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				0001	8 Dec 67	2400	8 Dec 67

ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INL
	IN	OUT			
1	0001		JOURNAL OPENED	JS	JC
2	0030		Bde informs us the 40th Arvn's south of TAM QUAN receiving SA fire @ 895127. Arvn are engaging with Arty	JS, D CO	JC
3	0041		40th ARVN: 8th Bn 22 regt at BS 8209 at 070400hrs to move to BS 8501 to arrive 071830 to move SE to river. LZ English maybe mortared tonight. one NVA loca. @7896 to move south of LZ Willie, Mission to destroy bridges and attack CIDG in Bong Son Phu Co. 1 NVA Co at @ HR 9099-mission to attack camps in Bong Son and Dist. Hqters.	JS	JF
4	0100		SITREP NEG. ALL Co's Authenticated	JS, BDE	JC
5	0120		AS called for TOT 0730 for @ 918075 frm arty channels	JS	JC
6	0200		SITREP NEG.	JS, BDE	JC
7	0300		SITREP NEG.	JS, BDE	JC
8	0400		SITREP NEG.	JS, BDE	JC
9	0450		Bde: at 0400 bridge 72 2/8 received SA&AW fire from west to east at @ 881897. Contact broken 0425 after arty brought in HE & Illumination Est. 1 plt VC, neg assessments neg US casualties	JS	JC
10	0500		SITREP NEG.	JS, BDE	JC
11	0600		SITREP NEG.	JS, BDE	JC
12	0601		Bde: Boundary change for the 3/4 Inf. Div. effective until 072400hrs is ineffective. Boundary change off. 072400 to indefinite time inavailablity of 1st Cav Div is: BS 814220 to 800242 to 755255 to 707277 to 697284 to 680290 to 668310 to 670320 to 748320 to 804278 to 868220	JS	JF
13	0654		Request medevac for B Co @ 895072 wounded in leg by wld rd. not to serious	JS	JC
14	0655		C Co (-) on pad at Bde, LZ English	JS	JC
15	0701		C-26 off LZ English	JS, BDE	JC
16	0712		C-26 on grd @ 895072 LZ Secure	JS, BDE	JC
17	0719		D 1/50 find 2 radios military type, transmitter PRT 4, receiver PRR-9 which are receiving a faint gook signal. Request someone from Bde to come to @895073 to check, (lost by B-26)	JS, BDE	JC
18	0720		C-36 & 46 off LZ English, final lift	JS, BDE	JC
19	0726		C-36 & 46 on grd. @ 895072	JS, BDE	JC
20	0737		C-16 off PZ @ 921189	JS, BDE	JC
21	0739		Medevac completed at this time for B Co	JS, BDE	JC
22	0745		C-16 the final ele. of C Co on the grd @ 895072	JS, BDE	JC
23	0749		1st load of slicks of B Co off PZ @ 895072	JS, BDE	JC
24	0754		B Co's 1st load of slicks on grd at English all of B Co off PZ @ 895072	JS, BDE	JC

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26	0807		B Co complete at LZ English	JS, BDE	JC		
27	0815		1st barrage of arty on target at @ 895072	JS, BDE	JC		
28	0825		CS on the way to @ 895072	JS, BDE	JC		
29	0828		CS on the grd at @ 899072	JS, BDE	JC		
30	0832		2nd barrage of arty on grd 899072, CS drove gooks out of holes	JS	JC		
31	0841		Arty have just killed 15 NVA @ 895073 driven out of holes by CS	JS, BDE	JC		
32	0845		Arty TOT completed at @ 899075 the D 1/50 with flame throwers are pushing east to cover the area, A & C also moved out to the east into the area of contact.	JS, BDE	JC		
33	0855		Delayed entry: one EM has been evacuated off Hwy vic @ 895075, wounded when vehicle ran over a mine enroute to LZ at @ 895075	JS	JC		
34	0900		(Refr #53 7 Dec 1:55) the downed Sot ship is ready for extraction at @ 899079, has been repaired. Bde wants to lift out at first chance by hook	JS	JC		
35	0908		The APC flame thrower is moving to the east to cover area vic @ 899075 (zippe) due to D 1/50 flame throwers running into dense cover	JS, BDE	JC		
36	1000		Bde advised that A 1/9 Co spotted vic 923117 find 6-15 foxholes estimated 24hrs old and currently containing 2 plts of enemy	JS	W		
			Delayed entry: Ref. #33 1/8 S-4 jeep and 1 EM was damage by a command detonated 155mm rd 1/8S-4 find claymore mine wire in hocch in area	JS, BDE	W		
37	1014		SUMMARY: D 1/50 has moved E in front of C Co 1/8 to a point 904073 and then returned to begining point-within next 60 min a TOT and CB gas will be placed in front of 1/8th ele. immediately followed by D 1/50 moving in front of A Co and A & C Co 1/8 will move slowly searching & probing as they move fwd.	JS, BDE	W		
38	1027		D-36 ele has departed LZ Geronimo, will sweep around LZ to the northeast	JS	SK		
39	1028		one white bird was hit by enemy fire, landed at secure LZ at contact area to check for damage	JS, BDE	W		
40	1040		Medevac completed at 895072 for 1/50th, D Co number not known this time believed 2	JS, BDE	JC		
41	1045		Security plt with accompany NPF at 1130 to vic 895075	JS	JC		
42	1107		B 1/50th will move north to join the 1st Bde and will become op-con to Bde later 1/8. We must find a place to logger them.	(can't)			

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42	Con't		Will arrive around 1300 to 1500 hrs	JS, S-4		JC	
43	1132		Hook has just pick up downed H-13 enroute to LZ English, Ref 34 899079	JS, BDE		JC	
44	1142		B 1/50th has departed 2nd Bde AD ETA @ LZ English North by 1230-1245hrs. S-4 will have a guide and logger area arranged	JS, S-4		SK	
45	1206		D 1/50th is complete at front. Arty is fixing to be called in TOT, afterwards D 1/50th will move in with A & C Co to pull detail search	JS		JC	
46	1215		A-5 1/50th will return to LZ Lowboy with 3 tracks (2 damaged tracks to english north)				
			A-36 1/50th will return to English w/2 tracks (2 damaged tracks will head to English North)	JS		W	
47	1227		From Bde- B 2/8 picked up 1 Det., on morning of 7 Dec- says he saw 100 NVA digging in on west of village BS 920073, All had rifles and large roll off commo wire	JS		AS	
48	1235		CS is going in at this time, on contact area. It will be followed by a Arty TOT & then the elements of 1/50th, A & C Co will start moving into the area to the east, policing up the battle area	JS		GG	
49	1245		A 1/50th is returning to LZ Lowboy w/4 operational tracks, his 36 is returning to LZ English w/3 operational tracks. the 2 tracks which are demolished are being towed into English by ASC.	JS, BDE		GG	
50	1252		1/8 S-3 request medevac for US WIA's hit by short rds of arty	JS, BDE		GG	
51	1255		The APC's & A & C Co's are moving through the contact area vic 895073	JS, BDE		AS	
52	1313		BDE S-2 has arrived at loc 895073 with IPW Tn	JS, BDE		AS	
53	1335		A 1/50th is located at LZ Lowboy	JS, BDE		GG	
54	1342		Bde 2 rpts that 2 informers (very reliable) 1 battalion passed through area last night to re-enforce the contact area, when Bn passed through area they placed the booby trap & others in area. 1 Bn still remains to the west on a N-S line along the streamlines & trenchlines	JS, S-3		EE	
55	1356		D Co rpts at loc. 872183 have 3 male Det. ages 17, 18 & 35 wearing blk PJ's also fnd 1 VC pistol belt w/3 M-26 grenades, 3 pr glasses and a few documents, all of these items &				
56	1405		indv's were in a hootch C Co is receiving some sniper fire frm loc. 910070, they are presently putting arty into	JS, BDE		GG	
57	1440		1/8 S-3 rpts C Co has fnd 12 rds 60mm Chicom	area JS, BDE (con't)		GG	

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57	con't		Mortar rds. also 8 in. of documents have been sent into Comet	JS, BDE	GG
58	1445		A Go-Go gun ship made a firing pass over C Co loc. in area of contact, wounding 12- <del>10</del> US & 1 KIA maybe more	JS, BDE	AS
59	1515		Medevac has lifted 5 of the WIA's in item 58	JS	GG
60	1516		Time 1406- The elements have started moving to the north & sweeping in that direction	JS, BDE	GG
61	1525		D-36 has closed LZ Geronimo- they have 3 Det. plus 1 f/m whose child has WP wounds- will be sent in on log bird	JS, BDE	AS
62	1550		4 Det. are being sent in, they were policed up in the area of contact	JS, BDE	GG
63	1618		The IPW & Bde 2 & Dets. are off grd enroute to LZ English	JS, BDE	GG
64	1630		All of A & C(-) have pulled back to the new LZ location	JS, BDE	GG
65	1735		All of the APC's A & C Co are at the new LZ loc 898073 A Co at 899076, C Co at 899073, D 1/50th at 896073	JS, BDE	GG
66	1736		1/8 S-3 advises the limit of advance was to a loc. 906073, they searched this & cleared this area. They search to the East to a loc. 905073 The bridge is in & is being improved	JS, BDE	GG
67	1800		1/8 S-3 rpts today that A Co is credited w/ 6 NVA KIA's, D Co 1/50th with 6 NVA KIA's,	JS, BDE	GG
68	1805		C Co with 6 NVA KIA's & 23 NVA KIA's to arty Medevac has been call for SP-5 Nixon HHC 1/8 Mess hall tent pole fell & hit EM over eye, will require stitches	JS, BDE	GG
69	1820		Medevac is complete at this time	JS, BDE	GG
70	1830		PDS A 63 EM, 5 Off, B 90 EM, 4 Off, C 89 EM, 5 Off, D 104 EM, 6 Off. HHC 114 EM, 12 Off	JS, BDE	GG
71	1900		D Co 1/8 spotted 6 Indv. moving south down a trail at loc 864177. spotted Indv. fromm LZ Geronimo, believed Indv. to have packs calling in arty at this time w/ neg assignments	JS, BDE	GG
72	1935		A at 899076, B at LZ English, C at 899073, D(-) LZ Geronimo, 26 at LZ Lowboy, KT box 8717-8718-8917-8918. A 1/50 at LZ Lowboy	JS, BDE	GG
73	1937		D 1/50 at 896073 Today A Co fnd 2 weapons, 1 Chicom machine gun & 1 SKS, the C Co fnd 12 rds Chicom 82mm mortar ammo, 1 SKS	JS, BDE	GG
74	2035		Readout on Doct. capt. by 8th Eng. (1) Unit designation 7650-91530IB-C132-91547IB & 1780	(con't)	

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74	con't		(2) personal history (3) political history (4) prescriptions (5) English lessons (6) medical inoculation roster for unit G132 & miss. docts & handbooks dated 1966. Docts. by A Co 8 Dec (1) infiltration documents D514H (2) personal history of individual (3) Source was previously in Infantry Recon 1 Eng. as of last entry 1967 source was in signal unit, Diary states unit left unknown loc. 1 Dec 67 to head for HOAI NHON plains to take part in revolution. On 5 Dec they attacked TAM QUAM (4) Letter box number 210526M, -BT 21700GH (5) Weapons roster of unit including 3,000 meters of commo wire & armed w/ AK47's, CKCS, (6) a key for either a code system or map (7) route of infiltration to SUN. READOUT on Det frm D Co 2-IC w/neg info., 1-PW, hamlet guerrilla, says 4 guerrillas w/grenades left in hamlet PHU-NONG 869183. there are 12 village guerrillas in area 858177, they are armed with 1 AK47, 3 CKC, 3 thompsons, 3 carbines, 1 M-79. Indv. is willing to lead US troops frm either grnd or air. Says there are no NVA in area but he heard frm hamlet chief of their campaign east of hwy 1, 12 days ago. He states all cadre have been killed or captured and the hamlet chief was killed last week		
75	2106		PO Change eff. immediately GRACE-7007, HAIR-7017, HAYE-7027, CAPE-8007, VAMP-8017, HIM-8027, BECK-9007, CHILD-9017, GARRY-9027, PELT-7097, CHAIN-7097, WARE-8097, BE-8097, faint-9087, TAR-9097.	JS, D Co	GG
76	2155		SITREP NRG	JS, ALL COS-4	GG
77	2215		READOUT on equipment & munitions also SN of captured weapons, 1-SKS-7060482, 1-SKS-10139775, 1-SKS-10087582, 1-SKS-10089000, 1-IMG EKG-218822 1-B-40 RL-902430, 1-M-1 carbine 3158768, 1-AK47 9474389, 1-AK47-9003316. Ammo 12 rds 82mm mortar. 21 Chicom grenades (asst, sizes) 5 fuzes (PD type) for 82mm. Equipment 1-booby trap kit, 3 rolls rubber lace, 53 shirts, 44 pants, 8 shorts, 19 food containers, 3 cooking pans, 8 canteens, 5 gas masks, 19 rucksacks, 10 hammocks, 15lbs rice (not destroyed)	JS, BDE	GG
78	2235		D Co & KT has returned w/neg findings	JS, BDE	GG
			SITREP NEG	JS, BDE	GG

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80	2335		Rept from Bde on POW by 40th Arvn. Indv. was plat. sgt, of 1st plat. 1st Co 8th Bn at loc 910050. Bn strenght is around 213 men their mission is to support the 7th Bn & to attack reinforcements, If success will attack TAM QUAM second time. Future operations is to attack vehicles on Hwy 1. 9 Dec in case of defeat will retreat to west of Hwy 1 to LUANG THO. Bn rally point is BINH HOA in AN LOA valley. Morale is low because of rough going				JS	GG
81	2355		SITREP NEG.				JS, BDE	GG
82	2400		RESULTS: A had 6 NVA KIA's, 2 ind. wpns, and 25 US WIA's (10 was medevaced). B had 1 US WIA C had 6 NVA KIA's, 1 ind wpn, and 17 US WIA's & 1 US KIA. d had 1 VC POW. A 2/19 had 23 NVA KIA's. D 1/50th had 6 NVA KIA's TOTAL					
83	2400		41 NVA KIA's, 1 VC POW, 3 ind wpns JOURNAL CLOSED				JS JS	JF SK

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