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S-2/S-3 4-3 Inf		LZ THUNDER BS874325	From		To	
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ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INI- TIALS	
	IN	OUT				
01	0001		(U) JOURNAL OPENED			
02	0020		(C) The fol freq changes go into effect at 150100H DEC 68: Bn comd - 61.50, 4.2 Mort - 65.85. Fol units notified: Co's A,B,C,D,E; Commo; Bde; E Trp 1st CAV; 174th AVN; Navy Swift boats; LZ BRONCO; HELIX elm.	B3,DO	DW	
03	0100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW	
04	0140		(C) Flare ship rec'd fire fr W of runway at LZ BRONCO approx at intersection of LZ BRONCO access road and Hwy 1.	BDE,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	0500		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW	
09	0600		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW	
10	0640		(C) Co A (-) moved out for todays op.	BDE,DO	DW	
11	0650		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW	
12	0700		(C) Ref item #63 (Daily Staff Journal 14 DEC 68): Illumination was being fired in support of Navy. Flares were fired over harbor and drifted into village.	BDE,DO	DW	
				Downgraded at 3yr 1	Declassified after	
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13	0725		(C) Co A 3rd plat closed LZ BRONCO.	DO	JPC		
14	0800		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS825-340, 3rd plat same, wpns plat MT MONTE-ZUMA, 1st plat closed LZ THUNDER 0745H; Co B (-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN, 1st plat Brg 94, 2nd plat LZ BRONCO, 3rd plat BS911-258; Co C (-) LZ LIZ, 1st plat LZ BRONCO 3rd plat BS715432; Co D (-) LZ DRAGON, 3rd plat LZ BRONCO.	BDE,DO	JPC		
15	0825		(C) Co D 1st plat departed LZ DRAGON for todays op.	DO	JPC		
16	0900		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS835-358; Co B 1st plat closed LZ CHARLIE BROWN, 3rd plat BS911256; Co C same; Co D 1st plat BS728521.	DO	JPC		
17	0935		(C) Msg fr Bde Comdr (Col Donaldson): No 81mm mort will be fired until further notice. Effective immediately.	ALL Co's notified	JPC		
18	1000		(C) LTC Davis assumes command of 4-3 Inf.	DO	JPC		
19	1000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS848-357; Co B 3rd plat closed LZ CHARLIE BROWN; Co C 3rd plat BS764432; Co D 1st plat BS725511.	BDE,DO	JPC		
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20	1100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS852-357; Co's B & C same; Co B 1st plat BS-708518.	DO	JPC		
21	1115		(C) Co C 2nd plat departed LZ LIZ for todays op.	DO	JPC		
22	1200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS862-357; Co B same; Co C 2nd plat BS740437, 3rd plat same; Co D same.	BDE,DO	JPC		
23	1220		(C) Co C 3rd plat closed LZ LIZ.	DO	JPC		
24	1300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS867-348; Co B same; Co C 2nd plat BS737429; Co D 1st plat BS700520.	DO	JPC		
25	1345		(C) Co A coord BS881329 app 1 VCS hiding behind some bamboo canes. Has bruises on shoulders, neg ID, approx 54 yrs old. Bringing VCS to LZ THUNDER.	BDE,DO,S3,S2	JPC		
26	1400		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A 2nd plat BS881329; Co's B & C same; Co D 1st plat BS696520.	BDE,DO	JPC		
27	1415		(C) Co A coord BS879319 app 1 VCS. VCS had printed paper and tried to throw it away when approached. Neg ID, 40-45 yrs old. Being brought to LZ THUNDER.	BDE,DO,CO,S2	JPC		
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28	1435		(C) 4.2 ammo rept called into Bde.	DO	JPC		
29	1435		(C) Co D coord BS711543 rec'd 20 to 25 SA sniper fire fr 1 pos. Neg cas, Arty called in.	BDE,CO,S3,S2	JPC		
30	1507		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) closed LZ THUNDER 1505H; Co B same; Co C 2nd plat BS724436; Co D (-) BS731538.	DO	EET		
31	1509		(C) Ref item #29: Area of sniper fire searched with neg findings.	DO	EET		
32	1600		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; all elms same; Co D (-) same, 1st plat closed LZ DRAGON at 1540H.	BDE,DO	EET		
33	1607		(C) CH-47B to airlift elms of Co C to LZ LIZ.	S3,DO	EET		
34	1614		(C) CH-47B with elms of Co A trying to get in to LZ THUNDER but having weather problems.	S3,DO	EET		
35	1616		(C) 3rd plat Co A unloaded at the base of LZ THUNDER fr CH-47B ship.	Co A,CO,S3	EET		
36	1700		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same except Co C 2nd plat BS715437.	DO	EET		
37	1720		(C) Bn strength rept: Co A 105, Co B 100, Co C 122, Co D 118, Co E 65.	Posted	EET		
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38	1800		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same except 2nd plat Co C BS712445, Rcn moving.	BDE, DO	EET		
39	1825		(C) Co D 2nd plat moving to amb pos.	DO	EET		
40	1830		(C) Rec'd PF amb sites for night & day.	Posted	EET		
41	1840		(C) Fr Bde AVNO: C&C will arrive 0700H tomorrow. Utility fr 1300H - 1500H.	DO	EET		
42	1905		(C) (Late Entry): LRRP's extracted on 151725H DEC 68.	DO	EET		
43	1905		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; all same. Amb pos: Co B 1st sqd 1st plat BS893266, 2nd sqd BS896267; Co C 2nd plat BS759440, 2nd sqd 1st plat BS742434; Co D 2nd plat BS729513; Rcn BS784379; E Trp 1st CAV on Brg's 94, 95, 104, and 107 all neg SITREP.	DO	EET		
44	1950		(C) Rec'd 3 intel repts fr Bde S2: Rat-ling F-6. (see S2 files).	S2, DO	EET		
45	2000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	EET		
46	2100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	EET		
47	2155		(C) Rec'd intel rept fr Bde S2: (see S2 files). Co C sending elm to check on rept of VC in 3 cement houses at BS74448.	S2, DO	EET		
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48	2200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,S3,DO	EET		
49	2205		(C) Ref item #47: Co C not to check out intel rept tonight.	CO,S3,DO	EET		
50	2220		(C) Co C 2nd plat changed amb pos to BS- 721449.	BDE,S3,DO	DW		
51	2300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,S3,DO	DW		
52	2335		(C) ALL check fires lifted.	DO	DW		
53	2355		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW		
54	LOG Summary:		4-3 Inf continued security and offensive sweep ops in N & S Duc Pho AO. LTC Jack Davis assumed command of the 4-3 Inf. Res of sweep ops for the day were 2 VCS.				
55	2400		(U) JOURNAL CLOSED				

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 For
 RICHARD P. GEREY, MAJ INF

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LZ THUNDER (BS874325) RVN
151000H DEC 68
2CGL8

FRAGORD 6-68 to OPORD 15-68, 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	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)

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. 160700H DEC 68 Co (-) conducts offensive search operations to OBJ S (BS861309) to OBJ O (BS855300) to OBJ C (BS849290) to OBJ Q (BS844279) to OBJ W (BS835266) to OBJ R (BS831277) to OBJ F (BS831287) to OBJ L (BS839298) to OBJ N (BS844308) to OBJ T (BS855315) to LZ THUNDER.
- c. One (1) platoon conducts stay behind amb via OBJ W. Return to LZ THUNDER 170800H DEC 68.

4. Co B:

- a. Secures and improves defensive positions LZ CHARLIE BROWN.
- b. 160630H DEC 68 one (1) platoon conducts offensive search operations to OBJ B (BS932234) to OBJ T (BS935256) to AO YELLOW. Continues offensive search operations in AO YELLOW.
- c. One (1) platoon 160630H DEC 68 from AO YELLOW to OBJ T (BS935256) to OBJ B (BS932234). Close LZ CHARLIE BROWN NLT 161100H DEC 68.

5. Co C:

- a. Secures and improves defensive positions LZ LIZ.
- b. 160700H DEC 68 one (1) platoon conducts offensive search operations to

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OBJ X (BS742435) to OBJ Y (BS748445) to OBJ A (BS762442) to OBJ T (BS772433) to OBJ B (BS766423) to OBJ H (BS759414) to OBJ L (BS744422) to LZ LIZ.

6. Co D:

- a. Secures and improves defensive positions LZ DRAGON.
- b. 160630H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations to OBJ I (BS731538) to OBJ T (BS722549) to OBJ X (BS711560) to OBJ B (BS695557) to OBJ Q (BS694548) to OBJ D (BS688540) to OBJ H (BS675528) to OBJ K (BS679517) to OBJ Y (BS689508) MDP vic OBJ Y. Conduct night amb vic BS684510. 170700H DEC 68 move to OBJ C (BS695518) to OBJ A (BS698528) to OBJ W (BS709530) to OBJ H (BS718523) to OBJ Z (BS725528). Close LZ DRAGON 171500H DEC 68

7. Co E:

- a. Recon plat.
 1. 151930H DEC 68 conducts amb vic BS785380. 160700H DEC 68 move to OBJ X (BS780385) to OBJ Y (BS785395) to OBJ B (BS797401) to OBJ C (BS815398) to OBJ D (BS830395). Conduct night amb vic BS835397.
 2. 170700H DEC 68 move to OBJ O (BS833381) to OBJ Q (BS829371) then close LZ BRONCO.
- b. Hvy Mort plat: GS LZ THUNDER.
- c. GS Sec: GS LZ THUNDER.

8. Coordinating Instructions:

- a. Be especially careful of mines and booby traps.
- b. Tactical SOP.

Acknowledge.

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Annex A: Operations Overlay

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