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Organization or Installation 8-2/3-3 h-3 Inf	Location LZ THUNDER BS874325	Period Covered	
		From Hour Date 0001 30 DEC 68	To Hour Date 2400 30 DEC 68

ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
01	0001		(C) JOURNAL OPENED		
02	0100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	JPC
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07	0600		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	JPC
08	0700		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	JPC
09	0800		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A 2nd plat BS762407, 3d plat BS762404, 1st plat BS768412, Co (-) BS771409; Co B 2nd plat closed LZ CHARLIE BROWN, all other elms same; Co C 3d plat BS871279, 1st plat BS867282; Co D 3d plat closed NDP at 0755H, 1st & 2nd plat moved out for todays op at 0750H. Ren LZ THUNDER.	BDE,DO	DV
10	0843		(C) Rec'd intel rept fr Bde S2: (see S2 files).	DO,S2	DV
11	0900		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) same, wpns plat & 1st plat sweeping side of river at BS771409; Co B 1st plat BS905-254, 3d plat BS915265; Co C 1st & 3d	DO	DV

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	IN	OUT					
11	cont		BS867273; Co D 1st plat BS821339, 2nd plat BS802331, Co (-) same.				
12	1000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A same; Co B 1st plat BS908258, 3d plat same; Co C 1st & 3d plat BS867273; Co D 1st plat BS824340, 2nd plat (-) same, 1st sqd BS802328, Co (-) same.	BDE,DO	DV		
13	1030		(C) Co D 2nd plat at BS806331 found one plastic bag, in it was: 1 black shirt, 1 T-shirt, 1 pr blue shorts, also found 1 camouflaged hooch.	BDE,DO	DV		
14	1100		(C) Ref item #13: Also found one hooch 8X6X8 ft, 1 45 cal holster, 1 M-26 gren, 1 air mattress, old currency and fresh food.	DO, BDE	DV		
15	1100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A 3d plat closed on Co (-), remaining elms moving to Co (-) loc; Co B 1st & 3d plat BS907-266; Co C 1st & 3d plat BS866275; Co D 1st plat BS806341, all other elms same.	DO	DV		
16	1115		(C) Co D found 4 hooches at BS806331 well camouflaged. Hooches searched and burned.	BDE,DO	DV		
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	IN	OUT					
17	1130		(C) Co B 1st plat found 2 tunnels at BS-910262. Tunnels are 20 ft long with top and side entrances. Contents: 2 pr sandles, 2 VC poncho liners, 6 pots and pans with China. No evidence of recent use; also found 1 bomb shelter with spider hole - will dest.	DO, BDE	DV		
18	1200		(C) Bn SITREP neg; loc; Co A all elms closing on Co (-); Co's B&D same; Co C 1st & 3d plat BS864271.	BDE, DO	DV		
19	1300		(C) Bn SITREP neg; loc; Co A (-) same, 2nd plat leaving Co (-) loc, 3d plat BS-777414; Co B all elms same; Co C same; Co D 1st plat BS816349, 2nd plat BS802-324, Co (-) BS811326.	DO	DV		
20	1330		(C) Co D 2nd plat at BS806331 found 13 non-electrical blasting caps, 10 to 15 lbs of explosive similar to C-4 in hobch- es. Will dest.	BDE, DO	DV		
21	1400		(C) Bn SITREP neg; loc; Co A (-) same, 2nd plat BS785408, 3d plat BS777414; Co B same; Co C 1st & 3d plat BS870266; Co D 1st & 2nd plat same, Co (-) BS819334.	BDE, DO	DV		
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22	1415		(C) Msg fr Bde: 58 drums of CS gas were dropped; contaminated area B3618-462, B3629462, B3631459, B3622459. These grids form a box of contaminated area. All impact burst are drifting S to Ba. Too.	DO	DV
23	1415		(C) Co D 3d plat at B3822338 detained 1 MAN 17yrs old; indiv has ID but looks suspicious and is being held for extraction.	BDE,DO	DV
24	1420		(C) Co D 3d plat B3822338 detained 1 MAN 25 to 30yrs old; neg ID.	BDE,DO	DV
25	1445		(C) 4.2 ammo rept called into Bde.	DO	DV
26	1505		(C) Sharks (174th Avn Co) coming into area; Trks being fired on near Brg 105.	BDE,DO	EET
27	1520		(C) Sharks (174th Avn Co) on station.	CO,XO,S3,DO	EET
28	1525		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) B3790-416; 2nd plat B3793408; Co B 1st plat B3892232, 3d plat B3901256; Co's C&D same.	DO	EET
29	1548		(C) Rec'd word that Catholic Chaplain on LZ THUNDER 311530H DEC 68.	CO,DO,all units	EET
30	1600		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) B3797-	BDE,DO	EET
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TIME	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS		
	IN	OUT					
30	cont		407 center of mass; Co B 1st plat BS896- 224, 3d plat same; Co C same; Co D (-) BS816349, 2nd plat BS802331.				
31	1700		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A same; Co B 1st plat same, 3d plat BS907264; Co C 1st & 3d plat BS870276, 2nd plat moving; Co D (-) BS816349, 2nd plat tentative amb BS806336.	DO		EET	
32	1700		(C) Commo to bunkers on 1Z THUNDER check- ed at 301600H DEC 68. All lines working.	DO		EET	
33	1820		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) BS808- 409 (MDF), 2nd plat BS815403; Co B 1st & 3d plat same; Co C 1st & 3d plat BS- 865272, 2nd plat BS888305; Co D same.	BDE, DO		EET	
34	1830		(C) Bn strength rept: Co A 98, Co B 104, Co C 123, Co D 101, Co E 75.	Posted		EET	
35	1910		(C) Rec'd night PF amb: loc.	Posted		EET	
36	1900		(C) Bn SITREP neg; loc same.	BDE, DO		EET	
37	2000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A (-) MDF BS- 808409, 1st plat amb BS804407, 2nd plat amb BS808406; Co B 1st plat BS894234 & BS894230, 2nd plat Erg 94, 3d plat BS-	BDE, DO		EET	
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37	cont		903267; Co C 1st plat BS866272 (amb), Co (-) BS865276 NDP, 2nd plat BS889315 & BS890305 (amb), 3d plat amb BS866281; Co D (-) BS816349 NDP, 1st plat BS809310, BS807341, and BS808339 (amb); E Trp 1st CAV on Brg's 94, 95, 104, and 107; neg SITREP.				
38	2030		(C) Rec'd intel rept fr Bde S2: (see 32 files).	DO, S2, Co C	SET		
39	2100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	SET		
40	2110		(C) Swift boats fired on intel rept at BS921169. One fire obs.	DO	SET		
41	2200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	SET		
42	2250		(C) 1st Sgt Smith (Co E) called fr LZ BRONCO and informed the TOC that he obs red signal lights at BS028364.	BDE, DO	SET		
43	2300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	SET		
44	2355		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE, DO	JPC		
45	100 Summary		4-3 Inf continues present mission in S Dac Pho AO. Action was light and scattered throughout the day. Co D found a 45 cal pistol holster, M-26 gren, currency and fresh food. Later in the day Co D found 13 non-electric- cal blasting caps with 10 to 15 lbs of explosive similar to				
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h5	cont		G-4. These were destroyed. Res of the 2 NAM's detained.	Res of the days op were	
h6	2400		(U) JOURNAL CLOSED		

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FRAGORD 4-68 to OPORD 16-68, 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 3 Duc Pho AO to find and destroy VC main/local force units and village VC infrastructure.

3. Co A:

- a. Close LZ BRONCO NLT 011000H JAN 69.
- b. Conduct CH-47B airlift 011400H JAN 69 from SE Pad, LZ BRONCO, to LZ THUNDER.
- c. Assume responsibility for defense of LZ THUNDER from 011500H JAN 69 until 020630H JAN 69.
- d. Conduct CA into LZ #1 (BS925170) and LZ #2 (BS925156) and conduct cordon and search of hamlet Vinh Tuy (1) BS924162.
- e. Assume OPCON of Recon plat, plat Co B, and PRU's effective occupation of LZ #1 and LZ #2.
- f. At completion of cordon and search operation close LZ LOWBOY.
- g. Conduct CH-47B airlift from LZ LOWBOY to LZ CHARLIE BROWN beginning at 021300H JAN 69. Relieved of OPCON of Recon plat and plat Co B at time of airlift from LZ LOWBOY.
- h. Assume responsibility for the defense of LZ CHARLIE BROWN upon closing LZ CHARLIE BROWN. Commence plat operations in AO YELLOW NLT 021800H JAN 69.
- i. Commence plat operations in assigned AO.

4. Co B:

- a. Continue security and improvement of defensive positions LZ CHARLIE BROWN and plat operations in AO YELLOW.
- b. Position one (1) plat vic BS914172 NLT 011900H JAN 69. Plat moves

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prior to daylight 02 JAN 69 to occupy NLT 020630H JAN 69 assigned sector of cordon from BS921164 to BS922167. Plat OPCON Co A effective Co A occupation of LZ #1 and LZ #2.

- c. Be prepared to move by APC to reinforce Co A with an additional plat.
- d. Conduct CH-47B airlift of plat OPCON Co A from LZ LOWBOY to LZ THUNDER beginning at 021300H JAN 69.
- e. Conduct CH-47B airlift of Co (-) from LZ CHARLIE BROWN to LZ THUNDER beginning at 021400H JAN 69.
- f. Assume responsibility of defensive positions and improvement of defensive positions LZ THUNDER effective upon closing LZ THUNDER.
- g. Conduct search and amb operations in assigned AO.

5. Co C:

- a. Relieved responsibility of security of LZ THUNDER effective 010700H JAN 69.
- b. Conduct offensive search and amb operations in assigned AO beginning 010700H JAN 69.
- c. Insert three (3) Bn SRRP teams into preplanned locations.

6. Co D:

- a. Conduct offensive search and amb operations in assigned AO beginning 010700H JAN 69.
- b. Conduct amb with in 4000 M of LZ BRONCO each night.

7. Co E:

- a. Recon plat:
  - (1) Conduct CH-47B airlift from LZ THUNDER to LZ LOWBOY at 011430H JAN 69.
  - (2) NDP night of 01 JAN 69 at LZ LOWBOY.
  - (3) Depart LZ LOWBOY prior to daylight 02 JAN 69 to occupy NLT 020630H JAN 69 assigned sector of cordon from BS922159 to BS921164.
  - (4) OPCON Co A effective Co A occupation of LZ #1 and LZ #2.
  - (5) At completion of operation close LZ LOWBOY and conduct CH-47B airlift to LZ THUNDER at 021300H JAN 69.
  - (6) Secure and improve assigned portion of defensive positions LZ THUNDER.
  - (7) Conduct search and amb operations on order.
- b. Hvy Mert plat: GS LZ THUNDER.
- c. GS Sec: GS LZ THUNDER.

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8. Coordinating Instructions:

- a. Report PZ and LZ times ASAP.
- b. Co B plat and Recon plat monitor Bn Comd frequency beginning 020100H JAN 69. Switch to Co A Comd frequency on order.
- c. Co B plat and Recon plat plan march early morning of 02 JAN 69 so that assigned sector of cordon is occupied no earlier than 020615H JAN 69.
- d. All units report SITREP and location hourly. Report location hourly or whenever location changes more than 1000 M.
- e. Unit commanders insure that separate plats and sqds are mutually supporting.

Acknowledge.

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Annex A: Intelligence Overlay

Annex B: Operations Overlay

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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

31 DEC 68                      Plat Co B begins operation to get into position on highground via BS913172 by 011800H JAN 69.

311300H DEC 68                      Coordination meeting: Reconnaissance and coordination with Engineers at LZ LOWBOY.

010700H JAN 69                      Co C departs LZ THUNDER to conduct operations in assigned AO.

010700H JAN 69                      Co D commences operations in assigned AO.

010900H JAN 69                      Two (2) 105mm Howitzers (C/6-11th Arty) conduct CH-47B airlift to LZ CHARLIE BROWN.

011000H JAN 69                      Co A closes LZ BRONCO.

011300H JAN 69                      Co A conducts CH-47B airlift from SE Pad, LZ BRONCO, to LZ THUNDER.

011430H JAN 69                      Recon plat conduct CH-47B airlift to LZ LOWBOY.

011500H JAN 69                      Air coordination meeting at LZ THUNDER.

011800H JAN 69                      Plat Co B moves into position via BS913172.

020500H JAN 69                      Plat Co B and Recon plat move from LZ LOWBOY and BS913172 to respective positions in cordon.

020630H JAN 69                      Co A conducts CA from LZ THUNDER to LZ #1 and LZ #2.

021200H JAN 69                      Co A, Recon, plat Co B close LZ LOWBOY.

021300H JAN 69                      CH-47B airlift of detainees and PRU's to MACV.

021300H JAN 69                      Recon plat, plat Co B, and Psyops team conduct CH-47B airlift from LZ LOWBOY to LZ THUNDER.

021330H JAN 69                      Co A conducts CH-47B airlift from LZ LOWBOY to LZ CHARLIE BROWN.

021400H JAN 69                      Co B (-) conducts CH-47B airlift from LZ CHARLIE BROWN to LZ THUNDER.

021600H JAN 69                      Co A plat begins operations in AO YELLOW.