period of		

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47.	1000		Continuation from page 11: intensified activity.		
			The replacement group has a combat capability		
			and can be expected to defend themselves with		
			vigor. A one possibility not to be overlooked is the enemy		
			troops contacted are from a new infantry battalion		
			recently infiltrated and are being used to probe		
			border defenses prior to sending infiltration		
			groups or supplies down the Adams trail or		
			Jelly trail. It is estimated that this infiltration		
			group is still a long way from resuming normal		
			logistical missions. In mid July just prior		
			to the unearthing of #3 cache complexes NW of FSB Mo		
			, 1/8 had several contacts in the area of these caches.		
			This was mid-July contact was similar to the		
			28th August contact in that both were company		
			size enemy forces and both cases, enemy was		
			aggressive. 2) 86th Rear Service Group, elements		
			of the 86th RSG are not usually encountered in		
			great numbers. Normally, they don't act aggressively		
			RSG elements and particularly security elements		
			of the 86th RSG will react violently to defend		
			caches. It is possible that the 28th August		
			contact involved elements of the 86th RSG to		

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47.	1000		Continuation from page 12: protect one or more caches in the area. The 12 July contact at YU 217370 and the 28 Aug contact at YU227368 were uncommonly close to each other. This may be further indication that there does exist a sizable cache in the area which enemy will go to great lengths to protect.	JS	DQ
48.	1000		Ede S-3/En S-3: Splitting of 105 Howitzer Batterys. 1) For specific missions, 105 btrys can be split to provide wider area of artillery coverage to support trepps. Split btrys should be employed under select circumstances and for a period of time limited to 3-5days. 2) The consideration restricting splitting of batterys are largely one of safety for the support units. Insufficient personnel are organic to the battery to provide the necessary supervisory personnel on a 24 hr basis to conduct double checks at the guns and in the FDC when the battery is split. This shortage of personnel can be offset for short periods of time by increasing the length of shifts and using personnel from the battery who are required for other purposes, to supervise the firing.		

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ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION

LOCATION

PERIOD COVERED

FROM

TO

HOUR

DATE

HOUR

DATE

1st Battalion 8th Cavalry

FSB Betty

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31 AUG 70

2400

31 AUG 70

ITEM
NO.

TIME

IN

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INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

ACTION TAKEN

INITIALS

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Continuation from page 13: 3) The decision to
split a battery for the purpose of providing
Fire support to the Bde Plan of Maneuver should
be made by the district support Artillery Bn
CO, with the concurrence of Divarty CO taking
into account all aspects of the situation.

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