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Organization or Installation		Location	Period Covered		
S-2/S-3 4-3 Inf		LZ THUNDER BS874325	From	To	
			Hour Date	Hour Date	
			0001 19 DEC 68	2400	19 DEC 68
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	0200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW
04	0300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW
05	0400		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW
06	0407		(C) Co A 1st plat leaving amb pos to move to blocking pos.	DO	DW
07	0430		(C) Maj Heyman (Bde) called to see if 4-3 Inf still needed Mike boats for 19 Dec 68. Affirmative.	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	0700		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	DO	JPC
11	0710		(C) Co C 1st & 2nd plat closed NDP.	DO	JPC
12	0715		(C) Co D moved fr NDP for todays op.	DO	JPC
13	0729		(C) Co C 3rd plat closed NDP.	DO	JPC
14	0731		(C) Co D 2nd plat closed on Co D (-).	DO	JPC
15	0732		(C) Co C moved fr NDP for todays op.	DO	JPC
16	0740		(C) Ref Staff Journal 181910H DEC 68 - sangan at BS931215. There <sup>are</sup> are 4 VC KIA instead of 2 VC KIA rept'd fr Co B.	DO	JPC
17	0800		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) LZ	BDE,DO cont	JPC
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17	cont		THUNDER, 1st plat BS918284; Co B (-)				
			LZ CHARLIE BROWN, 2nd plat BS915246,				
			Co B 3rd plat Brg 94; Co C (-) BS774398,				
			1st & 3rd plat BS787409; Co D BS805302;				
			Ren plat LZ THUNDER.				
18	0819		(C) HELIX 33 repts res of air strike	BDE,S3,DO	JPC		
			coord BS928266. 4 VC KIA.				
19	0850		(C) HELIX 33 repts fr air strike coord	BDE,S3,DO	JPC		
			(ref item #18) spotted two (2) secondary				
			explo & rec'd SA fire. Had 2 fires on				
			ground.				
20	0900		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) same,	DO	JPC		
			1st plat BS924274; Co B (-) same, 1st				
			plat BS933223, 2nd plat BS907207, 3rd				
			plat same; Co C (-) BS789398, 1st & 3rd				
			plat BS796401; Co D (-) BS800289, 3rd				
			plat BS796293.				
21	0950		(C) E Trp 1st CAV, on Brg 94, rept'd 1	BDE,S3,S2	JPC		
			Chieu Hoi gave himself up. Has info on				
			VC. Being taken to LZ THUNDER.				
22	1000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A 1st plat	BDE,DO	JPC		
			BS921277; Co B 1st plat BS929251, 2nd				
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22	cont		plat same; Co C (-) BS786396, 1st & 2nd & 3rd plat BS796404; Co D (-) BS802286, 3rd plat same.		
23	1100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A 1st plat BS921277; Co B 1st plat same, 2nd plat BS917254, 3rd plat same; Co C (-) BS- 806280, 3rd plat BS794284; Rcn BS885296.	DO	JPC
24	1120		(C) Msg fr Bde: 22 Dec 68 BG Clement (Assist Div Comdr) will arrive at LZ THUNDER 1100H - 1145H. To be briefed.	S3,DO	JPC
25	1140		(C) Co A rec'd credit for 3 VCS at BS- 840338. Picked up by Bde C&C.	DO	EST
26	1200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A 1st plat BS929266; Co B 1st plat same, 2nd plat BS889268, 3rd plat same; Co C all elms BS812401; Co D (-) same, 3rd plat BS- 796248; Rcn BS882284.	BDE,DO	EST
27	1300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A 1st plat BS929263; Co B 1st plat BS933255, 2nd plat BS889268; Co C (-) BS812401, 1st plat BS815399, 2nd plat BS829396; Co D BS810276; Rcn BS810276.	DO	JPC

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3-2/8-3 4-3 Inf		LZ THUNDER BS874325		From		To	
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				0001	19 DEC 68	2100	19 DEC 68
ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS		
	IN	OUT					
28	1400		(C) HELIX putting in air strike at coord BS877240.	S3,DO	JPC		
29	1400		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A 1st plat BS929261; Co B 1st plat BS924255, 2nd plat BS929261; Co C BS804383; Co D BS806281; Rcn BS866262.	BDE,DO	JPC		
30	1415		(C) HELIX coord BS877240 repts 2 good secondary explo with white smoke, could be rockets or flares. Burned approx 3 Min.	BDE,DO	JPC		
31	1430		(C) 4.2 ammo rept called into Bde.	DO	JPC		
32	1445		(C) At BS882264 Co B 2nd plat found a good sniper pos behind rocks. Also 3 containers of rice (about 50 - 75lbs), water, bedmats, and tunnel that holds approx 30 pers.	BDE,DO	JPC		
33	1500		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A 1st plat BS929253; Co B (-), LZ CHARLIE BROWN, 1st plat BS924225, 2nd plat BS881263; Co C LZ BRONCO; Co D BS806280; Rcn BS866262.	DO	EET		
34	1530		(C) Ref item #21: Indiv not Chieu Hoi but ARVN who was captured by VC and escaped.	DO	EET		
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35	1600		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A LZ THUNDER Co B 2nd plat same, 1st plat BS917254; Ren (-) BS857255, 2nd sqd BS866260.	BDE,DO	BET		
36	1600		(C) At BS857258 Ren found what appeared to be a co size base camp deserted. Neg findings.	BDE,DO	BET		
37	1700		(C) Co B 2nd plat BS880262.	DO	BET		
38	1700		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A same; Co B 2nd plat BS880267; Co C LZ BRONCO; Co D BS818275; Ren BS866260.	DO	BET		
39	1710		(C) Co B at LZ CHARLIE BROWN rec'd two rds SA fire fr vil.	DO	BET		
40	1745		(C) Bn strength rept: Co A 105, Co B 120, Co C 121, Co D 114, Co E 59.	Posted	BET		
41	1800		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A same; Co B (-) same, 2nd plat BS880267, 3rd plat same; Co C same; Co D BS820266; Ren BS877273.	BDE,DO	BET		
42	1805		(C) C&C will arrive 200830H DEC 68. Utility fr 201300H DEC 68.	DO	BET		
43	1900		(C) Co B 2nd plat amb site BS880262; Ren BS878277; Co C 3rd plat BS824361.	DO	BET		
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44	1900		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	EET		
45	1900		(C) Posted PF loc.	DO	EET		
46	1944		(C) Rec'd Intel repts. (see S2 files)	S2,DO	EET		
47	2000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	EET		
48	2020		(C) DUSTOFF req by Co B for Cpt Pryor.	S3,DO	EET		
49	2030		(C) Rec'd intel repts. (see S2 files)	DO	EET		
50	2055		(C) Ref item #48: After talking to Bn Surg, it was agreed to DUSTOFF Cpt Pryor.		EET		
51	2100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,S3,DO	EET		
52	2107		(C) Ref item #48: DUSTOFF compl.	BDE,S3,S1,DO	EET		
53	2130		(C) Rec'd intel rept. (see S2 files)	DO	EET		
54	2200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	EET		
55	2300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW		
56	2355		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW		
57	LOG Summary:		4-3 Inf continued security and offensive sweep ops in S Duc Pho AO. Co A continued to secure and improve the defensive pos of LZ THUNDER. 1st plat Co A established a blocking pos at BS924274 to support ops conducted by Co B. 1st plat Co A was OPCON, Co B. Co B continued to secure and improve the defensive pos at LZ CHARLIE BROWN and conduct ops in AO YELLOW. Co B conducted sweep of Long Thanh (3) BS930250 and Dien Truong (a) BS925270 cont				
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DUSTOFF REQUEST NR \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 19 DEC 68.

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE CHARLIE BROWN.

2. REQUESTOR BRIANT WOODLER 368

3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER  AMBULATORY

4. NATIONALITY: US  VN \_\_\_\_\_ FWF \_\_\_\_\_

5. NATURE OF INJURIES 104 AND RISING.

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.) \_\_\_\_\_

11. RADIO FREQUENCY 45.70 CALLWORD BRIANT WOODLER 368

12. US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES  NO \_\_\_\_\_

13. REMARKS: C.O. OF B'co Line No. 5

14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY BRIANT WOODLER 368

15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY MURPHY RIFLER 79 TIME 2030

TIME COMPLETED 2107

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LZ THUNDER (BS874325) RVN  
191600H DEC 68  
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FRAGORD 10-68 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	C/6-11th Arty (DS)
D/4-3 Inf	
E/4-3 Inf	

2. 4-3 Inf continues offensive search operations in S Duc Pho AO to find and destroy VC main/local force units and village VC infrastructure.

3. Co A:

- a. 200700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operation to coord BS861370 NDP with two (2) plat amb. 210630H DEC 68 conduct plat size operation out of NDP. NDP vic BS835395, with two (2) plat amb vic NDP.
- b. 220700H DEC 68 conduct plat size operations, two (2) night amb. 230700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations to BS780408, NDP. Conduct two (2) defensive ambushes. 240700H DEC 68 conduct plat size operations. Close LZ BRONCO MLT 241200H DEC 68.

4. Co B:

- a. Secures and improves defensive positions LZ CHARLIE BROWN.
- b. 200700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations in AO YELLOW and AO RED. Return to LZ CHARLIE BROWN 241200H DEC 68.

5. Co C:

- a. 200700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operation to BS790328, NDP. Conduct two (2) plat amb.
- b. 210700H DEC 68 conduct plat operations and two (2) night plat amb.
- c. 220700H DEC 68 conduct plat operations and two (2) night plat amb.
- d. 230700H DEC 68 conduct plat operations and two (2) night plat amb.
- e. 240700H DEC 68 conduct plat operations close LZ BRONCO MLT 241200H DEC 68.

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6. Co D:

- a. 210700H DEC 68 conduct plat offensive search operations from LZ THUNDER, and two (2) night plat ambushes. Close LZ THUNDER 221200H DEC 68.
- b. 220800H DEC 68 conduct one (1) plat offensive search operation, and one (1) plat night amb.
- c. 230800H DEC 68 conduct plat offensive search operations, and two (2) night ambushes.
- d. Close LZ THUNDER NLT 241200H DEC 68.

7. Co E:

- a. Recon plat: Conduct offensive search operation from LZ THUNDER on order.
- b. Hvy Mort plat: GS LZ THUNDER.
- c. GS Sec: GS LZ THUNDER.

8. Coordinating Instructions:

- a. Units will establish company base and plats will operate vic company base.
- b. Plats will be within 30 minutes to 60 minutes march time from each other.
- c. Unit commanders will insure separate units are mutually supporting.

Acknowledge.

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Annex A: Operations Overlay

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