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S2/S3 4-3 Daf	LZ THUNDER BS 874325	From	To	Hour	Date
		0001	2400	09	09 Oct 68

ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INI-TIALS
	IN	OUT			
1.	0001		(U) Journal Opened		JC
2.	0055		(C) Ba Neg Sitrep Lec Same	Bde, CO, S3	JC
3.	0155		(C) Ba Neg Sitrep Lec Same	Bde, CO, S3	JC
4.	0255		(C) Ba Neg Sitrep Lec Same	Bde, CO, S3	JC
5.	0355		(C) Ba Neg Sitrep Lec Same	Bde, CO, S3	JC
6.	0455		(C) Ba Neg Sitrep Lec Same	Bde, CO, S3	JC
7.	0555		(C) Ba Neg Sitrep Lec Same	Bde, CO, S3	JC
8.	0645		(C) A Co Same Lec, 2d Plat moving at this time, B Co Same Lec, C CO(-) Lec 790358, 2d Plat Lec 775344.	CO, S3, M	JC
<p><i>John F Reiger</i> JOHN F REIGER, CPT, Signal</p>					
9.	0800		(C) Ba Lec: Co A(-) CHARLIE BROWN, 1st Plat closed CHARLIE BROWN fr bridge 94 at 0740H, 2d Plat BS908208, Co B(-) BS875255, 1st Plat BS878265, 2d Plat BS 870254, 3d Plat (-) BS876257, 2d Sqd BS 876255, Co C(-) BS788367, 2d Plat BS775354, Mert Plat MONTEZUMA, Co D(-) LZ THUNDER, 2d Plat BS878287, 3d Plat 1st Sq closed LZ THUNDER from bridge 111. Co E (-) LZ THUNDER, GS OPCON to 1/20 Daf.	Bde, CO, S3, Map.	WM
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10.	0820		(C) Bde repts Scout Deg Tns training in grid square BS 8239.		WM
11.	0900		(C) Bn Lec Same except for Co A 2d Plat closed CHARLIE BROWN, Co B 1st Plat BS 882274, 2d Plat BS865249, Co C(-) BS 777377, 2d Plat BS774354, Co D 1st Plat BS898291.	Bde, CO, S3	WM
12.	1000		(C) Div Cndr MG GETTYS arrived LZ THUNDERCO, S3, met and briefed by LTC RUSSELL departed at 1020H.	Bde	WM
13.	1005		(C) Bn Lec Same except for Co A 1st Plat departed HARDSTAND at 0935H, 2d Plat BS 908208, 3d Plat BS914252, Co B 2d Plat BS868244, Co C 2d Plat (-) BS774356, 2d sqd BS772348, 3d Plat BS776377, Co D 1st Flat BS896283.	Bde, CO, S3, M	WM
14.	1025		(C) Bde Cndr, COL DONALDSON, arrived LZ THUNDER, met and briefed by LTC RUSSELL departed 1040H.	Bde, CO, S3	WM
15.	1040		(C) Co D 19th Engrs rpt Hwy 1 open N & S of THUNDER.	CO, S3	
16.	1100		(C) Bn Lec Same except for Co A, 1st Flat BS917240, Co B 1st Plat BS875272,		

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	IN	OUT			
16	(Cont'd)		(C) Co C 2d Plat 2d Sq BS777358, 3d Plat 774376.	CO, S3, Map	WM
17.	1200		(C) Bn Lec: Co A(-) CHARLIE BROWN, 1st Plat BS919254, 2d Plat 908208, 3d Plat BS914252, Co B(-) BS875255, 1st Plat BS875272, 2d Plat 877243, 3d Plat(-) BS876257, 2d Sq 876255, Co C(-) BS777376, 2d Plat BS774356, 3d Plat 774376, MartPlat MONTEZUMA, Co D(-) LZ THUNDER, 1st Plat LZ BRONCO, 2d Plat BS878287.	CO, S3, Map	WM
18.	1210		(C) Defoliation sprayed in area vic BS 8120 to BS6940 fr 1040-1050H.	CO. S3	WM
19.	1300		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep, all eles remain same except Co B 1st Plat BS882274 and 2d Plat 872244.	Bde, CO, S3 M	WM
20.	1337		(C) Co D 1st Plat conducted CA, 1st PZ 1320 1st LZ 1325, LZ cold, 2d PZ 1330 2d LZ 1335, LZ cold, LZ BS777409.		
21.	1345		(C) Pearly Groups, ³³² 174th Gunship, time 1340 BS794405 spotted 2 VC evading, res 2 VC KIA.	CO, S3	WM
22.	1358		(C) ^{LTC Russell} Ledger 96 in CC captured 1 MAM 35 to h0 going toward east BS793398 taken		

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22			(C) to Dac Phe cage.		
23.	1400		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg, Lec Same ex: Co 1st Plat BS777409, Co A 1st Plat 918257, 2d Plat 908208, 3d Plat 913253, Co B 1st Plat 869266, 2d Plat 872244, 3d Plat 876257.	CO, Bde, S3, Map	WM
24.	1400		(C) Co B CP BS875256, Co C 1st Plat BS768374, CP BS869266, Co D 1st Plat BS777409, 2d Plat BS878287.		
25.	1500		(C) Bn Lec: A Co CP LZ CHARLIE BROWN 1st 918257, 2d Plat 908208, 3d Plat 913253, B Co CP 875256, 1st Plat 882272, 2d Plat 875244, 3d Plat 876257, C Co CP 774376, 1st Plat 774368, 2d Plat 1st Sq 781256, 3d Plat w/CP, Wpm MONTEZUMA, D Co CP LZ THUNDER, 1st Plat 864358, 2d Plat 878287, 3d Plat & Wpms w/CP, Recon LZ THUNDER.	CO, BDE, S3, Map	WM
26.	1510		(C) At 1450H B Co 1st Plat at coord 882272 fd 1 VC type fatigue uniform, 15 rds M-60 ammo taken 14 apart, SA cleaning kit made in Hanoi, drum and sticks apparently used for signaling.	BDE, CO, S3, Map	WM
27.	1520		(C) At 1515H 1st Plat Co D fd (3) M26A1		

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	IN	OUT			
27	(Cont'd)		(C) frag hd green, (1) field pack cont rain jacket and green fatigue type uniform, first aid equip, 1 steel helmet, (3) green fatigue uniforms, (1) pistol belt, and (1) poncho. (BS775412)	BDE, CO, S3, Map	WM
28.	1530		(C) At 1520H NPFF with 1st Plat CO D fd 2 1/2 sets green fatigue type uniforms hidden in hut. Hut was destroyed. (BS775 414)	BDE, CO, S3, Map	WM
29	1600		(C) Bn Lec: A Co(-) LZ THUNDER. 2d Plat 908208, 3d Plat 914252, B Co(-) 875256, 1st Plat 882272, C Co(-) 775376, 2d Plat (-) 777357, 2d Plat 1 Sq 780352, Wpns MONTEZUMA, D Co(-) LZ THUNDER, 1st Plat 782408, 2d Plat 878293, Recon LZ THUNDER.	Bde, CO, M, S3	WM
30	1700		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep Lec Same.	CO, S3	WM
31	1705		(C) At 1635 11th Bde Cmdr visited LZ CHARLIE BROWN, departed 1655.	CO, S3	WM
32.	1710		(C) D Co 3d Plat 2d Sq departed LZ THUN DER for bridge 111.	CO, S3	WM
33.	1720		(C) D Co 1st Plat closed LZ THUNDER 17 20 H.	CO, S3	WM
34.	1725		(C) Rec PF night&day lec fm Bde: Night:		
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	34 (Cont'd)		(C) 834348, 810368, 843366, 820359, 795 383, 888287, 783424, 828336, 834348, 820 332, 803377, 806373. Day: 854318, 822222 , 854325,	M, CO, S3	JRS		
35.	1800		(C) Bn Lec: A Co (-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN, 1st Plat bridge 94, 2d Plat 908208, 3d Plat 914252, Wpms CHARLIE BROWN, B Co 876255 NDP, 1st Plat 882274 amb, 2d and 3d Plats & wpms w/CP, C Co 775376, 2d Plat (-) 777357, 2d Plat 1st Sq 779358, Wpms MONTEZUMA, D Co (-) LZ THUNDER, 2d Plat 878293, 3d Plat 2d Sq bridge 111, wpms LZ THUNDER, Recen LZ THUNDER.	Bde, CO, S3, Map	JRS		
36	1900		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep Lec Same ex fer A Co Ambush.	Bde, CO, S3, Map	JRS		
37	2000		(C) Bn Lec: A Co (-) CHARLIE BROWN, 1st Plat bridge 94, 2d Plat amb 922201, B Co (-) NDP 876255, 1st Plat amb 883273, Wpm (OP) 873257, C Co (-) NDP 775376, 2d Plat amb 780360, Wpm MONTEZUMA, D Co (-) LZ THUNDER, 2d Plat amb 878293, 3d Plat 2d Sq bridge 111, Recen nl 877308, M3 869209.	M, Bde, CO, S3 CO, S3	JRS		
38	2100		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep Lec Same		JRS		
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39.	2200		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep Loc Same	Bde, CO, S3	JRS		
40.	2205		(C) Track 24 on bridge 107 obs 3 VC moving fr E to W at coord 837332. Fired ill. results negative.	Bde, CO, M, S3	JRS		
41.	2300		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep Loc Same	CO, S3	JRS		
42.	2355		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep Loc Same	Bde, Co, S3	JRS		
43.			SUMMARY - Defoliation was sprayed in area grid sq BS8120 to BS 6940 from 1040 - 1050 hrs. 174th Avn Bn gunships engaged and killed 2 VC evading. 4-3 Inf had neg enemy contact with exception of C&C Helicopter apprehending 1 VCS MAM. Misc eqp was found throughout todays opn.				
44.	2400		Journal Closed				
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FRAGORD 17-68 to OPOD 10-68 Hqs, 4-3 Inf

Task Organization:

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

1. Co A secures and improves defenses of LZ CHARLIE BROWN with 1st rifle plat and mort plat; secures bridge 94 with rifle squad NLT 091800H Oct 68, 2nd and 3d rifle plats terminate 3day independent highway 1 security and trail interdiction missions in AO's RED and YELLOW and conduct offensive search and reconnaissance operations along designated axes (See Annex A, Operations Overlay) commencing 100930H Oct 68 and closing LZ CHARLIE BROWN NLT 101500H Oct 68: 1st plat(-) conducts offensive search and reconnaissance operation to N of LZ CHARLIE BROWN to vic BS931263, commencing 100630H Oct 68, and closing LZ CHARLIE BROWN NLT 101600H Oct 68. 1st plat prepares for independent 3 day highway 1 security and trail interdiction mission in AO YELLOW, commencing 110445H Oct 68.
2. Co B establishes NDP vic BS877253 NLT 091600H Oct 68; 2d rifle plat continues 3 day independent trail interdiction operation of Song Dan Valley in AO GREY; Co(-) conducts offensive search operations in S portion of assigned AO, commencing 100615H Oct 68, keeping minimum of 1 rifle plat within supporting distance of independent platoon.
3. Co C(-) establishes NDP vic BS764377 NLT 091600H Oct 68; 2nd rifle plat continues independent 3 day trail interdiction operation in AO WHITE; mort plat remains GS of LZ BRONCO. Commencing 100615H Oct 68 Co C(-) conducts offensive search operations in assigned AO to flush VC guerrilla unit(s) to S and into killing zones established by independent platoon.
4. Co D(-) secures and improves defenses of LZ THUNDER and secures bridge 94 with 1 rifle squad NLT 091800H Oct 68; 2d plat continues 4 day independent highway 1 and trail interdiction operation. Commencing 100715H Oct 68 1 rifle plat and 3d Plat(-) E Trp 1st Cav conducts combat patrol to S, E, and N of LZ THUNDER and detail searches areas vic BS878318, BS872345, and BS864340, closing LZ THUNDER NLT 101630H Oct 68; prepares 1 rifle plat for independent 3 day highway 1 security and trail interdiction mission commencing 110455H Oct 68 in AO BLUE.

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5. Co B:

a. Recon plat establishes 2 night ambushes vic BS874304 and BS878307; prepares for possible deployment anywhere within 4-3 Inf AO.

b. Hvy Mort Plat: GS LZ THUNDER

c. GS Sec: OPCON 1-20 Inf.

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Annex A: Operation Overlay

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OPERATION SUMMARY - 9 Oct 68

A Company - Secured CHARLIE BROWN and Bridge 94. 2 independent plat operations continue at BS905255 and 915205. Ambushing at night, search during day.

B Company - NDP BS873251 w/1 plat ambush vic. 9 Oct Co(-) conducted offensive search BS875255. 1 plat operated independently BS875275 searching area ambush at night.

C Company - NDP BS775379. 9 Oct Co (-) searched BS773372. 1 plat operating independently searched and ambushed BS777354.

D Company - Secured THUNDER and Bridge 111. 1 plat operating independently searched BS865305. 1 plat w/tracks conducted search S BS891298 and BS896272. Same element 1300H CA from SE Pad to BS777409. Conducted search of that area.

RECON - Continued training. Ground Surv still OPCOM to 1/20.

PLANS SUMMARY - 9 Oct 68

A Company - Secures CHARLIE BROWN and Bridge 94. 1 plat will ambush BS913253. 9 Oct conduct search S closing CHARLIE BROWN. 1 plat will ambush BS902208 and conduct search closing CHARLIE BROWN. 1 plat(-) will conduct search BS932259.

B Co(-) - Will NDP BS877253 . Conduct search S. 1 plat amb BS780350 and search vic.

C Company - (-) Will NDP BS764377. Conduct search S BS785375. 1 plat ambush BS780350 and conduct search 9 Oct vic.

D Company - Will secure THUNDER and Bridge 111. 1 plat continues to ambush and search BS878288. 1 plat w/tracks conduct search operation BS886318 and BS827347 closing THUNDER.

RECON - Conducts 2 ambushes with 19th Engrs BS874304 and BS878307. GS OPCOM to 1/20.

4.2 MORTAR - AMMO REPORT - 9 Oct 68

Observed-----1	HE-----63
Not Observed-----0	WP-----0
H&I-----15	Ill-----0
<u>Total-----16</u>	<u>Total-----63</u>

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BRIEFING - 9 Oct 68

ENEMY LOSSES:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WPNE</u>
3/I	2	2	1 Carbine

BRIEFING - 9 Oct 68 - Cont'd

4/3	1 PW
1/20	8 PW
A/S	2 PW
174	2 KIA

1. LRRP JACK DANIELS inserted BS.
 2. DUKES GLADE continues; light action
 3. 1/20 - Continues only 8 PW. ARVN involved pulled out.
- * HAT TON SPECIAL FORCES CAMP SHOWS A LOT OF INTEREST. POSSIBLE ATTACK 15 OCT. ROAD BELIEVED MINED.
 - * GROUND SERV - 1/20 HAD THEIR EQUIPMENT DAMAGED WHEN HELICOPTER BLEW IT DOWN.

MAIL: 7400 Lbs.

REPLACEMENTS: 11 EM, 1 Officer.