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DAILY STAFF JOURNAL OR DUTY OFFICER'S LOG

1st Bn 14th Inf LZ Tommie

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div TO 0001 9 Feb 69 2400 FROM 9 Feb 69

- 1 0001 (U) Journal Opened RM
- 2 0030 (U) To Bn S-2 from Bde S-2 Major element in the Chu Pa area, namely the 24th Regimental Headquarters, they have withdrawn to the SW to vicinity YA 8264, 8263. There are still indications of elements in the area of the Chu Pa. Stay behind or diversion elements which intend on holding or guarding the cave complex. It is probably 2 companies plus. It is believed that the mortar attacks above the 1/12 and 1/14 locations along the river provide for cover for the enemy to move west and southwest. The total casualties reported was over 400. It is believed the biggest part of the Battalion were killed. To the north elements of the 66th Regiment if not the entire element. Contact at YA 985773 produced 1 POW from the 2nd company, 4th Battalion 66th Regiment. Indications were that they were moving towards Kontum, However they met heavy resistance by the river that ran north to south. The 3/12 and the 2/8 were positioned there. S JC
- 3 0130 (U) To Bn CO from Bde CO You will submit the names of 5 EM to be nominated for ARVN awards for their part in Operation Sledgehammer. Data to be sent to this Hq NLF 1500 hours on 9 Feb 69. The report will state the names, rank, SN and SSN, Unit and date of action with 2 or 3 sentences describing the action. S MK
- 4 0400 (U) To Bn from Bde SRP #2 of your element will have to move further north as the 1/12 will employ red leg and an air strike in that area at 0900 hours. You will have the locations of the air strike by 0500 hours. The SRP will be out of the area by 0900. Alerted to move SRP at first light. S JC
- 5 0500 (U) To Bn from Bde Changes in affect at 0600 hours: The 3rd Bde Intel (C) 59.25 (C) Gateway Sword. The 1/12 B Company (C) 66.15 (C) Worthy Swamp. S GC
- 6 0729 (U) To NCS from A Co All of A Companies SRPs and bushmaster have departed their VL to A Companies location. S JC
- 7 0730 (U) To Bn from Bde A/S in the 1/12 A/D at 0830 at 907675. S JC
- 8 0745 (U) To NCS from B Co We are moving down the Chu Pa at this time. Bde JC
- 9 0755 (U) To NCS from A Co All SRPs and Bushmaster have closed. Bde JC

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10	0800	(U)	To NCS from the FO with the ARVNs Grid square where the CSF will be working and proposed NL at 975705 Grid Sq 9770.	S	JC
11	0900	(U)	To NCS from C Co We have departed from our NL at this time.	S	JC
12	0910	(U)	To NCS from A Co Proposed locations for SRPs #1 897695, # 2 905693. Bushmasters #1 895689, #2 908687.	S	JC
13	0920	(U)	To Bn S-2 from Bde S-2 Winds from the NE at 5 to 10 Knots 1000 hours, then changing to East and later going back to NE.	S	JC
14	0930	(U)	To NCS from B Co We are in contact at this time with automatic weapons fire. We took 1 KIA and 2 WIA.	S	JC
15	1000	(U)	To Bn from the FO with the CSF NL 974706 with bushmasters at 973714, 976705 and 975699.	S	JC
16	1030	(U)	To Bde from Bn Current locations; C Co 940686, B Co 939699.	Bde	JC
17	1213	(U)	To Bn S-3 from Bde S-2 IR: YA 902771 at a radius of 1,500 late on 8 Feb. Grid 826652 at a radius of 750 meters larly 9 Feb.	S	JC
18	1220	(U)	To NCS from A Co Our bushmaster has departed this location.	S	JC
19	1300	(U)	To NCS from C Co Current location at 944686 holding in place.	S	JC
20	1349	(U)	To NCS from A Co Reports small arms and mortars rounds started when the R/S bird landed.	S	JC
21	1355	(U)	To NCS from C Co Report an suspected enemy location an possibly 51 Cal position.	S	JC
22	1400	(U)	To Bn S-3 from Bde S-3 There is an air moble demonstration on the flex pad at the Oasis from 100 hours to 1400 hours on 10 Feb. You will send 10 people to each demonstration and insure the BN CO, BN S-3, the CO or XO of each company and a representative of each platoon are present at 1 of the 2 demonstrations. You will move personnel with the aircraft allocated to your battalion. The demonstration will last 1 hour.	S	JC
23	1500	(U)	To Bn CO from Bde CO Keep reports comeing in on the B Comp-any. Use C/S, red leg and Napom on the contact area before moving back in. Reply: The red leg reports they have negative C/S in the whole A/O. Napom was employed during the air strike.	S	JC
24	1510	(U)	To Bn from A Co Dustoff is coming in on A Companies location Dustoff has gun ships along. We are going to work the guns on the estimated tube location prior to the landing of the dustoff. One man to be dusted off due to mortar incomeing directed at the RS bird. The man was hit in the back and leg with schrapnel.	S	JC

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25	1530	(U) To Bn from A Co	The gunships accompanying the dustoff were requested to work out on grid 907684 to the north of the blue line. They shot south of the blue line coming close to C 1/12 and cease fire was given. The call sign of the gunships was Vended 2.	S	MK
26	1550	(U) To Bde from Bn	CS was employed approx 1535 200 meters to the Bde west of B Companies location.		MK
27	1555	(U) To Bde from Bn	Current status of B Co They are awaiting end of the artillery strike on the location of the CS drop. They will sweep the contact area. Reference to 5 KIA they have 2 with the element and 3 still in the contact area and will be recovered in the sweep.		MK
28	1612	(U) To Bn S-3 from Bde S-3	Suggest that if contact persist, to employ CS from 105 artillery. Reply: We have negative C/S, they were expended this morning for the Delta element.	S	MK
29	1616	(U) To Bn from Bde	Dustoff for the A Company is complete at 1611.	S	MK
30	1643	(U) To Bn from A Co	In the area of fires caused by the gunships there have been 5 secondary explosions. Approx 500 to 600 meters to the SE of our location.	S	MK
31	1830	(U) To Bn from B Co	Dust off of the 4 WIA from my element complete.	S	MK
32	1930	(U) To NCS from A Co	Current location is at LZ Shannon.	Bde	JC
33	1950	(U) To Bde S-3 from Bn S-3	Due to tactical situation for the designated Bn CO and S-3 and Co CO to attend the air mobile demonstration. The Bn S-3 Air will attend along with representatives of the companies.	Bde	JC
34	2055	(U) To Bde S-3 from Bn S-3	Request for an air strike on grid YA 938678, time 0930, fac on station at 0900, contact me on (C) 59.10 (C), for confirmed enemy location and prep for a ground attack. Closest friendlies at 300 meters. Ordnance Napom, M-17, M-82.	Bde	JC
35	2110	(U) To 3/12 from 1/14	Our 3rd platoon of C Company location will remain the same as last night.	S	JC
36	2120	(U) To Bde from Bn	Request C/S drop NLT 0900 on the same grid as the A/S as a prep for ground attack.	Bde	JC
37	2235	(U) To Bn from Bde	The air mobile demonstration has been cancelled. You will be notified when it will be rescheduled.	S	JC

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- 38 2240 (U) To NCS from S-4 Rounds drawn ending this period. 40 MM S JC
canister - 652, 40MM HE - 1256, 81MM HE - 251, 4.2MM HE - 200,
for up coming period, 81MM HE - 200 rounds.
- 39 2300 (U) To Bn from FO with CSF Proposed NL 974706, ambushed 973714 S JC
976705, 975699.
- 40 0755 (U) To Bde from Bn All elements report 100% Malaria roster sign- Bde JC
ed with shirts on and sleeves rolled down: A,B,C,D,E, MORTARS,
TOC, COMMO, RECON, 106RR AND THE OASIS.
- 41 2000 (U) To Bde from Bn Closing locations for elements of the 1/14 Bde JC
Infantry: A Company is at LZ Shannon, B Company is at 939679,
C Company is at 942686, D Company is at 955673, Recon is at LZ
Tommie, 4.2 Mortars hav 3 tubes at LZ Tommie, 106RR have both
guns at the Oasis. 1/12 locations, CP at 912649, 916663, 904677,
924667, 955661.

		KIA	KIA(EST)	CIA	WPNS
Enemy Casualties	(C)	4	0	0	0
Enemy Casualties	(C)	556	152	58	99
Cumulative					
		KIA	MIA	WIA	
US Casualties	(C)	3	0	6	
US Casualties	(C)	75	0	310	
Cumulative					

9 February 1969 Summary

(C) The Golden Dragons began a search and clear operation in the Chu Pa area. Company B received heavy automatic weapons fire and rocket gun fire resulting in friendly casualties of 3 KIA and 6 WIA. Company B confirmed 4 enemy KIA.

(C) Plans: The search and clear operation will continue.

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