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S2/S3 4-3 Inf		LZ THUNDER BS 874325		From		To	
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				0001	10 Oct 68	2400	10 Oct 68
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	IN	OUT					
1.	0001		(U) Journal Opened		JC		
2.	0010		(C) LTC RUSSELL reported obs a light approx 2,000 M to SE of LZ THUNDER. 4.2 & Arty observers attempted to locate light 4.2 observer spotted light vic coord BS875308 flare ship in area. Checked area & dropped flare. Neg results. Recon Plt loc vic coord BS877308 notified light in area.	Bde, S3	JC		
3.	0034		(C) Delphin flare ship reported obs boat moving on lake vic coord BS907283. Requested permission to engage target. Permission granted, but before flare ship could engage a crew member burned himself with flare in cockpit. Flare ship return- ed to LZ BRONCO, arty called on target.	Bde, CO, S3	JC		
4.	0055		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep Loc Same	Bde, CO, S3	JC		
5.	0150		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep Loc Same	Bde, CO, S3	JC		
6.	0245		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep Loc Same	Bde, CO, S3	JC		
7.	0355		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep Loc Same	Bde, CO, S3	JC		
8.	0455		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep Loc Same	Bde, CO, S3	JC		
9.	0555		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep Loc Same	Bde, CO, S3	JC		
10.	0710		(C) A Co Same loc, 2d Plat closed				
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FELIX J CIARLO, 1LT, Infantry				Felix J Carlo			

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10	(Cont'd)		(C) LZ CHARLIE BROWN at 0700H, B Co left NDP 0650H, C Co Same Loc, Recon Plat closed LZ THUNDER at 0645H.		
11.	0800		(C) Bn Loc: Co A(-) CHARLIE BROWN, 1st Plat Bridge 94, 3d Plat closed CHARLIE BROWN at 0745H, Co B(-) BS877271, 3d Plat BS876255, Co C(-) BS782376, 1st Plat BS772368, 2d Plat BS778359, Co D(-) LZ THUNDER, 2d Plat BS878293, 3d Plat 2d Sq closed LZ THUNDER at 0755H from Bridge		
			111.	Bde,CO,S3,Map	JC
12.	0810		(C) At 0745H Co D 19th Engrs mine sweep tm south, Medivaced 1 VN woman and child fr Bridge 104. PWs transported VN to Bridge 104.	CO,S3	JC
13.	0900		(C) Bn Loc Same ex for Co B(-) BS875371 Co C(-) BS778373, Co D 1st Plat departed LZ THUNDER at 0755H. Pres loc BS880312. 2d Plat BS880304.	Bde,CO,S3,Map	JC
14.	0955		(C) Hwy 1 opened north & south of 4-3 Inf AO.	Bde,CO,S3,M	
15.	1000		(C) Bn Loc: Co A(-) same ex for 1st Plat (-) departed CHARLIE BROWN at 0950H,		

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15	(Cont'd)		(C) 2d Sqd closed CHARLIE BROWN at 0900H				
			CO B(-) 872274, Co D 2d Plat closed LZ THUNDER at 0950H, Co C 1st Plat BS772368.	Bde, CO, M, S3	JC		
16	1040		(C) 3d Plat E Trp vic BS886335 detained				
			1 VCS MAM. Inf has altered ID card. Will extract to LZ THUNDER for interrogation.	Bde, CO, S3, M	JC		
17.	1100		(C) Ba Lec Same ex Co A 1st Plat(-) BS 917240, Co B(-) BS871278, Co D 1st Plat BS886335.				
18.	1115		(c) LT McDonald Ba TOC Duty Officer req 6 dog tms with 3 days rations. App by Bde. Dog tms will be picked up at 1600				
			Hrs SE Pad LZ BRONCO.	Bde, CO, S3	JC		
19.	1120		(C) LT McDonald Ba TOC Duty Officer, req 6 M-113 tracks from E Tfp to be at LZ THUNDER NLT 110730H Oct 68. Also req 2 M-113 tracks for today at 1700H at LZ THUNDER. Presently pending approval.				
20.	1121		(C) BG COOKSEY arrived LZ THUNDER. Met and briefed by LTC RUSSELL. Departed 1150H.	Bde, CO, S3	JC		
21.	1200		(C) Ba Lec: Co A(-) CHARLIE BROWN, 1st Plat (-) BS917240, Co B(-) BS871278, 3d				
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21	(Cont'd)		(C) Plat BS873264, Co C(-) BS780368, 1st and 2d Plats BS775358, Mort Plat MONTEZUMA, Co B(-) LZ THUNDER, 1st Plat BS886324.				
22.	1215		(C) Co C vic BS782358 fd and destroyed 3 small tunnels 2' X 6'. While blowing tunnels PFC CONCEPCION, Edwin R. recd schrapnel wds (Minor) under arm pit. Ind will be extracted to LZ THUNDER for Med treatment.	Bde, CO, S3, M	JC		
23.	1300		(C) Bn Lec Same ex fer Co B 3d Plat BS878269, Co C BS778364, Co D 1st Plat BS874346.	Bde, CO, S3, M	JC		
24.	1400		(C) Bn Lec Same ex fer Co A 1st Plat(-) BS9k7241, Co D 1st Plat BS868342.		JC		
25.	1455		(C) 1st A Co 1st Plat closed HARDSTAND neg results.	M, CO, S3	JC		
26.	1500		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep Lec Same	CO, S3	JC		
27.	1505		(C) D Co 1st Plat closed LZ THUNDER.	M, CO, S3	JC		
28.	1600		(C) Bn Lec: A Co(-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN 1st Plat HARDSTAND, B Co(-) 871278, 3d plat 878269, C Co(-) 778364, Wpns MONTE- ZUMA, D Co LZ THUNDER, RECON, LZ THUNDER.	Bde, CO, S3 M	JC		
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30.	1800		(C) Bn Lec: A Co(-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN 2d Plat Bridge 94, B Co NDP 871278, 2d Plat OP 873284, C Co NDP 794360, D Co 3d Plat 1st Sqd Bridge 111, D Co(-) LZ THUNDER Recen LZ THUNDER.	Bde, M, CO, S3			
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33.	1905		(C) Rec PF night and day Lec Fm Bde: Night: 802375, 802377, 830334, 833347, 834347, 806369, 815335, 798328, 885286, 925226. Day: 801374, 834351, 794383, 858324, 858 319, 834355, 832336, 791393, 792391, 796395, 834351, 833351, 925221, 924224, 923224.	M, CO, S3			
34.	1920		(C) B Co 3d Plat spotted lights at coord 878261 also obs enemy movement, Arty called in on grid.	Bde, CO, S3, M			
35.	1951		(C) Reference item 34: Arty mission end- ed all movement stopped.	Bde, CO, S3			
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43.	2355		(C) Neg Ba Sitrep Lec Same	Bde, CO, S3	
44.			(C) Summary - 6 dog teams w/3 days rations was requested and approved. Picked up at 1700H. 4-3 Inf had neg enemy contact throughout Duc Phe AO.		
45.		2400	(U) Journal Closed.		

Name and Grade of Officer on Duty JOHN R SAM, CPT, Infantry	Signature John R. Sam
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Task Org:

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

1. Co A secures and improves defenses LZ CHARLIE BROWN with 2 rifle plats and mort plat; secures bridge 94 and bridge 95 with (1) rifle squad and (1) rifle platoon respectively by 101800H Oct 68; rifle plat at bridge moves, commencing 110450H Oct 68, NW into AO YELLOW and conducts 3 day independent Hwy 1 and trail interdiction, returning LZ CHARLIE BROWN morning 14 Oct 68; (1) rifle platoon conducts combat patrol commencing 110615H Oct 68, to N and conducts intensified search of BS930272, BS924270, BS912271, and BS920264 closing LZ CHARLIE BROWN NSN 111530H Oct 68.

2. Co B(-) establishes NDP and 1 plat night ambush vic BS874284 NLT 101600H Oct 68; 3d Platoon continues independent 3 day operation in AO GRAY to interdict routes in Song Dan Valley and, commencing 110615H Oct 68, 3d Plat moves to rejoin Co(-). Co B, upon arrival of 3d Plat, conducts offensive search operations to the W and NW in assigned AO and occupies plat size blocking positions after nightfall vic BS848278, BS857287, and BS859293; prepares to occupy blocking positions vic BS841291, BS848299, BS853303 NLT 120530H Oct 68.

3. Co C(-) establishes NDP vic BS796365 NLT 101600H Oct 68 and (2) plat night ambushes vic BS800356 and BS807354; 2d Plat continues independent 3 day operation in AO WHITE and, commencing 110620H Oct 68, moves to rejoin Co(-). Commencing 110650H Oct 68 Co C conducts offensive search operations to S of NDP to vic BS 799327 and BS808340; prepares to move after nightfall and occupy plat size blocking positions vic BS810320, BS817327, and BS818336 NLT 120530H Oct 68.

4. Co D secures and improves defensive positions LZ THUNDER; conducts combat patrol with (1) rifle plat(+) and 3d Plat Trp E(-) to S of LZ THUNDER and conducts intensified search vic Phu Khung(1) BS913284, Long Tri(4) BS905285, and BS892292; provides 1 rifle plat as Bn reaction force for employment anywhere within 4-3 Inf AO; prepares for CA commencing 100615H Oct 68.

5. Co E:

a. Recon Plat establishes night ambush vic BS883293, and conducts offensive search operations, commencing 110630H Oct 68, N to LZ THUNDER.

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b. Hvy Mortar Platoon: GS LZ THUNDER

c. GS Section: OPCON 1-20 Inf

Acknowledge:

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ANNEX A - Operation Overlay

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OPERATION SUMMARY - 10 Oct 68

A Company - Secured CHARLIE BROWN and Bridge 94. 1 plat amb at night and search during day BS913253. 1 plat amb at night and search during day BS902208. Both plats closed CHARLIE BROWN during day. 1 plat(2) patrolled BS917240 and closed.

B Company - (-) NDP BS877253 and conducted sweep S. 1 plat amb at night and sweeping during day conducted operations BS869266.

C Company - (-) NDP BS764377 and conducted sweep S BS785975. 1 plat amb at night and sweeping during day conducted operation BS780350.

D Company - (-) Secured THUNDER and Bridge 111. 1 plat conducted amb at night and sweep BS878288 during day, closed THUNDER. 1 plat w/tracks conducted search BS886318 and BS872347, closing THUNDER.

RECON - Conducted 2 amb w/19th Engrs BS874304 and BS878307.

PLANS SUMMARY - 10 Oct 68

A Company - Secures CHARLIE BROWN and Bridge 94. 11 Oct 1 plat will sweep BS925265 and close.

B Company - (-) Will NDP BS875282. 11 Oct will sweep N through BS868298. 1 plat will ambush BS878267. Will sweep N through BS858288.

C Company - (-) Will NDP BS 792367. 11 Oct sweep S through BS815335. 1 plat will ambush BS783351. 11 Oct will sweep S BS805325.

D Company - Will secure THUNDER and Bridge 111. 11 Oct 1 plat w/tracks will sweep S BS911286 and close.

RECON: Will ambush BS884293.

4.2 MORTAR REPORT - AMMO - 10 Oct 68

Observed-----1	HE-----45
Not Observed-----0	WP-----0
H&I-----15	Ill-----2
Total-----16	Total-----47

BRIEFING - 10 Oct 68

ENEMY LOSSES:

UNIT	KIA	PW
3/1	1	0
4/3	0	0
1/20	0	3
E Trp	0	0

BRIEFING - 10 Oct 68 - Cont'd

1. 1/20: One mine tripped, 2 KHA 1 WHA. All their units had contact during day but no kills reported.
2. 3/1: Killed 1 VC in ambush.
3. 4/21: Conducted CA, made contact resulting in 7 VC KIA 11 detainees.
4. LRRP: JACK DANIELS grid BS5858 made several sightings of VC w/wpns.

WEATHER: Scattered Showers, H 93, L 75, 89% ill.

INTELLIGENCE: C29 and C212 (BSL835) Local Force Co in area. Last May 29 was the last contact in are. 4/3 AO C219 BS7742, BS6539, and BS6537; 31ONVA Bn and 83d Bn.