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				0001	2 Apr 68
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	IN	OUT			
01	0001	(U)	JOURNAL OPENED		
02	0003	(C)	Rept fr Co C: 2d Plat rept trip flare set off LOM in front of Bunker #4. Threw 4 gren into area of suspected movement. Results unknown.		
03	0005	(C)	Cpt Holbrook (Bde TOC) rept IR mission results.	S2	JFR
04	0100	(C)	Bn Sitrep neg, loc same. Also, Cpt Hol- brook (Bde TOC) req total Bn KHA & WHA for month of March.	Bde	JFR
05	0120	(C)	Informed Bde in ref to Item #4: 9 KHA, 25 WHA. Cpt Holbrook took msg.	Bde	JFR
06	0135	(C)	Rec msg fr Cpt Holbrook that LZ Bronco is on Red Alert. Rec incoming mort rds.		
07	0150	(C)	Bn Sitrep neg, loc same.	Bde	JFR
08	0225	(C)	Rept fr Bde (SSG Gross): LZ Bronco is now on Green Condition.		
09	0300	(C)	Bn Sitrep neg, loc same.		
10	0400	(C)	Bn Sitrep neg, loc same.	Bde	JFR
11	0500	(C)	Bn Sitrep neg, loc same.		
12	0509	(C)	Rept fr Co C (Spl4 Brown): 3d Plat ambush heard sporadic SA fire approx 1000M NW of their position. Neg results.		
13	0600	(C)	Bn Sitrep neg, loc same.	Bde	JFR

Downgraded at 3 yr Interval  
Declassified after 12 yrs.

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14	0700	(c)	Bn Sitrep neg, loc same.			
15	0717	(c)	Co A rept last ambush element closed in on NDP at 0630 hrs. Co CP and Wpns Plat moved out at 0705 hrs to conduct assigned S/D opns.	M	JPM	
16	0738	(c)	Recon Plat moved out at this time to con- duct today's assigned mission. In ref to Item #78 & 80, 1 Apr 68, conducted quick search of area w/neg results.	CO,S3,M	JPM	
17	0743	(c)	Co D rept all ambush elements began to move to NDP at 0730 hrs.			
18	0745	(c)	Co A(-) loc at BS582898.	M	JPM	
19	0805	(c)	At 0720 Co B 1-52 Inf rept hearing wpns fire south of their position vic Son Tra Bong. Inquiry reveals that Co C 3d Plat was test firing wpns at their ambush loc.	D & A Co, CO S3,Co C 3d Plat	JPM	
20	0808	(c)	Recon Plat vic BS468833 rept observing 1 VCS evading. Took under fire. Results: Possible WIA due to blood trail found lead- ing to hut vic BS468833.	CO,S3,S2,Bde M	JPM	
21	0810	(c)	(LATE ENTRY) At 0753 hrs rec info fr 3-18 Arty that frd Montagnard patrol fr Nui Tron (BS517778) is now moving into 4-3 Inf AO, vic GS BS5178 & BS5179. Advised Son	CO,S3,Co D, Son Tinh Dist	JPM	

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21	(cont)	(c)	Tinh Dist Adv that 4-3 Inf must be notified of any plans which concern movement of RF/PF forces in Bn AO.		
22	0825	(c)	0800 hrs, Bn Sitrep neg, loc: Co A(-), BS582898; 1st, 2d & 3d Plat, BS564888. Co C 3d Plat ambush, same. Co D elements at NDP. Recon Plat, BS468833. Rept sent by FM.	Bde, M	JPM
23	0834	(c)	Recon Plat, vic BS468833, detained 1 female VCS while following blood trail in ref to Item #21. VCS was very uncooperative. Req Bn S2 and interpreter.	CO, S3, S2, Bde, M	JPM
24	0835	(c)	Co C 3d Plat loc: BS567873.	M	
25	0845	(c)	Co C 3d Plat closed in LZ Sue at this time w/neg results. Ref to Item #20: Reason for firing was to confirm wpn zero.	CO, S3, Bde	JPM
				Unit instr not to confirm zero while on ambush mission.	
26	0900	(c)	Bn Sitrep neg, loc: Co A(-), BS582898; Rifle Plats at NDP. Co D, no change in loc.	M	JPM
27	0928	(c)	BG Young, ADC, arrived LZ Sue at this time. Met and briefed by LTC Adkins. Dprt 0943.		
28	1000	(c)	Bn Sitrep neg, loc: Co A(-), new NDP vic BS582898; 1st & 3d Plat, BS567888. Co D, no change. Recon Plat(-), BS463835; 1st	Bde, M	JPM
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28	(cont)	(c)	Sqd, BS458825; 2d Sqd, BS444829.		
29	1003	(c)	Co C 2d Plat dprt LZ Sue to conduct assigned mission.	CO,S3,Bde	JPM
30	1053	(c)	(LATE ENTRY) At 0700 hrs 4-3 Inf Tns commenced op at new loc vic BT533040.	CO,S3,Bde	JPM
31	1101	(c)	Bn Sitrep neg, loc: Co A & Co D, no change. M Co C 2d Plat, BS557883. Recon Plat, BS463835. Recon searched area w/neg results.		
32	1130	(c)	Ref Item #59, 011715H Apr 68, VCS detained by Recon Plat released as IC 021000H Apr 68. Ref Item #25, 010928H Apr 68, VCS detained by Co D was evac to 11th LIB PW Compound for further questioning.	CO,S3,S2	JPM
33	1132	(c)	Recon Plat rept completed search of area vic BS458825, 444829, 463835 w/neg results. Will commence movt along prescribed route back to OP George. Ref Item #23: Female VCS was unable to give any intel info, released as IC.	CO,S3,S2,M	JPM
34	1200	(c)	Bn Sitrep neg, loc: Co A, no change. Co D commenced movt at 1143 hrs. Co C 2d Plat, BS583881. Recon Plat, BS463835.	Bde, M	JPM
35	1255	(c)	Bn Sitrep neg, loc: Co A, no change. Co C 2d Plat, BS581877. Co D (ctr of mass),	M	JPM
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35	(cont)	(c)	BS532826. Recon Plat still moving towards OP George.		
36	1335	(c)	Bn Medcap commenced at this time in An Phong(1) hamlet (BS472807).	CO,S3,M	JPM
37	1401	(c)	Bn Sitrep neg, loc: Co A, no change. Co C 2d Plat, BS577872. Co D(-), BS537838; 2d, 3d, Wpns Plats, BS540832.	Bde,M	JPM
38	1425	(c)	Recon Plat closed in OP George fr assigned mission w/results ref Items 59,61,63,68, 69,78, & 80 (1 Apr 68).	CO,S3,M	JPM
39	1500	(c)	Bn Sitrep neg, loc: Co A, same. Co C 2d Plat(-), BS573882; 2d Sqd 2d Plat, BS577 872. Co D, BS562828.	M	JPM
40	1526	(c)	Co C 2d Plat(-) closed in on LZ Sue fr assigned mission w/neg results. Stay be- hind ambush loc vic BS577872.	M	JPM
41	1534	(c)	Msg rec at 1530 hrs fr Maj McKnight, Bde S3: Very reliable source repts enemy Hqs, size of element unk, at BS558802. Aero Scout Plat, 123d Avn Co, has been dispatched to that loc and may call for arty fire fr LZ Sue (B/6-11 Arty). D/4-3 may be called to assist Aero Scout Plat.	CO,S3,Co D	JPM
42	(c)	1545	Cpt McAnaw, S-3 Air, contacted Maj Davidson,	CO,S3,ALO	JPM
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42	(cont)	(C)	Bde S3: Req AO extension to incl BS558802  in event Aero Scout Plat makes contact.  MAJ Davidson stated that 2d ARVN has given  plnc for 4-3 Inf & Aero Scout Plat to oper-  ate in that area, also, B/6-11 Arty is  cleared to fire in spt of Aero Scout Plat  and Co D if committed.		
43	1555	(C)	COL Galloway, ADC, arrived LZ Sue at this  time. Met and briefed by LTC Adkins & MAJ  Holck. Dprt 1615 hrs.		
44	1610	(C)	Bn Sitrep neg, loc: Co A(-), BS577906; 2d,  3d, & Wpns Plat, BS582897. Co C 2d Sqd 2d  Plat, BS577872. Co D, BS562828.	M, Bde	JPM
45	1625	(C)	Co D, vic BS558830, apprehended 1 male VCS  w/gunshot wound (about 45 days old) hiding  in a hut. Req Dustoff. Dustoff completed  1658 hrs.	CO, S3, M, Bde	JPM
46	1700	(C)	Bn Sitrep neg, loc same.		
47	1710	(C)	Fr S-5: Results of Medcap conducted at An  Phong(1) hamlet, vic BSL473867, fr 1330-  1545 hrs. Treated 27 adult males, 48 adult  females, and 34 children for total of 109.  Two VN were medevaced (1 adult female w/high  fever & 1 child w/head infection). Comments	Bde	JPM
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47	(cont)	(C)	fr S5: 1) VN pers in hamlet appeared very friendly and cooperative. 2) VN pers were thankful for US help ref constr of school. 3) Civic ldrs of An Phong(1) rec S5 & med pers warmly and served bananas to them. 4) A volleyball game was played between VN pers and members of security element fr Mort Plat, Co C. Game was greatly enjoyed by VN, who also won.		
48	1800	(C)	Bn Sitrep neg, loc same.	Bde	PLL
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49	1900	(C)	Bn Sitrep neg, ambushes have just dprt NDP.		
50	1901	(C)	Telecon fr Maj McKnight, Bde S3, to Maj Holck, S3: Ref Item 42, neg results on Aero Scout recon. Unit has been identified as 48th LF Bn. AO extension fr boundary S along N.S. grid line BS59 to E.W. grid line BS78 W along BS78 to 4-3 Inf AO. Extension for pd 030001 to 031800H Apr-68 pending. Maj McKnight will call when appr. Maj Holck informed Maj McKnight that Co D will be sent to check area if AO extension appr.	CO,S3	PLL
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51	1933	(C)	Co C 2d Sqd 2d Plat ambush loc: BS574874.	M	PLL
52	1949	(C)	Telecon fr Cpt Schlicher, Bde S2 Air, rec by SSG Jex (duty NCO): Div sniffer missions 4-115 (2100 hrs) and 4-114 (030400H Apr 68) will be flown. We are to monitor Div Intel Net and cpy the coord and reading when given to Div.		
53	2015	(C)	Final unit loc: Co A(-), BS582897 (NDP); ambushes: 1st Sqd 1st Plat, BS569903; 2d Sqd 1st Plat, BS568909; 3d Sqd 1st Plat, BS577909; 1st Sqd 3d Plat, BS587907; 2d Sqd 3d Plat, BS 584912; 3d Sqd 3d Plat, BS583889. Co C 2d Sqd 2d Plat ambush, BS574874. Co D(-), BS562828 (NDP); ambushes: 1st Sqd 1st Plat, BS560833; 2d Sqd 1st Plat, BS556828; 1st Sqd 2d Plat, BS553836; 3d Sqd 2d Plat, BS567830; 1st Sqd 3d Plat, BS561821; 2d Sqd 3d Plat, BS555821.	M, Bde	PLL
54	2050	(C)	Telecon fr Cpt Holbrook, Bde TOC OIC, rec by SSG Jex, NCOIC: Msg fr MACV. Eff im- mediately the term "search & destroy" is a dirty word and will no longer be used. Phrases to be used in its place: 1) combat sweep, 2) offensive search, 3) recon in	CO, S3	PLL
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54	(cont)		force, 4) combat patrol.		
55	2100	(C)	Bn Sitrep neg, loc same.		
56	2130	(C)	Bunkers 11 & 24 heard noise to their front, sounded like field gear rubbing against something. Threw gren, fired star cluster. Neg results.		
57	2145	(C)	Bunker 4 spotted two pers 40M out moving S to N. Fired M79 w/neg results.		
58	(C)	2147	Cpt Lawson, Bn S2, called Bde ref A0 exten- sion. Extension appr. They said they called us, they did not. Rec fr SSG Gross.	CO,S3	JFR
59	2200	(C)	Bn Sitrep neg, loc same.	Bde	JFR
60	2300	(C)	Bn Sitrep neg, loc same.		
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61	2350	(C)	Bn Sitrep neg, loc same.	Bde	JFR
	2400	(V)	Journal closed		
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LNO NOTES  
02 Apr 68

S-2

SCORE BOARD

UNIT	ENEMY			MFRS	FRIENDLY	
	KIA	WIA	CIA		KIA	WIA
3/1	8	7	10	1 K-44, 1 M-14, 1 SRS		
4/3	4					
TFE				1		
TOTAL	12	7	10	4		

TFE Co G found rifle in tunnel.

BRNCO rec 60mm mort rds; counter mortar radar picked up incoming rds and gave loc of mortars in 8-digit coord. Check of area revealed 60mm mort base plate impression.

S-2 - Send names of Detainees to S-2 prior to releasing as IC so S-2 can check against wanted list.

7 en initiated actions, none significant.

S-3 OPERATIONS

TFE C Will saturate area N of DOTTIE w/ambushes and security patrolling.  
B Secure DOTTIE & UPTIGHT.

3/1 A S/D  
B S/D  
C S/D, CA 0815 hrs - no prep.  
D S/D

Recon Chas Brown S/D

No airstrikes.

S-1 NO MAIL!

SUMMARY: 020001 to 022400H April 1968;

OP MUSCATINE continued with 4-3 Inf (- Co B) conducting 2 platoon size and 12 squad size ambushes from 0001 to 0845 hrs with negative enemy contact. Ambushes were primarily in the northeast and southwest portion of the AO vicinity unit NDPs and set along known enemy river crossing sites on the Song Tra Bong River. Co A conducted daylight security patrols in the northeast portion of the AO without hostile contact. Co C continued defense of LZ Sue and conducted combat patrol operations vicinity the LZ with negative contact. 81mm Mortar Platoon defended OP George without hostile contact. Co D conducted combat sweep operations from the south west to the central portion of the AO with negative contact. Recon Plat conducted offensive search operations from the night ambush site located in the AO extension, northeast to OP George with negative results. Commencing 1900 hrs 12 squad size ambushes were established vic the unit NDPs and in the Northeast along the Song Tra Bong river to interdict known enemy river crossing sites.