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| 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 |
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| 07 | 0600 | | (C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same. | BDE,DO | DW |
| 08 | 0700 | | (C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same. | BDE,DO | DW |
| 09 | 0705 | | (C) Co's C & D dpt'd for today's op. | DO | JPC |
| 10 | 0730 | | (C) Co A dpt'd LZ THUNDER for today's op. | DO | JPC |
| 11 | 0800 | | (C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) base of LZ THUNDER, 3rd plat closed on THUN- DER at 0735H; Co B (-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN, 1st plat BS898257, 2nd plat BS890264, 3rd plat Brg 94; Co C BS798373; Co D BS804345; Ren plat moved out for today's op at 0745H. | BDE,DO | JPC |
| 12 | 0900 | | (C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS885- 306; Co B 1st plat, BS894256, 2nd plat closed LZ CHARLIE BROWN at 0845H; Co C (-) BS784377, 2nd plat BS783371; Co D BS805330; Ren BS861310. | DO | JPC |

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| 13 | 0908 | | (C) Co C coord BS781375 spotted 3 VC evading 2 with wpns and 1 with web gear. Engaged with SA fire; res 1 VC KIA, neg wpn, ID/docu. | BDE,S3,CO,DO | JPC |
| 14 | 0930 | | (C) Co A coord BS891295 found 2 55 gal drums of rice of rice in hooch and 2 25 gal drums of rice under hooch. Will dest all but 1 55 gal drum (est 850 lbs). | BDE,CO,S3,DO | JPC |
| 15 | 1000 | | (C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS891-295; Co B 1st plat BS897243; Co C 2nd plat BS777368; Co D BS809330; Rcn BS855-302. | BDE,DO | JPC |
| 16 | 1005 | | (C) (Late Entry): At 0905H Co C coord BS789383 spotted 1 VC evading, engaged with SA fire. Res 1 VC KIA, approx age 35, neg wpn/docu. | DO | JPC |
| 17 | 1100 | | (C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS891-295; Co B 1st plat BS896233, 3rd plat BS908203; Co C 2nd plat BS765367; Co D BS811330; Rcn BS845299. | DO | JPC |
| 18 | 1150 | | (C) Co D coord BS810320 hit booby trap gren. Res 2 US WHA. Line #150, Pelton | BDE,CO,S3,S1 | JPC |

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| 18 | cont | | Robert, PFC US56839934 (chest wound). | | |
| | | | Line #40, Ferdzik, James R, SP/4 US549-66773 (face wound). Evac'd by C&C at 1200H. | | |
| 19 | 1200 | | (C) Co A coord BS891295 req DUSTOFF for 1 US. Tanner, Merl D, PFC line #153 US56650346. Individ had temp 104°. Comp'd by C&C at 1210H. | BDE,CO,S3,SP | JPC |
| 20 | 1200 | | (C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS891-295; Co B 1st plat BS901235, 3rd plat HARDSTAND; Co C (-) BS774377, 2nd plat BS767375; Co D BS810320; Ren BS843304. | BDE,DO | JPC |
| 21 | 1220 | | (C) Ref item #18: Ref booby trap: found piece metal approx 3/4 X 2" with letters NPK-1 written on it, Hvy cast steel type, Chi Com or MVA type mine. | BDE,DO | JPC |
| 22 | 1240 | | (C) Ren coord BS843304, app 1 VC evading who has ID, approx 30-35 yrs old. | BDE,DO | JPC |
| 23 | 1250 | | (C) Co A coord BS896305 found drawings of Helicopters, APC's, and boats in VC vil Chiefs' hooch. Will bring to LZ THUNDER. | BDE,DO | JPC |
| 24 | 1300 | | (C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS899- | DO cont | JPC |
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| 24 | cont | | 309; Co B 1st plat same, 3rd plat closed LZ CHARLIE BROWN at 1250H; Co C (-) BS- 771384, 1st plat BS770388, 2nd plat BS- 765382, 3rd plat BS765385; Co D & Rcn same. | | |
| 25 | 1305 | | (C) Msg fr Bde: All air strikes going in on 20 DEC 68 must be turned into Bde NLT 181500H DEC 68. | S3,DO | JPC |
| 26 | 1440 | | (C) 4.2 ammo rept called into Bde. | DO | JPC |
| 27 | 1500 | | (C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS894- 306; Co B (-) same, 1st plat (-) BS889- 271; Co C BS763391; Co D BS803326; Rcn BS894306. | DO | JPC |
| 28 | 1530 | | (C) Co B 1st plat coord BS884273 rec'd Hvy AW fire. Arty req'd but not fired. Air strike in area. | BDE,DO | JPC |
| 29 | 1615 | | (C) (Late Entry): At 1425H Co A (-) at BS894306 rec'd AW, SA, AK-47, and Carbine fire. Air Strike called, neg res. | BDE,CO,S3 | JPC |
| 30 | 1620 | | (C) (Late Entry): At 1455H Co A (-) at 894306 app 4 MAM's evading also app 2 MAM's not evading. | BDE,CO,S3 | JPC |

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| 31 | 1620 | | (C) (Late Entry): At 1320H Co A (-) rec'd fire fr BS894306 and are pinned down. Req gunships. HELIX 33 came on station with fighters. Also rec'd fire fr BS891301, BS891303, and BS890305. Neg cas. | BDE, CO, S3 | JPC |
| 32 | 1620 | | (C) (Late Entry): At 1330H Co A (-) BS891305 KIA 2 VC in spider holes; threw grens in holes. Checking for wpns/docu. Found rough drawn map. | BDE, CO, S3 | JPC |
| 33 | 1710 | | (C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) closed LZ THUNDER at 1700H, 1st plat BS901310; Co B (-) closed LZ CHARLIE BROWN at 1710H; Co C BS764405; Co D BS808314; Rcn closed LZ THUNDER at 1705H. | DO | JPC |
| 34 | 1800 | | (C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A same; Co B same; Co C (-) BS772410, 2nd plat BS775- 407; Co D BS809313; Rcn same. | DO, BDE | JPC |
| 35 | 1800 | | (C) Bn strength rept: Co A 105, Co B 115, Co C 118, Co D 114, Co E 59. | Posted | JPC |
| 36 | 1838 | | (C) Co A FO at coord BS911261 obs explo and fire. | MACV, DO, Co B | JPC |
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| 37 | 1844 | | (C) APC (E Trp 1st CAV) hit mine at BS915257. Unk number of cas at this time. | BDE,DO | BET | | |
| 38 | 1855 | | (C) At BS777411 Co D rec'd Av fire approx 10 rds. Co D sending 1 plat to check area. | BDE,DO | BET | | |
| 39 | 1905 | | (C) Ref item #37: 2 US KHA, 2 US WHA. | DO | BET | | |
| 40 | 1910 | | (C) Co B repts that at 500 meters fr coord BS931215 there is a sanpan fol Navy resupply ship. | BDE,DO M-16,M-60,M-79 81mm fired | BET | | |
| 41 | 1915 | | (C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same. | BDE,DO | BET | | |
| 42 | 1930 | | (C) At BS811305 Co D 2nd plat amb in pos; Co B 2nd plat amb BS908265, 3rd plat Brg 94; Co C (-) NDP BS777411, 1st plat BS- 780411, 2nd plat BS779409, 3rd plat BS- 770408; Co D NDP BS808311, 2nd plat amb BS811305. | DO | BET | | |
| 43 | 2000 | | (C) En SITREP neg: loc same. | BDE,DO | BET | | |
| 44 | 2000 | | (C) Ref item #40: At BS931215 sanpan sunk; 2 VC KIA. Rept'd fr Co B. | BDE,DO | BET | | |
| 45 | 2000 | | (C) Rec'd 3 intel repts fr Bde S2: (see S2 files). | S2,DO | BET | | |
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| 46 | 2100 | | (C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same. | BDE,DO | EST |
| 47 | 2100 | | (C) Rec'd PF amb loc for night & day. | Posted | EST |
| 48 | 2140 | | (C) E Trp repts that 2 WHA and 1 KHA (ref item #37) dusted off. 1 KHA still at HARDSTAND. | S3,DO | EST |
| 49 | 2200 | | (C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same. | BDE,DO,S3 | EST |
| 50 | 2202 | | (C) Cleared grid BS805405 for Bde TOC Maj Hyman. | S3,DO | EST |
| 51 | 2205 | | (C) At BS921211 Co B req'd DUSTOFF for 1 US with temp of 103°. DUSTOFF denied until AM. Nor would DUSTOFF pick up 1 KHA still at HARDSTAND. | S3,DO | EST |
| 52 | 2300 | | (C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same. | BDE,DO | DW |
| 53 | 2305 | | (C) Co B amb pos changed: 1st & 2nd sqds 2nd plat BS915244, 3rd & 4th sqds BS915- 246. | BDE,DO | DW |
| 54 | 2355 | | (C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same. | BDE,DO | DW |
| 55 | LOG Summary: | | 4-3 Inf continued security and offensive sweep ops in S Duc Pho AO. Co A conducted sweep SE of LZ THUNDER. At 1320 Co A rec'd Hvy SA & AW fire at BS894306. Gunships supported Co A. Rcn plat moved by foot fr BS843330 to BS883302 to join a plat fr Co B along with Co B CO to sweep into area cont | | |
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| 55 | cont | | contact fr the W. Co B (-) moved by APC fr LZ CHARLIE BROWN. Ren plat and Co B (-) were in pos to support Co A within one hour after contact began. Two TAC Air Strikes supported the op. Res of op were 2 VC KIA, 6 VCS. Co B continued security of LZ CHARLIE BROWN and ops in AO YELLOW. At 1600H 1st plat Co B rec'd SA & AW fire fr coord BS832265. Air strike was placed in area with neg res. Co C conducted sweep W and NW of LZ BRONCO. At 0908H at BS781375 Co C engaged 3 VC res in 1 VC KIA with pack and web gear. 2 VC evaded. One was believed to be wounded. At 1005H Co C engaged a VC evading res in 1 VC KIA. Co D continued sweeping S to a loc W of LZ THUNDER. At 1150H Co D elms tripped a booby trap res in two US WHA. Ren plat conducted sweep W of LZ THUNDER. Ren plat participated in op supporting Co A contact SE of LZ THUNDER. Ren app 1 VCS at BS843304 at 1240H. At 1844H an APC fr 1st plat E Trp 1st CAV while moving N on Hwy 1 fr HARDSTAND to Bcg 107 hit mine at BS915257 res in 2 US KIA and 2 US WHA. At 1910H a Navy resupply ship engaged a sampan at BS931215 res in 4 VC KIA and one sampan sunk. Res of days op were 8 VC KIA, 7 VCS, and 1 sampan dest | | | | |
| 56 | 2100 | | (U) JOURNAL CLOSED | | | | |
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| RICHARD P. GERTY, MAJ INF | | | | <i>Richard P. Gerty</i> | | | |

DUSTOFF REQUEST NR _____ DATE 18 Dec

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE 810-320

2. REQUESTOR Snakey Cargo 36

3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER 2 AMBULATORY _____

4. NATIONALITY: US 2 VN _____ FWF _____

5. NATURE OF INJURIES chest wound - wounded from mine was believed to be M-26 grenade

6. CATEGORY: URGENT _____ PRIORITY X 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 Snakey Cargo 36

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

13. REMARKS: C&C dust off both men

14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY _____

15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY _____ TIME 1155
 TIME COMPLETED 1200

line NO 150
 line NO 40

150 PELTON ROBERT. Pfc. US 56839934
 40. HERDZIK, JAMES, R. SP4 US 54966773

A"CO.

DUSTOFF REQUEST NR _____ DATE 18 Dec.

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE 891-295

2. REQUESTOR Sagstaf zipper 36

3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER 1 AMBULATORY _____

4. NATIONALITY: US _____ VN _____ FWF _____

5. NATURE OF INJURIES: fever of 104

6. CATEGORY: URGENT _____ PRIORITY _____ ROUTINE X

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 Sagstaf zipper A6

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

13. REMARKS: _____

14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY _____

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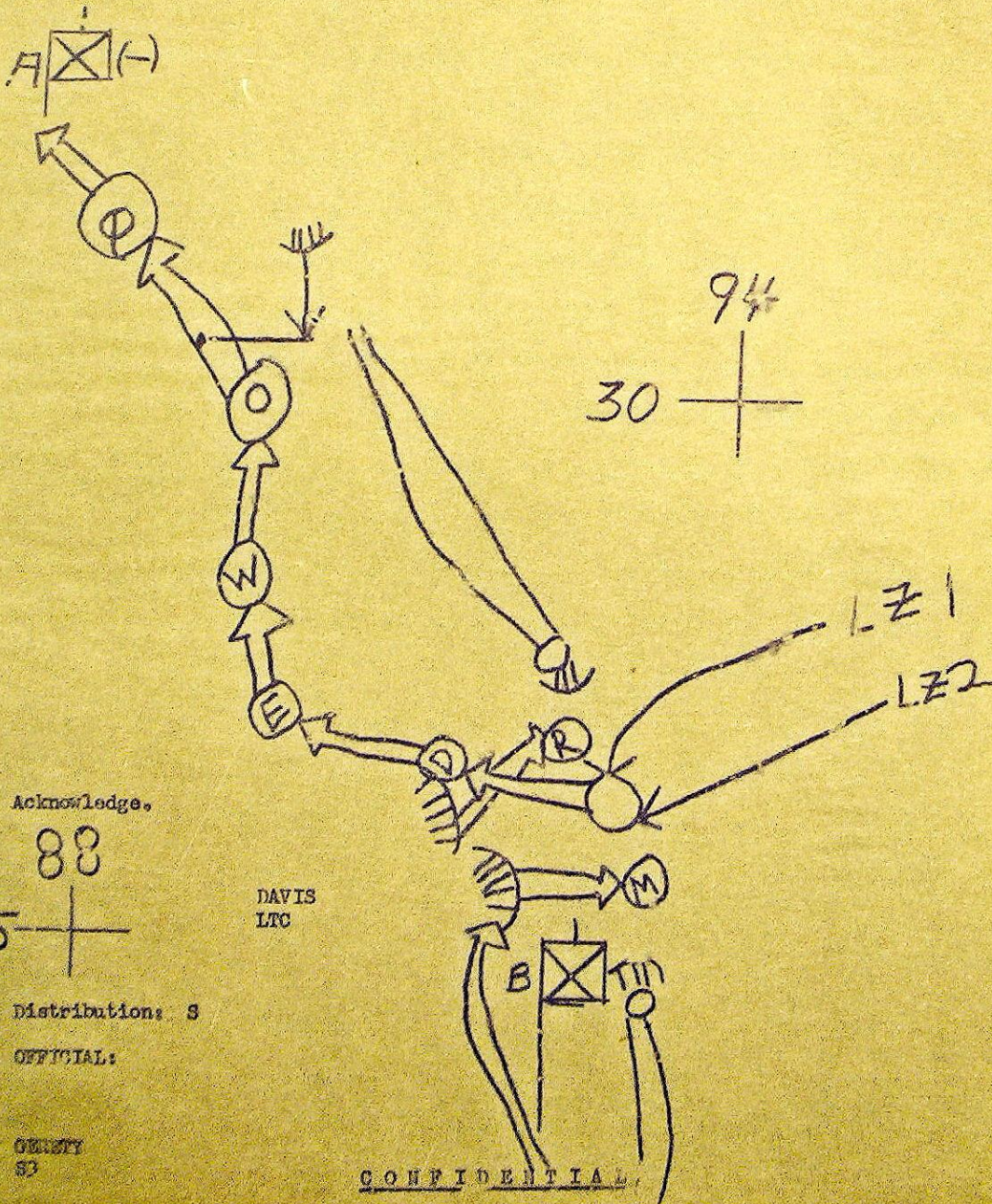
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