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S-2/S-3 4-3 Inf		LZ THUNDER BS874325	From Hour Date 0001 NOV 29 68	To Hour Date 2400 29 NOV 68	
ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
01	0001		(U) JOURNAL OPENED		
02	0100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW
03	0200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW
04	0300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW
05	0400		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW
06	0500		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW
07	0600		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW
08	0700		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW
			<i>David L Wilson</i>		
			DAVID L WILSON, 1LT INF		
09	0740		(C) Co C 3rd plat amb closed LZ THUNDER at 0730H, 1st & 2nd plat moved out at 0735H for todays opn; Co D moved out 0728H for todays opn.	CO,S3	JPC
10	0800		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A 3rd plat Bridge guard at Bridge 94 closed LZ CHARLIE BROWN at 0745H; Co B LZ BRONCO, 2nd plat BS823373.	BDE,CO,S3	DW
11	0805		(C) Req airstrikes for 300900H to 30- 1700H NOV 68; BS770356, BS789318, BS832 256 (Priority #1, #2, #3) on bunker & tunnel complex. Skyspots for 292000H	BDE	JPC
				Downgraded at 3yr 1 Declassified after cont	
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11	cont		300500H NOV 68: BS73803225 - Priority #5; BS76203200 - Priority #1; BS7730-3236 - Priority #4; BS79502900 - Priority #2; BS80152955 - Priority #3; BS81-702360 - Priority #6; BS79702980 - Priority #7.				
12	0900		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A loc same; Co B departed LZ BRONCO 0830H for to-days opn, will pick up amb enroute; Co C BS889319; Co D BS720510; Rcn LZ THUNDER.	CO,S3	JPC		
13	0930		(C) Co B (-) & 1st plat BS800406, 2nd plat BS833385, 3rd plat BS815397; Co D center of mass BS779352.	DO,CO,S3	JPC		
14	0955		(C) Aero Scouts now on TOC freq.	S3-Air	JPC		
15	1000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A 1st plat BS902238; Co B loc same; Co C 1st plat BS894316, 2nd plat BS892318; Co D same; Rcn plat same.	BDE,CO,S3	JPC		
16	1005		(C) Co C req clearance for 81mm on coord BS883320, BS889320, BS900303, BS899298, BS891302, BS897308, BS880314.	DO	JPC		
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17	1010		(C) Ref item #16: clearance approved.	CO C	JPC		
18	1030		(C) AO extension approved until 291500H NOV 68 fr N boundary N on 78 NS gridline E on 43 EW gridline to Song Cau SE on Song Cau to N boundary.	CO,S3	PJS		
19	1030		(C) BG Cooksey arrived at LZ THUNDER at 1030H. Met and briefed by LTC Russell	CO,S3,BDE	JPC		
20	1100		(C) BG Cooksey departed for LZ BRONCO at 1100H.	BDE			
21	1100		(C) (Late Entry): At 1005H Co B at BS-815401 obs 2 VC, 1 M & 1 F, evading w/wpn 123rd Aero Scouts called. Aero Scouts engaged 1 VC M at BS819411. Res 1 VC KIA neg wpn or doc & 1 VC WIA and evacuated by Aero Scouts.	BDE,CO,S3	JPC		
22	1120		(C) (Late Entry): Ref item #21: At 1055H Co B at BS821409 detained 2 VC. 1 had SK-44 ammo & ammo box. Fd 1 SK-44 & 1 M-1 Carbine; serial nos are SK-44 11365896 - M-1 5806327.	BDE,CO,S3,S2	JPC		
23	1125		(C) (Late Entry): Ref item #21&22: Co B at BS821409 at 1100H fd a box w/booby	BDE,CO,S3,S2	JPC	cont	
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23	cont		trap wires & home made booby traps. Also fd med supplies. VC have broken up in 1 & 2 man groups moving in vic BS755420.		
24	1130		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A same; Co B BS821409; Co C 1st plat BS892305, 2nd plat BS892306; Co D BS792326.	CO,S3,M	JPC
25	1130		(C) Ref item #21,22,23: At 1125H Co B at BS821409 fd 1 60mm rd and several tunnels leading fr river. Destroyed 2 sampans and fd a green book with the name Nguyen Kuan Hoa age 24. Name should be on black list of suspected VC.	BDE,S2	JPC
26	1155		(C) Co B at BS819410 fd 5 ammo cans; insider were 6 30 carbine mag; full, 2 ponchos, 1 M-26 grenade booby trap, ass- orted black PJ's and other assorted clothing.	BDE,S3,S2	JPC
27	1200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; A Co loc same; Co B same; Co C 1st plat BS898305, 2nd plat BS894306; Co D BS783342.	BDE,CO,S3	JPC
28	1210		(C) Ref item #26: Co B coord BS819410	BDE,S3 cont	JPC
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28	cont		fd 1 ammo can with med supplies, 1 book with VN writing. Destroyed 250 lb rice, 80-100 lbs flour, 1 booby trap device, 1 NVA size 36C bra.				
29	1220		(C) Co B coord BS819413 fd 2 green unif, 1 nurse unif, 1 fish net, 5 hammocks and needle & thread.	EDE,CO,S3	JPC		
30	1230		(C) E Trp 1st CAV loc at BS835403.	DO,CO,S3	JPC		
31	1300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A BS897235; Co B same; Co C 1st plat BS895302, 2nd plat BS895303; Co D BS778364, E Trp 1st CAV BS803401.	DO,CO,S3,M	JPC		
32	1325		(C) At 1245H Co D coord BS778364 came upon 3 VN F. When approached 1 threw web gear in bushes; web gear had 1 grenade, flashlight, and first aid pack. Also detained 1 MAM. Released 1 F and holding others for extraction. Continuing search.	EDE,CO,S3	JPC		
33	1328		(C) Co C coord BS895308 apprehended 1 MAM no ID approx 31yrs old.	EDE,CO,S3	JPC		
34	1330		(C) Co B coord BS813406 apprehended 2	EDE,CO,S3 cont	JPC		
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	IN	OUT			
34	cont		VC. No further info.		
35	1355		(C) 4.2 ammo rpt submitted to Bde.		JPC
36	1400		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A 1st plat BS894242; Co B same; Co C 1st plat & 2nd plat BS896304; Co D same.	BDE,CO,S3,M	JPC
37	1410		(C) Ref item #21: VC WIA was evading with 2 VC that the 123rd Aero Scouts engaged causing 1 WIA; WIA ind claims to be a PF who was captured by VC 2 days ago. WIA ind evacd to 6th Support A&D by Aero Scouts.	BDE,CO,S3	JPC
38	1430		(C) E Trp tracks are in blocking psn BS785410 to BS785415.	S3,M	JPC
39	1455		(C) AO extension till 1700H 29 NOV 68.	CO,S3	JPC
40	1500		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co's A & B same; Co C 1st plat BS885308, 2nd plat BS883- 307; Co D (-) BS768385; 2nd plat & 3rd plat BS773393, 1st plat BS769402.	CO,S3	JPC
41	1630		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A same; Co B (-) & 1st plat BS789415; Co C 2nd plat closed LZ THUNDER 1555H; Co D NDP BS- 769381.	BDE,CO,S3	IAC
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42	1710		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same except Co A 1st plat BS892262 and Co B BS789415.	CO,S3	LAC
43	1730		(C) POW's fr LZ BRONCO POW camp rptd that 2 of them stayed with 13 guerillas night of 28 NOV 68 at BS822409. POW's stated that they guarded a captured PF.	CO,S3,BDE	LAC
44	1745		(C) Unit loc; Co C 1st plat BS885319; Co A 1st plat BS895264; all other loc same.		
45	1800		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN, 1st plat BS895264, 2nd sqd 2nd plat Bridge 94; Co B (-) BS78-9415, 3rd plat BS815401; Co C (-) LZ THUNDER, 1st plat BS885319; Co D BS769-381; Rcn LZ THUNDER.	BDE,CO,S3	PJS
46	1814		(C) Co B 3rd plat loc at BS815401.	DO,M	LAC
47	1837		(C) Recd intell rpt fr Bde: (see S-2 files).	S3,S2	LAC
48	1850		(C) Recd PF amb loc for night & day.	Posted on M	LAC
49	1900		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	CO,S3	LAC
50	1905		(C) Unit strength rpt: Co A 97, Co B 107, Co C 103, Co D 103.	Posted	LAC
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51	1915		(C) Co D amb of 1st sqd 1st plat in psn at BS785385, 2nd sqd 1st plat BS776387.	DO,S3,M	LAC			
52	1935		(C) Co C has been given clearance for HE 81mm on grids BS890320, BS882321, BS883326, Arty was advised of air advisory.	DO,S3	LAC			
53	1945		(C) Co B's amb in psn; 1st plat BS784415, 3rd plat BS819404.	DO,S3,M	LAC			
54	1955		(C) Fr Bn XO (MAJ Spargo): Occupants of bunker 44 on perimeter at LZ BRONCO obs 1 ind who appeared to be digging in Carentan road. He was engaged w/SA fire and evaded to vic BS830372.	DO,S3	PJS			
55	2000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: all loc same except Co B (-) moving into amb loc.	BDE,DO	PJS			
56	2035		(C) Co B (-) & 2nd plat NDP BS777414.	DO,S3,M	LAC			
57	2100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc. same. Co B (-) moving into amb loc.	BDE,CO,S3	LAC			
58	2135		(C) Bde TOC MACV rpt: Three pers firing vic NP refuge camp loc at BS863315. Patrol fr Co C will investigate.	DO,CO,Co C CO	LAC			
59	2145		(C) Co B 2nd plat (-) amb loc BS771410	CO,S3,M cont	LAC			
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59	cont		is now in psn.				
60	2150		(C) Recd intell rpt fr Bde: (see S-2 file).	DO,S2,S3	LAC		
61	2200		(C) At BS778419 Co B (-) & 2nd plat (-) sprang amb on sqd of VC. Believed to have wounded 2 VC. Req gunships & flares.	BDE,CO,S3	JLJ	Co B & gunships notified.	
62	2215		(C) Fr Bde: two patrols fr Co C 3-1 Inf loc at BS776416 and BS775420.	CO,S3	JLJ		
63	2240		(C) Bn CO (LTC Russell) req 1 more flareship. Req approved.	BDE			
64	2245		(C) Co B with help of flareships are moving ele in search of VC vic BS778-412. Ref item #61.	CO,S3	JLJ		
65	2255		(C) Rpt fr Co C CO: Patrol dispatched fr Co C returned with 3 US ind fr Co C at 2210H. Inds were rptd in the refugee camp vic BS863315. Co C CO in his examination of the inds fd they had been consuming alcohol. Wpns check revealed that the inds wpns had not been fired. Bn CO (LTC Russell) instructed Co C CO to inspect the refugee area for possible damages.	BDE,CO,S3	JLJ		
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66	2300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same except Co B ref item #64.	BDE,CO,S3	JLJ
67	2310		(C) Ref item #64: Co B rpts 1 VC KIA unable to find body.	CO,S3	JLJ
68	2315		(C) Bn CO (LTC Russell) released flare ships at this time.	BDE,S3	JLJ
69	2355		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same except Co B (-) & 2nd plat BS774403.	BDE,DO	JLJ
70	LOG Summary:		4-3 Inf continued security and offensive sweep opns in S Duc Pho AO. Co B sweeping N of LZ BRONCO captured 2 VC with 1 SKS-44 and 1 M-1 Carbine rifle. Aero Scouts working with Co B killed one VC at BS819411. Another Ind who claimed to be a PF captured by VC two days ago was wounded by Aero Scouts while evading with VC. Co C conducted sweep opns SW and SE of LZ BRONCO. Co D conducted sweep opns W and SW of LZ BRONCO. Co D was given a change of mission at 1130H and moved N to support Co B. Co A continued security of LZ CHARLIE BROWN and opns in AO YELLOW. At 2135H MACV rptd three pers firing vic NP refugee camp loc at BS863315. A patrol fr Co E investigating the incident returned with 3 US inds who had been in the camp and were under the influence of cont		
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FRAGORD 8-68 to OPOD 14-68, Hq 4-3 Inf

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

1. Task Organization:

A/4-3 Inf	NHC (-)/4-3 Inf
B/4-3 Inf	Battalion Control
C/4-3 Inf	C/6-11th Arty (DS)
D/4-3 Inf	Plat (-)/E Trp 1st CAV (OPOD)
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: Continues present mission AO YELLOW and defense of LZ CHARLIE BROWN.
4. Co B:
 - a. Be prepared to conduct offensive search operation between OBJ 0 on the E and OBJ 2 on the W moving S to link up with Co D on the SW, Recon plat, 4-3 Inf, on the SE and Plat (-)/E Trp 1st CAV on the E.
 - b. Be prepared to continue previously assigned mission FRAGORD 7-68 to OPOD 14-68, Hq 4-3 Inf.
5. Co C: Continue present mission.
6. Co D:
 - a. Be prepared to set up blocking positions from BS770405 to BS790402.
 - b. Be prepared to move from blocking position, on order, to vic OBJ 1 (BS786378) to OBJ 4 (BS795360) to OBJ 9 (BS798348) NDP vic OBJ 9. Conduct night amb vic OBJ 9. 010630H DEC moves from OBJ 9 to OBJ 6 (BS802324) to OBJ 3 (BS820308) to OBJ 7 (BS846298) to OBJ 2 (BS865292) to OBJ 8 (BS878290) NDP vic OBJ 8.
 - c. Be prepared to block from BS884299 to BS892291, on 020630H DEC 68.
 - d. Be prepared, on order, to assume responsibilities of LZ CHARLIE BROWN.
7. Co E:
 - a. Recon plat.
 1. Be prepared to conduct OA from LZ THUNDER 300630H NOV to LZ #1 BS-792394, LZ #2 BS793398, LZ #3 BS785390 and establish a blocking

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position from BS793400 to BS786391.

2. PZ LZ THUNDER, time 300630H NOV. LZ time 300640H NOV 68.

3. Upon completion of this operation move to LZ BROMCO for further move to LZ THUNDER.

- b. Hvy Mort plat: GS LZ THUNDER.
- c. GS Sec: GS LZ THUNDER.

8. Coordinating Instructions;

- a. Tactical SOP.
- b. Units will conduct squad size ambushes if mutually supporting and no further than 10 minutes apart.
- c. Be especially careful of mines and booby traps.

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Annex A: Operations Overlay

Annex B: Sequential Airlift Schedule

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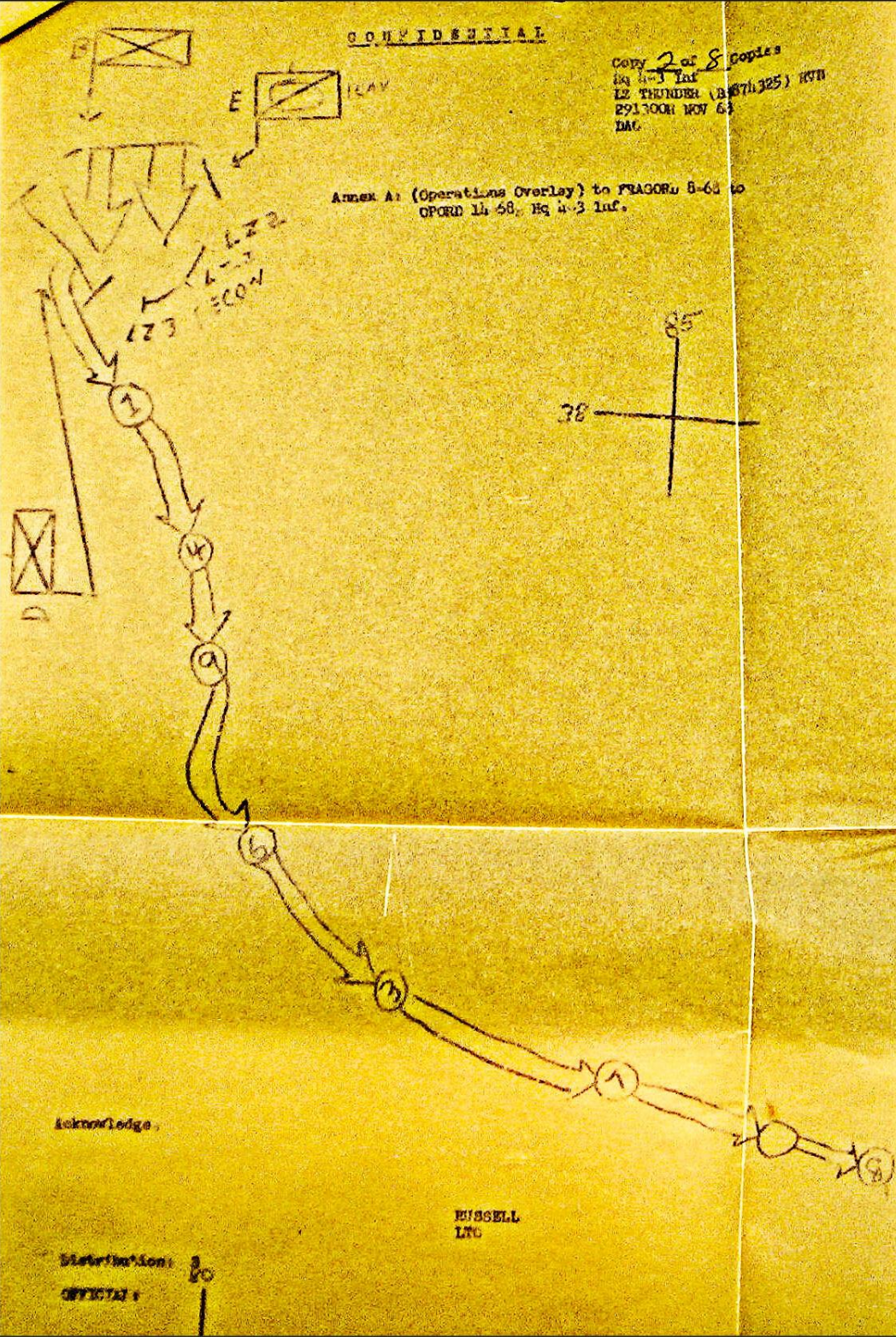
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