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1st Bn 14th Inf
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LOCATION

LZ St. George

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20 Sept 69

2400

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INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

ACTION TAKEN

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(U) Journal opened.

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2 0030 0031

(U) To Bde from Bn. A. Type of operation—area Bde saturation ambushes. B. Preparation—Classes were held for Recon platoon in techniques of night movement; subjects, moving during the hours of darkness, actions under flares, and crossing danger areas. After instruction, half of the platoon conducted training exercise during the hours of darkness in gen vic of FB St. George. The following night the remainder of element conducted exercise. C. Execution—Recon platoon was given missions of intelligence gathering during the daylight hours and area saturation ambushes during the hours of darkness. Concept being Recon likely sites during the daylight hours with 1500 to 2000 meters of each other then return to sites at night setting up at each site for two or three hours, then moving on. Two such missions were run by Recon in the Flei Do Lim area 2-5 Sept and in the northwest portion of Bn AO 12-15 Sept. On 15 and 16 Sept D Company conducted two area saturation ambushes during the hours of darkness along known infiltration routes gen vic St. George. AO was considerably smaller due to lack of training of members of ambush patrol. An AO of 500 to 1000 meters wide and click in length with three sites selected. Reinforced squad SP from St. George early enough to recon sites during daylight hours, double back during the hours of darkness for execution. D. Results—no contacts or sightings were reported on any of the three operations. E. Lessons Learned—More training is necessary during the end of the month when the moon is out and can illuminate the terrain for better results from the starlight scopes and give the individual soldier a little comfort from the fear of darkness. Same is true for actual conduct of operations that more emphasis must be put on instilling confidence in the individual soldier for conducting night operations and use of compass and point man while moving.

JRF

3 0210 0211

(U) To Bde from Bn. Plans summary for 21 Sept Bde to 05 Oct sent to Bde also sent intelligence summary.

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4 0240 0241

(U) To NCS from A Company. Engineers spotted Bde light to southwest 800 meters moving toward FB. Employing light organics HE, negative observations. Will sweep in the morning.

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5	0435	0436	(U) To Bn from Bde. Snoopy Box priority 7 in S in AO 9815, 9522, 9813, 9513, 0218, 0222. Negative clearance. Snoopy Box priority 9 in AO 9609, 9807, 0115, 0313. Cleared. Snoopy Box priority 8 in AO 2008, 2004, 7708, 7704. Cleared by S-3.		JRF	
6	0725	0726	(U) To Bde from Bn. Mine sweep to south at this time.	SP Bde	JRF	
7	0815	0816	(U) To Bde from Bn. D Company LPs closed, B Company SRPs and bushmasters closed, Recon bushmaster closed, C Company SRPs closed.	Bde	JRF	
8	0955	0956	(U) To Bde from Bn. A Company 1st platoon NL at 0830 hours and swept FB Meledy again and found one claymore bag with plastic bag inside, bag contained Mentagnard blanket also found 2 clean dressings not US type.	SP Bde	SC	
9	0956	0957	(U) To Bde from Bn. At 0900 hours D Company reported to NCS he had a detainee wearing loin cloth and some type of medic shirt on. Picked up at grid 058184 outside hooch which was camouflaged. This hooch was in position in view of everything going on.	Bde	SC	
10	1000	1001	(U) To Bde from Bn. Recon has SP NL at this time.	Bde	SC	
11	1056	1057	(U) To Bde from Bn. Chaplin Services- services for 14-20 Sept, Protestant 6 services with 131 attendance. Artillery services, one Catholic with 17 attendance.	Bde	SC	
12	1120	1121	(U) To Bde from Bn. Crossbow from 21 to 27 Sep for RIF by D Company 1/14 in AO 2029-7929-8028-8024-8322-2023-2421.	Bde	SC	
13	1220	1221	(U) To Bde from Bn. At 1210 hours D Company at grid 058184 found three pairs khaki pants, 1 khaki shirt, sewing kit, 1 medicine bottle, 1 claymore with firing device US, piece of flak jacket, 1 4 lb block of C-4, 1 VC hammock, 3 81mm ammo boxes, empty in the same place they get detainee.	Bde	SC	
14	1320	1321	(U) To Bde from Bn. At 1240 hours at grid 082170 1st platoon D Company found 1 VC lighter with initials HBB, 5 fatigue pants, 5 fatigue shirts, 1 field jacket, 2 NVA ponchos, 1 roll trip wire, 2 rolls comme wire, 35 ft heavy duty electrical wire, (cont'd)	Bde	SC	
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14	1320	1321	(U) To Bde from Bn. (cont'd) 1 claymore bag Bde new, 5 lbs of polished rice, 1 lb salt, 5,000 punji stakes.					SC	
15	1330	1331	(U) To Bn from Bde. Bde OIC TOC informs us to S hang loose on Crossbow for D Company. Visit from CG indicates D Company will be extended in their box and extended out to the west. Further details later.					SC	
16	1410	1411	(U) To Bn from Bde. Crossbow AF from 210800 to S 251800, clearing - K 75 infantry rangers- AF. Primary- AR9521-9721-9719-9519, cleared by S-3. Alt- BR0318-0518-0516-0316, need clearance.					SC	
17	1440	1441	(U) To Bde from Bn. B Company has SP NI at Bde this time.					SC	
18	1520	1521	(U) To Bde from Bn. At 1450 hours at grid Bde 082170 D Company 1st platoon spotted 3-4 individuals 250 meters away on a 160 azimuth. The individuals ran to the south and wearing fatigues and loin cloth, spotted one weapon couldn't tell what type. Employed small arms. Employed 4.2 at 1455 hours, TOT 1455 hours, EOM 1500 hours. Swept area and found blood trails running to the south.					SC	
19	1555	1556	(U) To Bde from Bn. Tracker team requested Bde for D Company 1st platoon.					SC	
20	1650	1651	(U) To Bde from Bn. CA for A Company 1st platoon Bde PZ at 993196, LZ at Weigt Davis. 1st PZ at 1600 hours, first LZ at 1625 hours, last PZ at 1600 hours, last LZ at 1625 hours.					SC	
21	1651	1652	(U) To Bn from Bde. S-5 Division psyops movie S team is directed to return to Oasis for mission in Edepunang. Catch morning convey to Pleiku then catch convey to Oasis.					SC	
22	1855	1856	(U) To Bn from Bde. Crossbow HAD from 210800 S to 251800 for recon for 4 days, K 75 Rangers HAD LRP in AO AR9519-9719-9717-9517. Negative clearance by S-3.					SC	
23	2157	2158	(U) To Bde from Bn. A Company observed light Bde moving to southwest at 904124. Employed light organics and light went out, will sweep in the morning. TOT at 2200 hours, EOM at 2205 hours.					JRF	
24	0755	0756	(U) To Bde from Bn. All elements report 100% Bde malaria roster signed with shirts on and sleeves rolled down: A, B, C, D, E, MORTARS, RECON, COMMO, 106RR, AND BASE CAMP REAR.					RM	
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25	2000	2001	(U) To Bde from Bn. Closing locations for Bde elements of the 1/14th Infantry, A Company is at Weigt Davis with SRPs at 916097, 895090, 923125, 855107. B Company is at 913188 with SRPs at 905201, 907178, 919183, 903189. C Company is at St. George with SRPs at 880140, 871170, 845165, 828142, 843123. D Company minus NL is at 052164, 2nd platoon NL is at 010146 with LPs at 009147, 009146, 011145, 1st platoon is at 077166 with bushmaster at 082169. Recon is at 890140. Plans Summary: A Company will continue defense of Weigt Davis with 5 two day SRPs to north, northeast, east, southeast, and south; provide security for mine sweep of Weigt Davis road to junction Hwy 14; squad size element continue search for MIA; one platoon on 15 minute alert; one platoon receives instruction in MOI in preparation for PF training program. B Company will continue to conduct RIF of valley vic 9218 in platoon size operations; during the hours of darkness conduct stay behind bushmasters and area type bushmaster. C Company will continue defense of St. George with 5 two day SRPs; provide security for mine sweep of Hwy 14 to north and south and security for dozer on Weigt Davis road; remainder of company will receive instruction on anti intrusion device; one platoon on alert during the hours of darkness. D Company will continue to conduct platoon size sweep in Frontier IV with 1st platoon working northern portion of AO; 2nd platoon in southern portion of AO; CP and security for 4.2 section at hip sheet site; reaction platoon conduct local patrol and bushmaster in vic of hip sheet site. Recon will conduct standdown at St. George for care and cleaning of weapons and equipment and checkup of feet by Bn surgeon. Air request: one slick for backhaul first flyable for 4 hours, one slick for resupply at 1500 hours for 2 hours, one LOH first flyable for VR and CC for 4 hours.		RM
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Enemy Casualties	(C)	0	0	1	0
Enemy Casualties	(C)	741	155	101	136
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			KIA WIA CIA		
US Casualties	(C)	0	0	0	
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			20 September 1969 Summary				
			(C) The Golden Dragons continued RIF, SRP, and Ambush operations within the assigned AO. D Company picked up one detainee plus found numerous enemy supplies and equipment in the same general area. D Company also had contact with 3-4 individuals which had negative results.				
			(C) Plans: The 1/14th Infantry will continue RIF, SRP, and Ambush operations within the assigned AO. D Company continues with operation Frontier IV.				
26	2400	0001	(U) Journal closed.		R ^M		

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