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3d Bn, 8th Inf 4th Inf Div		BR691559 FSB Sherida		FROM	TO
ITEM NO.	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.		ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
34	1105		C Co: 1st and 2d Plts sweep departed	To bde	DF
35	1115		Bde: To Engineers: Prepare to move out tomorrow. Will be replaced by Plt from Co C.		
36	1116		B Co: 2d Plt at 700567	To Bde	DF
37	1200		C Co: 1st Plt at 664565 664569 2d Plt at 665572	To Bde	DF
38	1201		B Co: departed night locations	To Bde	DF
39	1329		B Co: At 698568	To Bde	DF
40	1335		C Co: 1st Plt at 658569 2d Plt at 660576	To Bde	DF
41	1350		D Co: A, night location 679575	To Bde	DF
42	1418		C Co: 2d Plt at 655577, 1st Plt closed	To Bde	DF
43	1445		1-22: Locations from Lt Eddy: A Co: 745648 B Co: 708588 C Co: 704598 D Co: 728652 and 735650 Rcn: 693614		
			A Co 1st Plt 741643 B Co 1st Plt 700599		DF
44	1446		B Co: at night location 696572	To Bde	DF
45	1450		RF: Departed LZ Sherida		DF
46	1500		D Co: Plans for next 3 days - See attached sheet		DF
47	1505		B Co: In contact - see attached sheet		DF
48	1507		C Co: 2d Plt closed		DF
49	1655		A Co: Proposed night location 1st Plt SRP 692554		DF
50		1835	Bde: Dustoff requested for Alvarez-Cardona. Concussion from fall in morning.		RP
51	1840		C Co: Night locations: 1st Plt 667563 2d Plt 673569		RP
52	1846		B Co: 3d Plt on top of hill		RP
53	1730	(LE)	Planned summary to Bde: Request LOH 1000-1200 hrs 5 Oct		RP
54		1900	Bde: Night locations to Bde See J-53 attached		
55	1900		A Co: 1st Plt sweep departed		RP
56	1900		D Co: At 1830, 1st Plt, 2d Plt & 3d Plt sweep departed		RP
67	1915		Bde: Boundary change: 1-22 and 3-8: Eff 042100 Oct 69 from BR715578 w trace just EW intermitten stream to intersection of present boundary BR690579 Area S belong to 3-8 to include intermitten stream.		
68	1915		Bde: Lift of check fire zone		
69	1930		A Co: 1st Plt swee in night location 692554		RP
70	1930		D Co: All elements in night location		RP

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Journal Item 29; 4 October 1969

- I. The shortage of gunships to support tactical operations has become critical and it is necessary to restrict some other missions on which they are employed. Accordingly the following policies are established.
- A. Snoopy (APD) missions will be run only in areas that can be hit by accurate artillery fire. i.e. 105, 155, or 8". Exceptions will be directed by CG only.
 - B. Gunships will not be diverted from other missions to support troops in contact unless there is clearly no other appropriate means of fire support readily available. e.e. Artillery, mortars, TAC Air.
- II. In general, commanders are requested to employ other means of fire support and reduce gunships blade time to the minimum necessary for mission accomplishment.



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- 1505: B Co: Made contact with an estimated squad size element to their north:
Brid BR696572 . One man reported WIA.
- 1510 Artillery employed.
- 1521 B Co: Reports that they have one enemy in a crossfire.
- 1523: More enemy fire received. Fire coming from ridgeline in front on a wide front.
- 1524 Gunships requested: B Co CO estimates that the enemy element is of platoon or possible company size.
- 1529 SPADS requested.
- 1545 Dustoff requested: Contact sporadic.
- 1550 Wounded man died (Muench, Joseph E.)
- 1555 Dustoff 14 ETA 25 minutes.
- 1557 3 WIA reported: Gunships on station. Artillery checkfire.
- 1559 Gunships: Began expending.
- 1600 Dustoff expanded to 3 EM.
- 1610 Cav LOH's make low passes trying to draw fire: Ground fire ceased.
- 1615 LOH received ground fire: Gunships begin passes.
- 1635 Ltc Dotur instructs B Co to plan movement up the hill to enemy position before dark.
- 1640 Dustoff on station.
- 1655 B Co: Receives more ground fire: Gunships make more passes.
- 1704 Dustoff completed.
- 1709 Sighter 21 on station with SPADS.
B Co CO decided to hold the SPADS and use gunships and Artillery cue to proximity of troops.
- 1715 Artillery resumes firing.
- 1730 Artillery checkfire: LOH on station to attempt pickup of KIA.
- 1740 B Co: resupplied with Class V.
1745. LOH reports that the LZ is too small to pick up KIA.
1752. Sighter 21 brought in 2 SPADS. One SPAD received automatic weapon fire on its initial (dry) run. SPADS start wet runs (1759)
- 1815 SPADS completed passes and expended.
- 1820 B Co: Started sweep up the hill toward enemy position.
- 1845 B Co: 3d Plt on top of hill.
- 1910 B Co: 3d Plt: Man putting out a claymore mine is physically assaulted by enemy soldier. They wrestle, enemy soldier runs and is fired upon, unknown results. The enemy soldier's weapon, AK47, is captured.
- 1920 Artillery employed around B Co, 3d Plt perimeter.
- 1950 B Co: 3d Plt has movement on the perimeter, they suspect someone fobbing with the claymores and blew two.

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	IN	OUT			
1	000		Journal opened, Commo check of secure net		WE
2	0045		All units: Neg Sitrep		WE
3		0100	Bde: Neg Sitrep		WE
4	0145		All units: Neg Sitrep		WE
5		0200	Bde: Neg Sitrep		WE
6	0225		B Co: Plt has movement. Artillery was shot in area and movement stopped.		WE
7	0245		All units: Neg Sitrep		WE
8		0300	Bde: Neg Sitrep		WE
9	0345		All units: Neg Sitrep		WE
10		0400	Bde: Neg Sitrep		WE
11	0430		Lt Jones: Perimeter check		WE
12	0445		All units: Neg Sitrep		WE
13		0500	Bde: Neg Sitrep		WE
14	0524		A Co: Sgt Wolf perimeter check		WE
15	0545		All units: Neg Sitrep		WE
16	0550		B Co: 3d Plt has movement. Artillery was shot in area.		WE
17	0600		B Co: 3d Plt movement stopped		WE
18	0630		C Co: 2d Plt SRP closed		WE
19	0645		C Co: 1st Plt SRP closed		DF
20	0720		D Co: All 3 SRP closed.		WE
21	0720		B Co: 1st Plt departed to link up with 3d Plt		WE
22	0720		Ren 1 departed night location.		WE
23	0725		B Co: 1st Plt link up with 3d Plt. They will now sweep area		WE
24	0800		B Co: 1st Plt recon by fire		WE
25	0805		B Co: 1st Plt will be fragging bunkers		DF
26	0825		B Co: Going up hill, leaving sub element with backhaul		DF
27	0835		B Co: Forward element has large hooch in sight. Will recon by fire		DF
28	0845		B Co: Linked up with 1st and 3d Plts. Found 10 bunkers and some spider holes. Found carmine in bunker and many bandages covered with blood. See attached sheet for details.		DF
29		0850	D Co: Hold sweeps until gen go ahead - Sighter 25 is working to North (BR63596)		DF
30		0930	B and D Cos: D Co will send a plt to 687576. This will be the first plt. Another D Co plt will be prepared to move to 690574 on order. These plts are to traveling without rucks.		
			Other plt to secure rucks and CP. Their mission is to assist B Co in S & D Opns. COs coordinate		DF

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	IN	OUT			
31		0940	C and D Cos: Have engineers by LZ. They are to be replaced today.		DF
32	0950		Rcn: Rcn 2 closing 15 meters out		DF
33		0951	H Co: CIN's 2354 (Bradley, James J.) and 2355 (Alao, Larry A) are NG's originally scheduled to DEPOS 10 Dec but received drop to 23 to 28 Nov. Must respond to receive drop. To Rcn: Same for CIN 5021 (Diaz, Albert)		DF
34	1000		C Co: 2d Plt departed for LZ as security for resupply		DF
35	1005		Rcn: 2 closed	To Bde	DF
36	1008		D Co: 1st Plt departed		DF
37	1015		Rcn 1: departed night location		DF
38	1016		A Co: 1st Plt, 3d Scd departed on perimeter sweep		DF
39	1030		Rcn: 1 closed		DF
40	1055		Bde CO: Arrived LZ Sherida		DF
41	1100		A Co: Both SRPs departed night locations for resupply (2d and 3d Plts)		DF
42	1125		A Co: 3d Plt SRP closed		DF
43	1130		Bde: General Pepky is in area. Not scheduled to be here out could stop by.		DF
44	1135		D Co: 1st Plt at 687576.		DF
45	1139		A Co: 2d Plt SRP closed and 1st Plt perimeter sweep closed.		DF
46	1150		Bde: General Pepky will be at LZ Sherida. ETA at present.	No	DF
47	1200		Ben Pepke enroute to LZ Sherida		DF
48	1201		1-22: Locations from Lt Eddy: A Co: 745648 B Co: 708599 C Co: 708608 D Co: 724646		
			Rcn: 693614		DF
49	1230		D Co: Proposed night locations 4 SRPs 1st Plt 674574 2d Plt 677588 3d Plt 681572 Wpn - 682577		DF
50	1428		Bde: Slick inbound to B Co to pick up KIA and sick EM.	To B Co	DF
51		1430	Bde: Entered air request - see attached sheet		DF
52	1445		C Co: night location 670569		DF
53	1445		B Co: reports capturing AK 47 rifle		DF
54	1450		D Co: 1st Plt departed for CP		DF
55	1455		B Co: slick on station to pick up KIA and sick EM.		DF

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56	1505		Rcn 1: departed LZ Sherida		DF
57	1515		Rcn 1: departed LZ Sherida		DF
58	1530		C Co: Proposed night locations: 2 SRPs 1st Plt 660570 3d Plt 673569 proposed night locations for CP 6 Oct 69 663574 1st Plt SRP above will go to 651573 on 6 Oct 69 and remain for 2 days.		DF
59	1600		D Co: 1st Plt closed		DF
60	1609		A Co: 2d Plt sweep departed		RP
61	1650		C Co 1st Plt departed		RP
62	(LE) 1640		Bde: Planned summary - Request LOH for 10...-1200 hrs 6 Oct 69		RP
63	1800		C Co: 3d Plt departed		RP
64	1815		D Co: 2d, 3, and wpn plts departed A Co: Night locations: 1st Plt 692554 2d Plt 683558 3d Plt 694562		RP
65	1825		1-22: A Co: 745648 B Co: 708599 C Co: 713612 D Co: 723646 Rcn: 693614		RP
66	1837		D Co: All elements in night location same as proposed.		RP
67	1850		Bde: Night locations		RP
68	1920		B Co: Elements in Night location		RP
69	1950		Rcn 1 and 2: Neg Sitrpt		RP
70	2045		All units: Neg Sitrep		RP
71	2133		All units: Neg Sitrep		RP
72	2138		A Co: Perimeter check Lt Goins		RP
73	2210		All units: Neg Sitrep		RP
74	2245		A Co: Perimeter check Sgt Sandana		RP
75		2265	Bde: Net Sitrep		RP
76	2350		All units: Neg Sitrep		RP
77	2400		Journal closed by Pfc Ellis		

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