

Organization or Installation		Location		Period Covered			
S-2/S-3 4-3 Inf		FSB DANCER BS682406		From		To	
				Hour	Date	Hour	Date
				0001	29 Oct 68	2400	29 Oct 68
ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS		
	IN	OUT					
01	0001	(C)	JOURNAL OPENED				
02	0100	(C)	Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, CO, S3	MT		
03	0200	(C)	Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, CO, S3	MT		
04	0300	(C)	Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, CO, S3	MT		
05	0400	(C)	Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, CO, S3	MT		
06	0500	(C)	Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, CO, S3	MT		
			<i>John F Reiger</i> JOHN F REIGER, CPT SIG				
07	0600	(C)	Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, CO, S3	JPC		
08	0630	(C)	2nd plat Co C closed in NDP 0625hrs.	BDE, CO, S3	JPC		
09	0700	(C)	Bn SITREP neg: loc same; 2nd plat Co D closed in 0700hrs.	BDE, CO, S3	JPC		
10	0800	(C)	Bn SITREP neg: loc same; Co A moved out at 0755hrs for todays mission; Recon BS 624470.	BDE, CO, S3	IW		
11	0900	(C)	Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co'A BS626464; Co B FSB DANCER, 1st plat BS666404; Co C & D BS623473; Recon BS626473.	CO, S3, M	IW		
12	1000	(C)	Bn SITREP neg: loc same except Recon BS628473.	BDE, CO, S3	IW		
13	1000	(C)	At 0935hrs ADC COOKSEY arrived at FSB DANCER met by LTC RUSSELL Bn CO 4-3 Inf departed at 1149hrs.	BDE, CO, S3	IW	Downgraded at 3 yr interval Declassified after 12 years.	
Name and Grade of Officer on Duty				Signature			
JOHN R SAM, CPT INF				<i>John R Sam</i>			

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				Hour	Date	Hour	Date	
				0001	29 Oct 68	2400	29 Oct 68	
ITEM	TIME	IN	OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.			ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
14	1040		(C)	GEN HAINES (CG USARPAC) arr this loc w/COL DONALDSON (CO 11 LTB). Met and briefed by BG COOKSEY (ADC AMCAL) and LTC RUSSELL (CO 4-3 Inf). Departed at 1130hrs.			BDE, CO, S3	SAM
15	1100		(C)	Co A in village coord BS634452 fd & dest 2000 lbs of rice a rfl sling and numer- ous types of NVA clothing. Village was occupied by 1 male & female & several children.			BDE, CO, S3	LW
16	1100		(C)	Bn SITREP neg: loc same except for Co A locBS634452.			BDE, CO, S3	LW
17	1150		(C)	Co B FSB DANCER req DUSTOFF for 2 EM. Line #131, Struss, PFC. Line #133 Toppi, PFC. #131 w/high fever, #133 w/bleeding in ear.			CO, S3, S1	LW
18	1155		(C)	Recon BS628473 fd & dest one (1) Viet- namese pack, 1 pr sandals and 1 pr of black pajamas. Recon stated area ap- pears to be stop over site for VC.			BDE, CO, S3	LW
19	1200		(C)	Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A BS634452; Co B (-) FSB DANCER, 1st plat & Grd			BDE, CO, S3	LW
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			Hour	Date	Hour	Date
			0001	29 Oct 68	2400	29 Oct 68
TIME	IN	OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.		ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
			Surv1; BS666404; Co C & Co D BS623473; Recon BS628473.			
			<i>John R. Sam</i> JOHN R SAM, CPT INF			
20	1240	(c)	4-3 Inf req 3 dog tms for 3 day opn; CO's A, P, & D 29 Oct 68 & 1 dog tm for Co C starting 30 Oct 68. Approved.		BDE, CO, S3	IW
21	1242	(c)	PZ time for Co C 1242hrs. Entire Co in one (1) lift. Co C OPCON to 3-1 Inf at time.		BDE, CO, S3	IW
22	1300	(c)	Bn SITREP neg: loc same except Co C 4-3 OPCON 3-1 Inf.		CO, S3, M	IW
23	1350	(c)	Msg sent to Co 's A, D & Recon fr LTC RUS- SELL: collocate NDP vic BS637443, have NDP well dispersed and dug in; have amb to N & W. Resupply will be at vic BS 634456. Prepare for combat assault to follow.		CO, S3	IW
24	1355	(c)	Recon closed Co D loc BS623473 at 1355H		BDE, CO, S3	IW
25	1356	(c)	En SITREP neg: loc same.		BDE, CO, S3	IW
26	1405	(c)	Ref item #23; msg sent to 4-3 Inf rifle Co's, Co A acknowledged msg.		CO, S3	SCP
Name and Grade of Officer on Duty			Signature			
ROBERT F WOODRUFF, CPT INF			<i>Robert F Woodruff</i>			

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Unit: 4 Date: 29 Oct 68

Installation			Location	Period Covered			
S-2/S-3 4-3 Inf			FSB DANCER BS682406	From		To	
				Hour	Date	Hour	Date
				0001	29 Oct 68	2400	29 Oct 68
TIME	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS		
	IN	OUT					
27	1410	(c)	Ref item #23; msg sent to 4-3 Inf rifle Co's. Co D & Recon plat acknowledged msg.	CO, S3	SCP		
28	1445	(c)	Co A rptd for 3 US w/FUO & high temp: PFC Kelsey, Craig A. line #114; PFC McDaniel, McKinley. line #126; PFC Pniowski no line #: w/be extracted by utility ship.	CO, S3	SCP		
29	1450	(c)	Co D rptd 4 US for evac (3 w/high temp 1 bad leg); SGT Best, Francis line #13 FUO; PFC Bailey, John D. line #66-FUO; PFC Reich, Dale E. line #106-bad leg; PFC Elker, FUO. w/be extracted by utility ship	CO, S3	SCP		
30	1501	(c)	Rec'd passwords fr Bn LNO 4-3 Inf for 291200 Oct-041200 Nov.	CO, S3M	SCP		
31	1505	(c)	Bn SITREP neg; Co's A, B, & D no change; Recon plat BS624468.	CO, S3, M	SCP		
32	1600	(c)	Bn SITREP neg; loc; Co A BS634453; Co B BS666444; Co C OFCON 3-1 Inf; Co D BS624468; Recon plat BS624468.	Bn, CO, S3	SCP		
			(-) FSB DANCER, 1st plat w/grn Surv				
			BS666444; Co C OFCON 3-1 Inf; Co D BS624468; Recon plat BS624468.				
Name and Grade of Officer on Duty				Signature			
ROBERT F WOODRUFF, CPT INF				<i>Robert F Woodruff</i>			

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S-2/S-3 4-3 Inf		FSB DANGER BS682406	From		To	
			Hour	Date	Hour	Date
			0001	29 Oct 68	2400	29 Oct 68
ITEM	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS	
	IN	OUT				
33	1701	(c)	Bn SITREP neg; Co D & Recon plat closed in on Co A's loc BS634453.	CO, S3, M	SCP	
34	1803	(c)	Bn SITREP neg; Co's A, D, & Recon plat at BS634453; Co B FSB DANGER, 1st plat BS 675403;	RDE, CO, S3 M	SCP	
35	1901	(c)	Bn SITREP neg; Co's A, D, & Recon plat still moving towards prescribed loc BS637443.	CO, S3, M	SCP	
36	1904	(c)	Rec'd strength rpts: Co A (-) 13, 1st plat 26, 2nd plat 26, 3rd plat 24, mort plat 16; Co B (-) 8, 1st plat 21, 2nd plat 26, 3rd plat 24, mort plat 16.	CO, S3	SCP	
37	1922	(c)	Co's A, D, & Recon plat closed on NDP BS 635452 (loc not as prescribed by Bn CO)	CO, S3, M	SCP	
			<i>Robert F. Woodruff</i> ROBERT F. WOODRUFF, CPT' INF			
38	2000	(c)	Bn SITREP neg; loc; Co A&D in NDP at BS635452; Co A 3rd plat amb BS635454; Co D 3rd plat amb BS633445.	RDE, CO, S3	MT	
39	2005	(c)	Rec'd strength rpt fr Co D & Recon plat. Co D (-) 8, 1st plat 22, 2nd plat 16, 3rd plat 22, mort plat 13; Recon plat 3)			

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S-2/S-3 4-3 Inf		FSB DANCER BS682406	From		To	
			Hour	Date	Hour	Date
			0001	29 Oct 68	2400	29 Oct 68
TIME	TIME	OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.		ACTION TAKEN	LIT-TIALS
40	2030		Rec'd strenght rpt fr Co E & HHQ Co. Co E (-) 5, 4.2 35, profiles 17; HHQ Co 55.		CO, S3	MT
41	2100	(C)	En SITREP neg: loc same.		BDE, CO, S3	MT
42	2200	(C)	En SITREP neg: loc same.		BDE, CO, S3	MT
43	2209	(C)	Rec'd msg fr BDE: part 1; AO exstension for VERNON LAKE I beginning at BSL4264 E to BS5064, N to BS5069, E to BS5669, N to BS5671, E to BS5971, Nto BS5980, W to BSL480, N to intersection w/198th AO boundary vicBSL40365, SW along Cuan Tra Bong boundary to BSL4284, S to BS 4264, eff time 281700H to 012400H Oct 68. Part 2; Additional AO eff 300001H through 012400H AO description: inter- section of 198th AO boundary BSL40865, S to BSL480, E to BSL4980, NW along 198th AO. W boundary to BSL40865; 198th W boundary is approx a straight line be- tween BSL4980 and BSL40865.		CO, S3, M	MT
44	2215	(C)	1st SQDN 1st CAV freq 66.50, call sign RAKING PUNCH. Sent to and acknowledged		CO, S3	MT
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Name and Grade of Officer on Duty				Signature		
FELIX J CARLO, 1st LT INF				Felix J. Carlo		

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		From		To	
S-2/S-3 4-3 Inf	FSB DANCER BS682h06	Hour 0001	Date 29 Oct 68	Hour 2400	Date 29 Oct 68

TIME	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, O.D.T.S., ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
			by Co A & Co D; Co D will pass on info to Recon.		
15	2300	(C)	En SITREP neg: loc same.	PDE, CO, S3	MT
16	2355	(C)	En SITREP neg: loc same.	PDE, CO, S3	MT
17		(C)	LOG SUMMARY: The 4th En 3rd Inf continued operations in their assigned AO with negative enemy contact. At 0935hrs EG Cooksey (ADC) arrived at FSB DANCER; was met and briefed by COL Russell (En CO) at 10h00hrs. Gen Haines (CG USARPAC) arrived FSB DANCER with COL Donaldson (PDE Cdr); met and briefed by EG Cooksey and COL Russell. Gen Haines and COL Donaldson departed at 11h00hrs; destinations were unknown. At 1100hrs Co A rptd finding 2000 lbs. rice at BS63h452 in several VN houses. 1 rifl sling & numerous types of NVA clothing. Co B (-) w/the 2nd, 3rd, & wms plat continued to secure FSB DANCER; 1st		
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FELIX J CARLO, 1st LT INF

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S-2/S-3 4-3 Inf	Location FSB DANCER BS682406	Period Covered			
		From		To	
		Hour 0001	Date 29 Oct 68	Hour 2400	Date 29 Oct 68

TIME IN	TIME OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INI- TIALS
		plat remained at BS675403.		
		Co C was lifted fr their loc in the field at 1242hrs; were flown to 3-1 Inf		
		AO & became OPCON 3-1 Inf eff 1242hrs.		
		Co D continued search operations vic BS624470 w/neg contact or findings.		
		Co E (-) remained at FSB DANCER; Recon remained vic Co D. Recon rptd finding		
		1 pack, pair of NVA sandals, & 1 pair black pajamas vic BS628473 at approx 1155hrs.		
		Co's AD Recon plat colocated their NDP at BS635452; final ele closing at 1922hrs. A 3-6 moved to amb loc at BS635454; D 3-6 moved to amb loc at BS635445. All ele & amb's were in position by 2030hrs. All ele were neg SITREP through out the night; loc same.		
18	2400	(C) JOURNAL CLOSED		F.J.C

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 FELIX J CARLO, 1st LT INF

Signature
 Felix J. Carlo

4-3 Inf
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ACCORD 3-68 to OPCODE 12-68, Hqs 4-3 Inf

(C) Task Org:

A/4-3 Inf	Battalion Control
(2) Tms 11th LPSD	D/6-11 Arty (DS)
B/4-3 Inf	(2) sqd/C-26 Engr (OPCON)
(2) Tms 11th LPSD	1 PW Tm 52nd MI Det (Attchd)
C/4-3 Inf (OPCON) to 3-1 Inf)	
(2) Tms 11th LPSD	
D/4-3 Inf	
(2) Tms 11th LPSD	
E/4-3 Inf (-)	
HHC/4-3 Inf (-)	

REFERENCE:

- a. FRACORD 42-66 to OPCODE 15-67 (Operation VERNON LAKE I, Phase II) HQ 11th Inf Bde (Lt)
- b. Maps, South Vietnam 1:50,000, series L7014; sheets 6739IV, 6739III, 6739II.

1. (C) 4-3 Inf (-)

- a. Release one (1) rifle company to OPCON 3-1 Inf eff 291212H Oct 68.
- b. Terminates Phase I of Operation VERNON LAKE I eff 300730H Oct 68.
- c. Initiates Phase II of Operation VERNON LAKE I with air assault operations and spoiling attacks commencing 300730H Oct 68 in the following sequence to establish contact with destroy and disrupt planned activities (attack on Quang Ngai) of the 3rd NVA Division.
 - (1) Conduct air movement to establish and secure designated portion of FSB POPPER (BS497716).
 - (2) Conducts air assaults with three (3) rifle companies into LZ #1 (BS448788), LZ #2 (BS447798) and LZ #3 (BS447772), commencing 300730H Oct 68, and conducts combat sweep and offensive search operations to the east in zone on north side of Tra Khuc River.
- d. Prepares to execute, on order, Operation VERNON LAKE II or resume operations in the S Duc Pho AO following termination of Operation VERNON LAKE I.

2. (C) Co A.

- a. Conducts offensive search operations and colcoates NDP via BS635452 with Co D and Recon platoon NLT 291600H Oct 68 and estab-

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- a. continued
lishes minimum of one (1) night ambush.
- b. Conducts CA from PZ vic NDP into LZ #2 vic BS447798, PZ time 300752H Oct 68 and LZ time 300812H Oct 68.
- c. Conducts combat and offensive search operations to east and seizes objectives in zone.
- d. Upon seizure of designated portion of final obj K prepares defensive positions from 0⁰⁰ to 120⁰⁰.
- e. Prepares for CA O/A 2 Nov 68.

3. (C) Co B.

- a. Conducts local combat patrols out to a radius of 1500m from FSB DANCER and outpost loc vic BS675403
- b. Improves defensive positions FSB DANCER.
- c. Conducts CA from PZ vic NDP into LZ #3 vic BS447772, PZ time 300930H Oct 68 and LZ time 300995H Oct 68.
- d. Conducts combat sweeps and offensive search operations to east and seizes objectives in zone.
- e. Upon seizure of designated portion of final obj K prepares defensive positions from 120⁰⁰ to 240⁰⁰.
- d. Prepares for CA O/A 2 Nov 68.

4. Co C: OPCON 3-1 Inf eff 291242H Oct 68.

5. Co D.

- a. Conducts offensive search operations and collocates NDP vic BS635452 with Co A and Recon plat NLT 291600H Oct 68 and establishes minimum of one (1) night ambush.
- b. Conducts CA from PZ vic NDP into LZ #1 vic BS448786, PZ time 300710H Oct 68 and LZ time 300730H Oct 68.
- c. Conducts, on order, combat sweep and offensive search operations to the east following seizure of obj 5 by Co A.
- d. Moves, as battalion reserve, on same axis as Co A and establishes blocking position vic obj L and prepares to re-enforce Co A or B, on order.
- e. Upon occupation of OBJ O by Co A moves, on order, and seizes objectives in zone.
- f. Upon seizure of designated portion of final OBJ K prepares defensive positions from 240⁰⁰ to 360⁰⁰.
- g. Prepares for CA O/A 2 Nov 68.

6. Co E.

- a. Recon plat:
 - (1). OPCON Co D until 300659H Oct 68.
 - (2). Conducts move by UH-1H aircraft from NDP vic BS635452 to FSB DANCER, PZ time 300700H Oct 68 and LZ time 300705H Oct 68.
 - (3). Assumes responsibility for security of FSB DANCER effective 300800H Oct 68 and assists in preparation and extraction of material and personnel from FSB to AO, LZ BRONCO

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- (3). Continued
and LZ THUNDER
 - a. Conduct CA time TBA from PZ vic FSB DANCER to vic LZ #3 (BS447772); OPCON Co B effective LZ time.
 - b. Hvy Mort plat.
 - (1). Gs FSB DANCER
 - (2). Conducts aurlift by CH-47B from FSB DANCER 30 Oct 68 to Mt. MONTEZUMA (BS819385) LZ BRONCO
 - (3). GS LZ BRONCO base defense effective LZ time
 - c. GS Sec.
 - (1). Moves by OH-1H afternoon 29 Oct 68 to Nui Tron (OP #1) vic BS517778; OPCON 3-1 Inf effective LZ time

7. HHC (-)

- a. Hq sec (-), Comm plat (-) move by CH-47B to FSB PEPPER and establish Bn fwd CP vic (Hill 417) vic BS495717.
- b. HHC (-) moves by CH-47B to LZ BRONCO and LZ THUNDER.

8. Coordination instructions.

- a. All rifle companies and Recon plat will carry minimum two (2) mine detectors
- b. Personnel will carry 2 days rations.
- c. Complete reports will be submitted on all, as soon as possible, enemy fortifications encountered (foxholes, bunkers, caves etc)
- d. All tags on PW's and VCS will be checked by unit commanders prior to sending tagged individuals to the rear.
- e. Units will establish NDP's each afternoon NLT 1600hrs.

Acknowledge

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Annex A: Operations Overlay

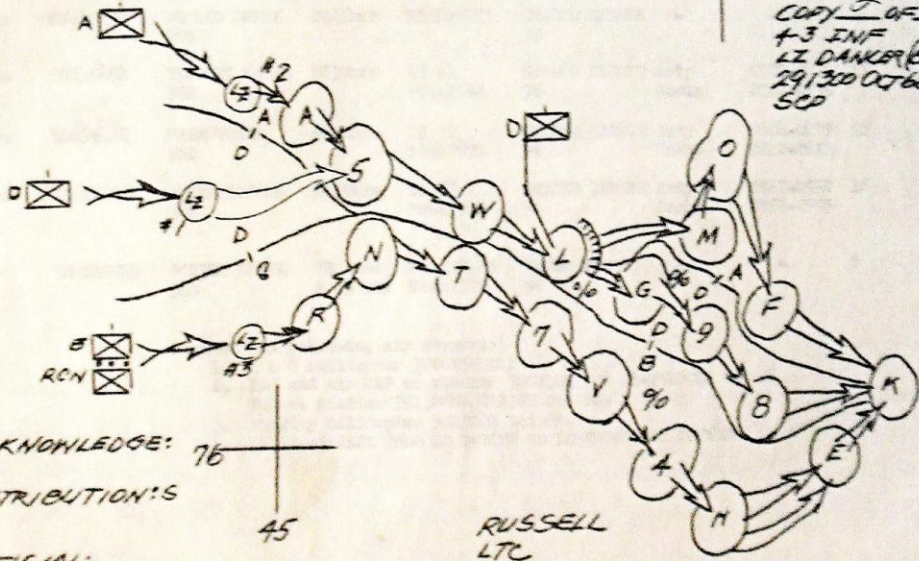
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LTC RUSSELL		COMBAT ASSAULT SEQUENTIAL AIRLIFT SCHEDULE			MISSION COORDINATOR		MAJ SMITH Avn Off 11th Inf B			
IT	PZ TIME	PZ COORD	PZ CONTACT 62.00	LZ TIME	LZ COORD	LZ CONTACT 62.00	LZ PREP	PREP TIM	A/C REQ	PAX
son	0700hrs	BS635452	POTTED CREEK 96G	0705hrs	LZ DANCER	SHADED LEDGER 39	-	-	6	35
-3	0710hrs	BS635452	SLOUCHY MUMPS 96G	0730hrs	LZ #1 BSLH8788	SHADED LEDGER 96	Arty Gnshp	0722-0727 0728-0730	15	88
-3	0752hrs	BS635452	MAIN VODKA 96G	0812hrs	LZ #2 BSLH7798	SHADED LEDGER 96	Arty Gnshp	0804-0809 0810-0812	18	106
-3	0930hrs	LZ DANCER	DUCAM YEGMAN 96G	0955hrs	LZ #3 BSLH7772	SHADED LEDGER 96	Arty Gnshp	0947-0952 0953-0955	16	93
son it	TFA	LZ DANCER	POTTED CREEK 96G	PZ time & 25 min	vic LZ #3 BSLH7772	DUCAM YEGMAN 96	-	-	6	35

Request the following air support:

1. C & C helicopter 300615H Oct 68
2. FAC and Air CAP on station: 300730H Oct 68-301200H Oct 68.
FAC on station 301300H-301830H Oct 68.
3. Utility helicopter 301300H Oct 68.
4. CHL7B airlift from LZ DANCER to LZ BRONCO/LZ THUNDER.