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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 26 Dec 69	HOUR 2400	DATE 26 Dec 69

ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
1	0001	0002	(U) Journal opened.		BN
2	0455	0456	(U) To Bn from Bde. There will be an Air Strike S in your AO at 1230 hours today; target area will be ZV 241175. Plane has a 1.5 K clearance on target.		JC
3	0840	0841	Secondary target- AQ 750216 also has a 1.5 K clearance. (U) To Bde from Bn. C Company ambush closed at Bde 0745 hrs. B Company SRPs closed at 0750 hrs. Mine sweep SP at 0800 hrs. D Company SP NL at 0830 hrs;		JC
4	1020	1021	3rd platoon at NL with backhaul at 0830 hrs. (U) To Bde from Bn. Present location for Bde D Company(-) is 813138.		JC
5	1040	1041	(U) To Bn from Bde. Pantry People (VN type) reported a mining incident at 832189.	S	JC
6	1100	1101	(U) To Bde from Bn. D Company 3rd platoon PL 808149. 1st platoon B Company SP LZ Lois at 1140 hrs.	Bde	JC
7	1105	1106	(U) To Bde from Bn. B Company(-) SP to secure area of S-5 ambush; CP in location at 1120 hrs.	Bde	JC
8	1215	1216	(U) To Bde from Bn. CA for C Company from LZ Lois to BMT-east. 1st PZ at 0918 hrs, 1st LZ at 0927 hrs; final PZ at 1043 hrs, final LZ at 1052 hrs.		JC
9	1216	1217	(U) To Bde from Bn. CA for A Company from BMT- east to 851225 and LZ Marie. 1st PZ at 0929, 1st LZ at 0942 hrs; final PZ at 1108, final LZ at 1117 hrs.	Bde	JC
10	1217	1218	(U) To Bde from Bn. D Company closed at this time.	LZ Lois Bde	JC
11	1220	1221	(U) To Bde from Bn. CA for Recon from to 832245. 1st PZ at 1154 hrs, 1st LZ at 1205 hrs. Final PZ at 1154 hrs, final LZ at 1205 hrs.	LZ Lois Bde	JC
12	1240	1241	(U) To Bde from Bn. CA for 2 platoons from 851255 to LZ Marie. 1st PZ at 1212 hrs, 1st LZ at 1220 hrs. Final PZ at 1229 hours, final LZ at 1229 hrs.	Bde	JC
13	1241	1242	(U) To Bde from Bn. CA for hipshoot from Lois to LZ Marie. 1st PZ at 1010 hrs, 1st LZ at 1020 hours; final PZ at 1200 hours, final LZ at 1210 hours.	LZ Bde	JC
14	1245	1246	(U) To Bde from Bn. Reference #5 at approx. 1045 hrs the S-5 Team located at 830191 was ambushed by approx. 15 to 20 individuals. Friendlies received S/A and B-40 fire coming from both sides of the road. S-5 returned fire. Three US individuals fled to the (Cont'd)	Bde	JC

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14	1245	1246	(U) To Bde from Bn. (Cont'd) village and got Bde a lumbretta back to this location. Three of these individuals are slightly wounded. The interpreter ran to a village approx. 1/4 mile south, badly wounded. In vic of ambush have one VN KIA and one US WIA. The B Company(-) SP this location to secure area of contact at 1120 hrs. Stagecoach 21 on station 1100 hrs. Dustoff for US WIA complete at 1130 hours.		JC
15	1246	1247	(U) To Bde from Bn. Reference #14: request dustoff for an interpreter who ran to the village. Ghost rider 18 on station at 1215 hrs, complete at 1220 hrs. Medic of S-5 states one enemy was shot in the leg and face; was apparently dragged away. Enemy was approx 150 meters northeast of friendlies; wearing tiger fatigues. B Company(-) found a blood trail running northeast, are sweeping area at this time. Have picked up the damaged vehicle and friendly KIA bringing them to this location. Requested a tracker team; arrived at 1325 hrs. A total of 6 individuals were involved: 4 being US- 3 slightly wounded, 1 seriously wounded; 2 VN interpreters- 1 seriously wounded, 1 KIA. Further: Trails look like enemy moving on bicycles.	Bde	JC
16	1600	1601	(U) To NCS from A Company. At 849261 found punji stakes. Hoi Cheiu believes there is a complex to the north of the blue line. A Company(-) following a fresh trail at this time.	Bde	JRF
17	1736	1737	(U) To Bde from Bn. Ambush and SRP report for 26 Dec: A Company - none. B Company: ambushes: 21- 17,8,1, linear; 22- 16,9,1, linear; 23- 15,7,1, triangular. D Company: 4 SRPs with 4 men each. Recon: ambushes: 51- 14,2,6; 52- 14,1,6; both are linear.	Bde	JRF
18	1956	1957	(U) To Bde from Bn. At 1755 to 1800 hrs 2nd platoon B Company had simultaneous contact with 2 men 40 meters away 846255, while moving into the bunker complex. Individuals were wearing Khaki fatigues. Enemy employed AK and B-40 (1) fire. B-40 was an airburst resulting in 1 slightly injured US- no dustoff required. A Company(-) moved in to aid 2nd platoon- enemy fled to the south. Artillery employed at 1825 hrs; checkfire at 1840 hrs (gunships on station 1840 hrs) off station at 1915 hrs. While sweeping friendlies received the B-40 rocket and the slightly injured GI, 70 meters no observations. They had: 2 ruck sacks, 2 handfulls of loose AK-47; 5 magazines full of AK-47 ammo; 2 medicine bottles; (Cont'd)	Bde	JRF

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18	1956	1957	(U) To Bde from Bn. (Cont'd) a journal; mess gear, sack full of rice; women clothing; pistol belt. Entered the complex from north to south. Chieu Hoi had been there before. More to follow tomorrow.	Bde	JRF
19	2047	2048	(U) To Bde from Bn. Redeployment status report: All elements report 100% ammo. Meals: A-5, B-7, C-0, D-1, Recon-6, 4.2-9. Mission- conduct operation to search out enemy positions to ambush possible enemy routes of travel. RRF- 2nd Platoon D Company and B Company.	Bde	JRF
20	0755	0756	(U) To Bde from Bn. All elements report malaria roster signed with shirts on and sleeves rolled down: A, B, C, D, MORTARS, RECON, COMMO, AND BASE CAMP REAR.	Bde	EN
21	2000	2001	(U) To Bde from Bn. Closing locations for elements of the 1/14th Infantry: A Company(-) at 846255; with SRPs at: 11-876252, 12-881254, 13-876245. B Company(-) at 848196 with 2nd platoon at BMT-east and ambushes: 21- 846208, 22- 859199, 23- 836194. C Company is at BMT-east. D Company is at Lois with SRPs at: 863162, 852129, 829135, 828164. Recon ambushes at: 51- 833252, 52- 828252. 4.2 at LZ Lois. Plans Summary: A Company(-) will continue to search area vic 8425 utilizing the Hoi Chanh who has indicated he knows the location of bunker complex; 2nd platoon searches the immediate area of the blue line with 3rd platoon and CP providing security and searching high ground; 1st and 4th platoons will provide security of Artillery at LZ Marie. B Company(-) will continue to search of contact area vic 8319 conducting area sweeps and utilizing the tracker team to locate trails used by the enemy; 3rd platoon CHOP to C Company for security of B 7/17 Cav at BMT-east. C Company CHOP to 1st Bde for security of B 7/17 Cav at BMT-east. D Company will assume security of Firebase Lois utilizing SRP screen and daylight patrols; security will be provided for mine sweep of utility road to Hwy-14; remainder of element will conduct care and cleaning of weapons and equipment. Recon will conduct blocking and ambush operations vic 8325 searching the blue lines and along trails leading from the area; establish day ambush along possible routes of travel. 4.2 will remain at LZ Lois to provide heavy organic fire support.	Bde	JRF
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			KIA KIA (EST) CIA WPNS			
Enemy Casualties	(C)		0 0 0 0			
Enemy Casualties	(C)		809 160 195 167			
			Cumulative			
			KIA WIA CIA			
US Casualties	(C)		0 5 0			
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			Cumulative			
			26 December 1969 Summary			
			(C) The Golden Dragons continued search and clear, SRP, and ambush operations within the assigned AO. S-5 Team was ambushed damaging the vehicle and resulting in 4 US being wounded, VN interpreters- one KIA and one seriously wounded. Also, 2nd platoon B Company had contact with 2 individuals resulting in one slightly injured US.			
			(C) Plans: The 1/14th Infantry will continue search and clear, SRP, and ambush operation within the assigned AO. A Company(-) will search possible bunker complex. B Company(-) will search contact area, utilizing tracker team.			
22	2400	0001	(U) Journal closed.			EN

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