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| ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION 32, 53 1-8 Cav | LOCATION LZ GERONIMO 879169 | PERIOD COVERED | |
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| 1 | 0001 | | Journal opened. | JS | JC |
| 2 | 0100 | | SITREP Neg. | JS, BDE | JC |
| 3 | 0120 | | D Co moving NE fm 901002. | JS, BDE | JC |
| 4 | 0200 | | SITREP Neg. | JS, BDE | JC |
| 5 | 0300 | | SITREP Neg. | JS, BDE | JC |
| 6 | 0400 | | SITREP Neg. | JS, BDE | JC |
| 7 | 0415 | | D Co in posn for cordon. Center of mass 925015. | JS, BDE | JC |
| 8 | 0500 | | SITREP Neg. | JS, BDE | JC |
| 9 | 0503 | | D Co cordon complete at 925015. | JS, BDE | JC |
| 10 | 0600 | | SITREP Neg. | JS, BDE | JC |
| 11 | 0601 | | C Co organics: 55HE, 62WP, 19 Ill. Neg rest of companies. | JS | JC |
| 12 | 0603 | | D Co at 925705 rept hearing SA fire east across stream fm loc - good distance away. | JS | JC |
| 13 | 0605 | | C Co OP's in neg findings. | JS | JC |
| 14 | 0630 | | All OP's and ambushes in w/neg findings. A | | |
| 15 | 0650 | | Co 16 will remain at 909202. D Co 21 at 925011 has one VC hiding in hut. Male age 21 in blk pj carrying a hand bag. Inside were one M26 gren, documents, tooth brush, fishing line, hammock and a change of clothing. The VC claims he knows loc of 3 more VC and are waiting for NPTF interrogation when they arrive. | JS, BDE | JC |
| 16 | 0705 | | A Co 16 will work with C Co 1/50 after CA at 909202. | JS | JC |
| 17 | 0722 | | NPTF have arrived at D Co 929014. | JS | JC |
| 18 | 0731 | | 1st ele of A Co off 911209 enroute 841133. | JS | JC |
| 19 | 0734 | | 2d ele A Co off 911209 enroute 841133. | JS | JC |
| 20 | 0740 | | A Co complete enroute 841133. | JS, BDE | JC |
| 21 | 0742 | | (Item 15) D Co 21 detainee escaped w/M26 while being led to CP loc 929014. | JS | JC |
| 22 | 0752 | | 1st ele of A Co 36 on 841133. | JS, BDE | JC |
| 23 | 0758 | | A Co (-) 16 on 841133. | JS, BDE | JC |
| 24 | 0805 | | C Co 16 off GERONIMO enroute 856209. | JS | JC |
| 25 | 0810 | | 1-9 set fm vic 829112 in a stream bed spotted 4-6 sets of fresh tracks running E, followed for 50 meters until they left sand bank. Rept no other unusual sightings in 1-8 AO. | JS | JC |
| 26 | 0815 | | C Co 16 856208 LZ green. | JS, BDE | SK |
| 27 | 0830 | | (Item 15) 0650H D Co 21 detainee while being led down to CP jumped into a bamboo thicket at 925013 to the N was taken under fire but was not hit. VC was not tied. 21 checked area. Neg findings. NPTF will check area. Documents in handbag are for a meeting to be held 281700 to 1830H in hamlet across river fm 929014. | JS | |

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0832

woman's name Phi En where meeting will be held. A Co request medevac for 1 En with suspected appendicitis vic 841143.

JS, BDE

JC

29

0835

All companies have rec and ack P.O. change.

JS, BDE

SK

30

0836

C Co 16 vic 856208 fd 1 butterfly bomb neg BT will blow in place.

JS, BDE

SK

31

0851

1st ele of B Co on and 838039 LZ green.

JS, BDE

SK

32

0902

Final ele of B Co on LZ 838039.

JS

SK

33

0905

Am Bde S3: Boundary change approved by 2/8, eff fm 0900H 28 Nov to 1800 fm BS 820050 - 820024 to 845024.

JS

SK

34

0912

D Co documents sent in by log bird. Request set tm for area where detainee informed them that there are 3 VC w/5-6 M-26 gren in some caves vic 925017.

JS, BDE

SK

35

0930

C Co 16 fd a 2d butterfly bomb neg BT vic 857209.

JS

SK

36

0955

Will blow. (Item 34) D Co 16 & 46 checked area vic 925017

JS, BDE

JC

37

1010

w/neg findings. HHC ele and 1-8 CC enroute to selective snatch

mission in Bong Sen Plains.

JS, BDE

SK

38

1040

A Co (-) moving N fm 841143.

JS

JC

39

1100

NPPF at D Co have interrogated 36 indiv; 5 males, 31 females, searched 25 huts and 5 holes. Had 5 detainees; 1 male age 38 in light blue shirt and pants, 2 females - 1 age 35 in blk pj the other age 27 in blk pj, and 4 inches documents vic 929014. Request NPPF extraction.

JS, BDE

SK

40

1105

B Co 16 vic 827048 fd 1 bunker w/sleeping area 10 ft long by 5x4 ft built against a large boulder with a ladder leading up to an OP in a tree. Blew it w/U-4.

JS, BDE

SK

41

1110

B Co 26 fd a tunnel complex; a large hole looked like a well, went down 15 ft and broke off into 3 tunnels 5 ft high about 40-50 meters long w/sleeping quarters and other exits. Request

BOD tm vic 841047.

JS, BDE

SK

42

1140

A Co 1-50 has assumed scty of brgs and 10 BOY

C Co 1-50 has been relieved.

JS, BDE

SK

43

1154

A Co (-) moving E fm 841137.

JS, BDE

JC

44

1155

NPPF extraction complete fm D Co 929014 enroute ENGLISH.

JS, BDE

JC

45

1158

D Co complete moving E fm vic 929014.

JS

SK

46

1232

D Co vic 938016 rec 1 M79 rd and 40 rds SA fire.

Recognizing area of fire with arty.

JS, BDE

GC

D Co request ARA and act tm vic 938020. They

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| 47 | CONT | | are rec 2-3 ras sporatically. | JS, BDE | GG |
| 48 | 1248 | | Set tm and ARA on station D Co loc 938016. | JS, BDE | GG |
| 49 | 1255 | | EOD tm is at B Co's loc 892045. | JS, BDE | GG |
| 50 | 1256 | | D Co repts that 1 of the ARA gun ships has crashed. | | |
| | | | Are moving to loc to check out. Medevac has been requested to orbit over the area until D Co get to loc and get assess. | | |
| 51 | 1300 | | D Co rept they are rec more SA fire. | JS, BDE | GG |
| 52 | 1307 | | D Co rept rec SA fire fm E. Have reached the ARA ship. 1 pilot of ARA ship was medevaced | JS, BDE | GG |
| | | | by Bde set bird. | | |
| 53 | 1312 | | Medevac has pu 1 more EM of ARA ship - have 1 more in sight - believed to be dead. Still receiving small arms fire. | JS, BDE | GG |
| 54 | 1322 | | D Co rept neg fire in last 5-6 minutes. Have perimeter around downed ARA ship. | JS, BDE | GG |
| 55 | 1325 | | D Co rept 1 VC KIA w/grenades vic 938020. | JS, BDE | GG |
| 56 | 1340 | | The 1/8 CC pu the 1 US KIA fm ARA ship and is returning him to 15th Med at ENGLISH. | JS, BDE | GG |
| 57 | 1345 | | D Co request a EOD tm vic 938020. | JS, BDE | GG |
| 58 | 1346 | | 1/8 S3 cancels the selective snatch. US KIA at 15th Med at ENGLISH now. | JS, BDE | GG |
| 59 | 1350 | | D Co request a ship of NPF and Special Branch be sent to their loc 938020 to interrogate | | |
| | | | a gp of VN. | | |
| 60 | 1420 | | C Co 16 moving to GERONIMO. | JS, BDE | GG |
| 61 | 1435 | | Bde S3 advises 1-9 blues will be inserted vic 907033. A Co will be RRF if the ele has contact. | JS, A | GG |
| 62 | 1455 | | Fm Bde: Intel Rept - A village states there are 2 VC plt and 1 NVA Co loc in Binh De (1) BS 883149. Purpose is to follow trail daily to BS 892190 and obs Hill 10 - leave at 1513H daily | | |
| | | | Mission is to attack Hill 10 and GERONIMO. Rating of F-6. | JS | AS |
| 63 | 1456 | | D Co rept EOD tm and extraction tm for ac are at D Co's loc. | JS, BDE | GG |
| 64 | 1510 | | Readout on detainees pu by D Co at 1100H; 1 PW hamlet guard (neg info) 1 CD woman's cadre states husband is sub-hamlet chief left village at 0400H today to hide (loc unk) 1 IC (neg info). Snatch 16 detainees classified all IC. | JS, D | AS |
| 65 | 1525 | | D Co has rec the NP at their loc 938020. | JS, BDE | GG |
| 66 | 1529 | | D Co repts the EOD tm ready for extraction. | JS, BDE | GG |
| 67 | 1550 | | C Co 16 closed LZ GERONIMO. | JS, BDE | AS |
| 68 | 1556 | | The EOD tm at D Co 938020 was extracted. The ARA extracted enroute to LZ ENGLISH. | JS, BDE | GG |

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| 70 | 1630 | | A Co 1-50, when returned to LZ LO BOY, was handed a letter, which looked very official, by a Vietnamese female. | | |
| 71 | 1635 | | D Co repts NP and Special Branch are ready for extraction w/ 10 detainees (1 male) via 938049. | JS, BDE | GG |
| 72 | 1642 | | BJD tm has been extracted in B Co loc 831049. | JS, BDE | GG |
| 73 | 1705 | | 1st ele of D Co off PZ 938020 enroute ENGLISH. | JS, BDE | AS |
| 74 | 1724 | | All of D Co off PZ 938020 enroute to ENGLISH. | JS, BDE | GG |
| 75 | 1730 | | All of D Co closed LZ ENGLISH. | JS, BDE | AS |
| 76 | 1740 | | B Co via 831045 request medevac for 1 VN female and 1 boy hit by a smoke rd. Wgms brought to B Co loc in hammock by civilians. | JS, BDE | AS |
| 77 | 1752 | | B Co medevac complete. | JS, BDE | AS |
| 78 | 1800 | | Anti-malaria measures taken. | JS | AS |
| 79 | 1850 | | A Co repts G O P H E R. | JS | GG |
| 80 | 1835 | | B Co 16 repts at 1300H the BDD tm destroyed a bunker (cave type) 12x8x5 ft, 4 tunnels 10x3 ft coord 827048. | JS, BDE | GG |
| 81 | 1913 | | PDS: A Co 101; B Co 97; C Co 123; D Co 121; HHC 124. | JS, BDE | GG |
| 82 | 1922 | | Final loc: A Co (-) 841137, 16 911214 amb, 26 amb 850132, 35A amb 849131; B Co (-) 831049, 16A amb 832053, 26 amb 826052, OP1 831050, CP2 830048, KTM box 825050 - 825046 - 840050 - 840030; C Co (-) GERONIMO, 26 LO BOY, KTM box 8715; D Co ENGLISH; A Co 1/50 LO BOY. | JS, BDE | GG |
| 83 | 1938 | | Readout on detainees fr. D Co and NPFF: 2 UD, 5 IC and 3 CD - woman association. 1 UD stated 2 guerrillas are left in the hamlet of capture w/ 2 wps. 1 CD states there are VC in the area but do not know where they are. 1 IC states 3 guerrillas are in the area w/ wps. | JS, D | JF |
| 84 | 2033 | | Boundary changes for 1/8 Opns 29 Nov approved by 2/8. Box I 780160 - 790160 - 790130 - 780130. Box II 810060 - 810040 - 828040. Effective time 290600 to 291800 Nov 67. | JS, BDE | GG |
| 85 | 2050 | | SITREP Neg. | JS, BDE | GG |
| 86 | 2150 | | SITREP Neg. | JS, BDE | GG |
| 87 | 2257 | | SITREP Neg. | JS, BDE | GG |
| 88 | 2307 | | A Co 26 and 35A ambushes in w/neg findings. | JS, BDE | GG |
| 89 | 2347 | | C Co 32 KTM has returned to GERONIMO w/neg findings. | JS, BDE | GG |
| 90 | 2350 | | B Co 16A ambush has returned to CP loc w/neg findings. | JS, BDE | RM |
| 91 | 2355 | | SITREP Neg. | JS, BDE | GG |

Summary of friendly and enemy casualties and

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| 92 | CONT | | <p>prisoners: D Co had 13 detainees classified as 6 IC, 2 UD, 4 CD, 1 PW, and 1 VC KIA. Documents captured by D Co 280600 Sep 67 coord 925011: (1) Request for report from 5 Oct to 5 Nov on one ARVN Bn at Hill #10 north of Tam Quan with all kinds of weapons. Also says ARVN morale is low. (2) Invitation to a Mr Phien to attend a meeting at An Nhiep (4) hamlet BS 935005 on Nov 28, 29, & 30. (3) Report on American troops in Vinh Trung hamlet on 27 Nov 67 states they landed in 6 helicopters and swept the hamlet. But states all cadre escaped while the huts burned. (4) Report on VC victories fm Jan 67 to 15 Nov 67 gives number of Americans killed (claim only 7-8) and 2 helicopters shot down by D500 (probably local force). Also gives names of some cadre and guerrillas killed. (5) Notice fm E-20 Unit (local force) that they will tax everyone who has a voting card (GVN) an amount of 500 to 1000 piasters. (6) Report on PF Forces in "An Dong" area (undetermined) - D500 introduction paper. (7) Commendation paper to a female guerrilla fm Hoai Xuan Village. Rest of documents was propaganda.</p> | JS | DW |
| 93 | 2400 | | Journal closed. | | |
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