

DAILY STAFF JOURNAL OR DUTY OFFICER'S LOG				Page nr:	Mr of Pages:		
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S-2/S-3 4-3 Inf		LZ THUNDER BS874325		Hour 0001	Date 21 Dec 68	Hour 2100	Date 21 Dec 68
ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	REF- TIALS		
	IN	OUT					
01	0001		(U) JOURNAL OPENED				
02	0100		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Same.	BDE DO	DAW		
03	0200		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Same.	BDE DO	DAW		
04	0300		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Same.	BDE DO	DAW		
05	0400		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Same.	BDE DO	DAW		
06	0500		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Same.	BDE DO	DAW		
07	0600		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Same.	BDE DO	DAW		
08	0700		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Same.	BDE DO	DAW		
09	0707		(C) Co C night amb moving out for to- days op.	DO	EET		
10	0719		(C) Rec'd msg fr Bde: No IPW tm avail- able	CO, DO	EET		
11	0734		(C) C&C brought 7 PRU's to LZ THUNDER	DO	EET		
12	0745		(C) Co B req EOD tm to blow barge at LZ CHARLIE BROWN.	DO	EET		
13	0800		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Co A Same; Co B (-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN, 3rd Plat Brg 94; Co C (-) BS775348, 1st Plat BS- 792323, 2nd Plat BS781335; Co D Same.	DO	EET		
14	0810		(C) (Late Entry): At 202300H DEC 68 at coord BS854371 Co A spotted movement and lights. Fired one M-79 rd. Res	BDE, DO Downgraded at Declassified after	EET 3 yr after		
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14	(Cont'd)		(1) VC KIA, (1) VC WIA. Dustoff req; indiv had frag wound in arm.		
15	0842		(C) Rec'd word that only 4 liftships available for CA.	S-3A, DO	BET
16	0843		(C) CA of Co D started.	CO, S3, DO	BET
17	0855		(C) Cold LZ for Co D CA.	CO, S3, DO	BET
18	0913		(G) (1) PZ for Co D 0838H, LZ 0844H; (2) PZ 0849H, LZ 0855H; (3) PZ 0900H, LZ 0910H .	S3A, DO	BET
19	0920		(C) At BS901293 gunships rec'd (1) VC KIA while evading.	CO, S3, DO	BET
20	0920		(C) Dustoff req'd by Co C at BS771344. Hit booby trap, (2) US WHA. (For names see dustoff req attached.	CO, S3, DO	BET
21	0925		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc: Co A (-) BS- 844373, 1st Plat BS857472, 2nd Plat BS- 848383; Co B LZ CHARLIE BROWN; Co C (-) BS771344, 1st Plat BS788330, 2nd Plat BS888383; Co D at LZ's BS912285, and BS 906288.	BDE, DO	BET
22	0935		(C) At BS907285 Co D picked up (2) VCS F, 29-35 yrs old. 1 has baby, neg ID's	BDE, DO	BET
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22	(Cont'd)		Interpreter questioning.				
23	0940		(C) Ref item #20: Dustoff compl at 0937H. Booby trap was an 81mm rd.	BDE, DO	EET		
24	0940		(C) At BS907285 Co D detained 1 MAM approx 55 yrs old. Political prisoner and has ID. Req evac.	BDE, DO	EET		
25	0950		(C) At BS921280 Swift Boat spotted 12 VN carrying baskets over the beach. C&C sent out to investigate.	CO, S3, DO	EET		
26	1000		(C) At BS908284 Co D detained 1 M 40 yrs old. On blacklist of PW's VC Committee Group. Indiv says his committee is on lake in boats moving fr E to W. Gave names of members; sending C&C to investigate.	BDE, DO	EET		
27	1008		(C) At BS923273, C&C MIA 1 VC evading.	BDE, DO	EET		
28	1015		(C) Co D repts that one of the VCS dropped off at IZ THUNDER is a VC Hamlet Chief.	DO	EET		
29	1015		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Co A BS844373; Co B (-) IZ CHARLIE BROWN, 2nd Plat at HARDSTAND; Co C (-) BS791343, 1st Plat	BDE, DO	EET		
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	IN	OUT				
29	(Cont'd)		BS779325, 2nd Plat BS768328, 3rd Plat BS774339; Co D center of mass BS908284.			
30	1100		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Co A same; Co B same; Co C (-) BS787342, 1st & 3rd Plat's same, 2nd Plat BS767325; Co D center of mass BS906286.	BDE, DO	EET	
31	1110		(C) At BS915269 Co D detained 12 VCS coming off lake from boats. I was dressed in web gear and canteen. Some had ID cards. Evac'd by C&C to LZ THUNDER. 10 MAN and 2 F.	BDE, DO	EET	
32	1130		(C) BG Cooksey arrived 1110H at LZ THUNDER. Dpt'd at 1130H. Was met and briefed by LTC Davis (Bn Co).	BDE, CO, S3, DO	EET	
33	1200		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Co A center of mass BS838372; Co B same; Co C (-) BS- 786289, 1st & 2nd Plat's BS777331, 3rd Plat BS775335; Co D center of mass BS- 905289.	BDE, DO	EET	
34	1300		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Co A moving; Co B 2nd Plat BS909211; Co C (-) BS785- 335, 1st & 2nd Plat's BS781337, 3rd Plat	DO	EET	
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	IN	OUT					
34	(Cont'd)		BS780339; Co D BS906293.				
35	1307		(C) Engr's at base of LZ THUNDER WB at the Bn TOC 221300H DEC 68 to go to LZ CHARLIE BROWN to blow barge.	S3A, DO	EET		
36	1320		(C) Utility will be late today. 1330- 1345H.	CO,S3,S3A,DO	EET		
37	1355		(C) Informed Bde TOC: Co A's pos close to the E of LZ BRONCO.	CO,BDE,S3,DO	EET		
38	1400		(C) Ren C&A: (1) PZ 1332H, LZ 1337H, BS875265; (2) PZ 1341H, LZ 1346H, BS 875265; (3) PZ 1348H, LZ 1353H, BS875- 265. PZ's fr LZ THUNDER.	BDE,S3A	EET		
39	1405		(C) Ref item #31: VCS's evac'd to LZ BRONCO.	S3A,S2,DO	EET		
40	1420		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Co A BS835390; Co B 2nd Plat Brg 94, 3rd Plat BS913- 261; Co C BS786335; Co D (-) BS898296, 3rd Plat BS899303; Ren BS875268.	BDE, DO	EET		
41	1435		(C) HELIX 39 on station bringing AS on coord BS905225 and BS913207.	DO	JPC		
42	1445		(C) 4.2 ammo rept called into Bde.	DO	JPC		
43	1500		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Co A same,	DO	JPC		
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43	(Cont'd)		Co B (-) same, 2nd Plat closed LZ CHARLIE BROWN 1445H; Co C same; Co D (-) BS883312, 3rd Plat BS895315; Ren BS878265.		
44	1500		(C) Ren at coord BS875268 found POW camp made of natural rock and well camouflaged. Believe VC left area 4 to 7 days ago. Found (1) pair jungle boots (VC type), assorted web equip and clean- ing equip for rifles.	BDE, S3DO	JPC
45	1600		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Co A same; Co B (-) same, 3rd Plat BS905259; Co C moving; Co D closed LZ THUNDER 1545H; Ren BS876267.	BDE, DO	JPC
46	1645		(C) Bde Comdr (COL Donaldson) arrived at LZ THUNDER at 1645H. Briefed by LTC Davis. Dpt'd 1705H.	CO, S3	JPC
47	1700		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Co A same; Co B same; Co C BS791323; Co D same; Ren BS862274.	DO	JPC
48	1745		(C) C&C released.	BDE, CO, S3	JPC
49	1800		(C) Bn strength rept: Co A, 100;	DO	JPC
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	IN	OUT			
49	(Cont'd)		Co B, 115; Co C, 115; Co D, 122; Co E, 58.		
50	1800		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Co A same; Co B (-) same, 3rd Plat BS893260; Co C BS785324; Co D (-) LZ THUNDER, 3rd Plat BS895315; Rcn same.	BDE, DO	JPC
51	1850		(C) Rec'd PF day and night loc.	POSTED	JPC
52	1850		(C) Rcn coord BS885274 spotted (2) VC hiding in bushes. They evaded. Rcn engaged, res (1) VC KIA with pistol belt and canteen. Other VC evaded S toward BS885271.	BDE, CO, S3	JPC
53	1900		(C) (Late Entry): 1830H Co B coord BS937228 rec'd 10-12 rds 30 cal sniper fire. Swift Boats were called to fire on sniper pos. LTC Davis (Bn Co) rec'd permission to engage sniper with Co B 81MM mort; on target only.	BDE, CO, S3	JPC
54	1900		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Units moving to NDP and amb pos.	BDE, DO	JPC
55	2000		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Same.	BDE, DO	JPC
56	2010		(C) (Late Entry): 1905H Co D 3rd Plat	BDE, CO, S3	JPC
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56	(Cont'd)		coord BS888311 obs 10-20 VC coord BS 889308 moving toward them. 8 rds 105 H.E. fired into BS889308. VC evaded SE. Could not determine if VC had wpns.		
57	2015		(C) (Late Entry): 1920H coord BS892- 273 Rcn's point man spotted (3) VC. All had wpns and evaded. Rcn engaged with M-79 fire. Now working in that area till dark to see if they hit any of evading VC.	BDE, CO, S3	JPC
58	2020		(C) Rec'd intel rept. (See S-2 files)	DO	JPC
59	2100		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Co A (-) NDP BS835390, 3rd Plat amb BS832395; Co B (-) same, 3rd Plat amb BS893260; Co C (-) NDP BS785324, 1st Plat amb BS794317. 2nd Plat amb BS797329; Co D (-) same, 3rd Plat amb BS888311; Rcn amb BS887279.	BDE, DO	JPC
60	2120		(C) Co A NDP coord BS835390 rept's rec fire from LZ BRONCO bunker line.	BDE, S3	JPC
61	2125		(C) Msg fr Bde: Use alternate pass word for 21 DEC 1968.	S3, DO, CO D, CO E	JPC
62	2200		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc; Same.	BDE, DO	JPC
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63	2205		(C) Req'd AERO SCOUTS for tomorrows op.	BDE	JPC		
64	2205		(C) DO (CPT Jones) contacted Bde TOC DO (MAJ Hyman) about LZ BROMCO bunker lines firing near Co A elms. Bde check fired the bunker lines.	DO	JPC		
65	2206		(C) Msg sent to Co C: 100 VC coord BS769359, BS773351, BS781345, armed with (2) 60MM mort and individual wpns.	DO	JPC		
66	2207		(C) Msg sent to Co B: 200 VC coord BS895210, BS900205, armed with several wpns, also 60 VC coord BS790444, BS- 792435.	DO	JPC		
67	2208		(C) Msg fr MAJ Hyman (Bde DO): AERO SCOUTS being utilized 22DEC68 for op VERNON LAKE. May send to 4/3 after compl of mission in VERNON LAKES. Ad- vised that req for AERO SCOUTS must be made by 1200H on the day prior to op.	DO	JPC		
68	2230		(C) Msg fr MAJ Hyman (Bde DO): See intel rept.	DO	DAW		
69	2300		(C) En Sitrep Neg: Loc; Same.	BDE, DO	DAW		
70	2355		(C) En Sitrep Neg: Loc; Same.	BDE, DO	DAW		
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71			(C) Log Summary: 4-3 Inf continues to secure and conduct search operations in S Duc Pho AO. Co A conducted op of LZ BRONCO. At 0810H Co A found res of VC engaged at 202300H DEC 68 with M-79 fire. Res were 1 VC KIA and an 8 yr old child WIA. Child was dusted off to 6th Support. Co A NDP loc BS835390. Co B continued to secure LZ CHARLIE BROWN and conduct ops in AO YELLOW. At 1930H at LZ CHARLIE BROWN. Co B detained (7) MAM on Sam Pan coming into Sa Huynh late. At 1830H Co B received SA fire from BS937228. Swift Boats and Co B 81MM mort engaged. Co C conducted plat sized search and amb ops W of LZ THUNDER with NDP at BS786-32h. At 0920H Co C tripped booby trap at BS77134h res (2) US WHA. Co D conducted CA at 0845H into LZ #1 BS906285, LZ # 2 BS912285 with MACV PRU's to locate, destroy, or capture a Sapper Sqd reported to be at BS905286. At 0920H gunships KIA 1 VC at BS901293. Between 0935H and 1110H Co D detained 16 VCS in op area. 5 were confirmed VC. At 1008H at BS923273 CAC KIA 1 VC evading. Co D (-) closed into LZ THUNDER at the completion of the op. Res of op were 2 VC KIA, 5 VC CIA, 10 VCS detained. Co D 3rd Plat conducted amb at BS888311. Recon with 16 PRU's and 1st I/T Salambi (MACV Advisor) conducted CA at 1330H into LZ at BS875265 with		
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71	(Cont'd)		C&C and utility as lift ships. Purpose of CA was to place Recon close to a VC POW compound reported to be at BS875268. Recon and PRU's moved to BS875268 and found misc items that indicated that area had been occupied 4-7 days ago. When the search was compl Recon moved to tentative amb loc at BS887279. While enroute to amb loc Recon engaged 2 VC at coord BS885274. Res 1 VC KIA with pistol belt and canteen. At 1920H Recon at BS892273 sighted 3 VC with wps and engaged with M-79. Recon checked area with neg results. Res of days op 3VC KIA, 5 VC CIA, 10 VC. Friendly. 2 US WHA.		
72	2400		(U) JOURNAL CLOSED.		

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RICHARD P. GERTY, MAJ INF

Signature
Richard P. Gerty

C Co.

DUSTOFF REQUEST NR _____ DATE 21 Dec.

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE 771 344

2. REQUESTOR Restful mercy 36

3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER X 2 AMBULATORY _____

4. NATIONALITY: US X 2 VN _____ BWF _____

5. NATURE OF INJURIES wounded by mine 81mm
MOTAR

6. CATEGORY: URGENT X 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.) Smoke

11. RADIO FREQUENCY 4570 CALLWORD Restful mercy 36

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

13. REMARKS: E.T.A 05 - Dustoff 48

14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY _____

15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY _____ TIME 0927
TIME COMPLETED 0937

ROLLET, JOHN J. SP4 US 54607673 line NO. 56
WILTON, MCKENLEY SP4 RA 15 980131 line NO. 74
81mm

DUSTOFF REQUEST NR _____ DATE 21 Dec.
1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE 854-371
2. REQUESTOR Logstaf Napper 36
3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER _____ AMBULATORY X
4. NATIONALITY: US _____ VN X FWF _____
5. NATURE OF INJURIES big wound in side
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 Logstaf Napper 36
12. US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES X NO _____
13. REMARKS: _____
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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:

- 241800H DEC 68 one (1) plat conduct night amb vic BS815392. Close LZ BRONCO 251000H DEC 68.
- 251500H DEC 68 one (1) plat conduct night amb vic BS782385. Close LZ BRONCO 260800H DEC 68.

4. Co B:

- 241800H DEC 68 one (1) reinforced sqd conduct night amb vic BS936228. Close LZ CHARLIE BROWN 250700H DEC 68.
- 250600H DEC 68 one (1) reinforced sqd conduct offensive search operation to BS935235. Closing LZ CHARLIE BROWN 251200H DEC 68.
- 251500H DEC 68 one (1) plat conduct offensive search operation in AO YELLOW.

5. Co C:

- 241800H DEC 68 one (1) plat conduct night amb vic BS828365. Close LZ BRONCO 251000H DEC 68.
- 251500H DEC 68 one (1) plat conduct night amb vic BS801365. Close LZ BRONCO 260800H DEC 68.

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6. Co D:

- a. 241800H DEC 68 one (1) reinforced sqd conduct night amb vic B882328. Close LZ THUNDER 250800H DEC 68.
- b. 251800H DEC 68 one (1) reinforced sqd conduct night amb vic B8891305. Close LZ THUNDER 260800H DEC 68.

7. Co E:

- a. Recon plat: 251800H DEC 68 conduct night amb vic B8816295. Close LZ THUNDER 260800H DEC 68.
- b. Hvy Mort plat: GS LZ THUNDER.
- c. GS Sec: GS LZ THUNDER.

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