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ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION 1st Bn 14th Inf 1st Bde 4th Inf Div	LOCATION LZ Lois		PERIOD COVERED			
			FROM		TO	
	HOUR 0001	DATE 22 Dec 69	HOUR 2400	DATE 22 Dec 69		

ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
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1	0001	0002	(U) Journal opened.		EN
2	0040	0041	(U) To NCS from C Company. Dustoff: man with high temperature- 104 degrees and rising, urgent, ambulatory, from 3rd platoon, English-speaking US, good weather and terrain, cold LZ grid 765175. Dustoff request 0045 hrs. Dustoff will not come unless temp goes higher. At 0715 hrs man has 97 degree, still dropping. #543 dusted off at 0730 hrs, on station at 0715 hrs.	Bde	RL
3	0815	0816	(U) To Bde from Bn. Recon swept around area of last night's movement and found 3 of their claymores turned face down. Said they had movement until about 0030 hrs. Will be sending out a patrol going in direction of movement.		JC
4	0830	0831	(U) To Bde from Bn. B Company SRPs closed at 0810 hrs. C Company ambushes closed at this time. D Company ambushes closed at 0800 hrs. Recon Ops closed at 0730 hrs.	Bde	JC
5	0915	0916	(U) To NCS from D Company. Mine sweep and day patrol SP at 0825 hrs. Squad from 2nd platoon SP-southeast. C Company: CP 4th platoon SP to bunker complex, 1st platoon also to complex.	Bde	JC
6	0930	0931	(U) To NCS from B Company. Day patrol at 0925 hrs. Recon at 790188 found 1 US claymore detonator and 1 plastic covering for a B-40.	CP I Bde	JC
7	1000	1001	(U) To Bde from Bn. 3rd platoon D Company SP for complex. Recon SP NL.	Bde	JC
8	1050	1051	(U) To Bn from Bde. Crossbow for clearance run by Mr. Hyatt. Name of operation- PRU 050, smaller than plt size element will participate. Beginning- 221800, end- 241800. AO- 8921, 8918, 9221, 9218. For pacification security. Anti infil structure.	S	JC
9	1100	1101	(U) To Bn from Bde. PRU 046 has been terminated Cleared by Bn S-3.	S	JC
10	1105	1106	(U) To NCS from the elements. C Company closed on complex 769159. B Company day patrol CP III. 2nd platoon D Company squad closed 2nd platoon location. Day patrol CP IV at 1145 hrs.	Bde	JC
11	1155	1156	(U) To Bde from Bn. D Company (-) SP NL.	Bde	JC
12	1245	1246	(U) To Bde from Bn. Mission cordon village (Cont'd)		JRF

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12	1245	1246	(U) To Bde from Bn. (Cont'd) Buon Ea Poc at Bde 792173 on night of 23 Dec. Search on morning 24 Dec. Assets required: (1) APT (2) sufficient number of NF (3) loudspeaker team (4) black list for village (5) photos of village.		JRF
13	1600	1601	(U) To Bde from Bn. Ambush and SRP report: B Company: 5 SRFs with 4 men each. C Company: 31- 15,8,1; 32- 32,14,2; all are linear. D Company: 2nd platoon: 41- 12,1,6; 42- 15,2,8; both are linear; 43- 10,1,8; 44- 10,1,8; both are linear. Recon: 51- 19,6,1; 52- 19,6,2; both are linear.	Ede	JRF
14	1650	1651	(U) To Bde from Bn. S-5 Report for 22 Dec: V101- 27 medcaps, 3 lbs candy, 3 soap, 22 vitamins; V102- 30 medcaps, 3 lbs candy, 3 soap, 20 vitamins; V103- 31 medcaps, 3 lbs candy, 3 soap, 20 vitamins; V104- 12 medcaps, 4 lbs candy; V106- 40 medcaps, 5 lbs candy; V107- 11 medcaps, 3 lbs candy; V108- 19 medcaps, 3 lbs candy; Request 50, 12 foot, 2X6's and truck.	Ede	JRF
15	1815	1816	(U) To Bde from Bn. Dustoff requested from for Bde #719 from D Company at 1712 hrs. Individual had a 104 degree temperature. Possible malaria. 45 minute ETA. Dustoff 64: on station-1805, completed-1814 hrs.		JRF
16	1845	1846	(U) To Bde from Bn. Final Readout: Bunker Bde complex vic 789199 is 700 meters in length running east to West; 100 meters wide. On west side of the blueline 80 bunkers 8X8X4; new, good construction, with 4 feet of overhead (3 or 4 layers of logs with 1 foot of dirt on top). Fighting positions beside each bunker 4X2. These 80 bunkers are divided into 3 clusters. Each cluster was a company size with 2 mess hootches 8X8X6. Also: steps going to the blueline with bamboo matts on the bottom of the blue for bathing. Toilet articles (empty) laying all around. Each area had a CP bunker which was bigger, better constructed than the rest. In the CP bunker there were benches and tables. The blueline bordered three sides of this complex with LP positions where there was no water. The LP positions each had a camouflage screen made of bamboo. Also there was one aid station for the whole complex. Inside there was: 3 tables 5X3X1 with cotton and blood-stained gauze pads (fresh); tail arms for a light cannon maybe 75mm howitzer, 4 feet long and new empty whisky bottles and medicine bottles; 15- 1lb satchal charges (all were destroyed); (Cont'd)		JRF

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16	1845	1846	(U) To Bde from Bn. (Cont'd) food cans-eaten Bde very fresh; 8 Ho Chi Minh sandals, pieces of dark green uniforms; 1 M501 81mm fuse; 4 45D dry cell batteries (new); 200 meters to the west on the same side of the river there was 30 more bunkers, 2 months old, large size. On the east side of the blue line there was: 30 more bunkers 1 month of usage same size; one aiming stake used for some type of indirect fire weapon. 10 latrines at LP positions. They left in no hurry, policed up real good. Fled to west. Also have papers, to be brought back to Lois tomorrow.		JRF		
17	1945	1946	(U) To bde from Bn. Redeployment status report: Bde all elements report 100% ammo. Meals: B-9, C-3, D-4, Recon-6, 4.2-9. Mission- to conduct late afternoon and evening ambushes along trails and stream junctions, and proximity to villages, to interdict enemy believed using villages for sanctuary and resupply; to conduct detailed searches of bunker complexes and enemy positions located in the area. RRF- 2nd platoon B Company and C Company.		JRF		
18	2330	2331	(U) To NCS from C Company. Reports: individual Bde fooling around with claymores on east side of his perimeter, will employ DT's. Redleg employed at 2345 hrs		RL		
19	0755	0756	ECM at 0045 hrs- 25 smoke, 9 HE. Negative further movement. (U) To Bde from Bn. All elements report 100% Bde malaria roster signed with shirts on and sleeves rolled down: A, B, C, D, MORTARS, RECON, COMMO, AND BASE CAMP REAR.		EN		
20	2000	2001	(U) To Bde from Bn. Closing locations for elements of the 1/14th Infantry: A Company: is at BMT-east. B Company is at Lois with SRPs at: 840164, 874156, 861125, 834125, 825139. C Company(-) is at 775145 with 1st platoon at BMT-east and ambushes: 31-778150; 32- 792151. D Company(-) is at 775197 with ambushes at: 41- 764202; 42- 758200; 43- 780210; 44- 786203; Recon at ambushes: 51- 787173; 52- 788177. 4.2 is at LZ Lois. Plans Summary: A Company is CHOP 1st Bde with security of ASP and B 7/17 Cav at BMT-east with 1st platoon C Company attached. B Company will remain at Lois and maintain SRP screen and conduct 2 platoon size day patrols, one in the morning and one in the afternoon; also provide security for mine sweep of utility road to Hwy-14 remaining personnel will be instructed in small unit tactics and field sanitations. C Company will move from ambush location on area (Cont'd)		JRF		
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20	2000	2001	(U) To Bde from Bn. (Cont'd) bounded by 7716, Bde 8016, 8014, 7714 to search out heavy vegetation area in response to snooty readings; 2nd platoon continues to search area 7915 and conduct ambushes as a means of blocking; CP and 3rd platoon will search the area vic 7815, 7814, toward 2nd platoon; elements continue to employ ambush sites along trails and routes of enemy travel; 1st platoon will still be attached to A Company at BMT-east. D Company will move to the south behind Recon vic Buon Hdrah 778181 to search area vic abandoned village and conduct day ambushes leading from the area; element will move south oriented in a line fashion; CP and 1st platoon vic of Buon Hdrah; 2nd platoon will operate vic 7717, 3rd platoon vic 7817; element will move and prepare to close the screen toward Buon Ea Poc 792173 to complete cordon the evening of 23 Dec. Recon will move from ambush sites vic Buon Hdrah, southeast to vic 2916 to conduct searches and day ambush in the area; a deceptive move further to the southeast will be made prior to moving along the eastern sector of Buon La Poc for cordon of village the night of 23 Dec. 4.2 will remain at Lois to provide heavy mortar fire support for FB and maneuver elements.		JRF
			KIA KIA(EST) CIA WPNS		
			Enemy Casualties (C) 0 0 0 0		
			Enemy Casualties (C) 809 160 195 167		
			Cumulative		
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			US Casualties (C) 0 0 0		
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			22 December 1969 Summary		
			(C) The Golden Dragons continued search and clear, SRP, and ambush operations within the assigned AO. D Company completed search of bunker complex.		
			(C) Plans: The 1/14th Infantry will continue search and clear, SRP, and ambush operation within the assigned AO. Companies continue operation in Buon Hdrah area.		
21	2400	0001	(U) Journal closed.		EN

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