

DAILY STAFF JOURNAL OR DUTY OFFICER'S LOG

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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	INITIALS		
	IN	OUT					
01	0001		(U) JOURNAL OPENED				
02	0100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW		
03	0125		(C) Mo Duc MACV compound rec mort rds (no. unk). Co D FO working up plots for Arty.	S3,DO	DW		
04	0200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW		
05	0300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW		
06	0400		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW		
07	0500		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW		
08	0600		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW		
09	0700		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW		
10	0705		(C) Co D 2nd plat closed on LZ DRAGON.	DO	JPC		
11	0708		(C) Co A (-) departed for today's op.	DO	JPC		
12	0800		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS863- 305; Co B same; Co C 1st plat departed LZ LIZ for today's op, 2nd plat BS721433; Co D same; Rcn BS786378.	BDE,DO	JPC		
13	0800		(C) Rcn coord BS786378 fd an unfinished tunnel with bones in it. 7 ft deep & 25 ft long. Will dest.	BDE,DO	JPC		
14	0810		(C) 1 VN F brought to LZ THUNDER by Bn Surg. Taken to 6th Support by C&C. VN having child birth trouble.	BDE,CO,DO	JPC	Downgraded at 3yr Declassified after	
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15	0900	(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS858-297; Co B 1st plat BS894262; Co C 1st plat BS734448, 2nd plat same; Co D same Rcn BS780385.	DO	JPC
16	0830	(C) (Late Entry): Bde Comdr (Col Donaldson) at BS755374 app 2 VCS. Taken to LZ BRONCO.	S3,DO	JPC
17	0925	(C) Co A coord BS856284 spotted 1 VC evading and engaged with SA fire. Now checking area for res.	BDE,DO	JPC
18	1000	(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS858-297; Co B 1st plat BS898257; Co C 1st plat BS735446, 2nd plat same; Co D 1st plat BS724526; Rcn BS784395.	BDE,DO	JPC
19	1005	(C) Air lift compl for move of ceremony plats to respective co's: Co B 2nd plat PZ LZ BRONCO 0900H - LZ LZ CHARLIE BROWN 0930H 0912H; Co D 3rd plat PZ LZ BRONCO - LZ LZ DRAGON 0943H; Wpns plat Co A PZ LZ BRONCO 0955H - LZ LZ THUNDER 1005H.	BDE,S3-Air	JPC
20	1100	(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) same; Co B 1st plat BS890252; Co C 1st plat	DO	JPC
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	IN	OUT					
20	cont		BS735446, 2nd plat BS730441; Co D 1st plat BS712548; Rcn same.				
21	1100		(C) Co D repts PF's informed them that spotted 40 VC at coord BS705555. Co D 1st plat is moving into area to check.	BDE,DO,S3	JPC		
22	1130		(C) Co A (-) coord BS848283 fd 1 tunnel complex, mostly caved in. Checking fur.	BDE,DO	JPC		
23	1200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS848- 283; Co B 1st plat BS902248; Co C 1st & 2nd plat BS735446; Co D 1st plat BS721- 555; Rcn BS797402.	BDE,DO	JPC		
24	1204		(C) Co D 1st plat rec'd approx 40 rds AW and semi AW fire fr two pos at BS705- 555. Neg cas.	BDE,CO,S3 Arty fired	PJS		
25	1220		(C) Co A repts at BS848283 approx 200 M of tunnel complex. Fd 2 4 ft X 8 ft rooms with several branches.	BDE,DO	JPC		
26	1240		(C) At BS705555 Co D 1st plat sighted 2 M believed to be wearing NVA unifs. Checking fur.	BDE,S3	JPC		
27	1300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) same; Co B 1st plat BS898242; Co C 1st & 2nd	DO	JPC		
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	IN	OUT				
27	cont		same; Co D 1st plat BS716557; Rcn same.			
28	1300		(C) Co D req permission to put extra amb out tonight at BS721526. Permission granted. Insure both night amb are dug in and Arty plots are planned and fired.	CO,S3	JPC	
29	1320		(C) APC's (E Trp) on Brg 104 rept'd PF's brought in a VN farmer wounded in right shoulder & right arm by shrapnel. PF's unable to find out how indiv was wounded. DUSTOFF req, compl at 1400H.	BDE,DO,S2	JPC	
30	1335		(C) Co A coord BS845275 fd cleared out area for 5 or 6 men. Cooked rice & sugar cane in area. Also an obs tree with foxhole at base.	BDE,S3	JPC	
31	1342		(C) Co D coord BS705558 fd 1 82mm rd booby trapped under a coconut shell. Shell was accidentally kicked and it boun- ced in the air not going off. Destroyed in place.	BDE,CO,S3	JPC	
32	1400		(C) Co D coord BS703555 fd 2 tunnels and threw in grens. Neg res.	BDE,DO	JPC	
33	1400		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) same;	BDE,DO cont	JPC	
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	IN	OUT			
33	cont		Co B 1st plat BS895240; Co C 1st plat BS745440, 2nd plat BS751440; Co D 1st plat BS703555; Ren BS814400.		
34	1430		(C) 4.2 ammo rept called into Bde.	DO	JPC
35	1435		(C) LT Covington (Bde S5) repts that at 1350H, while in village Thuy Thach, he saw a woman with child who had been kill- ed by gunshot. VN woman claimed child had been shot by US soldier. LT Coving- ton checked a suspected vehicle and the wpns belonging to the indivs of vehicle had not been fire recently. LT Coving- ton wanted to know if any fire had come fr LZ THUNDER. Cpt Simpson (S3-Air) in- formed LT Covington no fire had come fr 4-3 Inf elms & no firing had been cleared by 4-3 Inf.	CO,S3,DO	JPC
36	1445		(C) E Trp repts spotting 1 crew served wpn pos at BS905264. 4.2 fired.	BDE,DO	BET
37	1445		(C) Co C coord BS747444 detained 14 MAM 18 - 35 yrs old dressed as Buddhist.	BDE,CO,S3	JPC
38	1455		(C) Co D coord BS705555 rec'd AW and semi AW fire fr 2 pos in cross fire.	BDE,CO,S3	JPC
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	IN	OUT				
39	1524		(C) Ref item #38: Gunships hit in the area. Air strike called for.	BDE,CO,S3	BET	
40	1550		(C) CH-47B's will pick up trps at LZ LIZ 171000H DEC 68 enroute to LZ BRONCO.	S3,DO	BET	
41	1605		(C) CH-47B's to pick up trps at LZ DRAGON on 170830H DEC 68 enroute to LZ BRONCO.	S3,DO	BET	
42	1615		(C) Co A req DUSTOFF for 3 US pers (urgent). Tunnel caved in on indivs at BS848283.	BDE,S3,DO	BET	
43	1620		(C) Gunships left station at 1600H.	DO	BET	
44	1622		(C) Ref item #42: Explosion in tunnel and indivs were overcome by chlorine gas fr C-4 explosive.	BDE,S3	BET	
45	1625		(C) HELIX rept'd secondary explo vic of BS705555.	BDE,S3,DO	BET	
46	1635		(C) Ref item #42: Injured pers: line #20, Bateman, Donny J. (urgent); line #46, Wyrick, Gregory J. (urgent); line #59 Segor, Bruce M.; line #161, Pallischeck (FO). DUSTOFF compl at 1620H.	BDE,S3,DO	BET	
47	1700		(C) Air strike started at 1545H and ended at 1645H.			
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	IN	OUT			
48	1717		(C) Req 19th Engr's at base of LZ THUNDER to blow tunnel complex at BS848283. Engr's to be at pad LZ THUNDER on 170700H DEC 68 to air lifted to site.	Engr,S3,DO	EET
49	1719		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A same; Co B BS897244; Co C 1st plat same, 2nd plat BS744431; Co D same; Rcn BS833396.	DO	EET
50	1723		(C) (Late Entry): At 1410H at BS788-489 Bde C&C app 1 VC S F. At BS684514 Bde C&C KIA 1 VC evading.	BDE,S3,DO	EET
51	1735		(C) Co D coord BS709550 fd 3 VC KIA by air strikes all in black PJ's. Digging out bomb crater at present. Neg wpns/docu.	BDE,CO,S3,DO	EET
52	1740		(C) Co D coord BS703555 fd 1 VC KIA by air strikes. MAM dressed in black PJ's neg wpns/docu.	BDE,CO,S3,DO	EET
53	1815		(C) Co A rec'd fire fr PF's. Bde notified and they notified MACV.	BDE,S3,DO	EET
54	1820		(C) Bde notified of NDP's and night activities.	DO	EET
55	1830		(C) Bn strength rept: Co A 102, Co B	Posted	EET
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55	cont		113, Co C 128, Co D 124, Co E 52.		
56	1830		(C) At BS705548 Co D repts 2 VC KIA by Arty.	BDE,CO,S3,DO	EET
57	1840		(C) Co A will evaluate area fired on by Arty at 3 VC 161830H DEC 68.	DO	EET
58	1855		(C) Co C req DUSTOFF for 1 US at BS-759441. Temp 104.4°. Compl at 1924H.	BDE,DO	EET
59	1925		(C) Co C 2nd plat amb site BS764437; Rcn amb site BS834392.	BDE,DO	EET
60	1950		(C) Co D 1st plat in amb pos at BS712-537.	DO	EET
61	2000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	EET
62	2010		(C) Co C 1st plat in amb pos at BS759-441; Co D 3rd plat amb pos at BS721526.	DO	EET
63	2030		(C) Co B spotted movement at BS923226. Permission refused to fire 81mm. If contact is made notify Bn CO.	CO,S3,DO Arty fired	EET
64	2045		(C) APC's (E Trp) on HARDSTAND rec'd one rd SA fire in their pos.	MACV,BDE,DO	EET
65	2050		(C) Rec intel rept fr Bde S2: (see S2 files - rating F-6).	S2,S3,DO	EET
66	2100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,S3,DO	EET
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67	2110		(C) Ref item #63: Clearance given to fire 81mm as long as they do not fire over friendlies and data is checked by Maj Hyman (Bde DO).	BDE,S3,DO	EET
68	2130		(C) The fol grids were cleared for 81mm for Co B by Maj Hyman (Bde DO): BS932-226, BS934224, BS935227, BS933233, and BS936221.	BDE,DO	EET
69	2140		(C) Primary pass word has been compromised switching to the alternate.	All units CO,S3,DO	EET
70	2200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	EET
71	2300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW
72	2355		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW
73	LOG Summary:		4-3 Inf continued security and offensive sweep ops in N & S Duc Pho AO. Co A conducted sweep SW of LZ THUNDER. Co B continued security of LZ CHARLIE BROWN and ops in AO YELLOW. Co C conducted sweep W and NW of LZ LIZ. At 1445H Co C detained 14 MAM's at BS74444 all dressed as Buddhist Monks. Co D conducted sweep NW of LZ DRAGON. At 1445H 1st plat Co D rec'd hvy AW fire fr two pos vic BS705555. Gunships, Arty, and TAC Air were utilized extensively in support of 1st plat Co D. A sweep of the cont		
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73	cont		area after the Arty and TAC Air strike terminated revealing a total of 6 VC KIA. At 1410H Bde C&C at BS684514. Res of days ops were 7 VC KIA and 17 VOS.	terminated revealing KIA 1 VC evading	
74	2400		(U) JOURNAL CLOSED		

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