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Installation		Location	Period Covered			
S-2/S-3 4-3 Inf		LZ THUNDER BS874325	From		To	
			Hour	Date	Hour	Date
			0001	20 NOV 68	2400	20 NOV 68
TIME	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS	
	IN	OUT				
01	0001		(U) JOURNAL OPENED			
02	0100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, CO, S3	JPC	
03	0200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, CO, S3	JPC	
04	0220		(C) Flare ship now operating in S Duc Pho AO.	CO, S3	JPC	
05	0300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, CO, S3	JPC	
06	0400		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, CO, S3	JPC	
07	0500		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, CO, S3	JPC	
08	0600		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, CO, S3	JPC	
09	0700		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, CO, S3	JPC	
			JOHN F REIGER, CPT SIG			
10	0715		(C) At 0715hrs Co D, LZ THUNDER, req DUSTOFF for 1 US, line #37, with badly swollen feet and legs. DUSTOFF compl- eted 0755hrs.	CO, S3	JPC	
11	0730		(C) At 0730hrs Co C, BS906260, req DUS- TOFF for 1 US, line #87, with high fever swollen eyes. DUSTOFF completed at 0800hrs	CO, S3	JPC Downgraded at 3yr Declassified after	
12	0800		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A BS810320. 2nd plat closed in amb 0645hrs; Co B ele LZ BRONCO; Co C (-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN;	BDE, CO, S3	MT	
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			INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.				ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
			2nd plat BS906260, 3rd plat Bridge 94;					
			Co D LZ THUNDER; Recon plat LZ THUNDER					
13	0805		(C) Rpt fr Bde: MACV rpts that early this morning VC blew mine on themselves vic BS820360. PF plat 113 investigated and made contact with estimated VC plat Res 1 VC KIA, 1 M-1 rifle CIA. VC withdrew to vic BS826366; believed intermingled with civ population. PF plat 113 remains in area. MACV req 4-3 Inf to send ele into area. Recon plat & plat fr Co B will procede to area.				CO,S3	MT
14	0900		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A BS814360; Co E same; Co C (-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN. 1st plat leaving HARDSTAND for todays opn, 2nd plat BS908250, 3rd plat closed in LZ CHARLIE BROWN at 0845hrs; Co D (-) LZ THUNDER, 3rd plat BS876321; Mort plat BS858306.				Co,S3	MT
15	0930		(C) Co D 3rd plat recd SA sniper fire at BS897317. Obs 5 VCS in white shirts & black PJ's evading and fired, wounding				FDE,CO,S3	MT
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				Hour	Date	Hour	Date
				0001	20 NOV 68	2100	20 NOV 68
ITEM NO	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS		
	IN	OUT					
			one in the head. Pursuing VCS at present time.				
16	0935		(C) Ref item #15: Co D, 3rd plat apprehended 5 MAM VCS at BS897318; neg doc, wpn's, or ID's.	BDE, CO, S3	MT		
17	0940		(C) At 0935hrs Co D, 3rd plat, obs 6 VCS MAM evading at BS897318, taken under fire resulting in 1 VC wounded in head and 5 detained.	BDE, CO, S3	MT		
18	1000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A closed in at LZ BRONCO 1000hrs; Co B (-) LZ BRONCO 2nd plat BS807376; Co C (-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN, 1st plat BS903233, 2nd plat BS894260; Co D (-) LZ THUNDER, 3rd plat BS897318; Mort plat BS850298.	BDE, CO, S3	MT		
19	1050		(C) (Late Entry): At 0935hrs 3rd plat Co D at BS897317 req DUSTOFF for 1 VC WIA - CIA. Gunshot wd in head. DUSTOFF completed at 0948hrs.	CO, S3	MT		
20	1100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A LZ BRONCO; Co B (-) LZ BRONCO, 2nd plat BS821362; Co C (-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN, 1st plat	CO, S3	MT	cont	

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ITEM	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.				ACTION TAKEN	INT-TIALS
	IN	OUT						
			BS908238, 2nd plat BS915259; Co D (-)					
			LZ THUNDER, 3rd plat BS897319, Mort plat BS848295; Recon plat BS856318.					
21	1150		(C) Co B, 2nd plat, at BS824351 fd 1 NVA pistol belt and 40 rds 30 cal. M-1 ammo.				BDE, CO, S3	MT
22	1200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A LZ BRONCO; Co B (-) LZ BRONCO, 2nd plat BS824351, Co C (-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN, 1st plat BS906245, 2nd plat BS915259; Co D (-) LZ THUNDER, 3rd plat BS895318, Mort plat BS850305; Recon plat BS836337.				BDE, CO, S3	MT
23	1300		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Loc. Co. A. enroute to LZ DRAGON Co. B. (-) LZ BRONCO 2nd Plat BS82- 3366 Co. C. (-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN 1st Plat BS903245 2nd Plat BS929260 Co. D. (-) LZ THUNDER 3d Plat BS891- 321. wpn/Plat same. Recon Plat BS829359.				CO, S-3	MT
24	1400		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Co. A. LZ DRAGON				Bde. CO, S-3	MT

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			Hour	Date	Hour	Date
			0001	20 Nov 68	2400	20 Nov 68
TIME	TIME	OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.		ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
24	(Cont'd)		(C) Col B . BS800390			
			Co. C.(-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN 1st Plat			
			BS903245, 2nd Plat BS932246.			
			Co. D.(-) LZ THUNDER 3d Plat BS880334			
			wpm/Plat BS829359. Recon Plat. BS825366.			
25	1500		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: loc.			
			A. Co. LZ DRAGON			
			B. Co. BS785410			
			C. Co.(-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN 1st Plat			
			BS852248.			
			D. Co. LZ THUNDER, Recon LZ BRONCO		CO, S-3	IW
26	1540		(C) A. Co. PZ & LZ times			
			1st PZ 1245H 1st LZ 1255H			
			2hd PZ 1315H 2nd LZ 1325H		CO S-3 Rde.	IW
27	1600		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Loc.			
			A. Co. LZ DRAGON			
			B. Co. BS765425			
			C. Co.(-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN 1st Plat			
			BS918253.			
			D. Co. LZ THUNDER, Recon LZ BRONCO		Ede. CO, S-3	IW
28	1700		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Loc.			
			A. Co. LZ DRAGON			
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TIME	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS	
	IN	OUT				
28	(Cont d)		(C) B. Co. LZ LIZ			
			C. Co.(-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN 1st Plat			
			BS915255 3d Plat 2nd sqd. Br: 94.			
			D. Co. LZ THUNDER. Recon. LZ THUNDER	CO, S-3 M	LW	
29	1715		(C) Rec PF Night & Day loc.			
			Night: BS802295, BS832334, BS804-			
			394, BS984426, BS834347, BS811371, BS			
			796381 BS885291, BS795420, BS798393,			
			BS799395, BS800392, BS801391, BS9192-			
			28, BS925226, BS790390.			
			Day: BS795402, BS785427, BS795397.	CO, S-3 M	LW	
30	1800		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Loc. same.			
			Except C. Co. 2nd Plat BS918255, &			
			Recon. Plat. BS804324.	Ede. CO, S-3	LW	
31	1900		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Loc.			
			A. Co. LZ DRAGON			
			B. Co. LZ LIZ			
			C. Co.(-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN 1st Plat			
			Amb BS912248, 3d Plat 2nd sqd. Br: 94.			
			D. Co.(-) LZ THUNDER 3d Plat Amb BS			
			881328, Recon. Amb BS787373.	Ede. CO, S-3	LW	
32	1940		(C) Rec rpt fr tracks on Br: 104; An			

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LINE	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS		
	IN	OUT					
32	(Cont'd)		(C) Arvn rpt to them, that there are 200 VC at coord BS880315 and an unk amount at coord BS883318. These VC are supposed to attack some where in the Duc Pho area. At 2100Hrs.	Bde. CO, S-3	LW		
33	2000		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Loc. same. Except B. Co. 1st Plat Amb BS777432.	Bde. CO, S-3	LW		
34	2100		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Loc. same.	Bde. CO, S-3	LW		
35	2200		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Loc. same.	Bde. CO, S-3	LW		
36	2300		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Loc. same.	Bde. CO, S-3	LW		
37	2325		(C) Bn. Neg. Sitrep: Loc. same.	Bde. CO, S-3	LW		
38	LOG Summary:		4-3 Inf rec'd light SA fire throughout S Duc Pho AO. A total of 10 VCS detained & 1 VC WIA/CIA throughout the day. 4-3 Inf assumed control of Duc Pho AO with Co B extracted to LZ LIZ, Co A LZ DRAGON & Recon plat LZ BRONCO.				
39	2400		(U) JOURNAL CLOSED				
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DUSTOFF REQUEST

NR 1

DATE 20 Nov 68

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE 22 THUNDER
2. REQUESTOR A-3 INF MEDICS
3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER _____ AMBULATORY 1
4. NATIONALITY: US VN _____ FWF _____
5. NATURE OF INJURIES FUD ^{TEMP} 103 EYES SWOLLEN UP BADLY
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 Bald Hitch 69
12. ANY US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES _____ NO _____
13. REMARKS for GO 4th Plat - Line # 69
14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY: Hitch 60
15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY Doctor Conra TIME _____
TIME COMPLETED _____

DUSTOFF REQUEST

NR 2

DATE 20 Nov 69

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE BS 906260
2. REQUESTOR CHARLIE COMPANY
3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER _____ AMBULATORY 1
4. NATIONALITY: US VN _____ FWF _____
5. NATURE OF INJURIES Swollen ft & legs
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 MODEST CANOE 26
12. ANY US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES NO _____
13. REMARKS Line #37

14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY: Bald Arch 60
15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY Doctor Controc TIME 0130
TIME COMPLETED 0735

DUSTOFF REQUEST

NR 3 DATE 20 Nov 68

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE BS 897319

2. REQUESTOR CO

3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER AMBULATORY

4. NATIONALITY: US VN FWF

5. NATURE OF INJURIES GUNSHOT WOUND

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.) _____

11. RADIO FREQUENCY 45.70 CALLWORD LEVEL SEWER 36

12. ANY US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES NO

13. REMARKS _____

14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY: Barb Hitch 60

15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY DOCTOR CONTROL TIME 0935
TIME COMPLETED 0948

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Reference: Maps, South Vietnam, 1:50,000; Series L7014; Sheets 6738I, 6738II, 6838III, and 6838IV.

1. Task Organization

- A/4-3 Inf HHC (-)/4-3 Inf
- B/4-3 Inf Battalion Control
- C/4-3 Inf C/1-82 Arty (DS)
C/6-11 Arty (DS)
- D/4-3 Inf
- E/4-3 Inf

2. 4-3 Inf continues offensive operations in Duc Pho AO to find and destroy VC main/local force units and village VC infrastructure.

3. Co A.

- a. Secure and improve LZ DRAGON.
- b. One (1) plat conducts offensive search commencing 210630H NOV W LZ DRAGON vic OBJ 4 (BS726509) to OBJ 7 (BS725520) to OBJ 2 (BS711518) to OBJ 6 (BS712537) to OBJ 9 (BS725539). NDP vic OBJ 9. Conduct night amb vic OBJ 9 close LZ DRAGON 220730H NOV 68.
- c. One (1) plat conducts offensive search commencing 210630H NOV N LZ DRAGON vic OBJ S (BS734543) to OBJ N (BS726563) to OBJ 8 (BS750557) NDP vic OBJ 8. Conduct night amb vic OBJ 8. Move from OBJ 8 commencing 220630H NOV to OBJ 1 (BS769531) to OBJ 3 (BS750509) to LZ DRAGON.

4. Co B.

- a. Secure and improve LZ LIZ.
- b. One (1) plat conducts offensive search operations S LZ LIZ vic OBJ H (BS755423) W to OBJ M (BS738429) to OBJ P (BS748445) NDP vic OBJ P. Conduct night amb vic OBJ P. 220630H NOV moves from vic OBJ P to OBJ T (BS754446) to OBJ F (BS774444) NDP vic OBJ F. Conduct night amb vic OBJ F. 230630H NOV moves from OBJ F to OBJ J (BS788424) to OBJ K (BS774426) to LZ LIZ.

5. Co C.

- a. Secure and improve LZ CHARLIE BROWN.
- b. One (1) plat moves from LZ CHARLIE BROWN 210630H NOV W to OBJ H (BS911219) to OBJ S (BS899219) to OBJ Q (BS898213) NDP vic OBJ Q.

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Conduct night amb vic OBJ Q. 220630H NOV moves from OBJ Q to OBJ R (BS897205) to OBJ O (BS902198) to OBJ J (BS914203) to LZ CHARLIE BROWN.

- c. One (1) plat conducts offensive search operation in AO YELLOW. 210630H NOV moves from LZ CHARLIE BROWN W to OBJ H N to OBJ T (BS908227) to OBJ Z (BS902236) to OBJ I (BS902247) to OBJ 7 (BS910250) to OBJ 9 (BS914253) NDP vic OBJ 9. Conduct night amb vic OBJ 9. 220630H NOV moves from OBJ 9 to OBJ 2 (BS906256) to OBJ 8 (BS898258) to OBJ 6 (BS905263) to OBJ 5 (BS924263) to OBJ 4 (BS930255) to OBJ 2 (BS933240) to OBJ 3 (BS936227) to OBJ Y (BS935220) to LZ CHARLIE BROWN.
- d. Plat presently in AO YELLOW closes LZ CHARLIE BROWN by moving E of Highway 1 210630H NOV 68.

6. Co D.

- a. Secures and improves defensive positions LZ THUNDER.
- b. One (1) plat conducts offensive search operations SW LZ THUNDER commencing 210630H NOV vic OBJ 1 (BS875307) to OBJ 8 (BS868308) to OBJ 5 (BS849302) NDP vic OBJ 5. Conduct night amb vic OBJ 5. 220630H NOV moves from OBJ 5 to OBJ 3 (BS858293) to OBJ 2 (BS86-1280) to OBJ 6 (BS856274) to OBJ K (BS870277) to OBJ 7 (BS877297) NDP vic OBJ 7. Conducts night amb vic OBJ 7. 230630H NOV moves from OBJ 7 to OBJ 9 (BS875296) to LZ THUNDER.
- c. One (1) plat conducts offensive search commencing 210630H NOV S LZ THUNDER vic OBJ F (BS880320) to OBJ K (BS882329) to OBJ H (BS878343) NDP vic OBJ H. Conduct night amb vic OBJ H. 220630H NOV moves from OBJ H to OBJ T (BS865345) to OBJ K (BS882329) to LZ THUNDER.
- d. Plat in AO GREEN closes LZ THUNDER 210630H NOV 68.

7. Co E.

- a. Recon Plat.
 1. Conducts CA from vic BS786372 to LZ JUDY (BS778344) PZ time 210630H NOV. Six (6) lift ships. PF unit conducts CA from MACV pad to LZ SUE (BS778364) establishes blocking position vic LZ SUE.
 2. Recon conducts offensive search operation N from LZ JUDY to LZ SUE.
 3. Conducts night amb vic OBJ 9 (BS777380) returns to LZ BRONCO 220700H NOV 68.
 4. Conducts night amb vic OBJ 6 (BS797369) 221800H NOV 68.
- b. Hvy Mort Plat: GS LZ THUNDER.
- c. GS Sec: GS LZ THUNDER.

8. Coordinating Instructions:

- a. Units will be especially careful of mines and booby traps as depicted on the Intelligence overlay.
- b. Tactical SOP.
- c. 1) Co A. Be prepared to move by CH-47B aircraft from LZ DRAGON to LZ CHARLIE BROWN on order.

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- 2) Co B. Be prepared to move by foot from LZ LIZ to W LZ BRONCO to LZ THUNDER closing LZ THUNDER NLT 231600H NOV 68.
- 3) Co C. Be prepared to move from LZ CHARLIE BROWN 21 NOV to LZ BRONCO for Stand Down.
- 4) Co D. Be prepared to move from LZ THUNDER to W LZ BRONCO to conduct offensive search operations around LZ BRONCO.
- 5) Execute: be prepared missions on order.

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Annex A: Intelligence Overlay

Annex B: Operations Overlay

Annex C: Sequential Airlift Schedule

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Annex C (SEQUENTIAL AIRLIFT SCHEDULES) to
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AMFTC LTC RUSSELL SEQUENTIAL AIRLIFT SCHEDULE MISSION COORDINATOR MAJ. SMITH, AVN OFFICER

UNIT	PZ TIME	PZ COORD	PZ CONTACT	LZ TIME	LZ COORD	LZ CONTACT	PREP TYPE	PREP TIME	A/C REQ	PAX
Recon	0630	BS786372	Inverse Screen 28T 67.90	0635	BS778344	Bald Hitch 28	---	---	6	33
MACV FRU's	0640	MACV PAD Dac Pho	Textile Block G 67.90	0645	BS778364	Bald Hitch 28	---	---	3	20

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