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ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INL.
	IN	OUT			
1	0001		Journal Opened.	J S	JC
2	0026		Flare ship on station at B Co The sky spot in effect and first load dropped 834102.	J S BDE	JC
3	0050		Bde received a call from Div request us to release the flare ship if we could not use it. Flare ship could not go in due to heavy weather conditions Arty will furnish illumination Bde will divert the ship.	J S B	JC
4	0100		Sit Rept Neg.	J S BDE	JC
5	0115		A Co coord 886110 received two incoming frag grenades inside perimeter and has 3 MIA by frag grenades from W They will not be medevaced due to bad weather and not serious but will keep under observation.	J S BDE	JC
6	0200		Sit Rept Neg.	J S BDE	JC
7	0300		Sit Rept Neg.	J S BDE	JC
8	0400		Sit Rept Neg.	J S BDE	JC
9	0425		Bde: Intel rept from S2 of the 4th Bn 40 ARVN: Enemy loc: 1 VC plat B5 918095, 1 VC plat B5875095 and 1 NVA Bn BS 860170 All armed w/SA's and AW's Time rept to G2 031600 Rated D-4.	J, S, map.	JF
10	0445		A Co 25 coord 887103 rec some incoming frag		

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grenades and has 2 MIA.

J,S,BDE

JC

11

0515

(Ref 10) A Co 25 at 887103 rec 2 frag grenades

from the area and has 3 US KIA's Reconned area

w/neg assessment.

J,S,BDE

JC

12

0534

B Co 26 vic 838105 spotted 5 indiv moving out

of the area, 20-30 meters W Arty being called

in taken under SA fire now.

J,S,BDE

JC

13

0600

Situation Negative except for B Co 26 still

reconning 838105 w/Arty.

J,S,BDE

JC

14

0601

ARA on station B Co 26 838105.

J,S,BDE

JC

15

0643

B Co 26 at 838105 has 1 KIA and 1 A-47 w/neg

info.

J,S,BDE

JC

16

0645

Requested medevac for A Co 886110 (ref #5)

3 WIA A Co 25 887103 have been extracted by

log bird.

J,S,BDE

JC

17

0655

(Ref #5) A Co CP 886110 rept there were 3

grenades VC type inside perimeter did not go

off. Fnd psn which had been crawled into from

the village to 10-15 feet outside W of perimeter. J,S,BDE

JC

18

0700

C Co 26 off and LZ GERONIMO to coord 839107.

J,S,BDE

JC

19

0707

C Co 26 on gnd 839107 LZ is green.

J,S,BDE

JC

20

0710

B Co coord 831109 found 1 KIA w/neg info.

J,S,BDE

SK

21

0712

1/9 sct tm on station.

J,S

SK

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22	0720		S3 request cancel NPTF for use on snatch w/C Co.	J,S,BDE	SK
23	0727		All OP's and ambushes have returned to their respective perimeters.	J,S,BDE	SK
24	0730		B Co 36 on station at 228 ASHB pad for extraction.	J,S	SK
25	0735		B Co has 1 more VC KIA.	J,S,BDE	SK
26	0737		A Co WIA's Nov roster numbers: 50, 109, 146; KIA's Nov roster numbers: 125, 141, 161.	J,S	SK
27	0740		Se request cancellation of B Co cordon this afternoon due to B Co action and intel rept (appr by Bde).	J,S,BDE	SK
28	0743		1/9 sot tm released from 1/8 AO w/neg findings.	J,S,BDE	SK
29	0807		C Co 16 at 0735 left perimeter at GERONIMO moving N-NE present loc vic 885172.	J,S	SK
30	0840		B Co 36 closed B Co perimeter 827113.	J,S,BDE	SK
31	0845		B Co summary: The first and major VC ele was sighted at 1910 hrs moving W to E the smaller VC (5 indiv) ele was spotted moving E to W at 0500 hrs vic 827113 possibly carrying rice coord 838104 3 NVA KIA were fnd wearing blk pj and some wearing NVA packs and web gear all wore NVA fatigue caps: 1 AA-47 SN#1008125 2 of the packs were filled w/rice 2 other		

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31	(CONT)		NVA KIA were fnd mutilated by arty coord 827113 neg jacks or wps wearing green uniforms.	J,S,BDE	SK
32	0850		A Co coord 886110 5 older females carried 2 VN inside their perimeter 1 male age 20 yrs wearing green wounded in the head, face and shoulder 1 female age 20 wearing blk pj wounded in hand chest and leg Both had good medical treatment w/splints and fresh bandages The older 5 women had fresh clothing for both wounded 1/8 will attempt to extract these 5 women and 2 wounded will be medevaced medevac requested They were possibly wounded by A Co last night.	J,S,BDE	SK
33	0915		B Co 26 coord 827113 fnd numerous fresh ft prints and grass beaten down believed a large group moving E to W.	J,S,BDE	JC
34	0940		The 5 female detainees have been extracted at A Co's loc enroute to ENGLISH medevac of the two wounded was completed at 0915 hrs.	J,S,BDE	SK
35	0950		B Co 16 and 36 are moving from coord 835102 N.	J,S	SK
36	1017		D Co (-) moving from coord 826166 E The 26 ele will remain to accept the POW.	J,S	SK
37	1022		D Co 46 coord 833156 fnd 105mm dud rd nE Will detonate in place.	J,S,BDE	SK

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38	1035		The hook laid on for 1200 hrs for exchange of elements from TOMBOY and GERONIMO has been cancelled.	J, S, BDE	SK		
39	1045		(Ref #34) 2 detainees at A Co loc 886110 female classified IC stated she is a refugee and was working in the field when arty hit because she thought it was due to the US type around The doctor claims the wounds are knife wounds and that she is of age to be a guerrilla and could have been worked over by VC Male claims he was hit by arty and was just a poor unfortunate classified UD at this time.	J, S, S3, A	JC		
40	1050		The PW and interpreter sent from Bde arrived at D Co loc 826166.	J, S, BDE	JC		
41	1107		The 1/9 blues will be inserted into 1/8 AC coord vic BS 913063 will use their own ele as QRF but in the event of a heavy enemy contact 1/8 A Co has been designated as RRF.	J, S, S3	SK		
42	1120		C Co 16 coord 881181.	J, S	SK		
43	1220		A Co rept coord 874116 fnd a dud 105 rd will detonate in place.	J, S, BDE	GG		
44	1225		Readout on document fnd in wallet of KIA coord 838105: They were sent to LPW by B Co at 1030				

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44	(CONT)		2 commendations from 527 unit HQ Co of NVA 22d Regt; Promotion papers of 134 unit - B Co 134 mortar plat promotion of indiv to Sgt Also had ID card.	J,S	AS		
45	1245		B Co 36 coord 837107 fnd in a stream bed pieces of 4 bodies appeared to have been dressed in green khaki uniforms but neg wpn or documents.	J,S,BDE	AS		
46	1305		A Co 35 off PZ 869119 enroute to vic 860117.	J,S,BDE	GG		
47	1339		A Co 35 on LZ 860117 LZ is green.	J,S,BDE	GG		
48	1340		A Co 36 (-) off PZ 869119 enroute vic 860117.	J,S,BDE	GG		
49	1344		A Co 36 (-) on gnd 860117.	J,S,BDE	GG		
50	1350		C Co 26 off gnd 842107 enroute to GERONIMO.	J,S,BDE	GG		
51	1355		C Co 26 on LZ GERONIMO.	J,S,BDE	GG		
52	1356		From Bde: Readout on 5 detainees from A Co 886110; All classified IC They came from the refugee center this morning and fnd 2 VN WIA's and helped nurse them They knew the female WIA but did not know the male They state that 2-3 guerrillas are still alive in lieu An (2).	J,S	GG		
53	1410		1/9 Blues have been extracted from 1/8 AD BS 913063 A Co released from RRF for this now.	J,S	AS		
54	1411		NP have arrived at A Co loc vic coord 860117.	J,S,BDE	AS		
55	1442		B Co rept coord 855084 have 1 male detainee				
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55	(CONT)		age 45 wearing purple shirt and white pants had ID card but was roaming around Will be sent in by log bird.	J,S,BDE	GG
56	1455		Convoy moving from Quin Non to Duc Pho has arrived in 1st Bde AU OP-Plan 30-67 applies.	J,S	AS
57	1510		B Co 36 ready for extraction coord 853092 to return to ENGLISH.	J,S,BDE	GG
58	1550		Delayed Entry Time 1505; B Co 36 fnd at coord 850096 parts of bodies of 2 VC neg wpn or documents Had been hit by arty or ARA.	J,S,BDE	GG
59	1620		NP at A Co 859119 are ready for extraction questioned 12 males, 108 females and have 1 female detainee 13-14 yrs wearing blk pj had 1 inch of documents, searched 40 hootches and 5 holes, 1 fuze bomb. PSN 1375-570-2498 LOT NO 2031.	J,S,BDE	GG
60	1625		Delayed Entry 1600 hrs: The B Co 36 ele was extracted at coord 853092.	J,S,BDE	GG
61	1635		Weather Rept: Typhoon Emma will move into the S China Sea on 07 Nov and will be centered off coast of I and II Corps areas; Cloudy and overcast with heavy rain showers, rain accumulation 4-8 inches possible 15 inches		

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61	(CONT)		Should be out of area by late 08 Nov.	J,S	AS
62	1645		From Bde: AS (BC 05-1) scheduled at BS 823100 will be 3 F-100 aircraft.	J,S	AS
63	1650		NP have been extracted from A Co loc coord 859119.	J,S,BDE	AS
64	1655		A Co 36 moving W at this time.	J,S	AS
65	1736		The APC's are leaving LZ LO BOY and moving to bng sites.	J,S,BDE	GG
66	1754		The APC's are loc at all bng sites.	J,S,BDE	GG
67	1800		All Co's ack BEN CASEY.	J,S	GG
68	1818		Med-Cap tm rept treated 15 females and children at LZ GERONIMO.	J,S	AS
69	1820		B Co has 1 B who will be taken to 15th med by 1/8 CC Man had taken medicine out of a bottle but the bottle contained a different type of medication.	J,S	GG
70	1835		B Co medevac complete.	J,S	AS
71	1836		1/8 S3 repts that at 1900 each evening that the company commanders will rept GOPHER This will be SOP GOPHER rept will bean that each man in each Co has a hole to protect him from direct fire.	J,S,A,B,C,D	GG
72	1840		From Bde 83: The air people request that on		

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the PZ time of a CA (using slicks and hooks)
that the PZ time be when the hooks come in;
then 10 minutes later the slicks will come in on
the PZ This will save wear and tear on the
aircraft.

J,S,S3

GG

73

1845

1/8 S3 approves plan in item #72.

J,S,BDE

GG

74

1858

C Co CO repts FRANKENSTEIN.

J,S

GG

75

1917

Final locations: A Co (-) 855122, 22 UP 855121,
32A UP 855123; B Co (-) 853092, 16A (ambush)
857092, 15 ambush 857094, 30 LZ ENGLISH; C Co (-)
LZ GERONIMO, 36 LZ LO BOY, 16 killer tm moving
in box 8817-8917-8816-8916; D Co (-) 842169,
4 OP's 843169, 842170, 842168, 841169.

J,S,BDE

GG

76

1930

Bde: Spot rept from A Co 1/9 at 1750 hrs coord
913983 spotted 1 male wearing NVA poncho and
carrying a pack evaded into a hedge row They
rec 1 SA rd They engaged resulting 1 NVA KIA;
at 1810 coord 905975 spotted 2 indiv on trail
wearing ponchos, ran into a notch Set tm
rec 2 SA rd and then engaged resulting 1 KIA
and one evaded in bunker; at 1745 coord 896936
they spotted one barrack notch 15x8 ft; at
1930 they spotted 2 cave entrances showing

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76	(CO T)		recent use in last 98 hrs.	J,S	JF
77	1935		B Co rept rec several rds of SA sniper fire from the SW of loc also A Co OP 855123 to N has spotted movement.	J,S,BDE	GG
78	1954		A Co OP has pulled back spotted 10-15 indiv moving W-NE presently putting arty into area.	J,S,BDE	GG
79	1957		situation "negative except for A Co B Co putting arty into their areas.	J,S,BDE	GG
80	2000		A Co 10 ambush is now in psn 845119.	J,S,BDE	GG
81	2005		PDS: A Co 4/115; B Co 3/95; C Co 4/116; D Co 4/103; LMC 11/100.	J,S,BDE	GG
82	2013		A Co rept GOMER.	J,S	GG
83	2015		D Co rept GOMER.	J,S	GG
84	2103		B Co 15A coord 857092 has sprung ambush more info later.	J,S,BDE	GG
85	2119		B Co 15A 857092 est there were not too many have 1 VC KIA and rec neg incoming rds.	J,S,BDE	GG
86	2143		From Lde: The password has been compromised The new one is TRAIN TIME.	J,S	GG
87	2158		Situation "negative; B Co 15A rept 1 VC KIA (confirmed) possibly 2 more 3 VC were coming W to E along trail toward the ambush The ambush let the lead VC get within 10' ft of a MG when		

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87	(CONT)		the ambush was sprung. He went down, then they set off claymores and grenades and SA. A tree was knocked down by claymore and is blocking view. The VC KIA was wearing blk pj and had web gear which contained loose 7/62mm rds.	J,S,BDE	GG
88	2255		Situation Negative.	J,S,BDE	GG
89	2355		Situation Negative.	J,S,BDE	GG
90	2400		Summary of friendly and enemy casualties and prisoners: A Co had 1 VC KIA, 8 detainees classified 2 UD and 6 IC, 3 US MIA and 3 US KIA; B Co had 11 NVA KIA, 1 VC KIA, 1 detainee classified IC.	J,S	DW
91	2400		Journal Closed.	J,S	GG

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