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| ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION S/3 S/2 1st Bn (Abn) 8th Cavalry | LOCATION LZ SANTANA 840117 | PERIOD COVERED | |
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| 1 | | 0001 | JOURNAL OPENED | J, | RA |
| 2 | | 0100 | Sit Rep/Neg | J, S, BDE | RA |
| 3 | | 0200 | Sit Rep/Neg | J, S, BDE | RA |
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| 6 | | 0500 | Sit Rep/Neg | J, S, BDE | RA |
| 7 | | 0600 | Sit Rep/Neg | J, S, BDE | RA |
| 8 | | 0605 | 1 ele D Co off LZ SANTANA at this time. | J, S, BDE | DW |
| 9 | | 0615 | 1 ele C Co off PZ vic 864127 at this time. | J, S, BDE | GM |
| 10 | | 0612 | C Co 1st ele on ground at coords 931041 LZ | | |
| | | | green at this time. | J, S, BDE | JJ |
| 11 | | 0635 | D Co 1st ele on LZ vic 933055 at this time. | J, S, BDE | DW |
| 12 | | 0635 | Sct Tm working w/C Co. | J, S | JJ |
| 13 | | 0636 | Requested Sct Tm cover C Co after 0200 (1/9). | J, S, BDE | JJ |
| 14 | 0640 | | All C Co elements off ground. | J, S, BDE | JJ |
| 15 | 0643 | | D Co PZ clear, D Co off ground, | J, S, BDE | JJ |
| 16 | 0647 | | C Co ele closed w/CP at this time 931041. | J, S, BDE | aJJ |
| 17 | 0650 | | D Co ele closed w/CP at this time 937057. | J, S, BDE | JJ |
| 18 | 0700 | | Bde Sct Tm leaving our AO. | J, S | JJ |
| 19 | 0712 | | A Co ele & tanks moving northwest. | J, S | JJ |
| 20 | 0715 | | 1/9 Sct Tm in our AO at this time. | J, S | JJ |
| 21 | 0730 | | D Co ele received sniper fire from the NW about | | |
| | | | 75 meters away coords 930055. took under fire | | |

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| 21 | (CONF) | | preparing to move in this area firing HE on the sniper working with ARVN's A/C type coming from W also spotted 3 khaki uniform individuals moving from south took under fire, neg assessment at this time. | J,S,BDE | JJ | |
| 22 | 0740 | | A Co at coord 871121 with tanks at this time. | J,S | JJ | |
| 23 | 0745 | | A Co request relocation of people within his area reason in case of contact, he felt it would be to his disadvantage Bn S-3 informed A Co to use dozers and level bunkers within his area but not to relocate his people. | J,S | JJ | |
| 24 | 0755 | | White Tm leaving C Co and going to D Co for recon and screening. | J,S | RD | |
| 25 | 0805 | | A Co has a total of 135 personnel at vic coord 871120 mostly women and children do not request I, W Tm at this time. | J,S,BDE | RA | |
| 26 | 0824 | | A Co at coords 872121 made contact killed 1 VC, 2 EM wounded, A Co surrounded hut and tanks moving in will blow hut. Med-evac requested and granted. | J,S,BDE | JJ | |
| 27 | 0834 | | Refer 26 A Co has one KIA and one W IA at this time (R f item 26). | J,S,BDE | JJ | |
| | | | Med-evac complete at this time. | J,S,BDE | JJ | |

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| 29 | 0855 | | 1/8 gave A Co location to 1/12 Cav (ref contact entry 26). | J,S,1/12 Cav | RA | | |
| 30 | 0900 | | 1/8 request interrogators for A Co who has several civilians. | J,S,BDE | DW | | |
| 31 | 0937 | | 36 ele A COMMO 872122 1 M-16 trigger housing SN 147298 and 1 more VC KIA. | J,S | DW | | |
| 32 | 0951 | | Interrogator and 90mm HE at B Co location 871122. | J,S,BDE | DW | | |
| 33 | 1015 | | A Co has a total of 229 personnel are being interrogated at this time. | J,S,BDE | RA | | |
| 34 | 1020 | | D Co ele locations: 16 & CP coords 926055, 26 923057, 36-926057, 46 926054 at this time. | J,S | JJ | | |
| 35 | 1025 | | A Co found some VC land deeds going in on log ship at this time. | J,S,BDE | JJ | | |
| 36 | 1030 | | Requested from Bde NP to work with A Co should be at A Co location at 1100 hrs. | J,S,A Co | RA | | |
| 37 | 1045 | | D Co found one 105mm booby trap at coords 920062 blasting cap one end, fuse from a smoke grenade, trip wire foot-cut gut. Also in the and a M-16 round primer. supplementary charge from 105 rd dated Jan 67. Also found a 60mm rd evidently a dud US Type. Fastened around all this was a note in MN we requested a EOD Tm | | | | |

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| 37 | (CONT) | | from Bde. | J,S,BDE | JJ |
| 38 | 1057 | | D Co vic 927055 picked up 8 monks (ages 28-40) shove heads etc will evac on log. | J,S,BDE | DW |
| 39 | 1100 | | C Co vic 935045 picked up 5 VCS (3 about 15, 2 about 30 yr old) were in village will evac on log. | J,S,BDE | DW |
| 40 | 1116 | | C Co found a 105 rd booby trap dud, fuse-frag grenade attached to nose pin in fuse with wire connected wire in dry brush pin to a tree. Tripped but failed to explode C Co blew w/claymore coorcs 925050. | J,S,BDE | JJ |
| 41 | 1127 | | A Co found a M-16 trigger assbly serial No 147298 hidden in a hut different from original contact vic coorcs 872122. | J,S,BDE | JJ |
| 42 | 1140 | | A Co requests med-evac for 2 women belly wounds 3 children hand and leg wounds from VC grenade Medeevac granted enroute to 872122 now. | J,S,BDE | JJ |
| 43 | 1150 | | 1/9 Sgt Tm observed 2 groups male individuals (14-15 persons each) vic 862122. Not working just wondering around Sgt Tm requested. | J,S,A Co | DW |
| 44 | 1147 | | Sgt Tm requested is on station at this time | J,S | DW |
| 45 | 1156 | | D Co found another 105 booby trap 25 meters from coord 920062 this is from location of | | |

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| 46 | (CONT) | | 1st booby trap. 105 rd nose buried nose up a nail in fuse well for supplement charge which uses pressure covered with a board. Some paper work checked by interpreter it is a list of 62 names of wounded VC individuals at this time. | J, S, BDE | JJ | | |
| 47 | 1200 | | Bde Sct Tm spotted 10-15 people in Blk, 2 old men, young boy in Blk PJ rest women; also spotted usual number of women and children on bunkers will be checked by A Co. | J, S, BDE | JJ | | |
| 48 | 1201 | | Med-evac for A Co complete. | J, S, BDE | JJ | | |
| 49 | 2105 | | BOF Tm for D Co can called will detonate them- selves. | J, S, BDE | SK | | |
| 50 | 1320 | | A Co found documents in hole where 2 VC were killed earlier this morning the documents indicated they belonged to a NVA officer. | J, S, BDE | RD | | |
| 51 | 1335 | | C Co receiving small arms fire from the south vic 920040 (pinned down). | J, S, BDE | BC | | |
| 52 | 1336 | | A Sct Tm has been requested for C Co. | J, S, BDE | BC | | |
| 53 | 1403 | | A Co has come documents plus two VCD F/M they will be extracted w/the NP extraction requested at this time. | J, S, BDE | BC | | |
| 54 | 1410 | | C Co reports the firing has ceased they are continuing to move. Sct Tm still in area. | J, S, BDE | BC | | |

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| 55 | 1440 | | NP and 2 VCD F/M plus documents have been ex- tracted from A Co enroute to LZ ENGLISH. | J, S, BDE | BC |
| 56 | 1457 | | Snatch Tm (B 36) is on ground vic 881107. | J, S, BDE | DW |
| 57 | 1508 | | Engerref S-7 with A Co are in need of maint- enance a repair crew will arrive at 0620 hrs 22 Aug S-7 would be released by 0900. | J, S, BDE | SK |
| 58 | 1513 | | B Co has alert additional plt for possible use w/snatch tm . | J, S | DW |
| 59 | 1630 | | D Co reports in vic of coorus 92043 findings a estimated 200 spider holes also the area is under mined with caves. Also they found some documents in holes huts and attached to booby traps. | J, S, BDE | BC |
| 60 | 1542 | | A Co 16 ele found another tunnel has solid wall some of ti brick will not be moving for a while. | J, S | DW |
| 61 | 1620 | | A Co 16 ele has found neg findings in the cave the tunnel was destroyed. | J, S | BC |
| 62 | 1635 | | B Co snatch tm has approx 100 det NP are in- terrogating. | J, S, BDE | SK |
| 63 | 1645 | | B Co CO reports having 44 males 147 children and 105 F/M NP still interrogating. | J, S | BC |
| 64 | 1705 | | Ref 5 detainees C Co, 2 GD, Youth group, 2 IU, 1 UD. | J, S | SK |

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| 65 | 1708 | | The 8th Engr ele w/A Co destroyed 71 bunkers. | J,S,BDE | BC | |
| 66 | 1709 | | The 6 monks w/D Co have been extracted also documents. | J,S,BDE | BC | |
| 67 | 1714 | | B Co reports having 35-40 military age males at the snatch tm location. | J,S,BDE | BC | |
| 68 | 1735 | | (Ref documents from D Co all progaganda neg tactical info. (Ref A Co documents neg tactical information. | J,S | BC | |
| 69 | 1746 | | B Co 36 snatch tm requests extraction of NP. They have 8 VCD males 7 VCD F/M and 1 child to go back to Bae. | J,S | BC | |
| 70 | 1748 | | A Co requests med-evac for 1 Vietnamese child w/SA wounds 1 of the parents is returning with the child. | J,S,BDE | BC | |
| 71 | | | (REF ENTRY 67) the 6 monks are classified as IC w/negative tactical information. | J,S | BC | |
| 72 | 1806 | | A Co med-evac complete. | J,S | BC | |
| 73 | 1825 | | Anti-malaria measures have been taken by all elements. | J,S | BC | |
| 74 | 1840 | | Sgt Tm in AO on last light recon. | J,S | BC | |
| 75 | 1841 | | Sgt Tm 1/9 leaving AO w/neg observations. | J,S | BC | |
| 76 | 1842 | | B Co 36 snatch one LZ SANTANA the NP and detainees enroute to LZ ENGLISH. | J,S,BDE | BC | |

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| 77 | 1920 | | D Co received sniper fire and 3 mortar from wood-line to the south, called in artillery and are expending their own organics. | J,S,BDE | SK | | |
| 78 | 1942 | | B Co killer Tm left perimeter (Ba 21). | J,S | SK | | |
| 79 | 1952 | | (Ref 78) D Co sent four men out at 1920 hours to place claymore and trip flares, they received small arms fire from the south. In route to the perimeter they received 4 rifle grenades. Upon closing they returned fire and expended organics in return at 1935 hrs they received sniper fire from the SW and returned fire. Arty came in and no further contact has been made. One man grazed but not seriously by SA. | J,S,BDE | SK | | |
| 80 | 2000 | | A Co ambushes in psn. | J,S | SK | | |
| 81 | 2015 | | D Co received two more rifle grenades. | J,S,BDE | SK | | |
| 82 | 2023 | | A Co EM shot himself in LEG med-evac. | J,S | JS | | |
| 83 | 2035 | | D Co received 3 more rifle grenades and sniper fire from the SW. They have seen 2 men and estimated possible 1-2 squads VC. | J,S,BDE | SK | | |
| 84 | 2041 | | (Ref 83) Med-evac complete. | J,S | SK | | |
| 85 | 2041 | | D Co reports continued sporadic sniper and rifle grenades fire estimated a prox 1 platoon size emergency ammo supply measures being | | | | |

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| 85 | (CONT) | | taken. | J,S,BDE | SK | | |
| 86 | 2059 | | A Co ambush 51 element vic BS 864128. | J,S | SK | | |
| 87 | 2110 | | C Co received 1 grenade within the perimeter move ment outside and engaging at this time with organics and emptying at this t | J,S,BDE | SK | | |
| 88 | 2115 | | D Co emergency ammo resupply complete. | J,S,BDE | SK | | |
| 89 | 2120 | | Air strike in out AO tomorrow location 785099 BC 22-1 time 0730 hrs TOT. | J,S | SK | | |
| 90 | 2130 | | (Ref 89) re-supply complete except 60 HE. 120 HE will be delivered. | J,S | SK | | |
| 91 | 2132 | | Read out: B Co snatch 21 Aug 8 Co (6 hamlet guards 1 youth group, 1 woman group 8 IC. | J,S | SK | | |
| 92 | 2147 | | D Co re-supply completed. | J,S | SK | | |
| 93 | 2155 | | A,C,C Cos situation negative D Co receiving sporadic snipe fire est 2 plat. | J,S,BDE | SK | | |
| 94 | 2220 | | A Co 22 ele spotted 5 VC 3 running to the N 2 running to the south. Co ld not observe details to for away to engage. | J,S,BDE | SK | | |
| 95 | 2222 | | D Co suspects 1 doz KIA and request continuously illumination throughout the night still getting fire. | J,S,BDE | SK | | |
| 96 | 2227 | | B Co spotted 7 VC to the NE of LZ SANTANA and engaged them with their organics and arty. | | | | |

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| 97 | (CONT) | | and they saw three fall. | JS, BDE | SK |
| 98 | 2300 | | Sit Rep/Neg | J, S, BDE | SK |
| 99 | 2330 | | Final locations: A Co BS 866136, B Co LZ SANTANA one ambush in ele BS 827113, C Co BS 917035 D Co BS 922047. | J, S, BDE | SK |
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