

DAILY STAFF JOURNAL OR DUTY OFFICER'S LOG

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				0001	14 DEC 68	2400	14 DEC 68
ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INI- TIALS		
	IN	OUT					
01	0001		(U) JOURNAL OPENED				
02	0015		(C) HHC amb rept'd that flares were light ing up their pos and req a halt.	BDE notified	DW		
03	0100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DW		
04	0115		(C) Generator man (PFC Parrines) states SFC Carey (Commo) told him to run genera- tor all night. Ref item #78 (Daily Staff Journal 13 DEC 68).	DO	DW		
05	0200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DW		
06	0300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DW		
07	0400		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DW		
08	0430		(C) Flare ship req for a check fire in zone #1. Checkfire approved.	Arty, BDE, DO	DW		
09	0500		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DW		
10	0600		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	DW		
11	0700		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	DO	JPC		
12	0725		(C) HHC amb closed LZ BRONCO.	S3, DO	JPC		
13	0800		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) moving out for todays op, 3rd plat base of LZ THUNDER, wpns plat ME MONTEZUMA; Co B (-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN, 1st plat Brg 94; Co C (-) LZ LIZ, 1st plat BS746458, 2nd plat	BDE, DO	JPC		
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13	cont		BS760432, 3rd plat BS717428; Co D (-) LZ DRAGON, 2nd plat BS741525.				
14	0820		(C) HELIX spotted smoke fr camp fires at coord BS790310 and BS798282. Arty called in.	BDE,CO,S2	JPC		
15	0840		(C) Co A at coord BS883317 rept'd that pers in that area say VC were in vil trying to collect rice taxes.	BDE,DO	JPC		
16	0900		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS879-318; Co B same; Co C 1st plat BS745450, 2nd plat BS767438, 3rd plat same; Co D 2nd plat BS692528.	DO	JPC		
17	0910		(C) Ref item #15: HELIX at coord BS797-281 repts that Arty fire got (1) secondary explosion, smoke went approx 75 ft up in air.	BDE,CO,DO	JPC		
18	0930		(C) Co A 3rd plat closed LZ THUNDER at 0850H.	DO	JPC		
19	1000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS894-315, 3rd plat same; Co B 3rd plat departed LZ CHARLIE BROWN for todays op, 1st plat closed LZ CHARLIE BROWN 0955H; Co C	BDE,DO	JPC	cont	
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	IN	OUT			
19	cont		1st plat BS744438, 2nd plat BS764437, 3rd plat same; Co D 2nd plat BS712536.		
20	1000		(C) TF PRYOR coord BS773362 spotted 1 VC evading into a small tunnel. Gren thrown into tunnel res 1 VC KIA, neg wpn/docu.	BDE,CO,S3	JPC
21	1005		(C) Msg fr Bde: PF's WB guarding a dam coord BS806354 & BS801346 between 0900H & 1700H on 14, 15, 16 DEC 68.	DO	JPC
22	1020		(C) Co C 2nd plat closed LZ LIZ.	DO	JPC
23	1101		(C) TF PRYOR coord BS785365 hit a mine (type unk). Res (1) KHA (3) WHA all fr Co B. KHA line #132, Sanabia, Oscar E. PFC RA11837897. WHA (urgent) line #18 Fegley, Thomas C. Sgt US52987183. WHA (urgent) line #148, Yeske, Wayne A. PFC US56508978. WHA (priority) line #32, Gale, Lee E. SP/4 US54822673. DUSTOFF req 1101H, compl at 1103H.	BDE,CO,S3,S2 S1	JPC
24	1102		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS896-305, 3rd plat same; Co B 3rd plat BS913-258; Co C 1st plat closed LZ LIZ 1045H, 3rd plat same; Co D 2nd plat BS680526.	DO	JPC

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25	1111		(C) Co A coord BS896305 found radio rec smoke grens, and pictures in a hooch.	BDE,DO	JPC			
26	1150		(C) Ref item #23: KHA evacuated.	DO	JPC			
27	1150		(C) Co A coord BS897304 found (1) 105mm rd and dest in place.	BDE,DO	JPC			
28	1200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS897- 304; Co B 3rd plat BS913258; Co C 3rd plat BS717428; Co D 2nd plat BS684536.	BDE,DO	JPC			
29	1225		(C) TF PRYOR engaged 1 VC evading at BS- 786368. Res 1 VC WIA. WIA being dusted off, compl at 1238H.	BDE,DO,S3	JPC			
30	1230		(C) MACV Maj Garcia: RF Co 115 repts VC plat to co size elm loc at BS882311. Info passed to Co A and they will move to that loc.	BDE,S3,Co A	JPC			
31	1300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS893- 305; Co B 3rd plat BS913258; Co C 3rd plat same; Co D 2nd plat same.	DO	JPC			
32	1305		(C) Co A coord BS892305 rec'd hvy AW fire (AK-47). Believed to be a sniper firing to distract attn fr larger force. Neg cas, gunships called on stand by.	BDE,DO,S3,S2	JPC			
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33	1305		(C) TF PRYOR closed LZ BRONCO.	DO	JPC		
34	1315		(C) Msg fr Bde: US mine field at vic BS784366.	DO,S2	JPC		
35	1400		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS880- 313; Co B 3rd plat BS916252, 2nd sqd 3rd plat BS911253; Co C 3rd plat BS710427; Co D 2nd plat BS695538.	BDE,DO	JPC		
36	1405		(C) Co D coord BS695538 hit pressure type 82mm mine but it did not go off. Dest mine in place.	BDE,DO	JPC		
37	1420		(C) Bde Comdr (Col Donaldson) in C&C spotted (3) separate grave sites. 5 graves at BS710433, 1 grave at BS710436, and 1 grave at BS710434.	BDE,DO	JPC		
38	1426		(C) Co D coord BS695541 rec'd fire fr 2 AW pos with neg cas.	BDE,DO	JPC		
39	1426		(C) Co A coord BS878315, WIA 1 VC F evad- ing. Also at same coord found 1 M-1 clip and 5 expended rds. DUSTOFF compl at 1450H for WIA.	BDE,DO	JPC		
40	1442		(C) 4.2 ammo rept called into Bde.	DO	JPC		
41	1500		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS878-	DO	BET		
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ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INI- TIALS
	IN	OUT			
41	cont		315 center of mass; Co B 3rd plat BS911- 253, all other elms same; Co C 3rd plat BS710433; Co D all elms same.		
42	1525		(C) Co A (-) closed LZ THUNDER at 1520H.	DO	EEF
43	1530		(C) Ref item #30: VC WIA was running approx 200 M away fr mine incident.	DO	EEF
44	1540		(C) Co D 2nd plat elm rec'd sniper fire then AW fire at BS705549.	BDE,DO	EEF
45	1545		(C) At BS892312 Co A 1st plat spotted an unk size of VC with 1 Carbine and M- 60 ammo. Checked with MACV and they stated neg PF's in area.	BDE,DO	EEF
46	1600		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A 1st plat BS884312, all other elm same; Co B 3rd plat (-) BS911253, 1st sqd BS905253, all other elms same; Co C (4) & 3rd plat BS- 715432, all other elms same; Co D 2nd plat BS713538, all other elms same.	BDE,DO	EEF
47	1630		(C) (Late Entry): Ref item #29 (Daily Staff Journal 12 DEC 68): Fr TF PRYOR: At BS765350 found base camp with 14 hooch es, 900 lbs rice, 600 lbs salt, 60 misc	DO	EEF
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	IN	OUT						
47	cont		pieces cloth & unif, many sand & burlap bags, A frames with baskets, 10 Chi Com gren, 2 M-26 gren, 2 med kits. All hooches had tunnels 10 to 15 M long by 3 ft wide by 4 ft high. Numerous trails with several freshly cut trails heavily used. Estimated supply trans point. Recommend 2 days hence (14 - 16 DEC 68) zone sweep or air strike. Also 15-4 man sleeping tunnels at BS769349 (see map with tunnels BS769344). Bunkers in area BS745340 to BS753340 to BS753348. At BS755343 along trail homemade booby traps. Pointed sticks in direction of traps.					
48	1650		(C) At BS710433 Co C 3rd plat dug up graves (ref item #37). In graves were 5 bodies all mil age. 2 F and 3 M all had normal VM cloth on. Cause of death could not be determined due to length of time bodies had been buried. Bodies were hardly identifiable.	DO	BET			
49	1700		(C) Bn SITREP neg; loc; Co A 1st plat	DO	BET	cont		
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	IN	OUT					
49	cont		BS887310, 3rd plat LZ BRONCO; Co B (-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN, 2nd plat LZ BRONCO, 3rd plat BS912252; Co C all elms LZ LIZ; Co D 3rd plat LZ BRONCO, all other elms LZ DRAGON. Co E (-) LZ THUNDER, Ren LZ BRONCO.				
50	1800		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A 1st plat moving to amb at BS901309; Co B 3rd plat BS912252, 2nd sqd 1st plat Brg 94; Co C 1st plat LZ BRONCO, 3rd plat BS715425; Co D 1st plat moving to amb site.	BDE,DO	BET		
51	1845		(C) Rec PF amb loc for day & night.	Posted	BET		
52	1845		(C) Bn strength rept: Co A 98, Co B 109, Co D 113, Co C 120, Co E 68.	Posted	BET		
53	1900		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	BET		
54	1955		(C) Rept'd amb sites to Bde.	DO	BET		
55	2000		(C) LT Frazier (Bde AVNO) called: C&C will arrive at 0700H.	S3,DO	BET		
56	2000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO,S3	BET		
57	2005		(C) At 1950H at BS729518 Co D, 1st sqd 2nd plat, heard movement to their W. They also rec'd 1 gren with neg cas. Elm moved back to LZ DRAGON.	BDE,S-3,DO	BET		
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58	2100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,S3,DO	EET		
59	2130		(C) Co A 3rd plat amb at BS797372.	DO	EET		
60	2200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	EET		
61	2300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW		
62	2340		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW		
63	2340		(C) At 2100H Co B 81mm and Navy pers on HARDSTAND were firing illumination rds and some rds hit vil at Sa Huynh. The rds burnt three hooches and killed 3 pers. It is undetermined which rd did damage. Co B will make a thorough investigation.	CO,S3,DO	DW		
64	LOG Summary:		4-3 Inf continued security and offensive sweep ops in the N & S Duc Pho AO. Co A conducted offensive sweep SE of LZ THUNDER. At 1425H Co A wounded a VC F evading at coord. BS878315 Co B continued to secure LZ CHARLIE BROWN and conduct ops in AO YELLOW. Co C continued to secure LZ LIZ and conducted sweep W of LZ LIZ. Co D continued to secure LZ DRAGON and conducted sweep W of LZ DRAGON. TF PRYOR conducted sweep into LZ BRONCO. At 1000H TF PRYOR KIA 1 VC who evaded into tunnel. VC was KIA with gren. At 1101H TF PRYOR slm hit an unk type mine or booby trap resulting in 1 US KIA and 3 US WIA. At 1225H TF PRYOR wounded 1 VC evading at cont				
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DUSTOFF REQUEST NR _____ DATE 14 Dec.
1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE 785 365
2. REQUESTOR Tiger Force 36
3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER 3 AMBULATORY _____
4. NATIONALITY: US 3 VN _____ IMF _____
5. NATURE OF INJURIES unk at this time

6. CATEGORY: URGENT PRIORITY _____ ROUTINE _____
7. CONDITION & TYPE OF PICKUP SITE Good
8. SECURITY OF PICKUP SITE Good
9. WEATHER AT PICKUP SITE Good
10. MARKING (SMOKE PANELS, LIGHTS, ETC.) Smoke
11. RADIO FREQUENCY 4570 CALLWORD _____
12. US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES NO _____
13. REMARKS: ALL EM FROM B. Co.

14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY _____
15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY _____ TIME 1101
TIME COMPLETED 1103

KHA: line NO. 132
Urgent line NO. 18
Urgent line NO. 148
Priority line no. 32

DUSTOFF REQUEST NR _____ DATE 14 Dec 68

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE 878.315

2. REQUESTOR Dogstöff Napper 36

3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LETTER AMBULATORY _____

4. NATIONALITY: US _____ VN 1 FWF _____

5. NATURE OF INJURIES gunshot wound in
butt

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 Dogstöff Napper 36

12. US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES NO _____

13. REMARKS: _____

14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY Muddy Bble 78

15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY Doctor Control TIME 1430
TIME COMPLETED 1450

DUSTOFF REQUEST NR _____ DATE 14 Dec 68

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE 786368

2. REQUESTOR Tiger Force 36

3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LETTER AMBULATORY _____

4. NATIONALITY: US _____ VN 1 FWF _____

5. NATURE OF INJURIES: gun shot wounds
in chest

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.) Smoker

11. RADIO FREQUENCY 45.70 CALLWORD Tiger Force 40

12. US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES NO _____

13. REMARKS: _____

14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY Muddy Rifle 79

15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY DocFae Control TIME 1222
TIME COMPLETED 1238

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

1. Task Organisation:

A/4-3 Inf (-)	HHC (-)/4-3 Inf
B/4-3 Inf (-)	Battalion Control
C/4-3 Inf (-)	A/6-11th Arty (DS)
D/4-3 Inf (-)	C/6-11th Arty (DS)
E/4-3 Inf (-)	C/3-18th Arty (GS)

Task Force: Change of Command Ceremony.

2. 4-3 Inf conducts offensive search operations in Duc Pho AO with Co A (-)/LZ THUNDER, Co B (-)/LZ CHARLIE BROWN, Co C (-)/LZ LIZ, Co D (-)/LZ DRAGON, and Co E (-)/LZ THUNDER.

3. Co A (-):

- a. Secures and improves defensive positions LZ THUNDER.
- b. One (1) platoon move from LZ THUNDER 150600H DEC 68 to establish blocking position NLT 150800H DEC 68 at BS834359. Released from blocking position 151000H DEC 68.
- c. Conduct offensive search operation to OBJ 1 (BS851357) to OBJ X (BS869348) to OBJ G (BS880335) to OBJ E (BS880320). Return to LZ THUNDER NLT 151700H DEC 68.

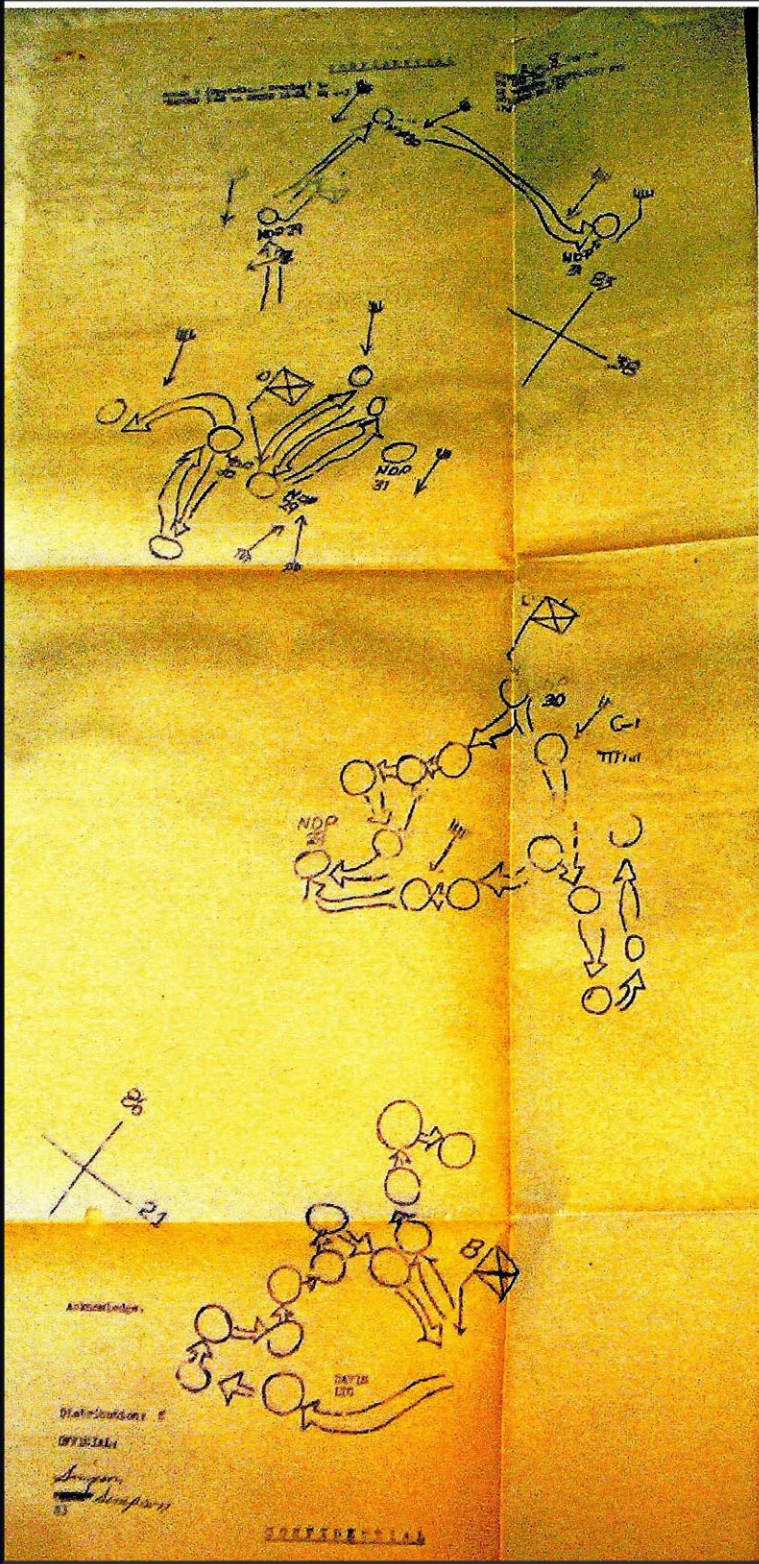
4. Co B (-): Continue present mission.

5. Co C (-): Continue present mission.

6. Co D (-):

- a. Secure and improve defensive positions LZ DRAGON.
- b. One (1) platoon conduct offensive search operation 150700H DEC 68 to OBJ L (BS739519) to OBJ M (BS737513) to OBJ E (BS734508) to OBJ T (BS721520) to OBJ S (BS715510) to OBJ W (BS707518) NDP via OBJ W. Conduct night ambush via OBJ W. 160700H DEC 68 moves to OBJ J (BS707-525) to OBJ D (BS714528) to OBJ I (BS721527) to OBJ A (BS727532). Return to LZ DRAGON NLT 161400H DEC 68.

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