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01	0001		(U) Journal Opened:				
02	0055-		(C) Neg. Sitrep: Loc. same	Co. S-3	JPC		
03	0110		(C) Arty F.O. 4/3 Inf Loc. on LZ THUNDER observed 3 signaling lights vic. Coord BS902308 Arty called results all 3 lights ext. firing ended 0124 Hours.	Bde. Co. S-3	JPC		
04	0150		(C) Neg. Sitrep: Loc. same	Bde. Co. S-3	JPC		
05	0215		(C) Radar closed because battery went dead.	Co. S-3	JPC		
06	0300		(C) Neg. Sitrep: Locations same	Bde. Co. S-3	JPC		
07	0355		(C) Neg. Sitrep: Locations same	Bde. Co. S-3	JPC		
08	0500		(C) Neg. Sitrep: Loc. same	Bde. Co. S-3	JPC		
09	0600		(C) Neg. Sitrep: Loc. same	Bde. Co. S-3	JPC		
10	0655		(C) A. Co. and B. Co. same loc. C. Co. 3d Plat moved 0651H. All other Loc. same.	Bde. Co. S-3	JPC		
11	0700		(C) LATE ENTRY: 0200 Hours rec'd intell reports from Bde. See ^{S-2 FILE} attached sheet.	Co. S-2 S-3	JPC		
12	0723		(C) C/C arrived on station at this time (Tail No. 445)	Co. S-3 Map	SCP		
13	0730		(C) Co. C 3d Plat BS847307.	Co. S-3 Map	SCP		
14	0735		(C) At 0720H received from Bn LNO Lt. Charlie 2 cys. 14 & 15 Opord 11-68 (Sector	Co. S-3	SCP		

DOWNGRADE AT 3 YR INTERVAL

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14	(Cont'd)		(C) Def Plan Round Up) DTD 27 Sep 68; 1 cy (copy 24) Frag ord 40-68 to Opord 15-67 (Operation Dale Common) DTD 17 Oct 68: 1cy Appendix 7 (Phouc Tho (3) To Annex B (Admin & Log) To Oplan 14-68, Counter Atr/Reinf/Evac of Refugee Camps.				
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15	0755		(C) At 0753H Co. C. 3d Plat closed on LZ THUNDER w/wpn (M-1 Carbine) Fr VC kill ed on contact last night.	Co. S-3 Map Bde	SCP		
16	0805		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Co. A. LZ BRONCO; Co. B.(-) CHARLIE BROWN: 1st Plat Br. 94 2nd Plat at Amb loc. BS916242; Co. C. (-) LZ THUNDER: 2nd sqd. 2nd Plat Br. 111; Co. D. LZ LIZ (Opcon 3-1 Inf)	Bde. Co. S-3 Map	SCP		
17	0904		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: All Units not change Co. B. 1st sqd. 3d Plat departed for to- day's OPN at 0845H.	Co. S-3 Map	SCP		
18	0908		(C) Rec'd changed on Bde. Defoliation Mission in 4-3 Inf AO for 19 Oct 68. To	Co. S-3 Map	SCP		
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18	(Cont'd)		(C) 211045 Oct 68: Same grids BS8729 to BS7543: Rte is marked fr center of grid 1500 meters on both sides and 2500 meters NW & SE of starting and finish grids.				
20	0945		(C) Bn. Co LTC RUSSELL notified that Plan A (Today's OPN) is in effect as scheduled.			S*3 Co A Rcn	SCP
21	0948		(C) At 0900H Co. D. 19th Eng. at BS816-357 Mine sweep ele. found and destroyed one(1) Cmd Det Mine ukn type and one(1) Chicom claymore mine, Approx 15 lbs. placed N end of Br. 109 W side of RD. Later Mine was placed 6 meters off the Rd.				
22	1015		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Co. B. 1st Plat Bridge 94 closed Hardstand at 0955H: Co. C. 2nd sqd, 2nd Plat closed LZ THUNDER at 1011H			Bde. Co. S-3	SCP
23	1048		(C) MSG from LT. Salante, MACV Duc Pho to MAJ. McAnaw, Bn. S-3; Co. C. request 1 Plat to assist district operation to locate to secret tunnels vic. BS876312-BS877314. Request 2 helicopter sorties			Co. S-3	

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23	(Cont'd)		(C) to lift District personnel to LZ THUNDER to effect coordination for operat- ion. Time agreed upon 1300 Hours.				
24	1103		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Loc. same Co. A. 1st lift at 1054H.	Co. S-3 Map	SCP		
25	1115		(C) At 1105H Gunships from 174th Avn. Bn. eng. 5 VC w/wpn vic BS828225: Res 3 VC KIA 1 VC WIA/CIA: 3 wpns CIA: (1) M16 Rifle. (1) M-1 Carbine (1) AK-44 SN's to follow.	Bde. Co. S-3 Map	SCP		
26	1126		(C) At 1120H C & C rec'd AW & Semi- AW fire fr vic BS828321, Neg. hit. Acft cont'd to fly, altitude unk.	Bde. Co. S-3 Map	SCP		
27	1147		(C) At 1136H 2nd Plat Co. C. Eng. 1 VC MAF evading vic BS828329: Result (1) VC WIA/CIA, VC w/Be DUSTED OFF.	Bde. Co. S-3 Map	SCP		
28	1205		(C) At 1201 Ref item # 25 VC WIA/CIA evac to Duc Pho, had wpn M-16 SN 146858 also on person was a pistol belt and Hand Grenade, VC w/evac to Duc Pho.	Bde. Co. S-3	SCP		
29	1212		(C) At 1136H DUSTOFF was req for 1 VC MAF ref item # 27, completed DUSTOFF at 1203H.	Co. S-3 Map	SCP		
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30	1215		(C) At 1205H Co. C. 2nd Plat at BS833-333 rec'd 5-6 rounds SA fire (Sniper)	Bde. Co. S-3 Map	SCP		
			Rtn'd fire w/unlk res and neg cas.				
31	1255		(C) Co. A. Rcn Plat C/A time schedule	Co. S-3 Bde	SCP		
			1st Lift PZ 1054H LZ 1100H Cold				
			2nd Lift PZ 1104H LZ 1110H Cold				
			3d Lift PZ 1120H LZ 1126H Cold				
			Natl' Police, NPFF 4th PZ 1204H LZ 1210H				
			Cold, Rcn 1st PZ 1138H LZ 1150H Cold, 2nd PZ 1225H LZ 1237H Cold.				
32	1302		(C) At 1258 Bn. CO brought in CIA wpn M-1 Carbine ref item # 25 SN 2108086.	Bde. Co. S-3	SCP		
33	1305		(C) At 1230H Co. A. At coord BS829322 fd 2 VC KIA. By S A fire VC were MAM w/ pistol belts and total of 3 Hand-Gren. No documents.	Bde. Co. S-3	SCP		
34	1308		(C) At 1230H Co. A. 1st Plat at coord BS826325 apprehended 1 VCS in a well camouflaged spider hole: w/Be extracted to Duc Pho.	Bde. Co. S-3	SCP		
35	1345		(C) Ref item # 25 3d wpn CIA, MAS 36 M1936, 7.65 SN P2604 wpn is w/Co. A. at this time.	Bde. Co. S-3	SCP		
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36	1353		(C) At 1345H Ref item 25, VC WIA/CIA, on person Co. A. fd 1 lensatic compass, on the 3 VC KIA, VN person was 1 VC roster w/31 names, 2 lge propaganda posters. 1 altered ID Card, 1 letter of introduction: In gen vic BS830330, fd 1 Arty fd. (155mm) booby-trapped and remains of detonated booby-traps in hedge roll.	Bde. Co. S-3			
37	1400		(C) Bn. Sitrep. Neg. except item 34 Co. B. 2nd Plat closed LZ CHARLIE BROWN at 1355H: All loc. same.	Bde. Co. S-3	SCP	Map	
38	1402		(C) At 1355H Bde. Cmdr. at coord BS813313 OBS & Eng 4 VC; Results 4 VC KIA, w/1 US Sub machine gun and Cal. 45 destroyed. 1 VC CIA; Also spotted tunnels and snipers in general vicinity. w/insert sqd. to search area.	Bde. Co. S-3	SCP	Map	
39	1405		(C) At 1355H Rec'd read out on PW CIA Ref item 25; Details incl S-2 PW interrogation report.	Co. S-3	SCP	Map	
40	1415		(C) Co. C. 1st Plat C/A time schedule 1st Lift PZ 1351H LZ 1405H (BS837317) Commo 2nd LIFT PZ 1410H LZ 1420H (BS821303)	Bde. Co. S-3	SCP		
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41	1455		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Only change Co. C. 1st Plat BS837317.	Bde. Co. S-3 Map	SCP		
42	1505		(C) At 1500H Ren Plat at BS835345 apprehended 15 VCS for questioning. Results after interrogation by MI TM 14 release 1 detained for extract to Duc Pho compd.	Bde. Co. S-3 Map	SCP		
43	1510		(C) At 1505H C & C w/Bn. C@ at coord BS821303 engaged and killed 1 VC hiding in tunnel.	Bde. Co. S-3 Map	SCP		
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44	1515		(C) A. Co. coord BS828328 found 1 US M-1 Carbine SN.811624. Also 1 US canteen.	Bde. Co. S-3 Map	SCP		
45	1521		(C) Co. C. req DUSTOFF for 1 VC women ^{to be} evading with gun shot wound in back. Coord BS834335 DUSTOFF completed 1550H.				
46	1600		(C) Bn. Loc: A. Co. BS829328 Mort Plat Montezuma B. Co.(-) CHARLIE BROWN 1st Plat Hardstand. Co. C.(-) LZ THUNDER 1st Plat BS882312, 2nd Plat BS833323, 3d Plat				
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46	(Cont'd)		(C) BS827333, Recon w/C. Co. 2nd Plat				
			BS833323.				
47	1700		(C) Bn. Loc: A. Co. NDP 811358 B. Co.				
			(-) CHARLIE BROWN 1st Plat Hardstand C. Co.				
			(-) LZ THUNDER 1st 2nd 3d Plat bottom LZ				
			THUNDER D. Co. LZ BRONCO (closed 1625)				
			Recon 830322.	Co. S-3			
48	1750		(C) At 1500H C. Co. 3d Plat apprehended				
			a 24 year old male, ^{EXTRACTED} seized to Duc Pho.	Bde. Co. S-3			
49	1750		(C) Recon closed LZ THUNDER 1750H	Bde. Co. S-3	M		
50	1758		(C) C. Co. 1st Plat Bridge 111.	Bde. Co. S-3	M		
51	1800		(C) Bn. Loc: A. Co. NDP 811358 B. Co. (-)				
			CHARLIE BROWN 1st Plat Hardstand 3d Plat				
			Br. 94. C. Co. (-) LZ THUNDER 2nd Plat				
			moving to Amb loc 1st Plat 1st sqd. Br.				
			111. D. Co. closed LZ BRONCO 1725H. Recon				
			closed LZ THUNDER at 1750H.	Bde. Co. S-3			
52	1815		(C) C. Co. 2nd Plat Amb present loc. BS				
			864336.	Co. M S-3			
53	1840		(C) Rec PF night and day loc: 888287,				
			788412, 915226, 912217, 793393, 796390, 803379				
			826335, 834347, 806369, 817364, 821358, 795381				
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53	(Cont'd)		(C) 848322, 798393, 800393, 800394, 833345, 848346, 924225. Day: 915226, 912217, 795397, 802375, 800380 834340, 824337, 834351, 794383, 856322, 794393 796395, 834348, 833345, 924224, 925223, 926225.				
54	1845		(C) Rec E trp 2nd Plat loc. Bridge 102 25-104-24-95-26-23-94-27, LowBoy 22-28 Hardstand 20.				
55-	1900		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Loc. same except for A. Co. 3d Plat Amb in pos. BS819353 and Recon in pos. BS873310.			Co. S-3 M	
56	1925		(C) C. Co. 2nd Plat Amb in pos. at BS 878337.				
57	2000		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Loc. A. Co. NDP BS815356 3d Plat Amb BS819353 Mortar Plat Montezuma B. Co. (-) CHARLIE BROWN 1st Plat Hardstand 3d Plat Bridge 94. C. Co. (-) LZ THUNDER 1st Plat 1st sqd. Br. 111, 2nd Plat Amb 878337 D. Co. LZ BRONCO Recon Amb 878310			Bde. Co. S-3	
58	2100		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Loc. same			Co. S-3	
59	2200		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Loc. same			Bde. Co. S-3	
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60	2250		(C) A. Co. reported and rec'd rds & A fire from North of their loc. BS815356. Believed to be PF's notified Bde.	Bde. Co. S-3			
61	2300		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Loc. same	Co. S-3			
62	2400		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Loc. same	Bde. Co. S-3	JPC		
63			(C) Summary - Co A & Recon Platoon conducted CA with COLD LZs. 4-3 Inf had enemy contact throughout the AO resulting in 2 VC WIA/CIA, 1 VC KIA and captured 1 US M1 Carbine. Gunships fr 174th Avn killed 3 VC, 1 VC WIA/CIA and 3 wpns captured. 11th LIB CMH (COL DONALDSON) w/C&C Helicopter engaged enemy resulting in 4 VC KIA, 1 VC CIA, and 1 US SUB MG cal .45 destroyed.				
64		2400	(U) Journal Closed		JPC		
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