

DAILY STAFF JOURNAL OR DUTY OFFICER'S LOG

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Organization or Installation S-2/S-3 4-3 Inf	Location LZ THUNDER BS874325	Period Covered			
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	IN	OUT			
01	0001		(U) JOURNAL OPENED		
02	0001		(C) Msg fr Ede: Intel repts can be taken as reliable. Indicates a Bn of NVA reinforced with 2 VC plats in vic BS863-354, BS863357, BS858357 and BS853360. Believed to have two (2) 82mm mortars, one (1) 60mm mortar, B-40 rockets, and indiv wpns. 150 laborers also. Indications of hitting Lamb Benh, Gun Apc, and My Plang within next three days.	DO	DW
03	0100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,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 except Co C amb closed LZ LIZ 0750H. Co D 3rd plat 1st sqd closed LZ DRAGON 0617H.	DO	JPC
10	0715		(C) Co B coord BS894236 had 1 US taken to 6th Support by C&C. Line #12, Bird David E. Sgt, US51974665. Indiv burnt hand by trip flares.	BDE,CO,S3,S1	JPC

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11	0800		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) base of LZ THUNDER (dpt'd THUNDER at 0705H for todays op), 2nd plat BS847282; Co B (-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN, 1st plat BS894236 & BS894233, 3rd plat Brg 94; Co C LZ LIZ; Co D LZ DRAGON; Ren closed LZ BRONCO at 0755H.	BDE, DO	JPC		
12	0830		(C) Bde called: Preplanned air strike coord BS894228, T.O.T 0900H.	DO, Co A	JPC		
13	0835		(C) Mag fr MACV: 3 PF's at MACV compound at Sa Huynh, coord BS924223, were wounded some time last night by SA fire. Indiv's WB taken to HARDSTAND for evac.	BDE, DO	JPC		
14	0850		(C) Ref item #12: Air strike diverted to other tgt. Will put in air strike in later today.	DO, S3-Air	JPC		
15	0900		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS878-336, 2nd plat BS847282; Co B 1st plat BS897237, 3rd plat Brg 94; Co's C, D & Ren same.	DO	JPC		
16	0950		(C) Air lift compl for Co D: (1) PZ LZ DRAGON 0850H - LZ LZ BRONCO 0859H. (2)	DO	JPC		
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	IN	OUT			
16	cont		PZ same 0920H - LZ same 0929H. (3)		
			PZ same 0935H - LZ same 0942H.		
17	0950		(C) (Late Entry): At 0910H Bde Comdr (Col Donaldson) in C&C app VCS at BS- 915216. Taken to LZ BRONCO.	DO	JPC
18	1000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; all units same except Co D moved to LZ BRONCO.	BDN,DO	JPC
19	1015		(C) HELIX coord BS894228 put in air strike. Used were 8 Mark 117 (750 lb) bombs and 20mm. Res were cut road in two places.	S3-Air,DO	JPC
20	1034		(C) HELIX 37 at coord BS795290 spotted an old camouflaged hooch.	DO	JPC
21	1045		(C) Air lift compl for Co C. (1) PZ LZ LIZ 1015H - LZ LZ BRONCO 1025H. (2) PZ same 1020H - LZ same 1029H. (3) PZ same 1036H - LZ same 1043H.	BDE,S3-Air	JPC
22	1100		(C) Co A coord BS874345 app 1 VC F approx 35 yrs old who was evading. Neg wpn/ docu.	BDE,DO	JPC
23	1100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS873- 348, 2nd plat BS847282; Co B (-) same, cont	DO	JPC
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23	cont		1st plat BS894235, 3rd plat same; Co C & Co D same.		
24	1200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS873-348, 2nd plat BS847282; Co B (-) same, 1st plat BS896225, 3rd plat same; Co's C, D, & Ron same.	BDE,DO	BET
25	1245		(C) HELIX put in air strike at coord BS783304. Res neg. 3 dud rds spotted by HELIX; one at BS783304 and two at BS782304. Bde calling EOD tm.	BDE,DO	JPC
26	1300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS870-355, 2nd plat closed LZ THUNDER at 1250H; Co's B, C, D, & Ron same.	DO	JPC
27	1305		(C) (Late Entry): Fr Bde S2: 1215H, 4-3 Inf cannot operate in AO NEVADA & MONTANA. IRRP's stated it was their AO and other friendlies were to stay out. Bn S3 (MAJ Gerety) will contact Co's C & D to discuss change of op.	S3,DO	JPC
28	1325		(C) Co B coord BS928224 req DUSTOFF for 1 US civ. Indiv cut knee while working on his boat. Compl at 1348H.	BDE,DO	JPC

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29	1400		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS867-357, 2nd plat will remain same; Co B 1st plat BS894228; Co's C & D same.	BDE,DO	JPC		
30	1500		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS871-342; Co B 1st plat BS895235; all other elms same.	DO	JPC		
31	1510		(C) Informed Co C to move fr LZ BRONCO to OBJ X N of 37 grid; Co C move to OBJ W. Co C at 1800H move fr OBJ W to OBJ Y E of 80 grid.	DO	BET		
32	1522		(C) 4.2 ammo rept called into Bde.	DO	BET		
33	1555		(C) C&C picked up VN F who was burnt at Brg 96. Doctor control notified.	CO,S3,DO	BET		
34	1600		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A 3rd plat BS886326, 1st plat BS871342; Co B 1st plat same; Co's C & D same; Rcn enroute to LZ THUNDER.	DO	BET		
35	1605		(C) Ref item #33: DUSTOFF compl by C&C at 1600H.	BDE,CO,S3,DO	BET		
36	1615		(C) Bde TOC called: Stated thaat Bde S3 found boat with M-16 & M-79 aboard.	S3,DO	BET		
37	1635		(C) C&C to DUSTOFF VN F burnt with JP-10 at BS920232. This is the 2nd pers burnt.	S3,DO	BET		
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38	1700		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A 3rd plat BS866345; Co B 1st plat BS905264; Co C same; Co D dpt'd LZ BRONCO 1650H; Ren LZ THUNDER.	DO	JPC		
39	1730		(C) MACV and elms fr Co B are at loc that PF's rept'd finding M-16 & M-79 ammo & wpns.	BDE XO,DO	EET		
40	1740		(C) At BS866345 Co A 3rd plat detained 3 MAM's; 2 with ID's & 1 with out. Indiv's said they were Buddhist monks. C&C evac'd indiv's to LZ BRONCO.	BDE,S3	EET		
41	1800		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A 3rd plat BS877337; Co B same; Co C same; Co D BS812362.	BDE,DO	EET		
42	1800		(C) Ref item #34: In vil Sa Huynh it is rept'd that 1 M-16, 1 M-79 & 130 45 cal pistols taken off boat.	S3,DO	EET		
43	1830		(C) Bn strength rept: Co A 103, Co B 118, Co C 128, Co D 118, Co E 64.	Posted	EET		
44	1850		(C) Ref item #39: Intel concerning boat (see 82 files). Name of US civ (ref item #28) Oodendaho (no first name giver)	S3,DO	EET		
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45	1851		(C) Ref item #36: At 1839H Co B CO informed the TOC that a man named Monty Oliphant owns the barge. Individ denies that 130 45 cal pistols were on his barge.	S3,DO	EET		
46	1930		(C) Bn SITREP and amb sites neg: Co A 3rd plat BS811349; Co B 1st sqd 3rd plat BS898257, 2nd sqd BS890267, rest of 3rd plat BS890267, 1st sqd 2nd plat Brg 9h; Co C same; Co D BS808353 MDP, 3rd plat tentative site BS811349.	DO	EET		
47	1930		(C) Rec'd PF amb loc for night & day.	Posted	EET		
48	1930		(C) Rec'd intel rept fr Bde S2: (see S2 files).	DO,S2	EET		
49	1955		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same except Co B 2nd sqd 2nd plat guarding barge (ref item #39).	BDE,DO	EET		
50	1955		(C) E Trp at HARDSTAND rec'd 6 rds of SA fire fr Sa Huyph vil.	BDE,DO	EET		
51	2005		(C) Co D 3rd plat closed amb pos.	DO	EET		
52	2012		(C) Rec'd msg fr Bde TOC concerning their conversation with MACV in ref to	DO	EET		
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52	cont		Item #50: Informed by SP/4 Hadlock that 4-3 Inf should tell LT fr MACV at LZ CHARLIE BROWN if more fire is rec'd he will tell PF's and they can fire back. PF's can return fire not Co B.		
53	2014		(C) Rec'd intel rept fr Bde S2: (see S2 files).	DO, S2	EEF
54	2025		(C) Co A 3rd plat amb pos at BS880326.	DO	EEF
55	2055		(C) Co B spotted movement at BS927252. Arty called in.	BDE, DO	EEF
56	2100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	EEF
57	2140		(C) Fired 4.2 at radar tgt (35891318).	BDE, DO	EEF
58	2150		(C) Rec'd word fr Bde that LRRP has been extracted fr NEVADA & MONTANA AO.	DO	EEF
59	2205		(C) Ref item #57: Rec'd secondary explo fr 4.2 fire mission.	DO	EEF
60	2214		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	EEF
61	2220		(C) Reg Mike Beats for a two (2) plat AA of Co B 190700H DEC 68. 66 men.	BDE, CO, S3, DO	EEF
62	2225		(C) Msg fr Co B CO: 1 VC plat holding in short tunnel. Vll chief has people to show loc of tunnels BS929257. VC	CO, S3, S2, DO	EEF
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62	cont		POW camp at BS901234. Holding friendly pers. 1 plat mach gun(s) position(s) at BS908241, BS918205.				
63	2230		(C) Co B repts that they have 66 men for op on 19 DEC 68.	S3,DO	DW		
64	2300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,S3,DO	DW		
65	2320		(C) Co B's activities for 19 DEC: 3rd plat BS918205; 2nd plat BS937227 (noon) 1st plat BS901234 & BS908241.	BDE,S3,DO	DW		
66	2355		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW		
67	LOG Summary:		4-3 Inf was relieved of responsibility for N Duc Pho AO by 1-20 Inf. 4-3 Inf continued security and offensive sweep ops in S Duc Pho AO. Co A conducted sweep to E and N of LZ THUNDER. Co B continued security of LZ CHARLIE BROWN and ops in AO YELLOW. At 1700H Bde rept'd that a barge that had run aground at Sa Huynh had M-16, M-79 and 45 cal wpns on it and that the wpns were somewhere in the vil. A complete investigation was conducted by Cpt Pryor (Co B CO). Investigation and reports fr MACV indicate that the 45 cal pistols had fallen overboard fr the barge and that the VN fr the vil of Sa Huynh dove for them. Whereabouts of the wpns were not known at the end of the reporting	cont			
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67	cont		period. The investigation continues. Four US civ's who were on the barge and who had travelled to Chu Lai will be questioned. Co C conducted CH-47B air lift fr LZ LZ to LZ BRONCO and began overnight stand down. Co D conducted CH-47B air lift fr LZ DRAGON to LZ BRONCO and began an op SW of LZ BRONCO. NDP was at BS808353. Res of the days op were 4 VCS.		
68	2400		(U) JOURNAL CLOSED		

Name and Grade of Officer on Duty RICHARD P. GELLEY, MAJ INF	Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>
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DUSTOFF REQUEST NR _____ DATE 17 Dec 68

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE 928-224

2. REQUESTOR Bright Middle 36

3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER V AMBULATORY _____

4. NATIONALITY: US V VN _____ IMF _____

5. NATURE OF INJURIES Large cut in knee

6. CATEGORY: URGENT _____ PRIORITY V 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 Bright Middle 36

12. US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES V NO _____

13. REMARKS: U.S. CIVILIAN CUT HIS KNEE WHILE
WORKING ON HIS BOAT

14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY Muddy Left 79

15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY Doctor Britel TIME 1325
TIME COMPLETED 1948

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- b. By OAF 1: as in OAF 1.
- c. As in OAF 1 and OAF 2.

2. Coordinating Instructions:

- a. Be especially careful of mine and booby traps.
- b. Tactical OP.

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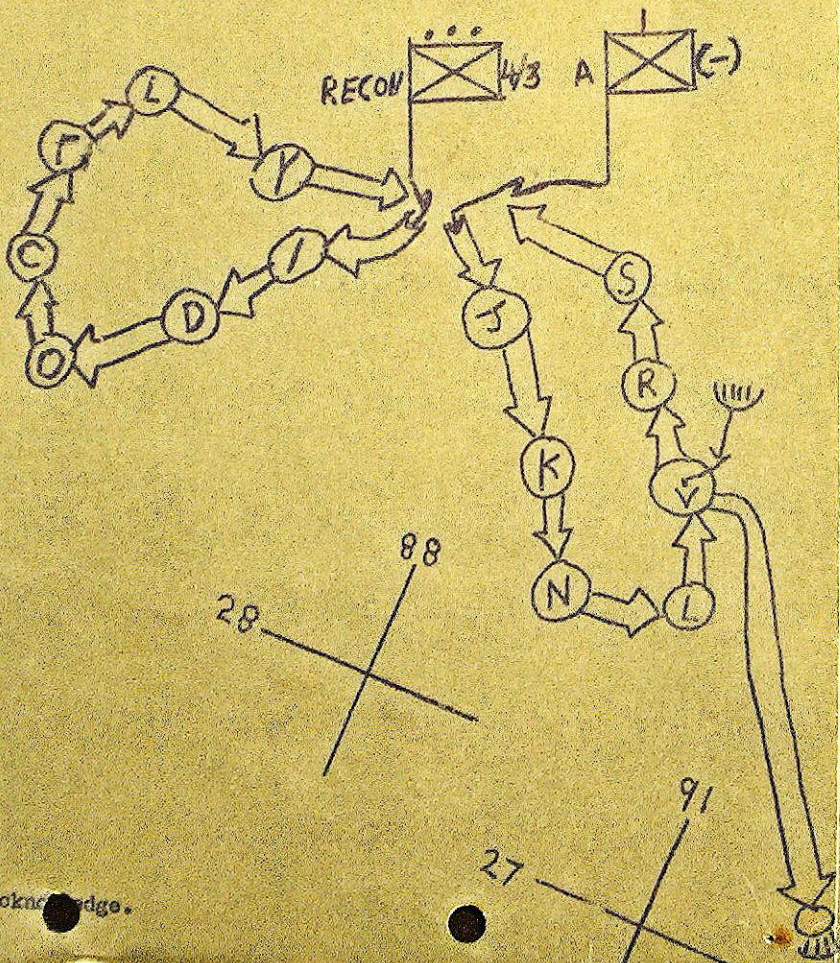
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