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S2/S3 4-3 Inf.		LZ THUNDER BS874325		From		To	
				Hour	Date	Hour	Date
				0001	15 Oct 68	2400	15 Oct 68
ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INI- TIALS		
	IN	OUT					
01	0001		(U) Journal Opened:				
02	0055		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Loc. Same	Bde. Co. S-3	JPC		
03	0155		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Loc. Same	Bde. Co. S-3	JPC		
04	0255		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Loc. Same	Bde. Co. S-3	JPC		
05	0355		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Loc. Same	Bde. Co. S-3	JPC		
06	0415		(C) Recon. Plt. Moved from Ambush sight to assigned mission.	Bde. Co. S-3	JPC		
07	0445		(C) D. Co. C.P. 1st Plt. 2nd Plt. and 3rd Plt. moving.	Bde. Co. S-3	JPC		
08	0615		(C) Recon Loc. 881328 Co. C 2nd Plt. 881328 D. Co. all elements 850370 C. Co. 2nd Plt. LZ THUNDER B. Co. LZ BRONCO.	Bde. Co. S-3	JPC		
09	0700		(C) Recon Loc. 878335 2nd Plt. C. Co. 884337 D. Co. 860370.	Bde. Co. S-3	JPC		
10	0710	(C)	Co. C. C.P. 1st and 3rd Plt. moving off THUNDER.	Bde. Co. S-3	JPC		
11	0720		(C) D. Co. 1st Plt. apprehended 1 VCS middle age male, evading coord. 863366 will be extracted.	Bde. Co. S-3	JPC		
12	0800		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: All Units Same: Co. A(-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN 1st and 3rd Plt hardstand: 2nd Sqd. 2nd Plt. BS414258 2nd	Bde. Co. S-3	SCP		

DOWNGRADE AT 3 YR INTERVAL
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12	(Cont'd)		(C) Plt. (●) BS916256; Co. B. LZ BRONCO: Co. C. (-) LZ THUNDER: 2nd Plt. BS884336: Co. D. All ele BS860370; Recon Plt. BS 881328.	Bde. Co. S-3	SCP
13	0833		(C) At 0830 hrs. Co. D. 1st Plt. at BS 863366 apprehended 6 VCS for questioning by National Police. (1 man w/ID Card; 5 female no ID Cards) More to follow.	Bde. Co. S-3	SCP
14	0845		(C) Bn. Surg. requested DUSTOFF for 1 U.S. w/poss leg fracture. Fr Recon Plt. Line NR N/A Pvt. Vinson; DUSTOFF called at 0905.	Bde. Co. S-3	SCP
15	0900		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Only change. Co. C. (-) (Cp. 1st and 3rd Plat) BS863319	Bde. Co. S-3	SCP
16	0902		(C) MACV Adv. from Duc Pho informs PF's N/Be working in vic BS865309 and BS866308. M	Bde. Co. S-3	SCP
17	1002		(C) Co. B. C/A Resume: (4 Air Craft per lift) 1st Lift PZ0926 LZ0931-Cold, 2nd Lift PZ0932 LZ0937-Cold, 3d Lift PZ0941 LZ0946-Cold, 4th Lift PZ0957 LZ1000-Cold Detail information Sequential Airlift Schedule.	Bde. Co. S-3	SCP

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18	1005		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Minor change in Loc. Co. A. 3d Plat BS928250; Co. B. BS 857851; Co. C. (-) BS867328;	Bde. Co. S-3 M	SCP		
19	1020		(C) Co. C. requested DUSTOFF for 1 U.S. WHA at BS867336 (Lt. Owens) w/multiple frag wounds all over body. Believed to priority circumstances while on search and clear operation. DUSTOFF completed at 1035: More to follow.	Bde. Co. S-3 S-1 M	SCP		
20	1049		(C) Bde. Notified road cleared from LZ Max to LZ Lowboy.	Bde. Co. S-3 Units	SCP		
21	1105		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Except item #19 Co. B. (-) BS857348; Co. C. (-) BS866336.	Bde. Co. S-3 M	SCP		
22	1105		LATE ENTRY: (C) At 1030 hrs. Gunships (174th Avn Bn) At BS837337 Engaged and Killed 1 VC evading.	Bde. Co. S-3	SCP		
23	1116		LATE ENTRY: (C) At 1020 hrs. BS839339 Bn. SGM.(SGM. Kirpatrick) w/Bde. commander apprehended and extracted to Duc Phe PW Compound 11 VCs attempting to evade to road area.	Bde. Co. S-3	SCP		
24	1137		(C) At 1120 hrs. Co. C. 3d Plat at BS 875343 found and destroyed Punji stakes,	Bde. Co. S-3 M	SCP		
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24	(Cont'd)		(C) and digging equipment located in mt. Also apprehended 2 male about 40-45 yrs. old.	Bde. Co. S-3 M	SCP		
25	1139		(C) At 1123 hrs. Co. C. 1st Plat at BS 865338. Found a trench complex about a week old: Trench is about 2 inches wide and 500 meters long.	Bde. Co. S-3 M	SCP		
26	1203		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Except #24 and #25. Co. A. 3d Plat BS926254; Co. C.(-) BS866337.	Bde. Co. S-3	SCP		
27	1215		(C) Co. C. BS867348 Detained 1 VCS evading, Evaded to Bde. POW Compound by C.C. Neg. ID or Wpn.	Bde. Co. S-3	JRS		
28	1225		(C) Co. D. BS862356 found many new spider holes.	Bde. Co. S-3	JRS		
29	1240		(C) 11th LIB MP's BS857341 found 2 first aid packets, 1 uniform VC/NVA (OD)	Bde. Co. S-3	JRS		
30	1250		(C) Co. B. BS857348 found 1 VN Girl 8 yrs. old, KIA. Brother says she was killed by Gunship shooting into mt.	Bde. Co. S-3	JRS		
31	1250		(C) All Units Neg. Sitrep: Loc. Co. A.(-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN 2nd Plat BS916256/914258 3d Plat BS926254 Co. B.(-) BS857348 Wpns-	Bde. Co. S-3	JRS		
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	IN	OUT					
31	(Cont'd)		(C) Montezuma Co. C.(-) BS866337 2nd Plat BS884336 Wpns, LZ THUNDER Co. D.(-) BS865357 Wpns, LZ BRONCO. Recon BS876348				
32	1324		(C) At 1320 hrs. Co. D. apprehended 30 MAM for questioning at BS865357: These individuals were attending some type of ceremony. More to follow.	Bde. Co. S-3 M	SCP		
33	1405		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Co. A. 3d Plat BS 920260; Co. D. BS875345 3 Sqd. 1st Plat Co. A. (Bridge 94) closed on hardstand at 1215 hrs.	Bde. Co. S-3 M	SCP		
34	1450		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Co. B. BS869353 (OBJ"R") Co. C. BS870346; Recon Plat BS 870348.	Bde. Co. S-3 M	SCP		
35	1600		(C) Bn. Loc. A. Co.(-) CHARLIE BROWN) 1st Plat hardstand 2nd Plat(-) 916256/911258 3d Plat 922232 B. Co.(-) 868347, Co. G.(-) 862343 2nd Plat 884336 D. Co. 840330. Recon Base LZ THUNDER	Bde. Co. S-3 Bde. Co. S-3	SCP		
36	1610		(C) At 1540 A. Co. requested DUSTOFF for 1 U.S. from E trp. 1 cau. 2nd Plat and 2 VN. Priority U.S. name: Stapelton Ronald	Bde. Co. S-3	SCP		
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36	(Cont'd)		(C) U.S. 56450773 w/gash in arm. Received while working on bunker. Viets ran over by U.S. Navy boat ^{etc} Russell Bn. Commander 4-3 Inf dusted-off VN in C-C.		
37	1630		(C) C. Co. closed LZ THUNDER	Bde. Co. S-3	SCP
38	1639		(C) D. Co. closed LZ BRONCO		
39	1650		(C) All Units Neg. Sitrep: Loc. Co. A. (-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN 2nd Plat BS916256 3d Plat BS922232 Co. B. (-) BS850323 Wpns, Montezuma Co. C. LZ THUNDER Co. D. LZ BRONCO. Recon closed LZ THUNDER 1610 hrs.	Bde. Co. S-3	JRS
40	1800		(C) BN. Neg. Sitrep: Loc. Same Except B. Co. 798395. Received RF night and day loc. Night: 801378, 832334, 834346, 833347, 806373, 796381, 855286, 784415, 918225, 916224, 834344, 833347, 923224, 924224, Day: 855324, 847325.	Bde. Co. S-3	SCP
41	1900		(C) Bn. Loc. A. Co. (-) CHARLIE BROWN 1st Plat 3d sqd. Br: 94 2nd Plat (-) 916256 2nd Plat 2nd sqd. 910264 3d Plat hardset and wpns CHARLIE BROWN. B. Co. BS798395 wpn Montezuma C. Co. (-) LZ THUNDER		

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41	(Cont'd)		(C) 1st Plat 2nd sqd. Br. 111 3d Plat Amb present loc. 882304 not in position yet. D. Co. LZ BRONCO. Recon LZ THUNDER	Bde. Co. S-3	SCP
42	1920		(C) At 1845 B. Co. requested DUSTOFF for 1 EM PFC Hagon, Robert E. U.S. 52772211 w/high fever DUSTOFF completed at 1856.	Bde. Co. S-3	SCP
43	2000		(C) Bn. loc. A. Co.(-) CHARLIE BROWN 1st Plat 3 sqd. Br. 94. 2nd Plat(-) Amb 916256 2nd Plat 2 sqd. Amb 910264 B. Co.(-) NDP 808403 1st Plat Amb 803403 2nd Plat Amb 815398 wpn Montezuma C. Co.(-) LZ THUNDER 1ST Plat 2nd sqd. Br. 111 3d Plat AMBUSH 882305 D. Co. LZ BRONCO. Recon LZ THUNDER	Bde. Co. S-3	SCP
44	2100		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Loc. same	Bde. Co. S-3	SCP
45	2125		(C) Rec. Intel Rpt. Fm Bde Commander Col. Donaldson: Bde. Rpt up to 200 VC vic Nhe Loin BS802355 wants to utalize D. Co. w/ Recon blocking along railroad on South side, Put Arty. on hills to either side and check people out.	Bde. Co. S-3	JRS
46	2200		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Loc. same	Bde. Co. S-3	JRS
47	2255		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Loc. same	Bde. Co. S-3	JRS
48	2355		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Loc. same	Bde. Co. S-3	JRS

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DATE: 15 Oct

COORDINATES: 866336

UNIT: "C" Company

PREPARE

- A. TYPE OF FORMATION USED: - Defense
- B. RATE OF MARCH: ~~2 1/2 mph~~ Stationary
- C. DISTANCE BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL CASUALTIES: 25 meters
- D. BOOBY ARMOR USED: Neg. ARMOR
- E. WARNING DEVICES USED: TRIP WIRE
- F. ANY SOUNDS PRIOR TO DETONATION: Neg
- G. WAS BOOBY TRAP/MINE NEAR AN EASILY IDENTIFIED OBJECT: Opening in hedgerow
- H. DO VILLAGERS KNOW THIS OR OTHER MINES AND BOOBYTRAPS: Neg Villagers
- I. REMARKS:

The booby trap was M-26 grenade which
 joined to a trip wire. The booby trap was
 between a hedgerow.

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AMERICAL DIV SOI ITEM 93-1
REQUEST FOR MEDICAL EVACUATION

PROCEDURE: Aero medical evacuation may be requested in the following manner: Switch to DUSTOFF frequency given in SOI Item 22A 2-() using the following format.

FORMAT

No 1 DATE 15 Oct 68

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE LZ Thunder

2. REQUESTOR Ledger 80

3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER AMBULATORY

4. NATIONALITY: US 1 VN FWF

5. NATURE OF INJURIES: possible broken leg

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: Ledger 80

12. ANY US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE: YES NO

13. REMARKS: _____

14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY: Ledger 39 PHONE NR: _____

15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY: Doctor Control TIME 0845
TIME COMPLETED 0905

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FORMAT

- NO II DATE 15 Oct 68
1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE 867336
 2. REQUESTOR HARPER Grips 96 CoC
 3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER AMBULATORY
 4. NATIONALITY: US 1 VN FWF
 5. NATURE OF INJURIES: FRAG wounds All over his body.
 6. CATEGORY: URGENT PRIORITY ROUTINE
 7. CONDITION & TYPE OF PICKUP SITE: Good
 8. SECURITY OF PICKUP SITE: Secupe
 9. WEATHER AT PICKUP SITE: Good
 10. MARKING (SMOKE, PANELS, LIGHTS ETC.) Smoke
 11. RADIO FREQUENCY: 45.70 CALLWORD: HARPER Grips 96
 12. ANY US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE: YES NO
 13. REMARKS: line number - OWENS -
-
14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY: Ledger 39 PHONE NR: _____
15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY: Doctor Control TIME 1020
- TIME COMPLETED 1035

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FRAGORD 25-68 to OPORD 10-68 Hqs, 4-3 Inf

Task Org:

Co A 4-3 Inf	Co D	Bn Control 3d Plat(-)/Trp E 1st Cav
Co B	Co E	C/6-11 Arty
Co C	NHC (-)	4 Tms 11th IPSD

1. Co A secures and improves defensive positions LZ CHARLIE BROWN, secures Bridge 94 with (1) rifle squad, 2d Plat continues 3 day independent Highway 1 security and trail interdiction mission in AO YELLOW. Commencing 160900H Oct 68, 2 rifle plats and CP move from LZ CHARLIE BROWN and conducts offensive search operations to W vic BS895208 and BS897231; Mort Plat moves by UH-1H from LZ CHARLIE BROWN to rejoin unit vic BS897231, commencing 161500H Oct 68; 2d Plat prepares to terminate 3 day independent operation and rejoin Co(-) morning 17 Oct 68.

2. Co B(-) establishes (3) plat night ambushes vic BS816400, BS821405, and BS824399; conduct offensive search operations in assigned area, commencing 160615H Oct 68, closing LZ BRONCO NLT 161130H Oct 68. Mort Plat moves by CH-47B from MT MONTEZUMA LZ BRONCO to SE Pad LZ BRONCO at 161100H Oct 68 and is relieved by Mort Plat Co D. Co B(-) including Mort Plat moves by CH-47B, commencing 161400H Oct 68 from SE Pad LZ BRONCO to LZ CHARLIE BROWN; 1 rifle plat moves from SE Pad LZ BRONCO to HARDSTAND. Co B secures and improves defenses LZ CHARLIE BROWN with (2) rifle plats and Mort Plat; secures HARDSTAND with (1) rifle plat; and secures Bridge 94 with (1) rifle squad NLT 161800H Oct 68.

3. Co C secures and improves defenses LZ THUNDER, establishes (1) plat night ambush vic BS877307; conducts combat patrol to W with (1) rifle plat and 3d Plat(-)/Trp E 1st Cav and detail searches vic BS834319, returning LZ THUNDER NLT 161500H Oct 68.

4. Co D STAND DOWNS LZ BRONCO night 15 Oct 68; moves Mort Plat, commencing 161100H Oct 68 from SE Pad LZ BRONCO to MT MONTEZUMA, LZ BRONCO and relieves Mort Plat Co B. Co(-) conducts offensive search and reconnaissance operations to S and SW LZ BRONCO, commencing 161200H Oct 68, and conducts intensified search vic BS830362. Mort Plat provides indirect fire support from LZ BRONCO.

5. Co E:

a. Recon Plat secures and improves defensive positions LZ THUNDER; prepares for ambush night 16 Oct 68.

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b. Bvy Mort Plat: GS LZ THUNDER

c. GS Section: Secures and improves defensive positions LZ THUNDER.

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ANNEX A - Operation Overlay
ANNEX B - Sequential Air Lift Schedule

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