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	IN	OUT					
01	0001		(U) JOURNAL OPENED				
02	0100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DLM		
03	0200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DLM		
04	0300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DLM		
05	0400		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DLM		
06	0500		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DLM		
07	0600		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DLM		
08	0600		(C) Swift boats report a lot of move- ment around grid 9315. Spotted 3 sam- pans which were suspicious looking. Moving in to make a closer check.	DO	DLM		
09	0645		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A 1st & 2nd plat closed on NDP; Co B same; Co C 2nd plat closed on NDP, 3rd plat 2nd sqd en- route to NDP; Co D same; Rcn same.	DO	CL		
10	0800		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A 1st plat closed on NDP, all other elms same; Co B same; Co C BS925260; Co D 2nd plat BS- 843307, other elms same; Rcn same.	BDE,DO	CL		
11	0815		(C) At coord BS925260 Co C elm found 2 home made grens in a hooch. Also found a 1 1/2 lb explosive charge. Explosive & hooch destroyed.	BDE,DO	CL		
				Downgraded at 3yr 1 Declassified after			
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12	0900		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A 3d plat BS770342, 1st & 2nd plat moving out for today's op at 0850H; Co B (-) same, 2nd plat moving out fr LZ CHARLIE BROWN at 0855H; Co C same; Co D 2nd plat BS848- 301; Rcn BS875225.	DO	CL
13	1000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS773- 347, 1st plat BS768340, 2nd plat BS765- 345, 3d plat BS766338; Co A wpns plat moving out for today's op; Co B (-) same, 1st plat BS905255, 2nd plat BS920190, 3d plat BS920200; Co C BS913284; Co D LZ THUNDER; Rcn BS884261.	BDE, DO	CL
14	1100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) NDP, 1st plat BS762344, 2nd plat BS766348, 3d plat BS762342, wpns plat BS772347; Co B 1st plat BS904248; 2nd plat BS920199, 3d plat same; Co C same; Co D same; Rcn same.	DO	CL
15	1115		(C) Co C obs 3 VC evading at BS764358. VC were not carrying any wpns. Engaged w/Arty fire w/neg res.	DO, ARTY	CL

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16	1130		(C) Co B found all parts for a booby trap and destroyed them in place at BS-920199.	DO	CL
17	1200		(C) At BS920199 Co B 2nd plat found med supplies in a hooch, also in same area detained 1 female 35yrs old who says her brother has been a VC for 7 yrs. An additional female was also detained.	BDE,DO	CL
18	1200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS773-347, 1st plat BS764347, 2nd plat BS766-354, 3d plat BS761337; Co B 2nd & 3d plat same, 1st plat BS901237; Co C same; Co D same; Rcn BS897265.	BDE,DO	JPC
19	1300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) same, 1st plat (-) same, 1st sqd BS763337, 2nd plat BS769358, 3d plat BS769358; Co B 1st plat BS909232, 2nd plat BS906199, 3d plat BS924199; Co C same; Co D base of LZ THUNDER; Rcn same.	DO	JPC
20	1350		(C) Co A at BS767358 found a tunnel complex, 1 camouflaged hooch with bunker. Near the hooch was found a sandbag with	BDE,DO	JPC
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20	cont		following items: 1 sewing kit, 1 bottle of methiolate, mosquito repellent, 1 pr black PJ's, and 1 ARVN type green unif.		
21	1400		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS773-347, 1st plat closing on Co (-), 2nd plat BS767358, 3d plat BS770352; Co B 1st plat BS919236, 2nd plat BS906199, 3d plat closed LZ CHARLIE BROWN; Co C BS899501; Co D BS838327; Rcn BS894271.	BDE,DO	JPC
22	1410		(C) Co A at BS767358 found 1 pr of ARVN boots, 1 US canteen, and 2 tunnels with camouflaged entrance.	BDE,DO	AJH
23	1430		(C) 4.2 ammo rept called into Bde.	DO	AJH
24	1450		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A all elms same; Co B 1st plat closed LZ CHARLIE BROWN at 1450H; 3d plat closed LZ CHARLIE BROWN at 1450H; 2nd plat BS902203; Co C same; Co D BS815324; Rcn Brg 104.	DO	AJH
25	1500		(C) Co A at BS767358 found a NVA ruck sack with 1 hammock, 1 pr Black PJ's, chain with lighter on it, wallet which contained papers, pictures of an ARVN, notebook and a rain jacket.	BDE,DO	AJH

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	IN	OUT					
26	1615		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A all elms at BS773347; Co B (-) LZ CHARLIE BROWN, 2nd plat BS902203; Co C (-) LZ THUNDER, 1st plat closed LZ THUNDER at 1450H; Co D (-) BS808327, 1st plat BS812321, 2nd plat BS808327 w/ps plat same loc as 2nd plat; Ren closed LZ THUNDER at 1540H.	BDE,DO	AJH		
27	1615		(C) At BS808327 1 US fr Co D hit a booby trapped 105mm rd. Line #14, Sgt Howard, A. W. Jr. Individ was KIA. Co D rec'd no other cas.	BDE,DO,CO,S3	AJH		
28	1700		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A same; Co B 2nd plat NDP at BS897205, 1st plat Brg 94; Co C LZ THUNDER; Co D (-) BS808327, 1st plat BS812321; Ren same.	DO	PJS		
29	1740		(C) Aero Scouts (123d Avn Co) at BS762-358 had 1 aircraft downed by suspected enemy fire. Two or three of the crew members are hurt badly. Co A 3d plat moving in to secure area.	BDE,DO	AJH		
30	1645		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; E Trp 1st CAV on Brg's 94, 95, 107, and 101 repts neg SITREP.	BDE,DO	AJH		
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31	1845		(C) Co D 1st plat at BS830311 was moving toward night amb when they saw 10 VC moving in the open. Arty called in got 3 VC KIA; remaining 7 VC ran to the SW. Neg wpns were found.	BDE,DO	AJH
32	1900		(C) Co A 3d plat at BS765358 found, in area of downed chopper, fresh food, 3 or 4 hats, 2 hooches, VN shirt drying on brush, and there was smell of fresh fires.	BDE,DO	AJH
33	1905		(C) Co A 3d plat at BS762358 closed in around the downed aircraft.		
34	1940		(C) Swift boats at BS926218 rec'd 2 rds either 81mm or 75mm. 1 rd hit water approx 200 M out; 2nd rd hit a hill approx 500 M S of first rd but same range.	BDE,DO	AJH
35	2000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) NDP BS-773344, 3d plat amb BS763344, 1st plat amb BS765358; Co B (-) same, 1st plat Brg 94, 2nd plat BS897205; Co C same; Co D (-) NDP BS808327, 1st plat BS813312.	BDE,DO	AJH
36	2025		(C) Co A 3d plat at BS765358 detects noises around perimeter.	DO	AJH

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37	2100		(C) Bn SITREP neg; loc same.	BDE,DO	AJH
38	2110		(C) (Late Entry): Rec'd PF day & night loc at 1845H.	Posted	AJH
39	2115		(C) (Late Entry): Rec'd Bn strength rept at 1830H: Co A 108, Co B 109, Co C 120, Co D 104, Co E 61, profiles 3.	Posted	AJH
40	2115		(C) Rec'd intel rept fr Bde S2: (see S2 files).	DO,32	AJH
41	2200		(C) Bn SITREP neg; loc same.	BDE,DO	AJH
42	2300		(C) Bn SITREP neg; loc same.	BDE,DO	DV
43	2355		(C) Bn SITREP neg; loc same.	BDE,DO	DV
44	LOG Summary:		4-3 Inf continues present mission in the S Duc Pho AO. At 1200H Co B detained 2 MAF's at BS920199; one MAF stated that her brother has been a VC for the past 7 yrs. At 1615H at BS808327 Sgt A. W. Howard fr Co D tripped a booby trapped 105mm rd causing his death. No other US cas were suffered during the incident. At 1740H a SAero Scout chopper fr 123d Avn Co was downed by enemy fire at BS762358. Three of the crew members were injured badly. Co A 3d plat moved into the area of the downed chopper and secured it. At 1845H 1st plat of Co D spotted 10 VC in the open at BS830311. Arty fire was cont		
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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:

- a. 290700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations, NDP BS767370, with two (2) plat amb vic BS760357 and vic BS770349.
- b. 300700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations, NDP BS770400, with two (2) plat amb vic BS763393 and vic BS778402.
- c. 310700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations, NDP BS823402, with two (2) plat amb vic BS818401 and vic BS828398.

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. 290700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations with two (2) plats, NDP BS873328, with one (1) plat amb vic BS875347.
- c. 300700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations with two (2) plats, NDP LZ THUNDER with one (1) plat night amb vic BS881322.
- d. 310700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations with two (2) plats, close LZ THUNDER 311500H DEC 68 with one (1) plat night amb.

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6. Co D:

- a. 290700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations, NDP BS803324, with 1 plat amb vic BS799358.
- b. 300700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations, NDP BS790328, with one (1) plat amb BS774328.
- c. 310700H DEC 68 conduct offensive search operations, NDP BS818342, with one (1) plat amb vic BS825340.

7. Co E:

- 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.

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Annex B: Operations Overlay

Annex A: Intelligence Overlay

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