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DAILY STAFF JOURNAL OR DUTY OFFICER'S LOG			Page nr: 1	Nr of Pages:		
Organization or Installation		Location	Period Covered			
S-2/S-3 4-3 Inf		LZ BUFF BS541825	From	To		
			Hour	Date	Hour	Date
			0001	20 Mar 69	2400	20 Mar 69
ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INI- TIALS	
	IN	OUT				
01	0001		(U) JOURNAL OPENED			
02	0035		(C) Co B repts receiving 23 - 25 60mm mort rds, 3 RPG rds, 1 Recoiless rd and a lge amt of SA fire (AK47 & AR14) and also 30 Cal fire fr N to E fr BS671718. Res were 3 US fr H Trp 17th CAV WNA, 3 RF pers fr 103d RF Co WNA and 9 civ were wounded also. Gunships and flareships came on station at 0130H. Flareship left station at 0239H.	BDE,DO	MM	
03	0300		(U) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	MM	
04	0305		(C) Dust Off called for 3 RF's (ref item #02) and completed at 0330H.	BDE,DO	MM	
05	0400		(U) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	MM	
06	0500		(U) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	MM	
07	0530		(U) Rec'd 4.2 ammo rept and called it into 198th Bde.	BDE,DO	MM	
08	0600		(U) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	MM	
09	0700		(U) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	MM	
10	0800		(U) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	MM	
11	0810		(C) Temp FCA req for CHIC (submitted by Cpt Simson (Bn 83 Air) to Maj Borg 198th	B3	PJS	
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11	cont		Bde TOC: Southern FCL is Song Tra Khuc River: N on 64 NS grid; E on 76 EW grid; H on 66 NS grid; E on 77 EW grid; S on 68 NS grid; E on 76 EW grid; S on 71 NS to river.		
12	0830		(C) Co A spotted 20 VC at BS545766 and believe them to be rice bearers. Arty called res unk.	BDE,DO	DN
13	0900		(U) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DN
14	0935		(C) Co D 3d plat dpt'd LZ BUUF for to- days op.	S3,DO	DN
15	1000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A moving fr NDP; Co C enroute to the CHIC; Co D 3d plat at BS550822. All other loc same.	BDE,DO	DN
16	1015		(C) Co B repts: 2nd plat H Trp on a sweep around the CHIC/d 1 60mm mort emplacements with numerous blood pools in the area; also 8 B-40 or RPG emplace- ments. Fd (2) RPG-7 rds, and (1) B-40 rocket.	BDE,DO	DN
17	1030		(C) Co D 3d plat leader stepped on a Bouncing Betty Mine at BS552821 but it did not detonate; neg cas.	DO	DN
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			Hour Date	Hour Date	
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ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
18	1030		(C) Co D 3d plat (while assaulting a vil at BS560824) rec'd AW fire (sniper) fr 1 pos res in 1 US WIA in the ankle. Req'd Routine Dust Off at 1105H and it was completed at 1140H.	BDE,DO	DM
19	1100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A at BS539-802; Co B enroute to Chu Lai for Stand Down; Co C enroute to the CHIC fr Chu Lai; Co D (-) LZ BUFF, 3d plat at BS550-822.	BDE,DO	DM
20	1115		(C) Rec'd URI rept fr 198th Bde. (See S2 files).	DO.S2	DM
21	1200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A BS545813; Co B Chu Lai; Co C CHIC; Co D (-) LZ BUFF; 3d plat at BS561822; Recon plat LZ BUFF.	BDE,DO	DM
22	1235		(C) Air movement of Co C fr Chu Lai to the CHIC: 1st PZ 1005H - LZ 1020H; 2nd PZ 1045H - LZ 1105H; 3d PZ 1120H - LZ 1135H. Air movement of Co B fr the CHIC to Chu Lai: 1st PZ 1020H - LZ 1045H; 2nd	BDE,DO	DM
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8-2/3-3 4-3 Inf			LZ BUFF BS541825	From		To	
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	IN	OUT					
22	cont		PZ 1105H - LZ 1120H; 3d PZ 1135H - LZ 1150H. Air movement of HHC (-), 4.2 (-) and Rcn plat fr Chu Lai to LZ BUFF: 1st PZ 1135H and LZ 1200H. Air movement of HHC (-) and 4.2 (-) to Chu Lai fr LZ BUFF: PZ 1200H - LZ 1215H				
23	1300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co D 3d plat at BS559833. All other loc same.	BDE,DO	DM		
24	1330		(C) Co D 3d plat at BS559833 (while searching a vil) burned a hootch and got 1 secondary explo fr the hootch.	BDE,DO	DM		
25	1400		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A BS567817; Co D 3d plat BS552844. All other loc same.	BDE,DO	DM		
26	1445		(a) Rec'd URI rept fr 498th Bde. (See 82 files).	DO,S2	DM		
27	1500		(C) Bn SITREP neg; loc; Co A BS570819; Co D 3d plat BS549833. All other loc same.	BDE,DO	DM		
28	1515		(C) Co D 3d plat closed back on LZ BUFF.	DO	JFC		
29	1600		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	JFC		
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ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INI- TIALS
	IN	OUT			
30	1640		(C) (Late Entry): At 1430H at BS575820 1st plat H Trp with Co A engaged 5 - 7 VC evading res in 3 VC KIA. VC were wearing black PJ's and one of them had on a pistol belt and attached was a poncho and piece of parachute (used for 1st aid dressing).	BDE,DO	JPC
31	1700		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same except Co A at BS570819.	BDE,DO	JPC
32	1730		(C) Bn strength rept: Co A 93, Co B 76, Co C 101, Co D 91, Co E 58.	Posted	JPC
33	1800		(D) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	JPC
34	1801		(D) Rec'd Agent rept: See S2 files.	DO	JPC
35	1810		(C) CAC ship vic BS594845 rec'd SA fire with neg hits. The VC was spotted in the area and he dived into a hole.	BDE,DO	JPC
36	1900		(D) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	JPC
37	1905		(D) Rec'd URI rept, fr 198th Bde. (See S2 files).	DO	JPC
38	1930		(C) Co C rept'd that the CHIC rec'd 5 incoming rockets fr BS686755 with neg cas. 81mm and Arty being fired. The	BDE,DO,CO cont	JPC

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38	cont		rockets were being fired over their heads and were hitting in the vic of Quang Ngai City.		
39	2000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same. Co A in NDP at BS570825.	BDE,DO	JPC
40	2100		(d) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	JPC
41	2200		(d) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	JPC
42	2300		(d) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW
43	2355		(d) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW
44	LOG Summary	<p>(C) 4-3 Inf continues offensive search and sweep ops in the BUFT AO with Co B on Stand Down at Chu Lai, Co C securing CHIC, Co A operating vic BS545766, and Co D and Co E securing LZ BUFT. At 0035H Co B rept'd that the CHIC rec'd 25 60mm mort rds, RPG fire, a lge amt of SA fire and AW fire fr BS673748 res in 3 US fr H Trp WHA, 3 RF's WHA and 9 civ wounded. At 0830H Co A obs 20 VC at BS545766 and called in Arty with res unit. At 1015H H Trp 2nd plat, on a sweep around the CHIC, fd mort, RPG and B-40 rocket emplacements and also fd 2 RPG-7 rocket rds and 1 B-40 rocket rd. At 1030H Co D had 1 US WHA while assaulting a vil at BS560824 and receiving AW fire. A Dust Off was completed at 1140H for the WHA US. At 1135H Co C completed an air move fr Chu Lai to the CHIC. At 1150H Co B completed an air move fr the CHIC to Chu Lai for a Stand Down. At 1330H Co D 3d plat got a secondary explo after they burned a hutch in a vil at BS559033. At 1430H 1st plat H Trp with Co A</p>			
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44	cont		engaged 5 - 7 VC at BS575820 and KIA 3 VC. At 1810H Co C ship rec'd SA fire fr BS594845 with neg hits. At 1930H Co C rept'd that the CHIC rec'd 5 rocket rds fr BS686755 with neg cas. Res of the days op were 3 US WHA fr 1 Trp 17th CAV, 1 US WHA fr Co D, 3 VC KIA and 3 rocket rds fa (2 BPT's and 1 B-40).		

45 2400 (U) JOURNAL CLOSED

Name and Grade of Officer on Duty
LARRY F. SPANCO, MAJ INF

Signature
Larry F. Spanco

DUSTOFF REQUEST NR _____ DATE 3/20/69

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE 6660 740

2. REQUESTOR B.co

3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER 0 AMBULATORY 9

4. NATIONALITY: US _____ VN FWF _____

5. NATURE OF INJURIES Frag + SM. GRMS

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.) lights + smoke

11. RADIO FREQUENCY 59.80 CALLWORD Nitrate Docket 442

12. US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES NO _____

13. REMARKS: Vietnamese from Chie

14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY B.co

15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY Flare ship TIME 01:50

TIME COMPLETED 02:03

DUSTOFF REQUEST NR _____ DATE 3/20/69

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE 660740

2. REQUESTOR B.00

3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER 2 AMBULATORY 1

4. NATIONALITY: US _____ VN FWF _____

5. NATURE OF INJURIES Frag wounds in Chest + Back
Sinking Chest wound

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.) lights

11. RADIO FREQUENCY 45.70 CALLWORD Nitrate Docket 442

12. US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES NO _____

13. REMARKS: P.F's from 103rd.

14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY 4/3 Toc

15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY Chu Hai Dust Off TIME 02:40

TIME COMPLETED 03:37

DUSTOFF REQUEST NR _____ DATE 20 MARCH 69

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE 540 824

2. REQUESTOR TALL REGIMENT 30

3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER AMPULATORY _____

4. NATIONALITY: US VN _____ FWF _____

5. NATURE OF INJURIES GUNSHOT WOUND IN
ANKLE

6. CATEGORY: URGENT _____ PRIORITY _____ ROUTINE

7. CONDITION & TYPE OF PICKUP SITE Good

8. SECURITY OF PICKUP SITE _____

9. WEATHER AT PICKUP SITE Good

10. MARKING (SMOKE, PANELS, LIGHTS, ETC.) SMOKE

11. RADIO FREQUENCY 45.70 CALLWORD TALL REGIMENT 30

12. US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES NO _____

13. REMARKS: D30 line number 117

14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY SPARKY MIRAGE

15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY QU LAF DUSTOFF TIME 1110
TIME COMPLETED 1140

DUSTOFF REQUEST NR _____ DATE 20 MARCH 69

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE 570819

2. REQUESTOR MICKEY CRIME

3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LETTER _____ AMBULATORY 1

4. NATIONALITY: US _____ VN X FWF _____

5. NATURE OF INJURIES BULLET WOUND TO THE WRIST

6. CATEGORY: URGENT _____ PRIORITY X 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 4570 CALLWORD CRIME 44 Z

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

13. REMARKS: _____

14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY MICKEY CRIME ^{SPARKY} MIRAGE 10

15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY CHULAI DUSTOFF TIME 1635

TIME COMPLETED 1650

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FRAGORD 1-69 to OPORD 4-69, Hq 4-3 Inf

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam; 1: 50,000; Series L7014; Sheets 6739I, 6739II, 6739III, and 6739IV.

1. Task Organization:

Co A/4-3 Inf 1st Plat H Trp 17th CAV	HHC (-)/4-3 Inf Battalion Control
Co B/4-3 Inf	Co E (-)/4-3 Inf
Co C/4-3 Inf 2nd Plat H Trp 17th CAV	4.2 Mort Plat/4-3 Inf
Co D/4-3 Inf	Recon Plat/4-3 Inf

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

3. Co A:

- 210930H Mar 69 conduct CA to LZ (BS550768) from present location.
- At BS550768 marry up with 1st Plat H Trp 17th CAV and conduct offensive search and sweep operations to PL (Phase Line) GREEN BS590760.
- On order, move from PL GREEN (BS590760) 211700H Mar 69 with 1st Plat H Trp 17th CAV to LZ DOTTIE for further operations with ARVN units.

4. Co B: Continue Stand Down at Chu Lai.

5. Co C:

- 210700H Mar 69 move from CHIC with 2nd Plat H Trp 17th CAV to be at LD (Line of Departure) BS639754 at 0930H.
- Conduct offensive search and sweep operations to PL RED BS615755.
- On order return to the CHIC.

6. Co D: Continue to secure and improve defensive positions on LZ BUFF.

7. Co E:

- Recon Plat: Continue present mission.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Downgrade at 3 yr intervals
Declassify after 12 yrs.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

- b. Hvy Mort Plat: GS LZ BUFF.
- c. GS Sec: GS LZ BUFF.

8. Coordinating Instructions: Be especially careful of mines and booby traps.

Acknowledge.

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Annex A: Operations Overlay

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