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1st Bn 14th Inf	LZ Chara Maine			
3rd Bde 4th Inf Div	YA 999219	TO	FROM	
		0001 3 Jan 69	2400 3 Jan 69	

- (1) 0001 (U) Journal Opened S RM
- (2) 0920 (U) To NCS from Jump CP ^{Guob} We just received C & C bird to start moving sandbags to the two villages. We will try to evacuate this afternoon. It is doubtful that the 2 ARVN companies will move to the next two villages. S SL
- (3) 0930 (U) To Bn from Bde People from our element that are going to the rock quarry will marry up with the A Co element of the 1/69. 1/69 will take care of them from there with food and supplies etc. S SL
- (4) 0934 (U) To NCS from A Co Bushmaster #26 has returned to this location. Bde SL
- (5) 1055 (U) To Bn from Bde CO Have one platoon from B Co prepare immediately to go to Vic ZA 030227 to dig up the 20 graves and check the bodies of the dead to determine the cause of death. For example; schrapnel, small arms, or natural causes, and secure any other information they can from examination of the bodies. An MI team will accompany designated platoon to the grave site. The MI team will be at LZ Chara Maine at 200 today. Also recommend the Battalion Surgeon or medical representative go and examine the bodies. The Brigade Commander desires a full report on the findings. S MK
- (6) 1120 (U) To Bn from Bde A hook will be at LZ Laure to pick recon element and take them to the Rock Quarry. S MK
- (7) 1136 (U) To Bn from Jump CP The ARVNs found 1 bundle of commo wire, 1 bundle of claymore wire, 2 30 cal commo cans filled with salt and 1 parachute covered with blood, 4 bunkers, 1 fatigue jacket, VC and 1 fatigue jacket US. Sent to Bde at 1140. Bde MK
- (8) 1155 (U) To Bn from Jump CP Shrimboat 91, while bringing our 3rd platoon of B Company into LZ at 038218, received fire from a position 300 meters at a 255 azimuth. There are casualties on the bird, he abandoned the mission and departed for the medivac pad at the Oasis. Bde MK
- (9) 1209 (U) To Bn from Jump CP DIWEE does not plan to sweep, gunships are in route. They may conduct a sweep after the gunships are expended. S MK
- (10) 1225 (U) To Bn S-3 from Bde S-3 You will put an element, 80 size, into that area. 0.18 ft snips will be supplied. We will be in complete control. two platoons later. S MK

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11	1423	(U) To Bn from A Co All old SRPs have returned to this location and all new SRPs have departed to new location.	Bde		GP
12	1500	(U) To Bn from Bn 1st PZ time 1320, 1st LZ time 1331 final PZ time 1357 last LZ time 1406.	Bde		AJZ
13	1415	(U) To Bn from B-3 Air Dustoff requested for a man who received slight shrapnel wounds in the back. Complete 1407.	Bde		AJZ
14	1510	(U) To Bde from Bn Recon element proposed LZ 043418 Recon element proposed ambush location 058394.	Bde		AJZ
15	1515	(U) To NCS from B Co Reports finding tunnels at 830219 We are in the process of checking them out at this time.	Bde		AJZ
16	1620	(U) To Bde from Bn Proposed SRP locations: A Company 004112, 057101, 074097, 096094, 105094, B Company 997224, 978237, 971222, 975213, 972200, C Company 992147, 022140, 012138, 025135, 036133 D Company 969185, 964178, 983138.	Bde		AJZ
17	1647	(U) To Bde from Bn A Company 1st PZ 1648 final LZ 1705 C Company 1st PZ 1700. final LZ at 1713 PZ location 033215.	Bde		GP
18	1710	(U) To Bde from Bn The Recon element bushmaster; 1st PZ 1st LZ 1829 final LZ 1845.	Bde		GP
19	1855	(U) To NCS from D Co SRP #8 reports seeing 3 personal with steel pl ^{pl} with no scarfs and dr ^{dr} packs with weapons, on azimuth 220 degrees from 982173, about 300 meters away. At this time they do not have them in sight but they also have movement in that direction. quite a few ^{few} more than 3 people would make. The Bn CO says there are ^{are} no little people in that area. At 1950 movement ceased.	Bde		GP
20	1905	(U) To Bde from Bn ^{Sub B-3} Division LRRP #20 is on my push as he can't reach anyone on his push. We will relay anything he has.	Bde		GP
21	1915	(U) To NCS from C Co Confirmed SRP locations: #10 002140, #11 002140 #12 013137 #13 022137 #14 034139.	Bde		GP
22	1940	(U) To NCS from A Co Confirmed SRP locations: #15 069122 #16 063108 #17 073099 #18 087122 #19 090120.	Bde		GP
23	1945	(U) To NCS from B Co SRP locations: #1 978224 #2 977236 #3 971221 #4 975212 #5 792200 Ambush: 000212.	Bde		GP
24	1945	(U) To NCS from Jump GP 1st Co HL ^{HL} 054221 The 3rd element was inroute to village and made contact on northern edge of village at 055198. Enemy size force 10 to 15 men with small arms fire. The ARVNs are employing 155s	Bde		GP

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24	1945	(U) To NCS from Jump CP Con't: They have 1 WIA, a neck wound. dust off requested, there is a secure LZ. They did receive fire from the village, broke contact and moved South. 3rd element is in village and they received small arms and M-79 fire.			Bde GP
25	2000	(U) To NCS from D Co Confirmed SRP locations: #6 968184 #7 966178 #8 967167 #9 968159.			Bde SL
26	2140	(U) To Bn from Bde 65 The following message relayed from the Commanding General 4th Infantry Division for immediate attention of subordinate commanders: Another fatal vehicle accident within the last 24 hours, which involved the use of a Government vehicle without proper authority. Commanders will take positive action to curtail such accidents or they will be replaced by someone who can. Additionally the Commanding General again voiced his dissatisfaction with haircuts, shaves, wearing of uniforms and personal cleanliness. It is subordinate commanders in the 3rd Brigade areas require positive corrective measures. Routine emphasis will not suffice in all these areas. None better than the 3rd Brigade.... Lets prove it again.			S SL
27	2238	To Bde from Bn Regained commo with Recon ambush.			Bde SL
28	2348	(U) To NCS from Recon Element Night Locations 055392.			Bde SL
29	1100	(U) To NCS from Jump CP CP at LZ Puaa 1st Ambush 084220 1st Co CP 052220 1st Co CP 055197 2nd ambush 081227 3rd 073217 4th 074225 1st Co CP; 1st Amb 055220 2nd ambush 050224 3rd Co CP 1st ambush 053201 2nd ambush 055194 3rd ambush 058199.			Bde SL
30	0755	(U) To Bde from Bn All units report 100% Malaria roster signed with shirts on and all sleeves rolled down: A,B,C, D,E, MORTARS, COMMO, TOC, RECON, 106 RR, OASIS AND DUC CO REAR.			Bde SL
31	2000	(U) To Bde from Bn: Night locations for elements of 1/14 Infantry; A Co at LZ Isabelle, B Co at LZ Chara Maine, C Co at LZ Bridgit, D Co at LZ Laure with 1st plt OP/CON 3rd Bde, 4.2 has 2 tubes at LZ Laura, one tube LZ Isabelle and one tube back in Plei Ku, 106 has one gun at LZ Chara Maine and one gun LZ Bridgit,			Bde SL

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	KIA	KIA(EST)	CIA	WPNS
Enemy Casualties (C)	0	0	0	0
Enemy Casualties (C)	528	152	58	99
Cumulative				
	KIA	WIA	MIA	
US Casualties (C)	0	0	0	
US Casualties (C)	68	289	0	
Cumulative				

3 January Summary

(C) The Golden Dragons continue to provide security for present mission of village relocation. SRP operations continue throughout assigned areas of operation. Ambush operations continue. Element from A Company conducted a combat assault.

(C) Plans: Present mission will continue. SRP and ambush operations will continue.

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