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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	08 Oct 68	2400	08 Oct 68
ITEM NR.	TIME		REMARKS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INI- TIALS		
	IN	OUT					
1.	0001		(U) Journal Opened		JC		
2.	0040		(C) Co C 3d Plat spotted one personnel moving in area coord 790362. Will fire 81mm. Personnel ducked behind small dam. Negative results.	BDE, CO, S3	JC		
3.	0055		(C) Neg Sitrep Loc Same.	BDE, CO, S3	JC		
4.	0120		(C) Follow up on last message: Co C 3d Plat element spotted 3 inds vic BS790 362 moving north to south along trail. 81mm fired, neg results.	BDE, CO, S3	JC		
5.	0155		(C) Neg Sitrep Loc Same.	BDE, CO, S3	JC		
6.	0255		(C) Neg Sitrep Loc Same.	BDE, CO, S3	JC		
7.	0341		(C) From Bds, photographic read out of AF time of mission 1110 to 1130, grid BS739334 spotted 10 foxholes & bunkers on side of hill.	CO, S2	JC		
8.	0355		(C) Neg Sitrep Loc Same.	BDE, CO, S3	JC		
9.	0455		(C) Neg Sitrep Loc Same.	BDE, CO, S3	JC		
10.	0555		(C) Neg Sitrep Loc Same.	BDE, CO, S3	JC		
11.	0655		(C) A Co Loc same, B Co loc same, C 2d Plat closed NDP 0630H all other elements remain same, B Co moved @600H coord 876264, C 3d Plat moved 0615H coord 784				
				DOWNGRADE AT 3 YR INTERVAL DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.			
Name and Grade of Officer on Duty				Signature			
JOHN F. REIGER, CPT Sig.				John F. Reiger			

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	IN	OUT					
11	(Contin'd)		(C) 3rd, D Co 1st Plat closed 0655H, 2d Plat started moving 0650H.	CO, S3	JC		
12.	0710		(C) B moved from NDP 0705, C moved from NDP 0655.	CO, S3	JC		
13.	0735		(C) Co D 3d Plat 2d Sq closed LZ THUNDER from bridge 111.	CO, S3, M	JC		
14.	0810		(C) Co D 3d Plat departed LZ THUNDER at this time.	CO, S3, M	JC		
15.	0800		(E) Late Entry - At 0750H Co B vic BS 872289, obs 4 VC evading west. Arty called in, results to follow.	CO, S3, M	JC		
16.	0805		(C) Late Entry - At 0600H Co A 2d Plat vic BS911214 obs 2 VN carrying a body on a pole moving east. VN came fr area where 2d Plat placed SA fire yesterday. VN app- eared to be going to Sa Hrynh.	CO, S3, M, BDE	JC		
17.	0830		(C) Ba Loc: Co A(-) CHARLIE BROWN, 1st Plat 3d Sq bridge 94, 2d Plat BS910211 3d Plat BS913248, Co B(-) BS875253, 1st Plat BS877261, 2d Plat BS878261, Co C BS 789366, Mort plat MONTEZUMA, Co D(-) LZ THUNDER, 2d Plat BS878296.	BDE, CO, S3, M	JC		
18.	0835		(C) At 0530H Co A 2d Plat obs 3 small	BDE, CO, S3, M Co B 1st Engrs	JC		
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	IN	OUT					
18	(Cont'd)		(C) sampans mov fr BS924210 to BS924200. Appears that inds got out & swam to shore and planted mine on road, Hwy 1.				
19	0900		(C) Bn Loc same except for Co B 3d Plat BS866255.	CO, S3, M	JC		
20	0915		(C) Ref item #15 and fire mission on Arty, Neg assesment.	BDE, CO, S3, M	JC		
21	1000		(C) Bn loc same except for Co A 1st pt bridge 94 (-) BS936234 3d Sq, 2d & 3d Plats closed CHARLIE BROWN, Co B(-) BS875253, 1st Plat BS879261, 3d Plat BS866247, Co C(-) BS 789366, 1st Sq 2d Plat BS786337, Co D 2d Plat BS879290, 3d Plat BS902297.	BDE, CO, S3, M	JC		
22	1030		(C) At 0945H Co C reptd their 2d Plat 1st Sq via BS786337 obs 4-6 VC w/vpns in area. 2d Plat(-) moving in to support them. w/trps and C/C helicopter present in area. Arty requested, approved.	BDE, CO, S3, Neg assesment	JC		
23	1035		(C) At 1005H els fr 2d Plat Trp E fd 3 VN Children, 5-8 yrs old dead. Children ignited a mine in road via BS884304. Vn families escorted bodies to village.	BDE, CO, S3, M See #16 13 Oct 68 for correction.	JC		
24	1100		(C) Bn loc same except: Co A 1st plat	m	JC		
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ITEM NO	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			

24	(Cont'd)		(C) (-) BS932249, 3d sqd closed CHARLIE BROWN fr bridge 94, Co B BS875253, 1st Plat BS 880260, 2d Plat BS878261, 3d Plat BS 876247, Co C(-) <del>BS882261</del> , BS784353, Co D 2d Plat BS879290, 3d Plat BS905285.		
25.	1115		(C) At 1015H Co D 3d Plat vic BS904293 fd 16 spider holes & 1 female 35 Yrs old District(MACV) w/child. Ind will be extracted to THUNDER for interrogation.	BDE, CO, S3, M,	JC
26.			(C) At 1130H 3d Plat Co D fd 15 sanpans vic BS902297. Requested permission to destroy denied till approved by District (MACV).		JC
27.	1135		(C) Ref item 26 District Hqs(MACV) at Duc Pho approved request on destroying the 15 sanpans vic BS922297.	BDE, CO, S3	JC
28.	1200		En Loc: same except for Co A 1st Plat BS929253, Co C 2d Plat BS786337, Co D 3d Plat BS910283.	BDE, CO, S3	
29.	1205		(C) B-52 pilots arrived at THUNDER at 1110 hrs., met and briefed by MAJ McANAW, En S3 departed 1135H.		

30.	1207		(C) Bde TOC Duty NCO, SGT Slaurs rpts that		
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	IN	OUT					
	30(Cont'd)		(C) 4-3 Inf A0 extension into 3-1 Inf has been approved.				
31.	1210		(C) Results of VR by obs plane. Obs a trail vic BS791262 running east to BS 794286 . Trail runs into tree grove & appears to be kept clear and frequently used .	CO, S3, M			
32.	1245		(C) Co A 1240 BS914251, 3d Plat rec 20 rds unobserved 2 VC snipers, returned fire neg cas.	CO, S3			
33.	1305		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Co A same, Co B 3d Plat BS880247 , Co C 16;36; CP Same, 2d Plat 1st Sq BS780338, 2d Plat 2d Sq BS 787334, Co D 3d Plat BS 905286 .	CO, S3, M			
34.	1350		(C) CA <del>Sub Plt</del> A 3d Plat BS914251 obs 1 VN in PF uniform coming out of wood-line moving to road. Same are sniper fire came fr earlier. Requested complete investigation of PF. Plat at bridge 95 fr BIE.				
35.	1400		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg Co A 1 Plat 933245 other same. Co B 3 plat BS880249 other same, Co C 1 plat 3 Plat and CP BS784353				
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		0001	2400	08	08 Oct 68

ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INI- TIALS
	IN	OUT			
35			(C) 2d plat 784337, Co D same.		
36.	1410		(C) MAJ McANAW req 6 tracks from E Trp report 090730H Oct 68 to LZ THUNDER.		
37.	1415		(C) A Co 1st Plat detained 1 VCS BS933 245 male 50 Yrs old w/o ID, Didn't look like field worker. Taken to HARDSTAND.		
38.	1434		(C) AERO SCOUTS apprehended 1 VCS MAM evading vic BS898275. Also at 1430H apprehended 1 VCS MAM vic BS915283. Inds extracted to LZ BRONCO for interrogation.		
39.	1435		(C) Co D 3d Plat ref #26 returned to BS902287 and burned 12 sampans after approval of higher.		
40.	1440		(C) Co A 3d Plat was unable to catch <del>VC</del> VC in PF uniform at BS914251.		
41.	1500		(C) Bn Loc: A Co (-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN 2d Plat HARDSTAND, B Co(-) 877254, 1st Plat 880260, 2d Plat 880263, C Co (-) 783353, 2d Plat 782343, w/pns MONTEZUMA, D Co(-) LZ THUNDER, 2d Plat 878298, Recon LZ THUNDER.	M, CO, S3	
42.	1510		C Co 2d Plat spotted 3 VC <del>making</del> evading vic 779347. Arty called in on grid	M, CO, S3, Bde	

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Organization or Installation: S2/S3 4-3 Inf  
 Location: LZ THUNDER  
 BS 874325  
 Period Covered: From 0001 Hour 08 Date Oct 68 To 2800 Hour 08 Date Oct 68

ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INI- TIALS
	IN	OUT			
42	(Continued)		(C) Results unk.		
43.	1600		(C) Bn Loc: A Co CP 1st Plat wpns Charlie Brown, 2d Plat 914206 3d Plat 913247, B Co CP WPNS 2d Plat 3d Plat 877260, 1st Plat 877266 C Co 1st plat 3d plat and CP 784354, 2d plat 782344, D Co CP 1st plat wpn LZ THUNDER also 3d Plat, 2d Plat 879290, recon LZ THUNDER.	BDE, CO, M, S3	
44.	1700		(C) All units neg sitrep loc same ex A Co 3d plat loc at BS913248.	M, S3 CO	
45.	1735		(C) At 1715H Co D 3d Plat 1st sq departed LZ THUNDER fr bridge 111. In pos at thistime.	Bde, Co, S3 JRS	
46.	1800		(C) Bn Loc: A CO(-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN 1st plat 1 sqd bridge 94, 2d plat 914206 3d Plat 914252, B Co(-) CP 877260, 1st Plat 879264, C Co(-) CP 784354, 2d Plat 782344, D Co(-) LZ THUNDER, 2d Plat 879290, 3d Plat 1 Sqd bridge 111, Recon LZ THUNDER.	M, BDE, CO, S3	
47.	1810		(C) Rec FF night & day loc fm 11 LIB: Night: 803374, 801379, 830334, 834346, 832348, 834348, 810378, 816355, 796380, 798379		

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Signature  
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		0001	08 Oct 68	2400	08 Oct 68

ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INI- TIALS
	IN	OUT			
52	(Contin'd)		(C) 94, 2d Plat amb BS908202. 3d Plat amb BS914252, Wpns CHARLIE BROWN, B Co NDP 875255, 1st Plat amb 878268, 2d&3d Plats w/CP, Wpns OP 873257, C Co CP NDP 734354, 2d Plat amb 782344, 1st&3d Plat w/CP, Wpns Montezuma, D Co CP& 1st Plat Wpns LZ THUNDER, 2d Plat amb 878282 3d Plat 1 Sq bridge 111, Recon LZ THUNDER. M,CO,BDE,S3		
53	2100		(C) All units neg Sitrep Loc same.	CO, S3	
54	2101		(C) A Co 3d Plat spotted lights at vic BS926253, arty being called in on grid.	M, CO, S3	
55	2110		(C) A Co 3d Plat spotted movement at vic BS912253 approx 300 M to NW of position engaged w/m79, results unk. Calling in arty. Movement believed to be a plat sized force.	BDE,M,CO,S3	
56	2120		(C) E Trp 1st Cav eles rept obs hootches (2) burning in vic at BS927254. Saw no arty or SA fire to cause hootches to burn. Obs lots of people running around in area.	BDE,M,CO,S3	
57	2140		(C) Ref item 52: After arty and M-79 rds were fired all movement ceased in area.		

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JOHN R. SAM, CPT Inf.

Signature  
*John R. Sam*



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	IN	OUT					
47(Contin'd)			(C) 843325, 885290. Day: 802375, 832334, 834350, 794383, 854323, 855319, 794392, 795395, 834351.	M, CO, S3			
48.	1815		(C) Rec track loc fr E Trp 1st Cav 2d Plat: Bridge track 107 24 104 25 95 22-23 94 21 LOWBOY 20, 45, 27 HARDSTAND 26-28	Bde, M, CO, S3			
49.	1900		(C) Bn neg Sitrep loc same except for A Co 1st Plat 1st Sq closed bridge 94, 1900H B Co NDP 875255 Wpns OP 873257.	M, CO, S3.			
50.	1935		(C) A Co 3d Plat obs lights at coord 931249 moving south. Arty being called in on grid.	Bde, CO, M, S3			
51.	1938		(C) Rec vip Ammo collection report fr S5 NCO: 2 M16A1 AP Mines, 2 Chicom grenades, 1 4.2 mortar rd, 2 105mm rds, 1 155mm rd.	CO, S3			
52.	2000		(C) Bn Loc: All els in position; A Co(-) CP CHARLIE BROWN, 1st Plat Bridge				
Name and Grade of Officer on Duty				Signature			
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## DUSTOFF REQUEST

- NR 1 DATE 8 Oct 68
1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE B5788356
2. REQUESTOR COC
3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER  AMBULATORY
4. NATIONALITY: US  VN  FWF
5. NATURE OF INJURIES HEAT EXHAUSTION
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 HARPER GRIP 96
12. ANY US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES  NO
13. REMARKS Line # 76 SPA STENSON, Terry J.
14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY: LEDGER 39
15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY DOCTOR CONRAD TIME 1030  
TIME COMPLETED 1041

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4-3 Inf

IZ THUNDER (BS874325) RVN

090800H Oct 68

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FRAGORD 16-68 to OPORD 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	HFD (-)	3d Plat(-)/ Trp E 1st Cav(OPCON)

1. Co A secures and improves defenses of IZ CHARLIE BROWN w/1st rifle plat and mortar plat and establishes OP vic BS936222; 2d and 3d rifle plats continue independent Highway 1 and trail interdiction missions in AO's RED and YELLOW; respectively; 1 rifle plat(-) conducts combat patrol, commencing 090615h Oct 68 NW to vic BS912260, closing CHARLIE BROWN NLT 091630H Oct 68.
2. Co B establishes NDP vic BS873251; 1 rifle plat moves into AO GRAY and conducts independent 3 day interdiction operation of Song Dan Valley commencing 090600H Oct 68; Co(-) conducts offensive search operations in assigned AO commencing 090620H Oct 68, keeping minimum of 1 rifle plat within supporting distance of independent platoon.
3. Co C(-) establishes NDP vic BS775379 NLT 081600H Oct 68; 2d rifle plat continues independent 3 day trail interdiction operation in AO WHITE; Mort Plat remains at IZ BRONCO. Commencing 090615H Oct 68 Co C(-) conducts offensive search operations in assigned AO in an attempt to flush VC guerrilla unit(s) to S and into killing zones established by independent platoon.
4. Co D secures and improves defenses IZ THUNDER with Co(-) and secures bridge 9h w/1 rifle squad NLT 081800H Oct 68; 2d Plat continues 3 day independent highway 1 security and trail interdiction operations; commencing 090715H Oct 68 1 rifle plat(+) and 3d Plat(-) Trp E 1st Cav conducts combat patrol to S of IZ THUNDER and conducts intensified search vic BS891298 and BS896273, closing back to IZ THUNDER NLT 091615H Oct 68; prepares 1 rifle platoon reaction force for possible deployment anywhere within 4-3 AO.
5. Co E:
  - a. Recon Plat prepares for and conducts infantry training for 2 squads, 19th Engrs; prepares for 2 night ambushes night 09 Oct 68; prepares for possible deployment anywhere within 4-3 Inf AO.

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b. Hvy Mortar Platoons: GS LZ THUNDER.

c. GS Sections: OPCON to 1-20th Inf.

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ANNEX A: Operation Overlay

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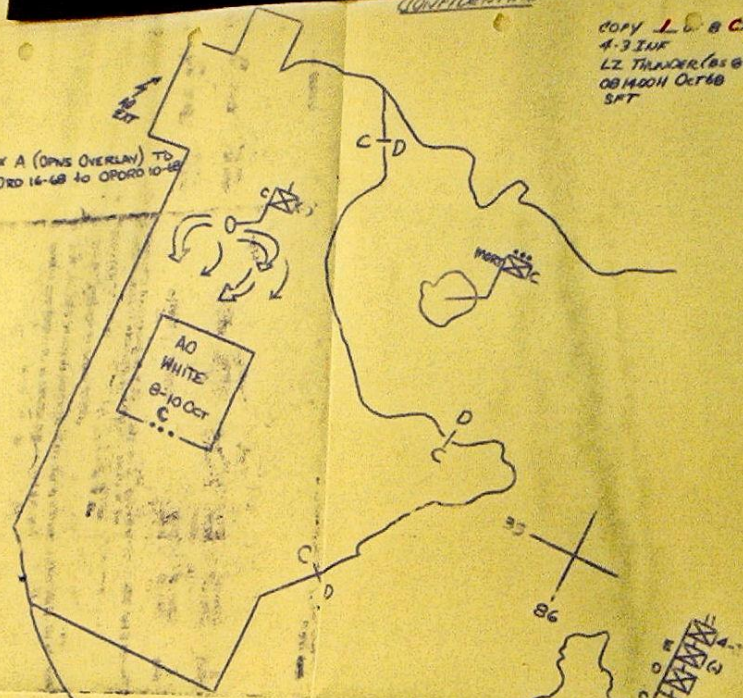
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ANNEX A (OPNS OVERLAY) TO  
FRAG ORD 16-68 TO OPROD 10-68



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SEQUENTIAL AIRLIFT SCHEDULE

MISSION COORDINATOR \_\_\_\_\_

I T E M	UNIT	PZ TIME	PZ COORD	PZ CONTACT	LZ TIME	LZ COORD	LZ CONTACT	LZ PREP TYPE	PREP TIME	A/C REQ	PAY
				62.00			62.00				
1	3/D 4-3	1315H	SE PAD LZ BRONCO		1322H	B8777409		Arty Gunship	(On call) (On call)	2 UH1H	12
	3/D 4-3	1325H	SE PAD LZ BRONCO		1329H	B8777409		Arty Gunship	(On call) (On call)	2 UH1H	12
3				1. CA force will be composed of 12 US ___ Platoon Co D, approximately 11 NPF and 4 man IFW team. C&C will be used to transport personnel in excess of 24.							
4				2. Request the following:							
5				a. Two (2) gunships to escort UH1H's.							
				b. Operation will be run in Comd net. Freq 62.00, Alternate freq 30.30, No Air Ground							
				c. Mission coordinator to LZ THUNDER NLT 091000H Oct 1968							
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OPERATION SUMMARY - 8 October 1968

A Company - Secured CHARLIE BROWN and bridge 94. Conducted 2 indep Plat 3 day operations BS905255&BS915205. 1 Plat conducted sweep BS912260 and closed.

B Company - NDP BS878261 w/1 amb vic. 8 Oct conducted search S&SW BS877247 and BS860249.

C Company - NDP BS796364 w/1 amb BS788355. 8 Oct conduct search SW. 1 plat was dropped off BS775345 for independent operation vic.

D Company - Secured THUNDER and bridge 111. 1 plat is conducting independent operation BS865305. 1 plat w/track conducted search vic BS891298. 1 plat amb BS878307.

E Company - Recem conducted training w/2 Sq 19th Engrs.

PLANS SUMMARY - 8 October 1968

A Company - Will secure CHARLIE BROWN and bridge 94. 2 independent Plat operations continue at BS905255 and BS915205.

B Company - Will NDP BS873251 w/1 plat amb vic. 9 Oct CO(-) conducts offensive search BS875255. 1 plat operating independently BS875275 will search area.

C Company - Will NDP BS775379. 9 Oct Co(-) search BS773372. 1 plat operating independently search BS777354.

D Company - Will secure THUNDER and bridge 111. 1 plat operating independently will search BS865305. 1 plat with tracks will conduct search S BS891298&BS896273. 1300H 1 plat CA fr SE Pad to 777409.

E Company - Will continue training.

4.2" Mortar - Ammo Report - 8 Oct 68

Observed-----1	HE-----48
Not Observed-----0	WP-----0
HEI-----15	ILL-----0
Total-----16	Total-----48

BRIEFING - 8 Oct 68

ENEMY LOSSES:	UNIT	KIA	PW	WPNS
	3/1	2	4	2 AK-47s
	4/3	0	4	0
	1/20	1	2	



BRIEFING - 8 Oct 68 (Cont'd)

ACTION:

1. UPTIGHT - 1 US KHA and 20 WHA as a result of night mortar attack.
2. 1/20 - 14 US WHA as a result of mine explosion on peninsula.
3. 1/20 - 1 US KHA 2 WHA result mine explosion.

WEATHER: HI 95 LOW 75 98% ill.

MAIL: 3600 lbs mail.

\* COL DONELSON STRESSING BASICS: WEAR HELMET AND CARRY WEAPONS. KEEP DISPERSED.