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LZ THUNDER
B-874325

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	IN	OUT			
24	cont		Co B (-) 847317, 1st plat BS831322; Co C BS803306.		
25	1200		(C) C&C extracted 1 US fr Co B to Duc Pho with a possible broken right hand. Ind bit hand on a 3/4 ton trk. SP/4 Bush, Denver US24306263, line #30.	31	JPC
26	1210		(C) Msg fr CO to Co C: Fr present loc send one plat SE to vic BS812293 to lay low for rest of day obs to W and NE. Plat will amb tonight vic BS820303. With Co (-) move into valley which has center of mass at BS795312, and search valley which has center of mass at BS- 787311. Move back to NDP loc vic BS- 803309. Msg acknowledged at 1215H.	Co C notified	JPC
27	1300		(C) Bn SITREP neg; loc; Co A BS802358; Co D LZ CHARLIE BROWN; Co B closing LZ THUNDER 1250H; Co C BS803306; Rcn same.	DO	JPC
28	1400		(C) Bn SITREP neg; loc; Co A BS787365; Co B LZ THUNDER; Co C (-) BS795312, 3rd plat BS808300; Co D (-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN, 3rd plat departed HARDSTAND at 1350H; Rcn same.	BDE, DO, M	JPC

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29	1420		(C) Msg fr LTC Russell (Bn CO) to CO of Co D: Get security out & also a life guard for men, fr Co D, swimming. Get men, fr Co D, out of the vill, which is off limits. Get some men working to improve bunker positions on LZ CHARLIE BROWN. Get all VN off the island.	CO Co D notified	
30	1430		(C) 4.2 ammo rpt called into Bde.	DO	JPC
31	1500		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A in NDP at BS799366; Co B LZ THUNDER; Co C (-) & wpns plat BS803308, 1st & 2nd plat BS-793315, 3rd plat BS811296; Co D 3rd plat moved out at 1435H.	DO	JPC
32	1530		(C) Recd intell rpt fr Bde S2: (see S2 files).	DO, S2	IAC
33	1545		(C) Co C 1st & 2nd plats engaged 1 VC with wpn at BS793314. VC evaded, Co C ele still searching area.	DO, S3	LAC
34	1600		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same except Co A loc at BS794361; Co D 3rd plat loc at BS905238.	BDE, DO	LAC
35	1700		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co's A & B same;	DO	LAC
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45	1930		(C) Co D 3rd plat BS912238 & BS900231, 2nd plat 1st sqd on Bridge 94.	DO, BDE	LAC
46	1940		(C) Co A NDP BS794364, 1st plat amb loc 790365, 2nd plat BS796360, 3rd plat BS796368.	DO, BDE	LAC
47	2000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	DO	LAC
48	2005		(C) Recd intell rpt fr Bde S2: (see S2 files).	DO, S2	LAC
49	2005		(C) Co A amb in psn; Co B 3rd plat amb loc BS860309; not in psn.	DO, BDE	LAC
50	2020		(C) Co B amb in psn at this time.	DO, BDE	LAC
51	2040		(C) Recd intell rpt fr Bde S2: (see S2 files).	DO	LAC
52	2100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	DO	LAC
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53	2200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	DO	LAC
54	2210		(C) Recd intell rpt fr Bde S2: (see S2 files).	DO	LAC
55	2300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DAW
56	2340		(C) Msg fr Bde: MACV rpts an ele (US)	DO, Co B cont	DAW

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37	1950		(C) Co D rptd Saw Win ARVN camp hit to-day by plat size ele of VC. Time of incident 1500H. Wpns used in incident AK-50, AK-47, M-79, M-16, and mach guns (type unk).	BDE,CO,S3	EET
38	1950		(C) Co D rpts est VC sqd at coord BS920171 and BS919182.	BDE,CO,S3	EET
39	1955		(C) Co D rpts info fr ARVN's: the 406 NVA Bn and 119 NVA Bn at BS889271 to BS889200.	BDE,CO,S3	EET
40	2000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE	EET
41	2005		(C) Co B 2nd plat amb in psn at coord BS877312.	BDE	EET
42	2045		(C) Co A ambs in psn. Sites are: 1st sqd 1st plat BS861358, 1st sqd 2nd plat BS862353, 1st sqd 3rd plat BS865363.	BDE	EET
43	2050		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE	EET
44	2150		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE	EET
45	2150		(C) Fr Bde: MACV rpts VC Sapper unit in areas BS870312 and BS882304.	DO	EET
46	2150		(C) MACV rpts friendlies building dam at BS811360. Working hrs 0830H to 1700H.	DO	EET

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47	2240	(C) Recd rpt fr Bde: Blum ammo lot no. KN-7-115-68 is defective.	CO, S3, DO	DN
48	2300	(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DN
49	2301	(C) Msg fr Bde: SFC Atwater is to be picked up at LZ THUNDER NLT 0700H by C&C and taken to FSB CORK.	4.2, DO	DN
50	2345	(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DN
51	2353	(C) Radar spotted 2 pers at BS841315. 4.2 will fire on target.	DO	DN
52	LOG Summary:	4-3 Inf continued security and offensive sweep opns in the 3 Duc Pho AG. Co A closed LZ BRONCO and stood as a reaction force to support Bn opn. Co A departed LZ BRONCO late in afternoon and NDP'd at BS857361 with amb in vic. At 1230H Co B, w/ Bn OPCON, Co C and E Trp 1st CAV conducted a coordinated Mechanized and airmobile opn to cordon and sweep area N of LZ THUNDER. Co B with E Trp moved N up the beach to establish three blocking psns at BS849366, BS852371, BS857376. Co B (-) swept area fr the S while Co C blocked fr three loc after conducting a combat assault into LZ's at BS859355, BS861349, and BS865344. Res of the opn which terminated at 1730H were 2 VC KIA, and 5 VCS. Co D continued security of LZ CHARLIE BROWN and opns cont		

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Reference: Maps, South Vietnam; 1:50,000; Series L7014; Sheets 6738I, 6738II, 6838III, and 6838IV.

(C) Task Org:

A/4-3 Inf	HHC (-)/4-3 Inf
B/4-3 Inf	Battalion Control
C/4-3 Inf	A/6-11th Arty (DS)
D/4-3 Inf	C/6-11th Arty (DS)
E/4-3 Inf	C/3-18th Arty (GS)

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy forces: Current INTSUM (see intelligence).

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) On order 11th Bde conducts operations with two (2) Bns West of LZ BRONCO.

(2) 3-1 Inf

(3) 1-20 Inf

(4) 4-21 Inf

(5) 6-11th Arty

(6) C/3-18th Arty

c. Attachments and detachments: Task Org.

d. Assumptions:

(1) Enemy is capable of launching sustained attack in the Duc Pho AO at any time of his own choice with not more than one (1) regiment.

(2) Enemy is capable of conducting continuous harassing operations throughout the entire Duc Pho AO.

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(3) Helicopters will be available for limited lift capability.

2. MISSION:

On order 4-3 Inf assumes responsibility for Duc Pho AO.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of operation: On order 4-3 Inf airlifts Company C from LZ BRONCO to LZ LIZ, Company D from LZ THUNDER to LZ DRAGON, Company B assumes responsibility for LZ CHARLIE BROWN, Company A responsibility for LZ THUNDER, Recon plat Company E will assume responsibility for operations around LZ BRONCO. Fires will be on call.

b. Co A.

c. Co B.

d. Co C.

e. Co D.

f. Co E: Heavy mortar plat will be GS LZ THUNDER, GS section GS LZ THUNDER.

g. Coordinating instructions.

(1) Companies will conduct local patrolling and night ambushes around their LZ every day and night.

(2) Units maintain and update lift requirements for personnel and equipment daily and inform this Hq's of any changes.

(3) Effective for planning on receipt; for execution on order.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:

a. See current ADMINO.

b. Resupply by airlift on request.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal.

(1) Current SOI in effect.

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01	0001		(U) JOURNAL OPENED		
02	0015		(C) Msg to swift boats fr Bn CO: Work E and W coord 28 - 35.	CO, S3, DO	DW
03	0020		(C) (Late Entry): At 0010H msg to Co D fr Bn CO: All comdr's will enjoin every member of this command to adhere to the following: a.) No burning of hooches un- less it is ordered by the Bn CO. b.) Mistreatment of prisoners will not be tolerated. All VN pers, to include PW's WB treated fairly with respect and gent- leness. c.) Indiscriminate firing of wpns at indigenous pers or into hooches will not be tolerated.	Co D, DO	DW
04	0030		(C) Msg to Co C: Loc of amb pos BS722- 471 & BS723456. Move 111000H DEC 68.	Co C, DO	DW
05	0100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DW
06	0200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DW
07	0200		(C) (Late Entry): At 0105H Co B's Blmm caught a hooch on fire by accident.	DO	DW
08	0220		(C) Grid BS820395 cleared with flare ship for flares.	DO	DW
				Downgraded at 3yr in Declassified after 1	

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09	0300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DW
10	0400		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DW
11	0500		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DW
12	0600		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DW
13	0645		(C) Co A 3rd plat closed on LZ THUNDER.	DO	JPC
14	0745		(C) Co A (-) started moving for todays op at this time.	DO	JPC
15	0750		(C) Co C 3rd plat closed on LZ LIZ.	DO	JPC
16	0800		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) base of LZ THUNDER, 3rd plat same; Co B (-) & Ren LZ CHARLIE BROWN, 1st plat BS917- 253, 1st sqd 3rd plat Bridge 94; Co C LZ LIZ; Co D (-) LZ DRAGON, 3rd plat LZ THUNDER.	BDE, DO	JPC
17	0810		(C) Co D 1st plat moved out for todays op at this time.	DO	JPC
18	0825		(C) Co B req DUSTOFF at coord BS929220 for VN boy with 3rd degree burns. Compl at 0850H.	DO	JPC
19	0855		(C) Air Force called: Putting air strike at coord BS855235. Bomb damage assess- ment neg.	33-Air, Co A	JPC

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20	0900		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS841-319, 3rd plat same; Co B (+) LZ CHARLIE BROWN, 3rd plat closed LZ CHARLIE BROWN at 0830H; Co C same; Co D (-) same, 1st plat BS715525.	DO		JPC
21	0930		(C) Co A coord BS844315 fd (1) NVA ruck sack, (1) rice sack, (3) NVA shirts, (1) soft cap, (13) M-16 mags with ammo, (2) ammo cans, (1) NVA canteen, docu, (1) hammock, (2) med kits compl, (14) rds M-14, (1) NVA pair of pants, (1) US gren (old type), (1) Chi Comm gren, (4) M-1 clips with ammo, (2) 15 rd mags for Carbine, (1) 105mm dud rd, (1) pair VN boots, (20) punji sticks (12 to 14 inches long), (1) 155mm dud rd, and (1) M-26 frag gren.	BDE, CO, S3		JPC
22	1000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS844-315, 3rd plat same; Co A wpns plat at MT MONTEZUMA; Co B (-) & Ren same, 1st plat BS903266; Co C same; Co D (-) LZ DRAGON, 1st plat BS675548.	BDE, DO		JPC
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23	1100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A all elms same; Co B (-) & Rcn same, 1st plat BS- 898263; Co C same; Co D (-) same, 1st plat BS693548.	DO	JPC
24	1200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A all elms same; Co B (-) & Rcn same, 1st plat same, 2nd plat BS899257; Co C same; Co D (-) same, 1st plat BS693563.	BDE, DO	JPC
25	1215		(C) Rec intel repts fr Bde S2: (see S2 files).	DO, S2	JPC
26	1250		(C) Co A at BS831324 fd (1) Chi Com gren and will blow it in place.	DO	JPC
27	1300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS829- 324, 3rd plat same; Co B (-) & Rcn same, 1st plat BS906253; Co's C & D same.	DO	JPC
28	1400		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A all elms same; Co B (-) & Rcn same, 1st plat BS- 898263; Co C same; Co D (-) same, 1st plat BS694563.	BDE, DO	JPC
29	1410		(C) Co C 1st & 2nd plat departing LZ LIT at this time.	DO	JPC
30	1420		(C) Rec intel rept fr Bde S2: (see S2 files).	DO, S2	JPC

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31	1445		(C) 4.2 ammo rept called into Bde.	DO	JPC
32	1515		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS840- 310, 1st plat BS841300, 3rd plat same; Co B (-) & Rcn same, 1st plat BS905257; Co C (-) LZ LIZ, 1st plat BS733440, 2nd plat BS738438; Co D (-) same, 1st plat BS705552.	DO	EST
33	1540		(C) Co D at BS715545 rec AW fire req gunships. Arty WB used instead of gun ships. Notified 1st plat Co D.	BDE, DO	EST
34	1550		(C) At BS715545 Co D 1st plat detained 3 MAM at 1545H. One MAM 65 yrs old & one 60, both with ID's, and one 18-20 yrs old neg ID.	BDE, DO	EST
35	1614		(C) At BS748480 C&C app 1 M VCS and took indiv to LZ BRONCO.	BDE, DO	EST
36	1615		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS845- 308, 1st plat BS841300; Co B all elms same; Co C all elms same; Co D (-) same, 1st plat BS715545.	BDE, DO	EST
37	1630		(C) CH-47B's to airlift 1 plat fr Co B & Rcn to LZ BRONCO.	BDE, S3, DO	EST

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38	1655		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) closed LZ THUNDER at 1630H; Co B (-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN, 2nd plat & Ren LZ BRONCO; Co C (-) same, 1st plat BS735455, 2nd plat BS735444; Co D LZ DRAGON, 1st plat closed LZ DRAGON at 1650H.	DO	EET
39	1710		(C) Task Force PRYOR airlift: PZ LZ CHARLIE BROWN 1710H - LZ LZ BRONCO 1720H.	DO	EET
40	1800		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A same; Co B (-) same, 2nd plat & Ren same, 1st plat BS905264; Co C (-) same, 1st plat BS735- 455, 2nd plat BS735444; Co D same.	BDE, DO	EET
41	1850		(C) Rec PF amb loc for night & day.	Posted	EET
42	1855		(C) Bn strength rept: Co A 108, Co B (+) 146, Co C 111, Co D 122, Co E (-) 33.	Posted	EET
43	1900		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc, same.	BDE, DO	EET
44	1905		(C) At BS935203 Co B fired on two (2) fishing boats and got two (2) hits on one boat. Fishing boats evaded to SE with swift boats in pursuit.	BDE, DO	EET
45	1920		(C) Co C 2nd plat in amb pos at BS7294- 48; Co B 2nd sqd 3rd plat on Bridge 94.	DO	EET

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46	1936		(C) Co A 1st plat amb in pos at BS844282.	DO	EET
47	1950		(C) Co C 1st plat 1st & 2nd sqd at BS- 730469.	DO	EET
48	2000		(C) Co D 2nd plat amb in pos at BS721449.	DO	EET
49	2025		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	EET
50	2025		(C) All amb pos called into Bde.	DO	EET
51	2030		(C) Rec intel rept fr Bde S2: (see S2 files rept #1).	S2,DO	EET
52	2030		(C) Co B amb site 1st plat at BS902267 and BS906267.	BDE,DO	EET
53	2035		(C) Rec intel rept fr Bde S2: (see S2 files rept #2).	DO,CO,S3	EET
54	2100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,S3,DO	EET
55	2100		(C) Task Force PRYOR unable to get past gate at LZ BRONCO at this time.	BDE,CO,S3,DO	EET
56	2105		(C) Ref item #55: Now enroute to loc.	BDE,CO,S3	EET
57	2110		(C) SA fire heard by Co C coming fr village of Kim Goia, BS773430.	BDE,CO,S3,DO	EET
58	2120		(C) Co B repts they fired M-79 & M-60 rds into two (2) boats. Swift boat elm after boats unable to catch them. Co B req three (3) KIA's. Will check for boats in morning.	BDE,CO,S3	EET
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59	2135		(C) (Late Entry): TF PRYOR route of march was called into Bde at 1830H by CPT Jones (Bn DO). March is fr BS803-373 to BS730325; Clear fire on both sides for 1500 M. Clear grids are: 7231, 7736, 7236, and 7731.	BDE, CO, S3, DO	RET
60	2150		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, S3, DO	RET
61	2200		(C) TF PRYOR crossed 1st check point.	DO	RET
62	2300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	RET
63	2300		(C) TF PRYOR crossed check point #2.	S3, DO	RET
64	2350		(C) TF PRYOR crossed check point #3.	DO	RET
65	2353		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	RET
66	2355		(C) Radar repts 3 pers heading N at BS-899317. Swift boats are checking area out.	DO	RET
67	LOG Summary:		4-3 Inf continued security and offensive sweep ops in S Duc Pho AO. Effective 110600H DEC 68 4-3 Inf assumed responsibility for the N Duc Pho AO. Co A conducted sweep W of LZ THUNDER. Co B continued security of LZ CHARLIE BROWN and ops in AO YELLOW. Co C assumed responsibility for LZ LIZ. Co C conducted sweep W of LZ LIZ. Co D assumed responsibility for LZ DRAGON and conducted sweep W of		
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01	0001		(H) JOURNAL OPENED		
02	0002		(C) Co C reports that their 1st plat at BS730469 is receiving sniper fire and that VC set off trip flare. Co C call- ing in Arty.	BDE, DO	DM
03	0020		(C) Ref item #02: Sniper fire ceased.	BDE, DO	DM
04	0050		(C) Ref item #02: Trip flares on W and S of Co C were set off simultaneously. Co C responded with M-26 grens & M-79 fire, also 24 rds Arty.	BDE, DO	DM
05	0100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same. Co C 1st plat at BS729466.	BDE, DO	DM
06	0115		(C) TF PRIOR crossed check point #1.	DO	DM
07	0115		(C) Msg fr Bde: Conserve flares on flare ship.	DO	DM
08	0140		(C) TF PRIOR at BS773366.	DO	DM
09	0140		(C) TF PRIOR rec H&I fire close to their pos. Checkfire of H&I was confirmed at 0150H.	S3, DO	DM
10	0150		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DM
11	0150		(C) Flare ship rec'd hvy AW fire fr 6 or 7 wpns at BS774538. One (1) door gunner hit.	BDE, DO Downgraded at 3yr 10 Declassified after	DM

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		From		To	
S-2/3-3 4-3 Inf	LZ THUNDER BS874325	Hour 0001	Date 12 DEC 68	Hour 2400	Date 12 DEC 68

ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
12	0205		(C) Bde called: Relay to swift boats to check out BW coord BS816475. 28 camp fires spotted.	DO	DW
13	0210		(C) Msg sent to Bde at 0200H: Req 6 APC's to support plat of Co A moving S on RED HILL to BS895271 121800H DEC 68. WB released at 121900H DEC for return to LZ BRONCO. This msg is a fol up on a intel rept fr Bde 32.	BDE, DO	DW
14	0230		(C) Previous plot on 2nd plat Co D was erroneous. Corrected plot BS727513.	DO	DW
15	0230		(C) Ref item #12: Res of search: 28 fires rept'd by Bde fd to be fires set by swift boats at 1500H to 1700H. Swift boat pers had burned some sampans and hooches in that area.	BDE, DO	DW
16	0300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DW
17	0330		(C) TF PRIOR at BS771359.	DO	DW
18	0400		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same. Neg contact with NPC amb at this time.	BDE, DO	DW
19	0500		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DW
20	0600		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DW

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	IN	OUT			
77	cont		to be a storage tunnel. Will check out thoroughly in daylight.		
78	2335		(C) Generator running lights in mess hall will remain on in order for the cooks to prepare baking for change of command ceremony 15 DEC 68.	DO	DW
79	2355		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same. Neg contact with PHC amb.	BDE, DO	DW
80	LOG Summary:		4-3 Inf continued security and offensive sweep ops in N & S Duc Pho AO. Co A continued security of LZ THUNDER. Co A established two (2) blocking pos at BS810314 to BS826309. ARVN's conducted sweep fr N to S into Co A blocking pos. At 0900H at BS825324 Co A engaged 7 to 8 VC evading to N. Res one (1) VC F WIA. DUSTOFF was compl for WIA at 0930H. Co A wounded one M but unable to find him. Co B continued security of LZ CHARLIE, BROWN and ops in AO YELLOW. At 1800H 3rd plat Co B departed LZ CHARLIE BROWN with plat of APC's fr E Trp 1st CAV to search vil at BS894271. Co B 3rd plat found many bunkers and tunnels at base of hill to N of vil. Co C continued security of LZ LIZ and ops to W of LZ LIZ. Co D continued security of LZ DRAGON. One (1) plat conducted sweep W of LZ DRAGON. At 1100H 1st plat Co D rec'd AW fire		
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ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
01	0001		(U) JOURNAL OPENED		
02	0015		(C) HHC amb rept'd that flares were light ing up their pos and req a halt.	BDE notified	DW
03	0100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DW
04	0115		(C) Generator man (PTC Parrines) states SFC Carey (Commo) told him to run genera- tor all night. Ref item #78 (Daily Staff Journal 13 DEC 68).	DO	DW
05	0200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DW
06	0300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DW
07	0400		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DW
08	0430		(C) Flare ship req for a check fire in zone #1. Checkfire approved.	Arty, BDE, DO	DW
09	0500		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DW
10	0600		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DW
11	0700		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	DO	JFC
12	0725		(C) HHC amb closed LZ PRONCO.	S3, DO	JFC
13	0800		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) moving out for todays op, 3rd plat base of LZ THUNDER, wpns plat MT MONTEZUMA; Co B (-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN, 1st plat Brg 94; Co C (-) LZ LIZ, 1st plat BS746458, 2nd plat	BDE, DO	JFC
				Downgraded at 3yr 3r Declassified after 1	
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ITEM	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.				ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
NR	IN	OUT						
13	cont		BS760434, 3rd plat BS717428; Co D (-)					
			LZ DRAGON, 2nd plat BS741525.					
14	0820		(C) HELIX spotted smoke fr camp fires at coord BS790310 and BS798282. Arty called in.				BDE,CO,S2	JPC
15	0840		(C) Co A at coord BS883317 rept'd that pers in that area say VC were in vil trying to collect rice taxes.				BDE,DO	JPC
16	0900		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS879-318; Co B same; Co C 1st plat BS745450, 2nd plat BS767438, 3rd plat same; Co D 2nd plat BS692528.				DO	JPC
17	0910		(C) Ref item #15: HELIX at coord BS797-281 repts that Arty fire got (1) secondary explosion, smoke went approx 75 ft up in air.				BDE,CO,DO	JPC
18	0930		(C) Co A 3rd plat closed LZ THUNDER at 0650H.				DO	JPC
19	1000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS894-315, 3rd plat same; Co B 3rd plat departed LZ CHARLIE BROWN for today's op, 1st plat closed LZ CHARLIE BROWN 0955H; Co C				BDE,DO	JPC
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ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
19	cont		1st plat B3744438, 2nd plat B3764437, 3rd plat same; Co D 2nd plat B3712536.		
20	1000		(C) TF PRYOR coord B3773362 spotted 1 VC evading into a small tunnel. Gren thrown into tunnel res 1 VC KIA, neg wpn/docu.	BDE, CO, 33	JPC
21	1005		(C) Msg fr Bde: PF's WB guarding a dam coord B3806354 & B3801346 between 0900H & 1700H on 14, 15, 16 DEC 68.	DO	JPC
22	1020		(C) Co C 2nd plat closed LZ LIZ.	DO	JPC
23	1101		(C) TF PRYOR coord B3785365 hit a mine (type unk). Res (1) KIA (3) WIA all fr Co B. KIA line #132, Sanabia, Oscar E. PFC B311837897. WIA (urgent) line #18 Yesley, Thomas C. Sgt US52987183. WIA (urgent) line #18, Yeske, Wayne A. PFC B36500978. WIA (priority) line #32, Gale, Lee E. SP/4 US54422673. MUSTOFF req 1101H, compl at 1103H.	SI BDE, CO, 33, 32	JPC
24	1102		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) B3896- 305, 3rd plat same; Co B 3rd plat B3913- 258; Co C 1st plat closed LZ LIZ 1645H, 3rd plat same; Co D 2nd plat B3680526.	DO	JPC

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ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
25	1111		(C) Co A coord 83896305 found radio rec smoke grens, and pictures in a hooch.	BDE, DO	JPC
26	1150		(C) Ref item #23: RHA evacuated.	DO	JPC
27	1150		(C) Co A coord 83897304 found (1) 105mm rd and dest in place.	BDE, DO	JPC
28	1200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) 83897-304; Co B 3rd plat 83913258; Co C 3rd plat 83717428; Co D 2nd plat 83684536.	BDE, DO	JPC
29	1225		(C) TF PRIOR engaged 1 VC evading at B3-786368. Res 1 VC WIA. WIA being dusted off, compl at 1238H.	BDE, DO, S3	JPC
30	1230		(C) MACV Maj Garcia: RF Co 115 repts VC plat to co size elm loc at 83682311. Info passed to Co A and they will move to that loc.	BDE, S3, Co A	JPC
31	1300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) 83893-305; Co B 3rd plat 83913258; Co C 3rd plat same; Co D 2nd plat same.	DO	JPC
32	1305		(C) Co A coord 83892305 rec'd hvy AW fire (AK-47). Believed to be a sniper firing to distract attn fr larger force. Neg cas, gunships called on stand by.	BDE, DC, S3, S2	JPC

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ITEM	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.			ACTION TAKEN	RE- TIALS
NR	IN	OUT					
33	1305		(C) TF BRYON closed LZ BRONCO.			DO	JPC
34	1315		(C) Msg fr Bde: US mine field at vic BS784366.			DO, S2	JPC
35	1400		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS880- 313; Co B 3rd plat BS916252, 2nd sqd 3rd plat BS911253; Co C 3rd plat BS710427; Co D 2nd plat BS695538.			BDE, DO	JPC
36	1405		(C) Co D coord BS695538 hit pressure type 82mm mine but it did not go off. Best mine in place.			BDE, DO	JPC
37	1420		(C) Bde Comdr (Col Donaldson) in CAC spotted (3) separate grave sites. 5 graves at BS710433, 1 grave at BS710436, and 1 grave at BS710434.			BDE, DO	JPC
38	1426		(C) Co D coord BS695541 rec'd fire fr 2 AM pos with neg cas.			BDE, DO	JPC
39	1426		(C) Co A coord BS878315, WIA 1 VC F evad- ing. Also at same coord found 1 M-1 clip and 5 expended rds. MUSTOFF compl at 1450H for WIA.			BDE, DO	JPC
40	1442		(C) 4.2 ammo rept called into Bde.			DO	JPC
41	1500		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS878-			DO	RET
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	IN	OUT			
41	cont		315 center of mass; Co B 3rd plat BS911-253, all other elms same; Co C 3rd plat BS710433; Co D all elms same.		
42	1525		(C) Co A (-) closed 12 THUNDER at 1520H.	DO	EST
43	1530		(C) Ref item #30: VC WIA was running approx 200 M away fr mine incident.	DO	EST
44	1540		(C) Co D 2nd plat elm rec'd sniper fire then AM fire at BS709549.	HDE, DO	EST
45	1545		(C) At BS692312 Co A 1st plat spotted an unk size of VC with 1 Carbine and M-60 ammo. Checked with MACV and they stated neg FF's in area.	HDE, DO	EST
46	1600		(C) On SITREP neg: loc; Co A 1st plat BS684312, all other elm same; Co B 3rd plat (-) BS911253, 1st sqd BS905253, all other elms same; Co C (4) 3rd plat BS715432, all other elms same; Co D 2nd plat BS713538, all other elms same.	HDE, DO	EST
47	1630		(C) (Late Entry): Ref item #29 (Daily Staff Journal 12 DEC 68): Fr TF PAYOR: At BS765350 found base camp with 14 hooch es, 900 lbs rice, 600 lbs salt, 60 misc	DO	EST
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		Hour	Date	Hour	Date
9-2/S-3 4-3 Inf	LZ THUNDER BS874325	0001	14 DEC 68	2400	14 DEC 68

ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
47	cont		pieces cloth & unif, many sand & burlap bags, A frames with baskets, 10 Chi Com gren, 2 M-26 gren, 2 med kits. All hooch es had tunnels 10 to 15 M long by 3 ft wide by 4 ft high. Numerous trails with several freshly cut trails heavily used. Estimated supply trans point. Recommend 2 days hence (14 - 16 DEC 68) zone sweep or air strike. Also 15 M man sleeping tunnels at BS769349 (see map with tunnels BS769344). Bankers in area BS745340 to BS753340 to BS753348. At BS755343 along trail homemade booby traps. Pointed sticks in direction of traps.		
48	1650		(C) At BS710433 Co C 3rd plat dug up graves (ref item #37). In graves were 5 bodies all mil age. 2 F and 3 M all had normal VN cloth on. Cause of death could not be determined due to length of time bodies had been buried. Bodies were hardly identifiable.	DO	RET
49	1700		(C) BN SITREP neg: loc; Co A 1st plat	DO cont	RET

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ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
48	cont		BS887310, 3rd plat LZ BRONCO; Co B (-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN, 2nd plat LZ BRONCO, 3rd plat BS912252; Co C all elms LZ LEZ; Co D 3rd plat LZ BRONCO, all other elms LZ DRAGON. Co E (-) LZ THUNDER, Ren LZ BRONCO.		
50	1800		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A 1st plat moving to amb at BS901309; Co B 3rd plat BS912252, 2nd sqd 1st plat Brg 94; Co C 1st plat LZ BRONCO, 3rd plat BS715425; Co D 1st plat moving to amb site.	BDE, DO	BET
51	1845		(C) Rec PT amb loc for day & night.	Posted	BET
52	1845		(C) Bn strength rept: Co A 98, Co B 109, Co D 113, Co C 120, Co E 68.	Posted	BET
53	1900		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	BET
54	1955		(C) Rept'd amb sites to Bde.	DO	BET
55	2000		(C) LT Frazier (Bde AVNO) called: CAC will arrive at 0700H.	S3, DO	BET
56	2000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO, S3	BET
57	2005		(C) At 1950H at BS729518 Co D, 1st sqd 2nd plat, heard movement to their w. They also rec'd 1 gren with neg cas. E1m moved back to LZ DRAGON.	BDE, S-3, DO	BET

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ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
58	2100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, S3, DO	EET
59	2130		(C) Co A 3rd plat amb at BS797372.	DO	EET
60	2200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	EET
61	2300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DW
62	2340		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DW
63	2340		(C) At 2100H Co B 81mm and Navy pers on HARDSTAND were firing illumination rds and some rds hit vil at Sa Huynh. The rds burnt three hooches and killed 3 pers. It is undetermined which rd did damage. Co B will make a thorough investigation.	CC, S3, DO	DW
64	LOG Summary: 4-3 Inf continued security and offensive sweep ops in the N & S Duc Pho AO. Co A conducted offensive sweep SE of LZ THUNDER. At 1425H Co A wounded a VC F evading at coord. BS Co B continued to secure LZ CHARLIE BROWN and conduct ops in AO YELLOW. Co C continued to secure LZ LIZ and conducted sweep W of LZ LIZ. Co D continued to secure LZ DRAGON and conducted sweep W of LZ DRAGON. TF PRYOR conducted sweep into LZ BRONCO. At 1000H TF PRYOR KIA 1 VC who evaded into tunnel. VC was KIA with gren. At 1101H TF PRYOR elm hit an unk type mine or booby trap resulting in 1 US KIA and 3 US WHA. At 1225H TF PRYOR wounded 1 VC evading at cont				

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DUSTOFF REQUEST NR _____ DATE 14 Dec

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE 785 365

2. REQUESTOR Tiger Force 36

3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER 3 AMBULATORY _____

4. NATIONALITY: US 3 VN _____ FVF _____

5. NATURE OF INJURIES unk at this time

6. CATEGORY: URGENT X PRIORITY _____ ROUTINE _____

7. CONDITION & TYPE OF PICKUP SITE Good

8. SECURITY OF PICKUP SITE Good

9. WEATHER AT PICKUP SITE Good

10. MARKING (SMOKE, PANELS, LIGHTS, ETC.) Smoke

11. RADIO FREQUENCY 4570 CALLWORD _____

12. US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES X NO _____

13. REMARKS: ALL EM FROM B. Co.

14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY _____

15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY _____ TIME 1101

TIME COMPLETED 1103

KHA: line NO. 132
urgent line NO. 18
urgent line NO. 148
Priority line NO. 32

DUSTOFF REQUEST NR _____ DATE 14 Dec 68

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE 878.315

2. REQUESTOR Dogstoft Napper 36

3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LETTER ✓ AMBULATORY _____

4. NATIONALITY: US _____ VN 1 MIF _____

5. NATURE OF INJURIES gunshot wound in
butt

6. CATEGORY: URGENT _____ PRIORITY ~~1~~ 2 ROUTINE ✓

7. CONDITION & TYPE OF PICKUP SITE Good

8. SECURITY OF PICKUP SITE Secure

9. WEATHER AT PICKUP SITE Good

10. MARKING (SMOKE, PANELS, LIGHTS, ETC.) Smoke

11. RADIO FREQUENCY 45.70 CALLWORD Dogstoft Napper 3

12. US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES ✓ NO _____

13. REMARKS: _____

14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY Muddy Rifle 78

15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY Dater Control TIME 1430

TIME COMPLETED 1450

DUSTOFF REQUEST NR _____ DATE 14 Dec 68

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE 786368

2. REQUESTOR Tiger Force 36

3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER ☒ AMBULATORY _____

4. NATIONALITY: US _____ VII 1 FIF _____

5. NATURE OF INJURIES gun shot wounds
in chest

6. CATEGORY: URGENT ☒ PRIORITY _____ ROUTINE _____

7. CONDITION & TYPE OF PICKUP SITE Good

8. SECURITY OF PICKUP SITE Secure

9. WEATHER AT PICKUP SITE Good

10. MARKING (SMOKE, PANELS, LIGHTS, ETC.) Smoker

11. RADIO FREQUENCY 45.70 CALLWORD Tiger Force 40

12. US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES ☒ NO _____

13. REMARKS: _____

14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY Muddy Rifle 79

15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY Doctor Control TIME 1222

TIME COMPLETED 1238

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LZ THUNDER (B3874325) RVN

11100H DEC 68

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FRAGORD 5-68 to OPORD 15-68, Hq 4-3 Inf

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam; 1:50,000; Series L7014; Sheets 6738I, 6738II, 6838III, and 6838IV.

1. Task Organization:

A/4-3 Inf (-)	HHC (-)/4-3 Inf
B/4-3 Inf (-)	Battalion Control
C/4-3 Inf (-)	A/6-11th Arty (DS)
D/4-3 Inf (-)	C/6-11th Arty (DS)
E/4-3 Inf (-)	C/3-18th Arty (GS)

Task Force: Change of Command Ceremony.

2. 4-3 Inf conducts offensive search operations in Duc Pho AO with Co A (-)/LZ THUNDER, Co B (-)/LZ CHARLIE BROWN, Co C (-)/LZ LIZ, Co D (-)/LZ DRAGON, and Co E (-)/LZ THUNDER.

3. Co A (-):

- Secures and improves defensive positions LZ THUNDER.
- One (1) plat move from LZ THUNDER 150600H DEC 68 to establish blocking position NLT 150800H DEC 68 at B3834359. Released from blocking position 151000H DEC 68.
- Conduct offensive search operation to OBJ 1 (B3851357) to OBJ X (B3869348) to OBJ G (B3880335) to OBJ E (B3880320). Return to LZ THUNDER NLT 151700H DEC 68.

4. Co B (-): Continue present mission.

5. Co C (-): Continue present mission.

6. Co D (-):

- Secure and improve defensive positions LZ DRAGON.
- One (1) plat conduct offensive search operation 150700H DEC 68 to OBJ L (B3739519) to OBJ M (B3737513) to OBJ E (B3734508) to OBJ T (B3721520) to OBJ S (B3715510) to OBJ W (B3707518) NDP via OBJ W. Conduct night amb via OBJ W. 160700H DEC 68 moves to OBJ J (B3707525) to OBJ D (B3714528) to OBJ I (B3721527) to OBJ A (B3727532). Return to LZ DRAGON NLT 161400H DEC 68.

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7. Co B (-):

- a. Hvy Mort plat: GS LZ THUNDER.
- b. GS Sec: GS LZ THUNDER.

8. Coordinating instructions:

- a. Elements of Change of Command Ceremony will return to parent organization upon completion of ceremony.
- b. Elements with night amb will establish a false NDP in late PM; after dusk they will move NDP no less than 250 meters.

Acknowledge.

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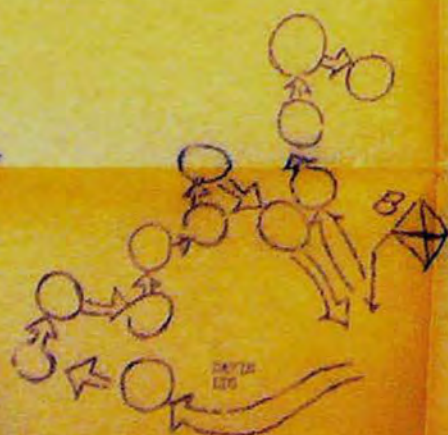
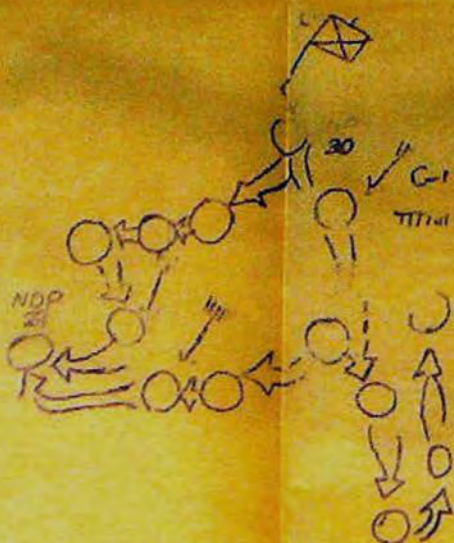
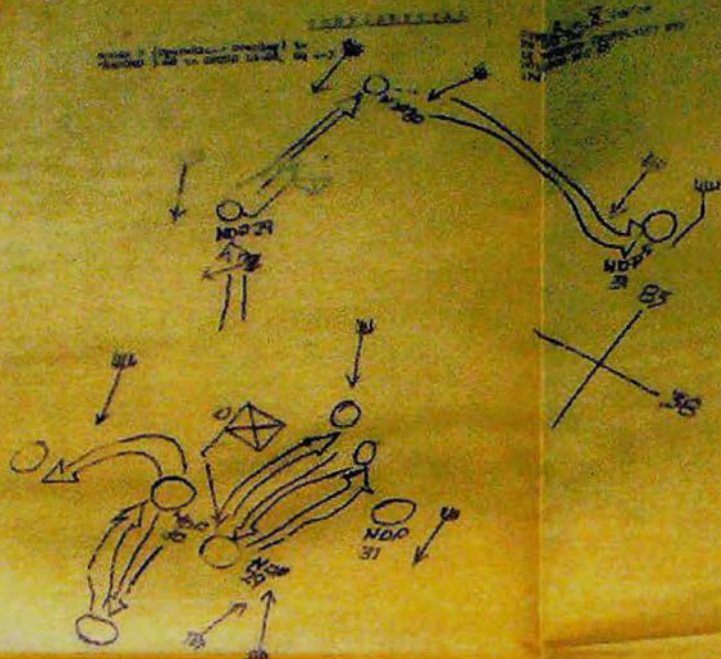
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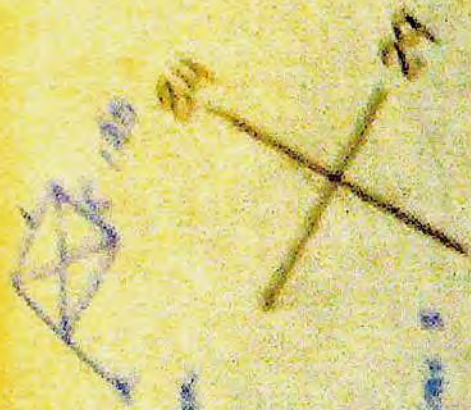


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ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
01	0001		(U) JOURNAL OPENED		
02	0100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DN
03	0125		(C) Mo Duc MACV compound rec mort rds (no. unk). Co D FO working up plots for Arty.	33, DO	DN
04	0200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DN
05	0300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DN
06	0400		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DN
07	0500		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DN
08	0600		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DN
09	0700		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DN
10	0705		(C) Co D 2nd plat closed on LZ DRAGON.	DO	JPC
11	0708		(C) Co A (-) departed for today's op.	DO	JPC
12	0800		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS863- 305; Co B same; Co C 1st plat departed LZ LZ for today's op, 2nd plat BS72L33; Co D same; Bcn BS786378.	BDE, DO	JPC
13	0800		(C) Bcn coord BS786378 fd an unfinished tunnel with bones in it. 7 ft deep & 25 ft long. Will dest.	BDE, DO	JPC
14	0810		(C) 1 VN F brought to LZ THUNDER by Bn Surg. Taken to 6th Support by SAC. VN having child birth trouble.	BDE, CO, DO	JPC

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S-2/S-3 4-3 Inf

1st THUNDER
33874325

From		To	
Hour	Date	Hour	Date
0001	16 DEC 68	2400	16 DEC 68

TIME	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
15	0900		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) 33898-297; Co B 1st plat 33894262; Co C 1st plat 33734448, 2nd plat same; Co D same Rcn 33780395.	DO	JPC
16	0930		(C) (late entry): Bde Comdr (Col Donaldson) at 33755374 app 2 VCS. Taken to LZ BRONCO.	33, DO	JPC
17	0925		(C) Co A coord 338-6284 spotted 1 VC evading and engaged with 3A fire. Now checking area for res.	BDE, DO	JPC
18	1000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) 33858-297; Co B 1st plat 33898257; Co C 1st plat 33735446, 2nd plat same; Co D 1st plat 33724526; Rcn 33784395.	BDE, DO	JPC
19	1005		(C) Air lift compl for move of ceremony plates to respective co's: Co B 2nd plat PZ LZ BRONCO 0900H - LZ LZ CHARLIE BROWN 0934H 0912H; Co D 3rd plat PZ LZ BRONCO - LZ LZ DRAGON 0943H; Wons plat Co A PZ LZ BRONCO 0955H - LZ LZ THUNDER 1005H.	BDE, 33-Air	JPC
20	1100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) same; Co B 1st plat 33890252; Co C 1st plat	DO	JPC
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S-2/S-3 4-3 Inf			L2 THUNDER BS874325		From Hour Date 0001 16 DEC 68		To Hour Date 2400 16 DEC 68	
ITEM	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.			ACTION TAKEN		INITIALS
NR	IN	OUT						
20	cont		BS735446, 2nd plat BS730441; Co D 1st plat BS712548; Ren same.					
21	1100		(C) Co D repts PF's informed them that spotted 40 VC at coord BS705555. Co D 1st plat is moving into area to check.			BDE, DO, S3		JPC
22	1130		(C) Co A (-) coord BS848283 rd 1 tunnel complex, mostly caved in. Checking fur.			BDE, DO		JPC
23	1200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS848283; Co B 1st plat BS902248; Co C 1st & 2nd plat BS735446; Co D 1st plat BS721-555; Ren BS797402.			BDE, DO		JPC
24	1204		(C) Co D 1st plat rec'd approx 40 rds AW and semi AW fire fr two pos at BS705-555. Neg cas.			BDE, CO, S3 Arty fired		PJS
25	1220		(C) Co A repts at BS848283 approx 200 M of tunnel complex. Rd 2 4 ft X 8 ft rooms with several branches.			BDE, DO		JPC
26	1240		(C) At BS705555 Co D 1st plat sighted 2 M believed to be wearing NVA unifs. Checking fur.			BDE, S3		JPC
27	1300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) same; Co B 1st plat BS898242; Co C 1st & 2nd			DO		JPC
						cont		
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9-2/3-3 4-3 Inf

12 THUNDER
BS871325

From		To	
Hour	Date	Hour	Date
0001	16 DEC 68	2400	16 DEC 68

ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
27	cont		same; Co B 1st plat BS716557; then same.		
28	1300		(C) Co B req permission to put extra amb out tonight at BS721526. Permission granted. Insure both night amb are dug in and arty plots are planned and fired.	CO,53	JPC
29	1320		(C) APC's (E Trp) on Erg 104 rept'd PF's brought in a VN farmer wounded in right shoulder & right arm by shrapnel. PF's unable to find out how indiv was wounded. MUSTOFF req, compl at 1400.	BD,DO,52	JPC
30	1335		(C) Co A coord BS845275 fd cleared out area for 5 or 6 men. Cooked rice & sugar cane in area. Also an obs tree with foxhole at base.	BD,53	JPC
31	1342		(C) Co B coord BS705558 fd 1 82mm rd booby trapped under a coconut shell. Shell was accidentally kicked and it bounced in the air not going off. Destroyed in place.	BD,CO,53	JPC
32	1400		(C) Co B coord BS703555 fd 2 tunnels and threw in grens. Neg res.	BD,DO	JPC
33	1400		(C) Bn STREP neg: loc; Co A (-) same;	BD,DO cont	JPC

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		From		To	
		Hour	Date	Hour	Date

9-2/3-3 4-3 Inf

LE THUNDER
B8874325

0001 16 DEC 68

2100 16 DEC 68

ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, O.D.TS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
33	cont		Co B 1st plat B8895240; Co C 1st plat B8745440, 2nd plat B3751440; Co D 1st plat B3703555; Ren B8814400.		
34	1430		(C) 4.2 ammo rept called into Bde.	DO	JPC
35	1435		(C) LT Covington (Bde S5) repts that at 1350H, while in village Thuy Thach, he saw a woman with child who had been killed by gunshot. VN woman claimed child had been shot by US soldier. LT Covington checked a suspected vehicle and the wps belonging to the indivs of vehicle had not been fire recently. LT Covington wanted to know if any fire had come fr LE THUNDER. Cpt Simpson (S3-Air) informed LT Covington no fire had come fr 4-3 Inf elms & no firing had been cleared by 4-3 Inf.	CO, S3, DO	JPC
36	1445		(C) 8 Trp repts spotting 1 crew served wgn pos at B3905264. 4.2 fired.	BDE, DO	JPC
37	1445		(C) Co C coord B8747444 detained 14 NAM 18 - 35 yrs old dressed as Buddhist.	BDE, CO, S3	JPC
38	1455		(C) Co D coord B3705555 rec'd AW and sent AW fire fr 2 pos in cross fire.	BDE, CO, S3	JPC

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3-2/3-3 4-3 Inf

LZ THUNDER
BS874325

From		To	
Hour	Date	Hour	Date
0001	16 DEC 68	2400	16 DEC 68

ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
39	1524		(C) Ref item #38: Gunships hit in the area. Air strike called for.	BDE, CO, S3	RET
40	1550		(C) CH-47B's will pick up trps at LZ LIJZ 171000H DEC 68 enroute to LZ BROWCO.	S3, DO	RET
41	1605		(C) CH-47B's to pick up trps at LZ DRAG- ON on 170830H DEC 68 enroute to LZ BROWCO.	S3, DO	RET
42	1615		(C) Co A req DUSTOFF for 3 US pers (urgent). Tunnel caved in on indivs at BS848283.	BDE, S3, DO	RET
43	1620		(C) Gunships left station at 1600H.	DO	RET
44	1622		(C) Ref item #42: Explosion in tunnel and indivs were overcome by chlorine gas fr C-4 explosive.	BDE, S3	RET
45	1625		(C) HELIX rept'd secondary explo vic of BS705555.	BDE, S3, DO	RET
46	1635		(C) Ref item #42: Injured pers: line #20, Bateman, Donny J. (urgent); line #146, Wyrick, Gregory J. (urgent); line #59 Segor, Bruce H.; line #161, Pallis-check (FO). DUSTOFF compl at 1620H.	BDE, S3, DO	RET
47	1700		(C) Air strike started at 1545H and ended at 1645H.		

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LZ THUNDER
BS374325

From		To	
Hour	Date	Hour	Date
0001	16 DEC 68	2400	16 DEC 68

ITEM NR	TIME		EVENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
48	1717		(C) Reg 19th Engr's at base of LZ THUN- DER to blow tunnel complex at BS3845283. Engr's to be at pad LZ THUNDER on 170700H BDE 68 to air lifted to site.	Engr, S3, DO	SET
49	1719		(C) En SITREP neg: loc; Co A same; Co B BS397244; Co C 1st plat same, 2nd plat BS744431; Co D same; Rcn BS833396.	DO	SET
50	1723		(C) (late entry): At 1410H at BS788- 489 Bde CAC app 1 VC S F. At BS684514 Bde CAC KIA 1 VC evading.	BDE, S3, DO	SET
51	1735		(C) Co D coord BS709550 fd 3 VC KIA by air strikes all in black PJ's. Digging out bomb crater at present. Neg wpns/ docu.	BDE, CO, S3, DO	SET
52	1740		(C) Co D coord BS703555 fd 1 VC KIA by air strikes. MAM dressed in black PJ's neg wpns/docu.	BDE, CO, S3, DO	SET
53	1815		(C) Co A rec'd fire fr PF's. Bde noti- fied and they notified MACV.	BDE, S3, DO	SET
54	1820		(C) Bde notified of NDP's and night activities.	DO	SET
55	1830		(C) En strength rept: Co A 102, Co B cont	Posted	SET

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12 THUNDER
BS874325

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TIME	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
55	cont		113, Co C 128, Co D 124, Co E 52.		
56	1830		(C) At BS705548 Co B repts 2 VC RTA by Arty.	NO2, CO, S3, DO	SET
57	1840		(C) Co A will evaluate area fired on by Arty at 3 VC 161830H DEC 68.	DO	SET
58	1855		(C) Co C req MUSTOFF for 1 US at BS-759441. Temp 104.4°. Comel at 1924H.	DO, DO	SET
59	1925		(C) Co C 2nd plat amb site BS764437; Gen amb site BS634392.	BDE, DO	SET
60	1950		(C) Co D 1st plat in amb pos at BS712-537.	DO	SET
61	2000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	SET
62	2010		(C) Co C 1st plat in amb pos at BS759-441; Co D 3rd plat amb pos at BS721526.	DO	SET
63	2030		(C) Co B spotted movement at BS923226. Permission refused to fire 81mm. If contact is made notify Bn CO.	CO, S3, DO Arty fired	SET
64	2045		(C) APC's (E Trp) on HANDSTAND rec'd one rd SA fire in their pos.	HACV, BDE, DO	SET
65	2050		(C) Rec intel rept fr Bde S2: (see S2 files - rating F-6).	S2, S3, DO	SET
66	2100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, S3, DO	SET

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S-2/S-3 4-3 Inf			LZ THUNDER BS874325		From		To	
					Hour	Date	Hour	Date
					0001	16 DEC 68	2400	16 DEC 68
ITEM	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.				ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
NR	IN	OUT						
67	2110		(C) Ref item #63: Clearance given to fire 81mm as long as they do not fire over friendlies and data is checked by Maj Pyman (Sde DO).				BDE,S3,DO	BET
68	2130		(C) The fol grids were cleared for 81mm for Co B by Maj Pyman (Sde DO): BS932-226, BS934224, BS935227, BS933233, and BS936221.				BDE,DO	BET
69	2140		(C) Primary pass word has been compromised switching to the alternate.				All units CO,S3,DO	BET
70	2200		(C) On SITREP neg: loc same.				BDE,DO	BET
71	2300		(C) On SITREP neg: loc same.				BDE,DO	DM
72	2355		(C) On SITREP neg: loc same.				BDE,DO	DM
73	LOG Summary:		4-3 Inf continued security and offensive sweep ops in N & B Duc Pho AO. Co A conducted sweep SW of LZ THUNDER. Co B continued security of LZ CHARLIE BROWN and ops in AO YELLOW. Co C conducted sweep W and NW of LZ LIZ. At 1445H Co C detained 14 NMM's at BS741444 all dressed as Buddhist Monks. Co D conducted sweep NW of LZ DRAGON. At 1445H 1st plat Co B rec'd hvy AW fire fr two pos vis BS705555. Gunships, Arty, and TAC Air were utilized extensively in support of 1st plat Co D. A sweep of the cont					
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0001 24 DEC 68To
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ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
01	0001		(U) JOURNAL OPENED		
02	0100		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Same	BDE, DO	DAW
03	0200		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Same	BDE, DO	DAW
04	0300		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Same	BDE, DO	DAW
05	0400		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Same	BDE, DO	DAW
06	0500		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Same	BDE, DO	DAW
07	0600		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Same	BDE, DO	DAW
08	0700		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Co A (-) same,	S3, DO	EET
			(-) 1st plat DOLPHIN PAD; Co B same;		
			Co C same, amb closed; Co D same, 3rd		
			plat leaving amb site.		
09	0700		(C) (Late Entry): PZ time 1st plat Co	BDE, S3, DO	EET
			A 0650H 17th Pad. LZ 0657H (BS822402).		
10	0705		(C) Co C 1st & 3rd plat's closed on HDP.	DO	EET
11	0712		(C) Co A (-) (BS823402).	S3, DO	EET
12	0735		(C) Co A at (BS823402) found one (1)	BDE, S3, DO	EET
			well used trail w/fence on both sides		
			of trail.		
13	0800		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Co A (-) center	BDE, S3, DO	EET
			of mass (BS823402); Co B same; Co C same;		
			Co D (-) LZ THUNDER, 3rd plat base of		
			LZ THUNDER.		

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LZ THUNDER
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ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
14	0825		(C) At (BS823402 Co A (-) detained one (1) VCS F. Indiv name is on black list as a VC team leader.	BDE, DO	EST
15	0830		(C) (Late Entry) 40 per dpt'd for Chu Lai and the Bob Hope show.	S3, DO	EST
16	0900		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; All loc same except Co B (-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN, 3rd plat (BS895210).	DO	EST
17	0900		(C) Co A 2nd & 3rd plat's closed LZ BRONCO 0840H.	DO	EST
18	0900		(C) At (BS823402) Co A (-) being led to hootch by VN National. Says VC in hootch.	BDE, DO	EST
19	0950		(C) At (BS825402) VN National says three (3) VC went into a hootch; two (2) dressed in fatigue uniform, one (1) in shorts and white shirt. Interpreter says 2 are NVA, 1 is VC.	BDE, DO	EST
20	1000		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Co A (-) (BS- 825402); Co B same, 3rd plat (BS899209); Co C same; Co D (-) same, 2nd plat at base of LZ THUNDER.	BDE, DO	EST

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S-2/S-3 4-3 Inf

LZ THUNDER
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ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
21	1020		(C) Co A (-) closed LZ BRONCO.	DO	BET
22	1040		(C) At (BS899211) Co B 3rd plat found spider holes and a rock bunker large enough for 3 pers. Also found 1 green fatigue type jacket. VN in area didn't know where people in bunker came fr or went.	BDE, DO	BET
23	1040		(C) HELIX 35 checking grid (BS9226) to (BS9225).		
24	1050		(C) At (BS906210) Co B 3rd plat found med sup in basket a VN was carrying. One (1) 250 cap. of Tetraeracyln, 2 tablets Cortol, and 2 tablets of T.T. Sulphur.	BDE, DO	BET
25	1100		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Co A closed LZ BRONCO 1022H; Co B (-) same, 3rd plat (BS906210); Co C closing LZ THUNDER; Co D (-) same, 2nd plat same.	DO	BET
26	1110		(C) HELIX 35 checked grid (BS9226) to (BS9225). Neg findings.	BDE, DO	BET
27	1200		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Co A same; Co B (-) same, 3rd plat HARDSTAND; Co C (-)	BDE, DO	BET

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			From		To	
			Hour	Date	Hour	Date
S-2/S-3 4-3 Inf		LZ THUNDER BS874325	0001	24 DEC 68	2400	24 DEC 68
ITEM NR	TIME IN OUT		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.		ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
27	(Cont'd)		LZ BRONCO, 2nd plat (BS795370); Co D same.			
28	1200		(C) Firing rept'd fr (BS801375) believed to be PF's. Bde notified.		BDE, DO	EET
29	1200		(C) HELIX 35 spotted a large tunnel entrance at (BS906286).		DO	EET
30	1225		(C) HELIX 35 at grid (BS906286) put in AS. Res were: 11 hootches dest'd.		BDE, CO, S3, DO	EET
			Used were: 8-500 lbs, 4-naplam, 20-MM.			
31	1300		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Co A same; Co 3 LZ CHARLIE BROWN; Co C 2nd plat (BS-813362), all others LZ BRONCO; Co D LZ THUNDER; Recon LZ THUNDER.		DO	EET
32	1250		(C) At (BS892216) HELIX 35 put A.S. in. Res: 20 meters of trail taken out.		BDE, DO	EET
			HELIX also put in A.S. at (BS906286).			
			Res: 11 hootches dest'd! HELIX rec'd a few rds of .30 cal fire fr (BS906287).			
			Bombs used: 16-250 lb; 4-500 lb.			
33	1400		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc: All same except Co C 2nd plat (BS803362).		BDE, DO	EET
34	1400		(C) Co D 2nd plat dpt'ing LZ THUNDER for night activities.		DO	EET

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ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
35	1400		(C) Recon left LZ THUNDER for today's op.	DO	EST
36	1430		(C) 4.2 ammo report called into Bde.	HDE, S3, DO	EST
37	1500		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Co A same; Co B (-) same, 3rd plat village Sa Huyhn; Co C (-) same; 2nd plat (BS814362); Co D (-) same, 2nd plat (BS879313); Recon returned to LZ THUNDER.	DO	JPC
38	1600		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Co A same; Co B LZ CHARLIE BROWN; Co C (-) same 2nd plat (BS822365); Co D (-) same, 2nd plat (BS889319); Recon same.	HDE, DO	JPC
39	1610		(C) Rec'd fr Bde: Contamination at grids (BS591544), (BS593548), (BS594547), (BS593544), (BS651408), (BS658418), (BS659414), (BS611409).	DO	JPC
40	1700		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Same except Co C 2nd plat (BS823367).	DO	EST
41	1745		(C) Bn Strength Report: Co A, 99; Co B, 110; Co C, 107; Co D, 116; Co E, 51, profiles, 2.	DO	JPC
42	1800		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Co A (-) same, 1st plat dpt'd LZ BRONCO 1745H; Co B (-)	HDE, DO	JPC

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ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
42	(Cont'd)		same, 1st plat B-94; Co C same; Co D (-) same, 2nd plat (-) (BS890315), 2nd sqd (BS887324), 1st sqd (BS886324); Ren dpt'd LZ THUNDER 1800H.		
43	1840		(C) Rec'd PF day & night loc.	POSTED	JPC
44	1900		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Same	DO	JPC
45	2000		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Co A (-) same, 1st plat amb (BS815392); Co B all elms same except 2nd plat amb (BS934230); Co C (-) same, 2nd plat amb (BS827366); Co D (-) same, 2nd plat (-) (BS890315) amb, 2nd plat 1st sqd (BS887324) amb, 2nd plat 2nd sqd (BS886324) amb; Ren amb (BS- 859299).	BDE, DO	JPC
46	2100		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Same	BDE, DO	JPC
47	2200		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Same	BDE, DO	JPC
48	2300		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Same	BDE, DO	DAW
49	2355		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Same	BDE, DO	DAW
50			Log Summary: 4-3 Inf continues present mission. Co A 1st plat conducted CA into (BS822403). At 0825H at (BS823402) Co A 1st plat captured one (1) VC team leader (female). There were no other significant events.		
51	2400		(V) JOURNAL CLOSED.		

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Reference: Maps, South Vietnam; 1:50,000; Series L7034; Sheets 6738I, 6738II, 6838III, and 6838IV.

1. Task Organization:

A/4-3 Inf	HC (-)/4-3 Inf
B/4-3 Inf	Battalion Control
C/4-3 Inf	C/6-11th Arty (B3)
D/4-3 Inf	
E/4-3 Inf	

2. 4-3 Inf continues offensive search operations in S Duc Pho AO to find and destroy VC main/local force units and village VC infrastructure.

3. Co A:

- a. 260800H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operation to coord (BS792357). HDP with two (2) plat amb.
- b. 270630H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations. HDP coord (BS782327) with two (2) plat amb.
- c. 280630H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations, HDP (BS782327) with two (2) plat amb.

4. Co B:

- a. Secures and improves defensive positions LZ CHARLIE BROWN.
- b. 260600H DEC 68 one (1) plat move to blocking position coord (BS933241). Position time HLT 0700H DEC 68.
- c. 270700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations in AO YELLOW and AO RED.
- d. 280700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations in AO YELLOW and AO RED.

5. Co C:

- a. 260700H DEC 68 be prepared to CA from S E Pad LZ BROWN. LZ #1 (BS922258) 260730H DEC 68. LZ #2 (BS927263) 260730H DEC 68. LZ #3 (BS925261) 260800H DEC 68. Plat LZ #1 conduct offensive search to OBJ X (BS929252). Plat LZ #2 conduct offensive search to OBJ Y (BS933255). Plat LZ #3 reserve plat.

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- b. 261300H DEC 68 conduct plat offensive search operations, NDP (BS899306) with two (2) plat amb.
- c. 270630H DEC 68 conduct plat offensive search operations, NDP (BS857367) with two (2) plat amb.
- d. 280630H DEC 68 conduct plat offensive search operations, NDP (BS818343) with two (2) plat amb.

6. Co D:

- a. 260800H DEC 68 conduct two (2) plat offensive search operations. NDP coord (BS856273), with one (1) plat amb.
- b. 270630H DEC 68 conduct plat offensive search operations. NDP coord (BS858293), with one (1) plat amb.
- c. 280630H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations. Close LZ THUNDER NLT 281600H DEC 68, with one (1) night amb.

7. Co E:

- a. Recon Plat be prepared to CA from LZ THUNDER 260730H DEC 68. LZ #14 (BS893268) 260815H DEC 68. Conduct plat offensive search operations. NDP coord (BS873250).
- b. 270630H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations. NDP coord (BS-883273).
- c. 280630H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations. Close LZ THUNDER NLT 281600H DEC 68.

8. Coordinating Instructions:

- a. Units will establish Company Base and plats will operate vic Company Base.
- b. Plats will be within 30 minutes to 60 minutes march time from each other.
- c. Unit commanders will insure separate units are mutually supporting.

Acknowledge.

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Annex A: Operations Overlay

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				From Hour Date	To Hour Date			
3-2/3-3 4-3 Inf			LZ THUNDER B3874325	0001 25 DEC 68	2400 25 DEC 68			
ITEM NR	TIME Hr Min							
01	0001		(U) JOURNAL OPENED.					
02	0100		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc: Same.			HDE, DO	DAW	
03	0200		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc: Same.			HDE, DO	DAW	
04	0300		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc: Same.			HDE, DO	DAW	
05	0400		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc: Same.			HDE, DO	DAW	
06	0500		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc: Same.			HDE, DO	DAW	
07	0600		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc: Same.			HDE, DO	DAW	
08	0700		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc: All are the same except Co A 1st plat which closed LZ BRONCO 0640H.			DO	EET	
09	0740		(C) Dustoff Req for Recon Plat Line # 46. PFC Clark, Averell RA67111034. PFC Clark was sick and collapsed.			DO	EET	
10	0745		(C) Co C 2nd plat closed LZ BRONCO. Co D 2nd plat closed LZ THUNDER.			DO	EET	
11	0800		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc: Co A LZ BRONCO; Co B LZ CHARLIE BROWN, 1st plat B-94, 2nd plat (B3211237); Co C LZ BRONCO; Co D LZ THUNDER; Recon (B3553-303).			DO, HDE	EET	
12	0840		(C) Bn CO dep'd here for LZ CHARLIE BROWN.			HDE, CO, SI, DO	EET	
						Downgraded at 1yr int. Declassified after 12y.		
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ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
13	0900		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; All ele same except Co B 1st plat closed LZ CHARLIE BROWN at 0850H, 2nd plat (BS932227).	DO	EET
14	0915		(C) Recon closed LZ THUNDER	DO	EET
15	0930		(C) Co B 2nd plat closed LZ CHARLIE BROWN.	DO	EET
16	1000		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Same.	BDE, DO	EET
17	1100		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Same.	DO	EET
18	1200		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Same.	BDE, DO	EET
19	1230		(C) Dustoff req for Line #71 Co B. PFC Ampacher, Robert US54666598.	BDE, SL, DO	EET
20	1250		(C) Dustoff req for Line #59 & #33 Co B. (59): Sp/L Geary, Thomas US54820512; (33): Sp/L Reynolds, Gordon RA12903545.	BDE, SL, DO	EET
21	1300		(C) Ref Items #19 & 20: 1/4 ton was amb with AM & M-79 at (BS918238).	BDE, SL, DO	EET
22	1310		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Same.	DO	EET
23	1355		(C) Ref Items #19 & 21: PFC Ampacher Robert, Co B, DOA 312th Evn Hosp, Chu Lai.	----	PJS
24	1400		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Same.	BDE, DO	EET
25	1425		(C) SLICK to be at S E Pad to take per-	Co B, DO, S3	EET

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8-2/3-3 4-3 Inf

LZ THUNDER
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0001 25 DEC 68

2400 25 DEC 68

ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
25	(Cont'd)		sons to Chu Lai. Reason: Positive ID of Line #71. Ref item #23.		
26	1140		(C) At (BS935225) E Trp 1st plat rec'd AW fire fr 5-6 positions. Gun Ship req.	BDE, CO, S3, DO	BET
27	1141		(C) 4.2 ammo report called into Bde.	BDE, DO	BET
28	1145		(C) Co B rec'd 15-20 rds sniper fire at (BS935225). Action taken: Co B return- ed fire. Res: 5VC KIA coord (BS935229) SHARES also rec'd fire at coord (BS935- 225).	BDE, DO	BET
29	1505		(C) Co D 1st plat dept'd LZ THUNDER for today's op.	DO	BET
30	1506		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Same.	DO	JPC
31	1550		(C) E Trp 1st plat rec'd sniper fire at coord (BS915235). Neg casualties.	BDE, CO	JPC
32	1600		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Co A LZ BRONCO; Co B LZ CHARLIE BROWN; Co C LZ BRONCO; Co D (-) LZ THUNDER, 1st plat (BS888313)	BDE, DO	JPC
33	1610		(C) (Late Entry): At 1535H HELIX 03 conducted an AS at coord (BS932234). 6 hootches dest'd, 3 hootches damaged. Bombs used: 6-250 Lbs, 8- napalm & 20mm.	BDE, DO	JPC

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LZ THUNDER
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ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
34	1410		(C) HELIX conducted an AS coord (BS-932234), one (1) spider hole damaged, 2 hootchas destroyed, 1 hootch damaged. Bombs used: 8-500 lbs, 20MM.	EDF, DO	JPC
35	1620		(C) Co A Wpn plat dept'd LZ BRONCO for tonights amb.	DO	JPC
36	1630		(C) HELIX 03 conducted an AS coord (BS-932234). One (1) hootch destroyed, two (2) secondary fires; One sustained fire went 50 ft in the air. Bombs used: 6-250 lbs, 8 napalm, and 20MM.	EDF, DO	JPC
37	1700		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Co A (-) LZ BRONCO, Wpn plat (BS789386); Co B LZ CHARLIE BROWN; Co C LZ BRONCO; Co D (-) LZ THUNDER, 1st plat (BS583306); Recon LZ THUNDER.	DO	JPC
38	1705		(C) (Late Entry): 1630 Co D 1st plat apprehended three (3) VCS at coord (BS-883306). ID cards appeared to be altered. Will be extracted to LZ BRONCO.	DO	JPC
39	1730		(C) (Late Entry): Co B at coord (BS-932234) reports one (1) VC KIA by AS.	EDF, DO	JPC

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0001 25 DEC 68

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INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, O.D.R.S., ETC.

ACTION TAKEN

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10

1800

(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc: All else same except Co A Wpn Plat (38745305).

DO, DO

JPC

11

1840

(C) Co Strength Report: Co A, 102; Co B, 110; Co C, 117; Co D, 115; Co E, 60; Profiles, 2.

DO

JPC

12

1900

(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc: Plats moving to amb pos.

DO

JPC

13

1925

(C) Rec'd Intel rept (See S2 files)

DO

JPC

14

1930

(C) Rec'd PF day and night loc.

POSTED

JPC

15

2000

(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc: Co A (-) 12 WDMCO, Wpn plat amb (38705385); Co B (-) 12 CHARLIE BROWN, 1st plat (-) amb (38910251), 1st plat 1st sqd O.P. (38-911253); Co C (-) 12 WDMCO, 1st plat amb (38705305); Co D (-) 12 THUNDER, 1st plat amb (3891305); Recon 12 THUNDER.

DO, DO

JPC

16

2100

(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc: Same.

DO, DO

JPC

17

2200

(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc: Same.

DO, DO

JPC

18

2300

(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc: Same.

DO, DO

JPC

19

2355

(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc: Same.

DO, DO

JPC

20

(C) Log Summary: 4-3 Inf continued present mission. Op's were kept to minimum due to 24 hour cease fire beginning

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L3 THUNDER
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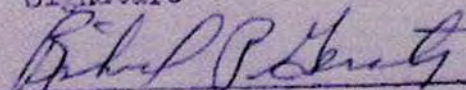
50 (Cont'd) 241800Z DEC 68 and ending 251800Z DEC 68. 1230H at (BS-918238) a 1/4 ton truck with 4 men for Co B was amb by AM and M-79 fire res in one (1) US KIA, two (2) US WIA. At 1400H at HARBSTAND, E Trp 1st plat 1/1 Cav rec'd AM fire fr (BS-935225). Co B returned fire killing five (5) VC at (BS935-229). AS at (BS932234) res in one (1) VC KIA. At 1630H Co D 1st plat apprehended three (3) VCS at (BS883306). Res of days op were six (6) VC KIA, three (3) VCS. Friendly casualties were one (1) KIA, two (2) WIA.

51 2400 (U) JOURNAL CLOSED.

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DUSTOFF REQUEST NR 1 DATE 25 Dec

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE BS 863 303

2. REQUESTOR Counter WPlift 237

3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER ☒ AMBULATORY ☐

4. NATIONALITY: US 1 VN FWF

5. NATURE OF INJURIES sick & collapsed

6. CATEGORY: URGENT ☐ PRIORITY ☒ ROUTINE ☐

7. CONDITION & TYPE OF PICKUP SITE Good

8. SECURITY OF PICKUP SITE Secure

9. WEATHER AT PICKUP SITE Cloudy

10. MARKING (SMOKE, PANELS, LIGHTS, ETC.) Smoke

11. RADIO FREQUENCY 45.20 CALLWORD Counter WPlift 237

12. US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES ☒ NO ☐

13. REMARKS: Line No. 46

14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY Muddy R. Pl 19

15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY Doctor Control TIME 0740

TIME COMPLETED 0855

LINE # 46

CLARK, AUERELL, PFC, RA 67111034

DUSTOFF REQUEST NR 1

DATE 25 Dec 68

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE 918238

2. REQUESTOR S-4

3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER 2 AMBULATORY

4. NATIONALITY: US 2 VN MIF

5. NATURE OF INJURIES HEAD INJURY (SEVERE)

6. CATEGORY: URGENT ☒ PRIORITY ROUTINE

7. CONDITION & TYPE OF PICKUP SITE GOOD

8. SECURITY OF PICKUP SITE GOOD

9. WEATHER AT PICKUP SITE GOOD

10. MARKING (SMOKE, PANELS, LIGHTS, ETC.) SMOKE

11. RADIO FREQUENCY ~~41.1~~ CALLWORD

12. US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES ☒ NO

13. REMARKS: Jeep was driving to CHARLIE BROWN +
HIT A MINE.

14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY Muddy Rifle 23

15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY Charlie Charlie TIME 1225

TIME COMPLETED 1230

DUSTOFF REQUEST NR 2 DATE 25 Dec 68

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE HARDSTAND-

2. REQUESTOR Bo Co

3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER 7 AMBULATORY 1

4. NATIONALITY: US 2 VN FWF

5. NATURE OF INJURIES BROKEN leg, Head Injury

6. CATEGORY: URGENT PRIORITY ✓ ROUTINE

7. CONDITION & TYPE OF PICKUP SITE Good

8. SECURITY OF PICKUP SITE Good

9. WEATHER AT PICKUP SITE Good

10. MARKING (SMOKE, PANELS, LIGHTS, ETC.) SMOKE

11. RADIO FREQUENCY CALLWORD

12. US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES ✓ NO

13. REMARKS: Line numbers ~~59~~ ~~33~~ 59.33

14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY Muddy Rifle 14

15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY CHARLIE-CHARLIE TIME 1245

TIME COMPLETED 1250

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LZ THUNDER

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28

1200

(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) same,

BDE, DO, CO, S3

CL

1st & 2nd plat B3786334, 3d plat B3787-

324; Co B 1st plat B3897225, 3d plat

released fr Co C at this time; Co C same,

Co D same, 3d plat base of LZ THUNDER,

2nd plat B3871258; Ren same.

29

1220

(C) Ref item #23: One of the 7 confirm-

CO, DO

CL

ed VC is a local village guerrilla chief.

30

1225

(C) Co C at B3929259 (2nd plat) found

BDE, DO

CL

one 3KS-14 in cave. Part of the SN is

B2762, remaining numbers were unreadable

due to rust and corrosion.

31

1245

(C) At B3832279 Co D found a map drawn

BDE, S3, CO

CL

on the ground on the trail.

32

1245

(C) A jeep fr Co D turned over on the

CO, S3, S1

CL

access road to LZ THUNDER. Two US were

injured, line #117 PFC Gotana; line #140

PFC Zayas. MUSTOFF req'd but later can-

celled.

33

1315

(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) B3786-

DO

CL

334, 1st & 3d plat B3782327; Co B 1st

plat B3903253, 3d plat closed LZ CHARLIE

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LZ THUNDER (BS874325)
270900H DEC 68
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FRAGORD 3-68 to OPORD 16-68, Hq 4-3 Inf

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam; 1:50,000; Series L7014; Sheets 6738I, 6738II, 6838III, and 6838IV.

1. Task Organization:

A/4-3 Inf	HHC (-)/4-3 Inf
B/4-3 Inf	Battalion Control
C/4-3 Inf	C/6-11th Arty (DS)
D/4-3 Inf	
E/4-3 Inf	

2. 4-3 Inf continues offensive search operations in S Duc Pho AO to find and destroy VC main/local force units and village VC infrastructure. 270730H DEC 68 all companies this Bn are assigned an AO within the Bn AO. Unit commanders will submit to the S-3 section, this Bn, a plan of operations for a three (3) day operation beginning 290630H DEC 68 to 010700H JAN 69. Unit plans of AO will be submitted to Bn S-3 MLT 281200H DEC 68.

3. Co A: Submit plan for AO.

4. Co B:

- Secures and improves defensive positions LZ CHARLIE BROWN.
- 290700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations in AO YELLOW and AO RED.
- 300700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations in AO YELLOW and AO RED.
- 310700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations in AO YELLOW and AO RED.

5. Co C:

- 290700H DEC 68 secures and improves defensive positions LZ THUNDER.
- Submit plan for AO.

6. Co D: Submit plan for AO.

7. Co E:

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

- a. Recon plat: Conduct offensive search operations from LZ THUNDER on order.
- b. Hvy Mort plat: GS LZ THUNDER.
- c. GS Sec: GS LZ THUNDER.

8. Coordinating Instructions:

- a. Units will establish company base and plats will operate vic company base.
- b. Plats will be within 30 minutes to 60 minutes march time from each other.
- c. Unit commanders will insure separate units are mutually supporting.

Acknowledge.

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Annex A: Operations Overlay

Annex B: Intelligence Overlay

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2100 28 DEC 68

ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	RE- TURNS
	IN	OUT			
01	0001		(C) JOURNAL OPENED		
02	0100		(C) On SITREP neg: loc same.	EDF, DO	BLM
03	0200		(C) On SITREP neg: loc same.	EDF, DO	BLM
04	0300		(C) On SITREP neg: loc same.	EDF, DO	BLM
05	0400		(C) On SITREP neg: loc same.	EDF, DO	BLM
06	0500		(C) On SITREP neg: loc same.	EDF, DO	BLM
07	0600		(C) On SITREP neg: loc same.	EDF, DO	BLM
08	0600		(C) Swift boats report a lot of move- ment around grid 9315. Spotted 3 sam- pans which were suspicious looking. Moving in to make a closer check.	DO	BLM
09	0645		(C) On SITREP neg: loc; Co A 1st & 2nd plat closed on NDP; Co B same; Co C 2nd plat closed on NDP, 3rd plat 2nd sqd en- route to NDP; Co D same; Rcn same.	DO	CL
10	0800		(C) On SITREP neg: loc; Co A 1st plat closed on NDP, all other elms same; Co B same; Co C 33925260; Co D 2nd plat 33- 343307, other elms same; Rcn same.	EDF, DO	CL
11	0815		(C) At coord 33925260 Co C elm found 2 home made grems in a hooch. Also found a 1 1/2 lb explosive charge. Explosive & hooch destroyed.	EDF, DO	CL

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12 THUNDER

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0001 28 DEC 68 2100 28 DEC 68

ITEM	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
NR	IN	OUT		
37	2100	(C) On SITREP neg; loc same.	BOE,DO	AJH
38	2110	(C) (Late Entry): Rec'd PF day & night loc at 1845R.	Posted	AJH
39	2115	(C) (Late Entry): Rec'd Bn strength rept at 1830R: Co A 104, Co B 109, Co C 120, Co D 104, Co E 61, profiles 3.	Posted	AJH
40	2115	(C) Rec'd intel rept fr Bde 82: (see 32 files).	DO,32	AJH
41	2200	(C) On SITREP neg; loc same.	HDE,DO	AJH
42	2300	(C) On SITREP neg; loc same.	HDE,DO	UV
43	2355	(C) On SITREP neg; loc same.	HDE,DO	UV
44	LOG Summary: 4-3 Inf continues present mission in the 3 Duc Pho AD.			
		At 1200H Co B detained 2 MAF's at BS920199; one MAF stated that her brother has been a VC for the past 7 yrs. At 1615R at BS800327 Sgt A. W. Howard fr Co D tripped a booby trapped 105mm rd causing his death. No other US cas were suffered during the incident. At 1740H a Socot chopper fr 123d Avn Co was downed by enemy fire at BS762358. Three of the crew members were injured badly. Co A 3d plat moved into the area of the downed chopper and secured it. At 1845R 1st plat of Co B spotted 10 VC in the open at BS830311. Arty fire was cont		

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LZ THUNDER (B3874325) RVN
281400H DEC 68
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PRAGOND 3-68 to OPORD 16-68, Hq 4-3 Inf

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam; 1:50,000; Series L7014; Sheets 6738I, 6738II, 6838III, and 6838IV.

1. Task Organization:

A/4-3 Inf	HHC (-)/4-3 Inf
B/4-3 Inf	Battalion Control
C/4-3 Inf	C/6-11th Arty (DS)
D/4-3 Inf	
E/4-3 Inf	

2. 4-3 Inf continues offensive search operations in S Duc Pho AO to find and destroy VC main/local force units and village VC infrastructure.

3. Co A:

- 290700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations, NDP B3767370, with two (2) plat amb vic B3760357 and vic B3770349.
- 300700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations, NDP B3770400, with two (2) plat amb vic B3763393 and vic B3778402.
- 310700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations, NDP B3823402, with two (2) plat amb vic B3818401 and vic B3828398.

4. Co B:

- Secures and improves defensive positions LZ CHARLIE BROWN.
- 290700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations in AO YELLOW and AO RED.
- 300700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations in AO YELLOW and AO RED.
- 310700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations in AO YELLOW and AO RED.

5. Co C:

- 290700H DEC 68 secures and improves defensive positions LZ THUNDER.
- 290700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations with two (2) plats, NDP B3873328, with one (1) plat amb vic B3875447.
- 300700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations with two (2) plats, NDP LZ THUNDER with one (1) plat night amb vic B3881322.
- 310700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations with two (2) plats, close LZ THUNDER 311500H DEC 68 with one (1) plat night amb.

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Hour	Date	Hour	Date
0001	28 DEC 68	2400	28 DEC 68

ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
12	0900		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A 3d plat B3770342, 1st & 2nd plat moving out for today's op at 0850H; Co B (-) same, 2nd plat moving out fr LZ CHARLIE BROWN at 0855H; Co C same; Co D 2nd plat B3848- 301; Ren B3875225.	DO	CL
13	1000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) B3773- 347, 1st plat B3768340, 2nd plat B3765- 345, 3d plat B3766338; Co A wpns plat moving out for today's op; Co B (-) same, 1st plat B3905255, 2nd plat B3920190, 3d plat B3920200; Co C B3913284; Co D LZ THUNDER; Ren B3884261.	BDE, DO	CL
14	1100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) NDP, 1st plat B3762344, 2nd plat B3766348, 3d plat B3762342, wpns plat B3772347; Co B 1st plat B3904248, 2nd plat B3920199, 3d plat same; Co C same; Co D same; Ren same.	DO	CL
15	1115		(C) Co C obs 3 VC evading at B3764350. VC were not carrying any wpns. Engaged w/Arty fire w/neg res.	DO, ARTY	CL

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S-2/3-3 4-3 Inf

LZ THUNDER
BS874325

From		To	
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ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
16	1130		(C) Co B found all parts for a booby trap and destroyed them in place at BS-920199.	DO	CL
17	1200		(C) At BS920199 Co B 2nd plat found med supplies in a hooch, also in same area detained 1 female 35yrs old who says her brother has been a VC for 7 yrs. An additional female was also detained.	BDE, DO	CL
18	1200		(C) On SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS773-347, 1st plat BS764347, 2nd plat BS766-354, 3d plat BS761337; Co B 2nd & 3d plat same, 1st plat BS901237; Co C same; Co D same; Rcn BS897265.	BDE, DO	JPC
19	1300		(C) On SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) same, 1st plat (-) same, 1st sqd BS763337, 2nd plat BS769358, 3d plat BS769358; Co B 1st plat BS909232, 2nd plat BS906199, 3d plat BS924199; Co C same; Co D base of LZ THUNDER; Rcn same.	DO	JPC
20	1350		(C) Co A at BS767356 found a tunnel complex, 1 camouflaged hooch with bunker. Near the hooch was found a sandbag with	BDE, DO	JPC
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3-2/3-3 4-3 3rd

IN THE MOUNTAIN
BS674325

From

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ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
20	cont		following items: 1 sewing kit, 1 bottle of methiolate, mosquito repellent, 1 pr black PJ's, and 1 ARVN type green unif.		
21	1100		(C) Bn STREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS773-347, 1st plat closing on Co (-), 2nd plat BS767358, 3d plat BS770352; Co B 1st plat BS919236, 2nd plat BS906199, 3d plat closed LZ CHARLIE BROWN; Co C BS899501; Co D BS838327; Ren BS894271.	BDE, DO	JPC
22	1110		(C) Co A at BS767358 found 1 pr of ARVN boots, 1 US canteen, and 2 tunnels with camouflaged entrance.	BDE, DO	AJH
23	1130		(C) 4.2 ammo rept called into Bde.	DO	AJH
24	1150		(C) Bn STREP neg: loc; Co A all elms same; Co B 1st plat closed LZ CHARLIE BROWN at 1150H; 3d plat closed LZ CHARLIE BROWN at 1145H; 2nd plat BS902203; Co C same; Co D BS815324; Ren Brg 104.	DO	AJH
25	1500		(C) Co A at BS767358 found a NVA ruck sack with 1 hammock, 1 pr Black PJ's, chain with lighter on it, wallet which contained papers, pictures of an ARVN, notebook and a rain jacket.	BDE, DO	AJH

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8-2/3-3 4-3 Inf

LZ THUNDER
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ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
26	1615		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A all elms at 83773347; Co B (-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN, 2nd plat 83902203; Co C (-) LZ THUNDER, 1st plat closed LZ THUNDER at 1450H; Co D (-) 83808327, 1st plat 83812321, 2nd plat 83808327 wpona plat same loc as 2nd plat; Ren closed LZ THUNDER at 1540H.	BDE, DO	AJH
27	1615		(C) At 83808327 1 US fr Co D hit a booby trapped 105mm rd. Line 9th, Sgt Howard, A. W. Jr. Indiv was KIA. Co D rec'd no other cas.	BDE, DO, CO, S3	AJH
28	1700		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A same; Co B 2nd plat MIP at 83897205, 1st plat Brg 9th; Co C LZ THUNDER; Co D (-) 83808327, 1st plat 83812321; Ren same.	DO	PJS
29	1740		(C) Aero Scouts (123d Avn Co) at 83762-358 had 1 aircraft downed by suspected enemy fire. Two or three of the crew members are hurt badly. Co A 3d plat moving in to secure area.	BDE, DO	AJH
30	1845		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; E Trp 1st CAV on Brg's 9th, 95, 107, and 10th repts neg SITREP.	BDE, DO	AJH

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12 THUNDER
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ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
31	1845		(C) Co B 1st plat at BS830311 was moving toward night amb when they saw 10 VC moving in the open. Arty called in got 3 VC KIA; remaining 7 VC ran to the SW. Neg wps were found.	BDE, DO	AJH
32	1900		(C) Co A 3d plat at BS765358 found, in area of downed chopper, fresh food, 3 or 4 hats, 2 hooches, VN shirt drying on brush, and there was smell of fresh fires.	BDE, DO	AJH
33	1905		(C) Co A 3d plat at BS762358 closed in around the downed aircraft.		
34	1940		(C) Swift boats at BS926218 rec'd 2 rds either 81mm or 75mm. 1 rd hit water approx 200 M out; 2nd rd hit a hill approx 500 M S of first rd but same range.	BDE, DO	AJH
35	2000		(C) On SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) NDP BS-773344, 3d plat amb BS763344, 1st plat amb BS765358; Co B, (-) same, 1st plat Brg 94, 2nd plat BS897205; Co C same; Co D (-) NDP BS808327, 1st plat BS813312.	BDE, DO	AJH
36	2025		(C) Co A 3d plat at BS765358 detects noises around perimeter.	DO	AJH

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	IN	OUT			
37	2100		(C) On SITREP neg; loc same.	None, DO	AJH
38	2110		(C) (late entry): Rec'd PT day & night loc at 1845H.	Posted	AJH
39	2115		(C) (late entry): Rec'd on strength rept at 1830H: Co A 100, Co B 109, Co C 120, Co D 104, Co E 61, profiles 3.	Posted	AJH
40	2115		(C) Rec'd intel rept fr Bde 32: (see 32 files).	DO, 32	AJH
41	2200		(C) On SITREP neg; loc same.	None, DO	AJH
42	2300		(C) On SITREP neg; loc same.	None, DO	IV
43	2355		(C) On SITREP neg; loc same.	None, DO	IV
44	1/3 Summary:		4-3 Inf continues present mission in the 3 Duc Pho AG.		
			At 1200H Co B detained 2 NAF's at B3920179; one NAF stated		
			that her brother has been a VC for the past 7 yrs. At		
			1615H at B3706327 Sgt A. W. Howard fr Co B tripped a		
			baby trapped 105mm rd causing his death. No other US		
			cas were suffered during the incident. At 1740H a		
			UH-1H chopper fr 123d Avn Co was downed by enemy		
			fire at B3762358. Three of the crew members were injured		
			badly. Co A 3d plat moved into the area of the downed		
			chopper and secured it. At 1845H 1st plat of Co B		
			spotted 15 VC in the open at B330311. Arty fire was		
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placed on the area resulting in 3 VC KIA. The remaining

7 VC evaded GW. Neg wpsns were found at the scene.

Res of the days op were 1 US KMA, 3 VC KIA, and 2 VCS

MAP's detained.

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281100H DEC 68
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PLANNED 3-68 to OPORD 16-68, Hq 4-3 Inf

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam; 1:50,000; Series 17024; Sheets 67381, 67381I, 68381II, and 68381V.

1. Task Organizations:

A/4-3 Inf	REC (-)/4-3 Inf
B/4-3 Inf	Battalion Control
C/4-3 Inf	C/6-11th Arty (NS)
D/4-3 Inf	
E/4-3 Inf	

2. 4-3 Inf continues offensive search operations in 8 Duc Pho AO to find and destroy VC main/local force units and village VC infrastructure.

3. Co A:

- 290700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations, REF B8767370, with two (2) platoon amb via B8760357 and via B8770349.
- 300700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations, REF B8770400, with two (2) platoon amb via B8763393 and via B8778402.
- 310700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations, REF B8823402, with two (2) platoon amb via B8818401 and via B8828398.

4. Co B:

- Secures and improves defensive positions LZ CHARLIE BROWN.
- 290700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations in AO YELLOW and AO RED.
- 300700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations in AO YELLOW and AO RED.
- 310700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations in AO YELLOW and AO RED.

5. Co C:

- 290700H DEC 68 secures and improves defensive positions LZ THUNDER.
- 290700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations with two (2) platoons, REF B8771324, with one (1) platoon amb via B8775347.
- 300700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations with two (2) platoons, REF 12 THUNDER with one (1) platoon night amb via B8881322.
- 310700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations with two (2) platoons, close 12 THUNDER 3150H DEC 68 with one (1) platoon night amb.

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6. Co D:

- a. 290700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations, NDP BS603324, with 1 plat amb vic BS799358.
- b. 300700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations, NDP BS790328, with one (1) plat amb BS774328.
- c. 310700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations, NDP BS818342, with one (1) plat amb vic BS825340.

7. Co E:

- a. Recon plat: Conduct offensive search operations from LZ THUNDER on order.
- b. Hvy Mort plat: GS LZ THUNDER.
- c. GS Sec: GS LZ THUNDER.

8. Coordinating Instructions:

- a. Units will establish company base and plats will operate vic company base.
- b. Plats will be within 30 minutes to 60 minutes march time from each other.
- c. Unit commanders will insure separate units are mutually supporting.

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Annex B: Operations Overlay

Annex A: Intelligence Overlay

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	IN	OUT			
46	1900		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	DO	CL
47	1945		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	CL
48	2100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	CL
49	2200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	CL
50	2300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	CL
51	2355		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	CL
52	LOG Summary: 4-3 Inf continues present mission in S Duc Pho AO.				
			Co A KIA 1 VC female who was trying to turn a Claymore		
			mine around and it detonated on her. Co A also found		
			2 VC KIA by Arty in the vic of the area where a chopper		
			was shot down day before on the 28th of DEC. Co A also		
			obs 6 VC evading and since HXIX was circling the area		
			an AS was placed on the 6 VC vic B3768372. Her bodies		
			were found after the AS. Also 2 500 lb bombs dropped		
			during the AS turned out to be duds and were not located.		
			Co A detained 3 VCS who were evac'd to 12 THUNDER for		
			further questioning. Co C 1st plat located and destroyed		
			a tunnel complex. Co D engaged 3 VC evading with neg		
			res but later app 1 NAM evading. Indiv was evac'd to		
			12 THUNDER. Res of the days ops were 3 VC KIA and 4		
			VCS detained.		
53	2100		(U) JOURNAL CLOSED		

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	IN	OUT			
17	cont		18 to 22 yrs old. Indiv was evading up a hill at B3827364. She was carrying a box with tea and food in it. Indiv had on black PJ's and also had some penicillin.		
18	1015		(C) Co B at B3816349 had 1 US DUSTOFF litter patient. Injury: broken leg. Line #164, Morris W. Indiv dusted off by CAC at 1015H.	BDE, DO, SL	AJH
19	1030		(C) Co B at B3835355 rept'd that the people of a vil rept'd to the 1st plat that there was an ARVN mine field in the area.	DO	AJH
20	1100		(C) En SETREP neg: loc; Co A 1st plat same, 2nd plat B3822401, 3d plat B3823405, wpns plat B3800409; Co B (-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN, 1st plat B3908213, 3d plat B3897765; Co C (-) LZ THUNDER, 1st plat B3889309, 2nd plat (-) B3856283, 2nd & 3d sqd B3900305, 3d plat B3856283; Co D (-) B3816349, 1st plat B3835355, 2nd plat B3816349, 3d plat B3826363, wpns plat B3816349.	DO	AJH

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ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
41	cont		same; Co D (-) BS816349, 1st plat amb BS852372, 1st sqd 1st plat amb BS853354; E Trp 1st CAV on Brg's 94, 95, 104, and 107 all neg SITREP.		
42	2000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	CL
43	2100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	CL
44	2200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	CL
45	2200		(C) PF's at Brg 104 rept'd to E Trp elm that they have a suspected enemy loc at BS859288, 844293, and BS852228.	DO	CL
46	2300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	BET
47	2355		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	CL
48	LOG Summary:		4-3 Inf continues present mission in S Duc Pho AC. HELIX 37 put in 3 AS. Co B with the help of Bde C&C app 4 VCS. Co C app 4 VCS. Co D app 1 VCS F who was carrying food and penicillin. Co D also app 4 VCS with the assistance of the Bde C&C. Co D also KIA 1 VC who was evading. Res of the days op were 1 VC KIA and 13 VCS detained.		
49	2400		(U) JOURNAL CLOSED		

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