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Organization or Installation: S2/S3 4-3 INF Location: LZ THUNDER BS 874325 Period Covered: From 0001 07 Oct 68 To 2400 07 Oct 68

ITEM	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
1	0001		(U) Journal Opened		
2	0055		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep locations same	Co, Bde, S3	JFR
3	0056		(U) D Co, 19th Eng phoned and reported a glow which appears to be a fire at bridge 110 (Checked with D Co CP & their ele on bridge 111 reported neg)	CO, S3	JFR
4	0155		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep locations same	CO, S3, Bde-	JFR
5	0255		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep locations same	Bde, CO, S3	JFR
6	0355		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep locations same	Bde, CO, S3	JFR
7	0455		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep locations same	Bde, CO, S3	JFR
8	0555		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep locations same	Bde, CO, S3	JFR
9	0556		(C) Co A 3d Plat 1st crossed water 0600 Plat started. Loc: BS920234	Bde, CO, S3	JFR
10	0602		(C) Co C 2nd plat started moving	CO, S3, M	JFR
11	0700		(C) Bn Loc: Co A(-) Charlie Bwn, 2nd Plat bridge 94, 3d plat BS864269, Co B (-) BS864277, 2nd Plat BS877275, 3d Plat BS864269, Co C(-) BS815338, 1st plat BS 808340, 2nd sqd bridge 111, Co D(-) LZ Thunder 1st plat 2nd sqd bridge 111, 2d plat BS878304	Bde, CO, S3, M	JFR
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12	0730		(U) Co D, 19th Engrs Mine sweep tm vic BS872312 fd & dest 1x40lb mine buried in road. Mine was set for cmd det.	Bde, CO, S3, M	WM
13	0800		(C) Bn Loc: Co A(-) Charlie Bwn, 2nd Plat BS912197, 3d Plat(-) BS910251, 2nd sqd BS907239, 3d Sqd BS905220, Co B(-) BS 864277, 2nd Plat BS877275, 3d Plat BS 864269, Co C(-) BS807345, 1st & 2nd plat BS807348, Mort Plat Montezuma, Co D(-) LZ THUNDER, 1st Plat bridge 111, 2nd Plat BS868316.	Bde, CO, S3, M	WM
14	0900		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep locations same	Bde, CO, S3	WM
15	0930		(C) BG Cooksey arrived LZ THUNDER, met & briefed by LTC RUSSELL 4-3 CO. Departed at 0950	Bde, S3	WM
16	0930		(U) Co A 3d plat rpts rec SA fire fm BS910251, 3d Plat conducted search of area at the same time C&C ship obs 5 PFs moving out from area. SA fire could have come fm PF's, more info to follow.	Bde, CO, S2, M	WM
17	1000		(C) Bn Loc: Co A(-) Charlie Bwn, 2nd Plat BS912197, 3d Plat(-) BS910251, 2nd sqd		
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17	(Cont'd)		(C) BS912197, 3d Plat(-) BS910251, 2nd sqd BS907239, 3d sqd BS905220, Co B(-) BS867267, 2nd Plat & 3d Plat BS874273, Co C(-) BS794345, 1st plat BS795348, 2nd plat BS797350, Co D 2nd Plat BS865305, 3d Plat BS827335	Bde, CO, S3, M	WM		
18	1020		(U) Ref item 16: E trp coord with PF's they recd a rpt that there were a vc sqd operating at BS915247	Bde, CO, S3	WM		
19	1050		(C) Co D 1st Plat 2nd sqd closed LZ Thunder fm bridge 111	Bde, CO, S3, M	WM		
20	1100		(C) Bn Loc: Co A 2nd Plat BS914205, 3d Plat(-) BS912251, 2d & 3d sqd BS912248, Co B (-) BS867267, 2nd and 3d plat BS 877272, Co C(-) BS794345, 1st plat BS 795348, 2nd Plat BS797350, Co D 2nd Plat BS865305, 3d Plat BS827327	Bde, CO, S3, M	WM		
21	1105		Ref Item 16: Co A 3d Plat 1st sqd fd possible sniper psn BS912251. Psn was be tween 2 rocks with good fields of fire. 2nd sqd also fd same type of psn BS913247	Bde, CO, S3, M	WM		
22	1200		(C) Bn Loc: Co A(-) Charlie Bwn, 2nd Plat				
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	IN	OUT			
22 (Cont'd)			(C) BS914205, 3d Plat(-) BS913250, 2d & 3d sqd BS912248, Co B(-) BS877265, 2nd Plat BS877272, Co C(-) BS795348; 2nd Plat BS797350	Bde, CO, S3, M	WM
23	1205		(C) Late entry: Co E ground surveillance section departed SE pad LZ Bronco at 0955 hrs OPCON 1-20th Inf	Bde, CO, S3	WM
24	1210		(C) At 0930 Co D 3d Plat BS827326 app- rehended 5 VCS(MAM) evading, one(1) Ind w/frag wds. extracted to LZ THUNDER for interrogation.	Bde, CO, S3	WM
25	1215		Ref Item 16: Ele fm E trp BS915247 bridge 96 detained 1 VN dressed in PF uniform armed with M1 Carbine. Indiv came out from racks, claimed he was lost, Indiv will be detained until further interrog ation has been conducted.	Bde, CO, S3, M	WM
26	1300		(C) Bn Sitrep neg, Co A CP same, 3d Plat BS914252, Co B 1st Plat no change, Mort plat BS877264, 3d Plat Same, Co C 1st plat BS792356, Co D 3d Plat closed LZ THUNDER, 2nd Plat no change	Bde, CO, S3, M BDE, CO, S3, M	WM WM

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ITEM NR	TIME		OBSERVERS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
27.	1330		(C) Co D 3d Plat closed THUNDER with ref II 5M/A.M.	CO, S3	WM
28.	1345		(C) Co C 1st Plat BS782356 found 1 handgrenade w/o pin under a rock-blew it in place- Neg cas.		WM
29.	1405		(C) Co D at 1355 BS873924 S3 apprehended 9 members of unit in off limits establishment.	S3	WM
30.	1410 ⁰⁰		(C) En Sitrep Neg. Co A same, 3d Plat BS912248, Co B 877263, Co C 2d Plat BS788353, Co(-) 16, 36, CP.		WM
31.	1510		(C) At 1425H: Co A, 3d Plat vic BS912248 obs 10 VN carrying unknown obj's evading vic BS905236. Arty called in and at the same time the 10 VCs returned AW fire on Co A 3d Plat. Fire came from 4 directions all within 75 meters. Results: 1 US WHA. Also see attached dustoff request. Gunships & Slicks requested, none available. Presently Arty & 81mm Mort firing in area.	CO, S3, M	WM
32.	1550		(C) At 1545H 2d Plat spotted 5 VC evading at coord BS909211. Arty called in. Are checked with neg results.	Bdn, CO, S3	WM
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	IN	OUT					
33.	1600		(C) Bn Lec: A(-) CHARLIE BROWN, 2d Plat 914205, 3d Plat 912248, B Co 914 877257, NDP, C Co(-) 788366, 2d Plat 782350 Wpns MONTEZUMA D Co LZ THUNDER, 2d Plat 865304, 3d Plat(-) 833329, RECON- LZ THUNDER.	M Bde, CO, S3	WM		
34.	1635		(G) Reference item #31: Complete report on A Co, 3d Plat: At 1425H, 3d Plat Co A obs 10 VC in open vic BS913238 several of which were carrying weapons. Eng w/art fire. At same time arty came in, 3d Plat Co A recd AK-47 fire fr 912247, carbine fire 913249 & BS 912246 fr est 6 VC. Fire was returned and 3d Plat A Co maneuvered into area wher arty was fired at BS912524 70 and found (1) Blood trail(2) 1 pair civilian type binoculars. At 1505H C/C obs 2 VC KIA MAM vic BS913240 and at 1555 3d Plat Co A obs 1 VC KIA vic BS9152376.	Bde, M, CO, S3	WM		
35.	1640		(C) At 1610H: Co D 19th Engrs fd 1 VC KIA vic coord BS875312 killed by mortar fire last night.	Bde, CO, M, S3	WM		
36.	1700		(C) Bn Lec: A Co(-) CHARLIE BROWN, 2d	M, CO, S3	WM		
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	IN	OUT					
36	(Cont'd)		(C) Plat 914205, 3d Plat 912248, B CO 877257 NDP, C Co(-) 788366, 2d Plat 783 347, D Co(-) LZ THUNDER, 2d Plat 865304, 3d Plat 833329, RECON LZ THUNDER.				
37.	1710		(C) Rec Intel Rept of NVA Bn(Possible) Located LONG TRI area S of LZ THUNDER. for further info see S2 Intel Log.	CO, S3, M	CAJ		
38.	1730		(C) Rec PF night and day locs: Night: 803375, 803380, 832336, 834345, 802371, 814367, 797381, 887292, 924225. Day: 804374, 830332, 834350, 825355, 827361, 793385, 795392, 795396, 831357, 832355, 834355, 926233, 924225, 923220.	CO, S3, M	IM		
39.	1755		(C) At 1620 A Co 2d Plat coord 909211 has ended mission on arty obs 4 VC in black PJs evading.	Bde, M, CO, S3	IM		
40.	1800		(C) Bn Loc: A Co(-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN, 1st Plat 3d Sqd bridge 94, 3d Plat 9132 4B, B Co(-) 878265, C Co(-) 785366, 2d Plat 283374, Wpna MONTEZUMA, D Co(-) LZ THUNDER, 2d Plat NDP 878284, 3d Plat 2 Sq bridge 111. RECON LZ THUNDER.	Bde, CO, M, S3	IM		
41.	1830		(C) Rec E Trp track locs:	CO, S3	IM		
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41	(Cont'd)		(C) Bridge Track		
			107 24		
			104 25		
			95 22-23		
			94 21		
			HARDSTAND 26-28		
			LOWBOY 20, 45, 27		
42.	1900		(C) All units Neg Sitrep, Locs Co A(-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN, 1st Plat 3d Sqd Bdge 94, 2d Plat BS920203, 3d Plat BS913248, Co B(-) BS878265, 2d Plat BS877265 (Tent amb) w/pns Plat BS877257 (Tent OP), Co C(-) BS785366, 1st Plat 1st Sq BS786369 (OP), 2d Plat BS783347 amb, 3d Plat BS790366 amb, W/pns Plat MONTEZUMA, Co D(-) LZ THUN- DER, 1st Plat, 2d Plat BS878294, 3d Plat 2d Sq Bdge 111.		IW
43.	1930		(C) At 1830H E Trp 2d Plat 5 Sq, Bdge 104, Bds, CO, S3 rept PF know where there are VC coord BS903298, 894293, 907291. Arty called in on grids, zone sweep.		IW
44.	2000		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep, Loc same.	CO, S3	IW
45.	2030		(C) At 1925 H BS905236 Co A fd 1 VC	CO, S3	IW

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45 (Cont'd)			(C) KIA by Arty ref item #31.				
46.	2100		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep Loc same.	CO, S3	JRS		
47.	2100		(C) A Co spotted two possible VCS.	Bde, CO, S3	JRS		
			Suspects set out to see coord 927219 also				
			A36 spotted light on a boat about 800 M at sea. Arty called in.				
48.	2145		(C) Co C believes heard some type move- ment coord 790366 near small river. 81mm called in.	Bde, CO, S3	JRS		
49.	2230		(C) A Co element again spotted lights coord 930250. Arty called in.	Bde, CO, S3	JRS		
50.	2240		(C) Neg Sitrep Loc Same.	Bde, CO, S3	JC		
51.	2245		(C) A Co reported moving lights coord 93172479. Arty called. Two large secon- dary explosions spotted.		JC		
52.	2325		(C) A Co 8 incoming rds SA fire fr village near CHARLIE BROWN coord 925221.	Bde, CO, S3	JC		
53.	2355		(C) Neg Sitrep Loc Same.	Bde, CO, S3	JC		
54.			(C) Summary- GS Section departed 0955H Co A engaged 10 VC armed with carbines and AK-47s resulting in one (1) US WHA, mustoff completed 2510H. Also obs 3 VC KIA.	OPCON to 1-20 Inf.			
55.	2400	2400	(U) Journal Closed		JC		
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DUSTOFF REQUEST

NR 1DATE 7 Oct 68

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE 795347
2. REQUESTOR Co C 1st Plat
3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER AMBULATORY
4. NATIONALITY: US VN FWF
5. NATURE OF INJURIES CRAMPS IN ABDOMIN
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 45.70 CALLWORD HARPER GRIPS 16
12. ANY US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES NO
13. REMARKS LINE# 109 PFC JOHNSON, TOMMY M.
14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY: LEADER 39
15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY Doctor Control TIME 0950
TIME COMPLETED 1000

DUSTOFF REQUEST

NR 2DATE 7 Oct 68

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE 867267
2. REQUESTOR Co B
3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER AMBULATORY
4. NATIONALITY: US VN FWF
5. NATURE OF INJURIES HEAT EXH.
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 45.70 CALLWORD DUNCAN VEDMAN 966
12. ANY US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES NO
13. REMARKS LINE # 77 PFC BREWER, KENNETH J.
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14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY: LEDGER 39
15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY Doctor Control TIME 0955
- TIME COMPLETED 1005

DUSTOFF REQUEST

NR 3DATE 7 Oct 68

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE BS 91224B
2. REQUESTOR Co A
3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER AMBULATORY
4. NATIONALITY: US VN FWF
5. NATURE OF INJURIES ~~FRAG~~ WD IN HEAD
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 VOOKA
12. ANY US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES NO
13. REMARKS Line # 152 PFC Voorhies, Mark D.
#84 PFC Chenier, Michael S. (TEMP)
14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY: _____
15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY _____ TIME 1445
TIME COMPLETED 1510

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FRAGORD 15-68 to OPGORD 10-68, Hqs 4-3 Inf

Task Org:

Co A 4-3 Inf	Co D	Bn Control
Co B	Co E	C/6-11 Arty DS
Co C	HHC (-)	3d Plat(-)/E Trp 1st Cav(OPCON)

1. Co A continues to secure IZ CHARLIE BROWN with (1) rifle platoon and Mort Plat and establishes OP vic BS936222; secures bridge 94 with 1 rifle squad, 2d and 3d rifle platoons continue 3 day independent Hwy 1 security and trail interdiction missions in AOs RED and YELLOW respectively; 1 rifle platoon(-) conducts combat patrol, commencing 080620H Oct 68 NW to vic BS912260, closing IZ CHARLIE BROWN NLT 081630H Oct 68.
2. Co B establishes NDP vic BS878261 NLT 071800H Oct 68 and 1 platoon night ambush interdicting Song Dan Valley vic BS877265, commencing 080630H Oct 68; continues to conduct offensive search and reconnaissance operations to S and SW to vic BS877247 and BS860249; prepares 1 platoon for 3 day independent operation to interdict trails leading SW-NE through Song Dan Valley in assigned AO.
3. Co C establishes NDP vic BS796364 NLT 071800H Oct 68 and platoon night ambush vic BS788355; commencing 080615H Oct 68, conducts offensive search and reconnaissance operations to SW, drops off 1 rifle plat for independent 3 day trail interdiction operation in AO WHITE (independent plat operation delayed 1 day; see FRAGORD 14-68) then moves N within assigned Co C AO.
4. Co D secures IZ THUNDER with Co(-) and bridge 94 with 1 rifle sqd NLT 071800H Oct 68; establishes plat night ambush vic BS878307, 2d plat continues 3 day independent Hwy 1 security and trail interdiction operations. Commencing 080730H Oct 68 1 rifle plat(+) and 3d Plat Trp E 1st Cav(-) conducts combat patrol to S of IZ THUNDER to vic Long Tri(4) vic BS907285, closing back to IZ THUNDER NLT 081530H Oct 68; prepares 1 rifle plat reaction force for possible deployment anywhere within 4-3 Inf AO.
5. Co E:
 - a. Recon plat prepares for and conducts infantry training for 2 sqds 19th Engrs; prepares for 2 night ambushes night 08 Oct 68; prepares for possible deployment within 4-3 Inf AO.

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b. Hvy Mort Platoons: No Change

c. GS Sections: OPCON to 1-20 INF eff 070955H Oct 68.

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ANNEX A: Operation Overlay

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OPERATION SUMMARY - 7 Oct 68

A Company - Secured CHARLIE BROWN and Bridge 94 and HARDSTAND. 7 Oct 1 plat conducted combat sweep BS905255 and remained in area. 1 plat conducted combat sweep BS919300 and remained in area.

B Company - NDP BS867274 w/1 ambush BS869276. 7 Oct conducted offensive search SSW BS876253.

C Company - NDP BS792356 w/1 ambush BS787351. 7 Oct conducted offensive search SW and W.

D Company - Secured THUNDER and Bridge 111 w/1 ambush BS878307. 7 Oct 1 plat moved to BS875529 conducted independent operations. 1 plat w/tracks conducted combat patrol NW of THUNDER to BS830327.

RECON - Conducted infantry training for 2 sqds 19th Engrs.

PLANS SUMMARY - 7 Oct 68

A Company - Secure CHARLIE BROWN and Bridge 94. Conduct 2 independent plat 3 day operations BS905255 and BS860249.

B Company - Will NDP BS878261 w/1 ambush vic. 8 Oct combat search S and SW BS877247 and BS860249.

C Company - Will NDP BS796364 w/1 ambush BS788355. 8 Oct conduct search SW. 1 plat will be dropped off BS775345 for independent operation vic.

D Company - Will secure THUNDER and Bridge 111. 1 plat is conducting independent operation BS865305. 1 plat w/tracks conduct search vic BS891298 1 plat ambush BS878307.

RECON - Conduct training w/2 Sqds 19th Engrs.

4.2 MORTAR: AMMO REPORT - 7 Oct 68

Observed-----1	HE-----21
Not observed-----0	WP-----0
HE I-----15	III-----1
Total-----16	Total-----22

BRIEFING - 7 Oct 68

ENEMY LOSSES:

UNIT	KIA	PW
3/1	3	11
4/3	4	5
1/20	8	1
E Trp	0	1

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