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Organization or Installation		Location		Period Covered	
S2/S3 4-3 INF		LZ THUNDER BS 874325		From To	
				Hour Date	Hour Date
				0001 03 Oct 68	2400 03 Oct 68
ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
01	0001		(U) Journal Opened		
02	0055		(C) All units neg sitrep locations same	Bde, CO, S3	JFR
03	0113		(C) Rec'd INFRARED emissions: 12 emissions FM BS845299. Arty fired on that coord.	CO, S3, S2	JFR
04	0155		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep locations same	Bde, CO, S3	JFR
05	0255		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep locations same	Bde, CO, S3	JFR
06	0355		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep locations same	Bde, CO, S3	JFR
07	0455		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep locations same	Bde, CO, S3	JFR
08	0545		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep locations same	Bde, CO, S3	JFR
09	0630		(U) Co D 2nd sqd 2nd Plat closed in on Hardstand	Bde, CO, S3, M	JFR
10	0643		(U) Co C 2nd Plat rec'd approx 40 rds of SA fire. Neg cas: Loc BS818405	Bde, CO, S3, M	JFR
JOHN F. REIGER CPT, Signal					
11	0700		(C) Bn Loc: Co A BS811346, Co B(-) LZ Thunder, Mort Plat 2nd Sqd Bridge 111, Co C(-) Departed LZ Bronco at this time. 2nd Plat BS819409, Mort Plat on Montezuma Co D CP Hardstand, 1st plat BS906257, 2nd plat(-) Charlie Brown, 2nd sqd Bridge 94.		
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WALTER McDONALD Lt, Infantry				Walter McDonald	

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11 (Cont'd)			(C) 3d plat Bridge 94, Mort Plat on Charlie Brown.	Bde, CO, S3, M	WM
12	0740		(C) Co D 2nd plat (-) departed Charlie Brown at this time	CO, S3, M	WM
13	0800		(C) Bn Loc Same except: Co B 2nd Plat BS875317, Co C(-) BS805367, 2nd Plat BS 897395, Co D CP BS907257, 1st Plat (-) BS906257	Bde, CO, S3, M	WM
14	0830		(C) Co C 2nd Plat closed LZ Bronco at this time. Co B 2nd Plat BS883321.	CO, S3, M	WM
15	0845		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep: C Co(-) BS795363, A Co BS816344, D Co 1st sqd 1st plat BS 906257, OPl BS907257, 2nd Plat (S) LZ Charlie Brown, 3d Plat closed hardstand 2nd sqd 2nd plat Bridge 94, D Co CP on hardstand	CO, S3, BDE, M	WM
16	1000		(C) Bn Loc: Co A BS810329, Co B 2nd Plat BS890320, Co C(-) BS792356, 1st Plat BS 792350, Co D 3d Plat BS932233, 1st Plat BS906257	CO, Bde, M, S3	WM
17	1025		(C) Co D 2nd Plat 2nd sqd departed the hardstand at 1025 hours	CO, S3, M	WM

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18	1030		(C) Co B 2nd Plat BS894315	CO, S3, M	WM		
19	1100		(C) Bn Loc same except: Co C(-) BS795350 1st plat BS795345, Co D 2nd Plat 2nd sqd BS914259	Bde, CO, S3, M	WM		
20	1135		(U) Bde Rpt'd that Maj Borton MACV stated that a funeral will be conducted fm BS 860325 to BS865325 between 1200-1600	CO, CoB, S3, M	WM		
21	1200		(U) At 1140 a UHLD helicopter from 174th Avn req to test fire their wpns at BS847 394. Permission was granted; chopper obs 2 VC evading and engaged. Res: 1 VC KIA	CO, Bde, M, S3	WM		
22	1205		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep Loc: Co A BS813306, Co C(-) BS803351, B 2nd plat BS885305, D Co 1st plat BS906257, 1st plat BS BS 907257, 2nd Plat 2nd sqd & 3d plat BS 932233	CO, Bde, M, S3	WM		
23	1300		Bn Loc Same: Except for Co C (-) BS804345	CO, S3, M	WM		
24	1315		(U) Co C 3d Plat obs 2 VC evade into a village: BS804345, Conducted search of area, neg findings, village deserted	Bde, CO, S3, M	WM		
25	1320		(U) C&C chopper extracted GILMAN, JOHN G from Co A to LZ Thunder. Indiv had heat exhaustion	CO, S3, Med	WM		

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26	1325		(C) Co D 2nd Plat 2nd sqd closed Hardstand with negative results :	Bde, CO, S3, M	WM		
27	1330		(U) Co C mort plat found (0745) 1 M16A1 Mine inside of perimeter on Montezuma. called EOD. They removed it.	Bde, CO, S3, EOD	WM		
28	1400		(C) Bn Neg sitrep locations same	Bde, CO, S3,	WM		
29	1425		(U) Co C BS824353 Fd & Dest 1 hut with double ceiling neg findings	Bde, CO, S3, M	WM		
30	1428		1430 2nd plat E Trp BS901258 obs 8 MAM's carrying unknown obj. C&C conducting aero recon. (Neg results)	CO, S3, M	WM		
31	1432		(C) Col Henderson Bde Cmdr & Col Donald son new Bde Cmdr arrived LZ Thunder, met and briefed by Ltc Russell. Departed at 1440 hrs	CO, S3, Ede	WM		
32	1500		(C) Bn Loc Same except: Co B 2nd Plat BS 875314, 1st Plat BS825354, Co D OP BS 907 257	CO, S3, M, Ede	WM		
33	1516		(U) 1st Plat D Co spotted 3 VN acting very suspicious at BS902257, C&C Checked area neg results:	Bde, CO, S3, M	WM		
34	1530		(C) D Co 3d Plat closed LZ Charlie Brown with negative results;	Bde, CO, S3, M	WM		
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35	1600		(C) Neg Sitrep: Loc same except: Co C(-) BS827365 & C Co 3d Plat closed LZ Bronco at 1600 hrs, B Co 2nd Plat closed LZ Thunder at 1530h.	Bde, CO, S3, M	WM		
36	1640		(U) BS830290 Co A engaged and WIA/GIA 1 VC tax collector attempting to evade. Individual had pack and documents. VC was wounded in both legs & 1 arm. req Dustoff .	Bde, CO, S3, M	WM		
37	1700		(C) Bn Neg sitrep loc same except: Co A BS830290 & Co D 1st Plat BS914252 <i>Walter McDonald Lt.</i> WALTER McDONALD	Bde, CO, S3, M	WM		
38	1800		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep loc same except: Co D 2nd Plat 1st sqd Bridge 94	Bde, CO, S3, M	TJS		
39	1815		(C) Rec PF locations (All BS) NIGHT: 803375, 801376, 831336, 834345, 813372, 814366 796389, 845331, 885286, 833348, 834348, 925227	M, CO, S3	TJS		
40	1820		(C) B Co wpns plat closed on Bridge 111	Bde, CO, S3, M	TJS		
41	1840		(C) A Cos Location: Bs846282	Bde, CO, S3, M	TJS		
42	1900		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep: Loc: Co C 3d Plat BS 815391 (ambush) D Co 1st Plat (ambush) BS914252, 2nd Plat 1st sqd Bridge 94	CO, Bde, M, S3	TJZ		
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43	1915		(C) at 1910 Co A 1st and 2nd Plat BS 846 282 rec unk nr mortar rds, SA, AW fire fm west. 3d and 4th plat, CP rec SA fire and probes. Results: req dustoff for 1 US WHA	Bde, CO, S3, M	JRS		
44	1925		(C)(REF ITEM 43) Co A rec total of 2 mortar rds, AW fire fm 16 individuals w/ carbines, 2 ⁺ US WHA (M) additional. (Dust off not required)	Bde, CO, S3, M	JRS		
45	1943		(C) Dustoff completed	Bde, CO, S3	JRS		
46	1944		(U) Co A rec AW fire until 1920. Contact broken by enemy	Bde, CO, S3	JRS		
47	2000		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep, Loc: Co B 3d Plat ambush in psn BS876304, Co C 3d Plat Ambush inpsnBS814402, Co D 2nd Plat, 2d sqd LP in psn BS932221, Recon ambush in psn BS867304	Bde, CO, S3, M	JRS		
48	2040		(C) At 2015 rec additional information fm Co A (item 43) 3 more indiv were WHA (slight) Line nr 5 (Lt miller) rec frag wd in left arm: line nr 29 (SGT SLOCUM) rec wounds in left side, left arm, and				
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48	(Cont'd)		(C) left side of Buttox, line nr 105 (PFC HARGROVE) rec frag wounds in left leg	S1, CO, S3, Bde	JRS		
49	2100		(C) Bn neg sitrep locations same	CO, S3,	JRS		
50	2120		(C) new loc for Co A: 1st Plat & 2nd plat BS835284, 3d & 4th Plat and CP at BS 846282	Bde, CO, S3, M	JRS		
51	2200		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep locations same	Bde, CO, S3	JRS		
52	2300		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep locations same	Bde, CO, S3	JRS		
53	2320		(C) Rec Intel report fm Bde. (See S2 file)	CO, S3, S2	JRS		
54	2355		(C) Bn Neg sitrep locations same	Bde, CO, S3	JRS		
55			(C) Summary - At 1925H Co A recd 2 incoming mortar rds and AW fire from a platoon sized force resulting in 4 US WVA (Frag wds) MH-10 fast firing in 4-3 Inf Co engaged and killed 1 VC evading. Units had neg enemy contact throughout the AO.				
56		2400	(II) Journal Closed		JRS		
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JOHN R. SAM CPT, Infantry				<i>John R. Sam</i>			

DUSTOFF REQUEST

NR 1DATE 3 Oct 68

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE BS 810329
2. REQUESTOR Co A
3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER _____ AMBULATORY
4. NATIONALITY: US VN _____ FWF _____
5. NATURE OF INJURIES UNKNOWN ORIGIN
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.) Smoke
11. RADIO FREQUENCY _____ CALLWORD VODKA 46G
12. ANY US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES NO _____
13. REMARKS C/C HELICOPTER MEDIVACED TO D to LZ THUNDER
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14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY: LEDGER 39
15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY C/C HELICOPTER TIME 1035
TIME COMPLETED 1053

DUSTOFF REQUEST

NR 2DATE 3 Oct 68

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE Bs 883307
2. REQUESTOR Co B
3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER _____ AMBULATORY
4. NATIONALITY: US _____ VN FWF _____
5. NATURE OF INJURIES UNKNOWN ORIGIN
6. CATEGORY: URGENT _____ PRIORITY _____ ROUTINE
7. CONDITION & TYPE OF PICKUP SITE Good
8. SECURITY OF PICKUP SITE SECURE
9. WEATHER AT PICKUP SITE CLEAR
10. MARKING (SMOKE, PANELS, LIGHTS, ETC.) SMOKE
11. RADIO FREQUENCY 45.70 CALLWORD DUNCAN YEOMAN 16
12. ANY US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES NO _____
13. REMARKS _____
14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY: LEOGER 39
15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY Dr. CONTROL TIME 1325
TIME COMPLETED 1445

OPERATION SUMMARY - 3 October 68

A Company - NDP BS790328 w/2 ambushes vic. Conducted combat sweep S.E. from NDP commencing 030700H Oct 68.

(1) 1 sqd B&C ambushed by approximately 1 mid of VC. One VC KIA, wounded fire
B Company - Secured LZ THUNDER and bridge 111. Conduct platoon combat patrol S.E. of LZ THUNDER commencing 030700H Oct 68.

(2) 1 track hit mine 175 rd. BS55245. Track damaged neg casualty.
C Company - (-) remain LZ BRONCO w/1 ambush vic BS819402. Co(-) conducted combat sweep W&S from LZ BRONCO at 030700H Oct 68, and returned. KIA.

D Company (-) - Remained at HARDSTAND, secured LZ CHARLIE BROWN and bridge 94, w/1 ambush BS910200. Platoon conducted combat patrol N from CHARLIE BROWN at 030700H Oct 68. 1 platoon conducted search BS905255.

(5) "SERIES GRADE" 1/16 9 KIA with weapons north of BLDY.
E RECON - Conducted 2/ambushes BS866303 and BS877303 w/1 sqd 19th Engrs w/each ambush. Engrs along highway had 5 contacts.

PLANS SUMMARY - 3 October 68 (ives picked up 9 KIA from D 1/16. On becoming airborne, chopper shot down 1 crew KIA. Total of action: 14 NVA 23 KIA.

A Company - Will NDP vic BS815307 w/2 platoon ambushes W&E of NDP. 4 Oct continue combat sweep south. 30 from Hawaii.

B Company - Will secure LZ THUNDER and bridge 111. 1 platoon will ambush BS878318. 4 Oct 1 platoon will conduct combat sweep S&E through BS885315 and close THUNDER.

C Company - Will secure LZ BRONCO w/1 ambush BS818401. 4 Oct C(-) will move W then N conducting combat search BS777407 and BS791401. Ambush platoon will block BS786407, Company will close BRONCO.

D Company - Will secure HARDSTAND, bridge 94 and CHARLIE BROWN. 1 sqd ambush BS916206 and 1 platoon ambush BS911256. 4 Oct 1st platoon sweep east to BS9226. One platoon from CHARLIE BROWN move to block BS924263. Both close CHARLIE BROWN. 1 platoon move west to BS905245 for NDP.

RECON - Will ambush vic BS866307 and close THUNDER.

4.2" MORTAR - AMMO REPORT - 3 October 68

Observed-----1	HE-----46
Not observed-----1	WP-----0
M&I-----12	M&I-----0
<u>TOTAL-----14</u>	<u>Total-----46</u>

BRIEFING - 3 October 68

ENERGY LOSSES:

UNIT	KIA	PW
3/1	1	0
4/3	0	1
1/20	1	0
174th	6	0
52d Air	1	0

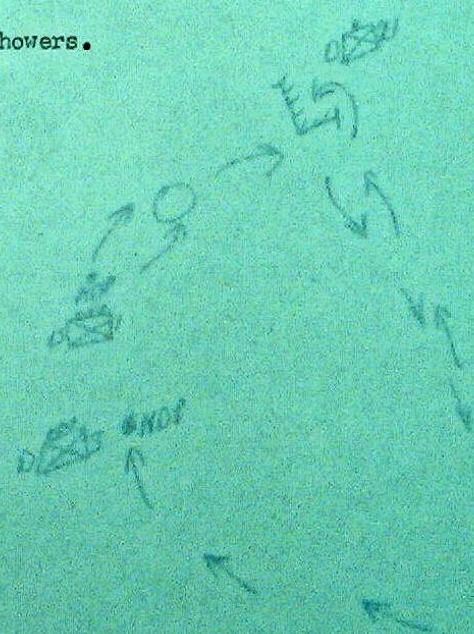
BRIEFING - 3 October 68 - Continued

ACTION:

- (1) 1 sqd RDC ambushed by approximately 1 sqd of VC. One RDC KHA. Returned fire neg. results. BS800390.
- (2) 1 track hit mine 175 rd. BS555845. Track damaged neg casualty.
- (3) C 39th Engrs BS727600 received sniper fire. Gunships 6 VC KHA.
- (4) VQ fired M-79 rds at PF BS831354. Called arty neg casualty. VC broke into PF radio net.
- (5) "DUKES GLADE " 1/46 9 KHA with weapons north of BALDY.
- (6) Engrs along highway had 5 contacts.
- (7) A 1/46 BT086078 51th Medivac picked up 9 WHA from D 1/46. On becoming airborne, chopper shot down 5 crew WHA. Total of action: 14 MHA 21 WHA.

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