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Location

Period Covered

8-2/3-3 4-3 Inf

LZ THUNDER  
BS874325

From  
Hour Date  
0001 27 DEC 68

To  
Hour Date  
2400 27 DEC 68

ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	REF- TILLS
	IN	OUT			
01	0001		(U) JOURNAL OPENED		
02	0005		(C) Radar spotted some pers digging at BS882307. Contacted Engr's and are firing 4.2 illum at this time.	BDE,DO	DW
03	0015		(C) Bde notified 4-3 Inf TOC that PF's at Sa Huynh are under attack by unk size enemy force. Req'd 4.2 mort to fire illum.	4.2,DO	DW
04	0100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW
05	0200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW
06	0300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW
07	0300		(C) Msg fr Maj Hyman (Bde DO): Quang Ngai and Son Tinh are receiving morts as of 0250H.	DO	DW
08	0400		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW
09	0500		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW
10	0550		(C) Co A amb rept'd hearing a mort being fired. Checked with elm in range of mort fire and they stated neg incoming. Co A will continue to rept if further firing is heard.	DO	DW
11	0600		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW

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	IN	OUT					
12	0700		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO,S3	CL		
13	0735		(C) Co A moved out for todays op.	DO	CL		
14	0745		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A moving; Co B same; Co B 2nd plat Brg 94, 3rd plat in blocking pos at BS932246; Co C at LZ's BS932255 and BS928253, Co D (-) base of LZ THUNDER, 2nd plat BS854286, 3rd plat same loc.	BDE,DO	CL		
15	0754		(C) Co C CA: 1st PZ 0705H - LZ 0715H at BS932255 (1st & 2nd Plats); 2nd PZ 0724H LZ 0734H at BS932255; 3rd PZ 0740H - LZ 0754H at BS928253 (3rd plat & CP).	S3,DO,BDE	CL		
16	0808		(C) E Trp 1st CAV at HARDSTAND req DUST-OFF for 1 VN with gunshot wound. Compl at 0857H.	DO	CL		
17	0820		(C) Co C 1st plat detained 35 VN and took them to a collection at BS930253.	S3,DO	CL		
18	0825		(C) DUSTOFF req by Navy pers at HARDSTAND for 1 US with dysentery. Compl at 0857H.	BDE,DO	CL		
19	0845		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS791-343, 1st plat BS792327, 2nd plat BS783-349, 3d plat BS802341, wpns plat at BS-	DO	CL		
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	IN	OUT					
19	cont		789343; Co B 1st plat apt'd NDP BS897-237, 2nd plat closed on LZ CHARLIE BROWN at this time, 3d plat in blocking pos at BS932246; Co C BS930253; Co D (-) BS844312, 2nd plat BS857300, 3d plat BS860290; Ren BS881264.				
20	0905		(C) Co C at BS930253 detained 112 MAM's & MAF's; also found 500 lbs of rice which was hidden. Rice dest.	S3,CO,DO	CL		
21	0910		(C) (Late Entry): At 0800H at BS930253 PRU's with Co C found wounded VC hiding in a hole. Questioning indiv at this time.	CO,S3	CL		
22	0930		(C) Co C at BS929259 detained 1 VC who evading. VC had neg wpn/ID.	BDE,CO,S3	CL		
23	1000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) same, 1st plat BS792333, 2nd plat BS782348, 3d plat BS797324; Co B 1st plat BS892-247, all other elms same; Co C all elms at BS929259; Co D (-) BS838303, 3d plat BS865296, 2nd plat same; Ren same. Co C now has 7 confirmed VC from ref item 20.	BDE,DO	CL		
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ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INTL- TIALS
	IN	OUT			
24	1100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS789-334, 2nd plat BS783342, 3d plat same; Co B 1st plat BS894234, 3d plat BS929259 (collection point); Co C also at collection point; Co D (-) BS833296, 2nd plat BS868286, 3d plat BS866300; Ren BS887-262.	DO	CL
25	1115		(C) (Late Entry): At 1030H Co C rept'd that intel info confirms that there are wpons hidden in the area. MACV IPW tm is questioning the confirmed VC for the loc of the wpons. Also Co C found med supplies and destroyed 3 dud rds which had been carried into the village (BS929259); one 105mm, one 155mm, and one 4.2 rd. Co C CO believes this(duds) may be the source of the many mines on Highway #1 recently.	BDE, DO	CL
26	1140		(C) Co C 2nd plat found one M-1 Carbine SN1544238. Wpn was in the village at BS929259 hidden under a rock.	CO, S3, DO	CL
27	1150		(C) Co C found approx 2000 lbs of rice in various loc. Will dest.	BDE, DO	CL

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ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS		
	IN	OUT					
28	1200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) same, 1st & 2nd plat BS78633h, 3d plat BS787-32h; Co B 1st plat BS897225, 3d plat released fr Co C at this time; Co C same, Co D same, 3d plat base of LZ THUNDER, 2nd plat BS871258; Ron same.	BDE,DO,CO,S3	CL		
29	1220		(C) Ref item #23: One of the 7 confirmed VC is a local village guerrilla chief.	CO,DO	CL		
30	1225		(C) Co C at BS929259 (2nd plat) found one SKS-44 in cave. Part of the SN is D2762, remaining numbers were unreadable due to rust and corrosion.	BDE,DO	CL		
31	1245		(C) At BS832279 Co D found a map drawn on the ground on the trail.	BDE,S3,CO	CL		
32	1245		(C) A jeep fr Co D turned over on the access road to LZ THUNDER. Two US were injured, line #117 PFC Sotana; line #140 PFC Zayas. MISTOFF req'd but later cancelled.	CO,S3,S1	CL		
33	1315		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS786-33h, 1st & 3d plat BS782327; Co B 1st plat BS903253, 3d plat closed LZ CHARLIE	DO	CL		
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	IN	OUT					
33	cont		BROWN at 1250H; Co C same; Co D BS832-279; Ren BS877262.				
34	1400		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A same; Co B 1st plat BS898257, all other elms at LZ CHARLIE BROWN; Co C same; Co D (-) BS841273, 2nd plat BS835254; Ren same.	BDE, DO		CL	
35	1425		(C) CH-47B ship (seadog 815) picked up IPW tm, PRU's and 20 VCS. Taken to LZ BRONCO. Pick up time 1425H.	DO		CL	
36	1435		(C) Bde S2 detained 1 VCS at BS913213.	BDE, DO		JPC	
37	1500		(C) 4.2 ammo rept called into Bde.	DO		JPC	
38	1500		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A same; Co B 1st plat BS913256; Co C same; Co D (-) BS842281; Ren same.	DO		JPC	
39	1600		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A same; Co B 1st plat BS897264; Co's C&D same; Ren BS875258.	BDE, DO		JPC	
40	1645		(C) Co B at BS897264 found tunnel 150 - 175 ft long. Will dest.	BDE, DO		JPC	
41	1700		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) same, 1st plat BS788324, 2nd plat (-) BS779337, 2nd sqd BS778333, 3d plat BS780340; Co B	DO		JPC	
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41	cont		1st plat BS897264; Co C (-) BS924264, 2nd plat BS919256, 3d plat BS903500; Co D (-) BS842281; Rcn BS873257.				
42	1755		(C) (Late Entry): At 1230H AS hit at BS823290 (intel grid loc of C-120 Sapper Co).	DO		PJS	
43	1800		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS773- 347, 1st plat BS786335, 2nd plat BS781- 337; Co B (-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN, 1st plat same, 3d plat Brg 94; Co D (-) BS854295; Co C (-) BS924264, 2nd plat BS919256, 3rd plat BS934256; Rcn BS873257.	BDE, DO		JPC	
44	1830		(C) Co C at BS933257 spotted 2 VC evad- ing and engaged them. Res 2 VC KIA, neg wpns/docu.	DO		JPC	
45	1845		(C) Rec'd intel rept fr Bde S2: (see S2 files).	DO, S2		JPC	
46	1846		(C) Rec'd PF day & night loc.	Posted		JPC	
47	1847		(C) Bn strength rept: Co A 108, Co B 113, Co C 121, Co D 110, Co E 60.	Posted		JPC	
48	1900		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; all units mov- ing to NDP's & amb loc.	DO		JPC	
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49	2000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) NDP at BS787358, 1st plat amb at BS773347, 2nd plat amb at BS778335; Co B (-) same, 1st plat (-) amb BS899266, 1st sqd BS- 901266, 3d plat same; Co C (-) NDP BS- 924264, 2nd plat (-) amb BS921267, 2nd sqd BS922260, 3rd plat (-) amb BS934258, 1st sqd BS927260; Co D (-) LZ THUNDER, 2nd plat (-) BS842298, 1st sqd BS844292, 2nd sqd BS848297; Rcn BS873257 (NDP).	BDE,DO	JPC		
50	2045		(C) Co C 3d plat 1st sqd at BS934258 sprung an amb on 3 VC. Res 3 VC KIA neg wpns. Amb will move to new loc.	BDE,DO,S3	JPC		
51	2055		(C) E Trp 1st CAV at BS842328 rec'd 60 rds AW fire. PF's rec'd fire 400 M fr NW Brg 107. E Trp is moving to Brg 108 at this time.	BDE,DO	JPC		
52	2100		(C) Bn SITREP neg; loc same except Co C 3d plat (-) moving to new amb pos.	BDE,DO	JPC		
53	2110		(C) Rec'd intel rept fr Bde S2: (see S2 files).	DO	JPC		
54	2115		(C) (Late Entry): At 2055H at BS840330	BDE,DO cont	JPC		
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54	cont		E Trp 1st CAV rept'd that a PF KIA 1 VC with 5 Chi Com grens and pistol belt neg wpn.		
55	2125		(C) Co C 3d plat (-) in new amb loc at BS934253.	DO	JPC
56	2200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	JPC
57	2300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DN
58	2355		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DN
59	LOG Summary:		4-3 Inf continues present mission. Co C conducted a CA fr LZ BRONCO to BS962255 and BS928253. By 1000H Co C in vic BS930255 had app a total of 7 confirmed VC. At 1140H Co C found one M-1 Carbine at BS929259. At 1225H 2nd plat of Co C found 1 SKS-44 rifle in a cave at BS929259. At 1830H 1st sqd of 3d plat Co C killed 2 VC evading at BS933257. At 2045H 1st sqd of 3d plat Co C ambushed 3 VC res'in 3 VC KIA. Res of Co C ops were 5 VC KIA, 7 VC CIA, and 20 VCS. There were no other significant events. Res of the days op were 5 VC KIA, 7 VC CIA, and 21 VCS app.		
60	2100		(U) JOURNAL CLOSED		
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PATRICK J. SIMPSON, CPT INF			<i>Patrick J. Simpson</i>		

DUSTOFF REQUEST NR 2 DATE 27 DEC 1968

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE Hardstand  
2. REQUESTOR Hidden Lake  
3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER 1 AMBULATORY \_\_\_\_\_  
4. NATIONALITY: US  VN \_\_\_\_\_ FWF \_\_\_\_\_  
5. NATURE OF INJURIES Disyntary (believed)

6. CATEGORY: URGENT  PRIORITY \_\_\_\_\_ 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 Hidden Lake  
12. US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES  NO \_\_\_\_\_  
13. REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY \_\_\_\_\_  
15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ TIME 0825  
TIME COMPLETED 0857

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Reference: Maps, South Vietnam; 1:50,000; Series L7011; 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. 270730H DEC 68 all companies this Bn are assigned an AO within the Bn AO. Unit commanders will submit to the S-3 section, this Bn, a plan of operations for a three (3) day operation beginning 290630H DEC 68 to 010700H JAN 69. Unit plans of AO will be submitted to Bn S-3 NLT 281200H DEC 68.

3. Co A: Submit plan for AO.

4. Co B:

- a. Secures and improves defensive positions LZ CHARLIE BROWN.
- b. 290700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations in AO YELLOW and AO RED.
- c. 300700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations in AO YELLOW and AO RED.
- d. 310700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations in AO YELLOW and AO RED.

5. Co C:

- a. 290700H DEC 68 secures and improves defensive positions LZ THUNDER.
- b. Submit plan for AO.

6. Co D: Submit plan for AO.

7. Co E:

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- a. Recon plat: Conduct offensive search operations 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

Annex B: Intelligence Overlay

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