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1.	0001		Bn NCS? JOURNAL OPENED	JS	MD
2.	0545		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: YU154121 19th P.F. plb took 16 rounds of 60mm mortar with negative casualties and unknew 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 log pad NLT 0700 1 Sep.	JS	DQ
8.	1005		Rash 27(FAC)/Bn NCS: to work with A Co on their		

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8.	1005		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 Opcon A Co	JS	DB
10	1115		Timber 29(1/9Gav 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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<u>13.</u>	<u>1222</u>		<u>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</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>DW</u>
<u>14.</u>	<u>1305</u>		<u>Rash 21 (FAC)/Bn NCS: to come up with ARA and napalm for A Co and employee his organics. Broke station 1445 hrs.</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>DB</u>
<u>15.</u>	<u>1325</u>		<u>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</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>JD</u>
<u>16.</u>	<u>1336</u>		<u>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.</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>JD</u>
<u>17</u>	<u>1400</u>		<u>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</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>JS</u>
<u>18.</u>	<u>1415</u>		<u>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</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>JD</u>
<u>19.</u>	<u>1418</u>		<u>Bde S-2/Bn S-3 Air: Message from Bde CO: The way to certify success is to present evidence</u>		

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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 log 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 KIA 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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<u>23.</u>	<u>1550</u>		<u>Bn S-3/Dn 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</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>PD</u>
<u>24.</u>	<u>1555</u>		<u>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 Phouc Vinh-airstrike doubtful /we have an unlimited ceiling in target area and looks as if weather will hold</u>	<u>JS&</u>	<u>JD</u>
<u>25</u>	<u>1627</u>		<u>Rash 23(FAC)/Dn 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</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>PD</u>
<u>26.</u>	<u>1800</u>		<u>All Units/Dn NCS: Night Locations: A Co-YU226371, B Co-Betty, C CO-231372, D Co-YU238358 E(-)-Betty Rcn-Opcon 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</u>		

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26.	1800		Continuation from page 5: Depts: 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 NCS/Bde NCS: Mortar Sitrep Line 1-E-296/100 Line 1-G-47, Line 2-E-02, Line 2-G-04	JS	JD
28	1810		All Units/Bn NCS: 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 Commo 0 Off, 5NCO, 14EM Pathfinders 0 Off, 0NCO, 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-3 Air: 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 Buttens MLT 0700. Contact Reform 15M (comm 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 card. 1 UH1H for log acft. Report to FSB Buttens MLT 0700. Contact Reform 15M (comm Rear) on		

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<u>30.</u>	<u>1830</u>		<u>Continuation from page 6: 38.65. Pick up sortie for FSB Betty. Contact Reform 42 (TOG RTO) on 54.10. Request acft have protective mask for crew and external cargo hook. Log for 1 Sep</u> <u>A Co 08 sorties no set time</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>JD</u>
<u>31.</u>	<u>1845</u>		<u>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</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>PD</u>
<u>32.</u>	<u>2007</u>		<u>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</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>JD</u>
<u>33.</u>	<u>2007</u>		<u>Bde S-2/Bn NCS; sensor people dropped 13 or 14 sensors in 1/8 Cav AO today</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>JD</u>
<u>34.</u>	<u>(Late Entry) 1950</u>		<u>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</u>		

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34	1950		Continuation from page 7: C Co-Conduct GR to the North. 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. Recon Open to B Co for Base Defense FSB Betty. Snipers: 03 02 Base Defense FSB Betty, 01-C Co	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 RTO) 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	JS
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 boundaries 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 sortie 1125, last sortie at 1500, Time in PZ start 1100 end 1515 no. sorties 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	JS	MD
42.	2330		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: Effective immediately FSB operations		

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42.	2330		Continuation from page 9 : on the frequencies indicated: Lee at YT564738 on 59.80, FSB SUN YT936211 on 38.35, FSB Gain ZT100190 on 37.45 FSB Logger YT771594 on 49.25, FSB DeebleYT994263 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 acct recieved ground to air fire in vicinity YU238397 15 to 20 rounds AK-47 with negative damage	JS	MD
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			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.					
			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 Laisen 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 Laisen 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 Dep and Ba Due 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 shagging its replacement activities with the view of suppling them south along the Adams trail during the period of		

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<u>47.</u>	<u>1000</u>		Continuation from page 11: intensified activity. The replacement group has a combat capability and can be expected to defend themselves with vigor. Aene possibility net 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 er 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 03 cache complexes NW of FSB Me ,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 compnay size enemy forces and both cases, enemy was aggressive. 2) 86th Rear Service Group , elements of the 86th RSG are net 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 involed elements of the 86th RSG to		

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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

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48.

Late entry

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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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48. 1000 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. JS DQ

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