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01	0001	(u)	Journal Opened.		
02	0100	(c)	Bn SITREP neg.  <i>William C McAmis</i> WILLIAM C McAMIS, CPT Inf, OIC	Bde, CO, S3	DKK
03	0200	(c)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde, CO, S3	DKK
04	0300	(c)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde, CO, S3	DKK
05	0400	(c)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde, CO, S3	DKK
06	0412	(c)	Gnd Svl tm detected 5-7 pers moving S at AZ 3270M, range 1830m (fr OP 1, Nui Tron). Neg arty fired.	CO, S3, M	DKK
07	0415	(c)	Gnd Svl tm detected 3-5 pers moving vic BS530763. (Neg arty fired - plot incor- rect)	CO, S3	DKK
08	0440	(c)	Gnd Svl detected 1 indiv moving at AZ 3300M, range 1670m. Neg arty fired.	CO, S3	DKK
09	0500	(c)	Bn SITREP neg, except as in items 6,7,8.	Bde, CO, S3	DKK
10	0600	(c)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde, CO, S3	DKK
11	0605	(c)	Co B amb elements closed NDP.	Bde, CO, S3	DKK
12	0610	(c)	Co D amb elements closed NDP.	Bde, CO, S3	DKK
13	0622	(c)	Co C amb elements closed NDP.	Bde, CO, S3	DKK
14	0640	(c)	Fwd TOC at Nui Tron (BS517778) operational at this time.		
15	0640	(u)	Journal Closed.		

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01	0640	(A)	Journal Opened.		Am
02	0700	(C)	Unit loc: Co B 1st plat BS477772, 2d plat BS488779, 3d plat BS486775, CP & mort plat BS484773.	CO,S3,M	Am
03	0723	(C)	Msg fr SGM Kirkpatrick: Co D 2d plat rept loss of starlight scope, SN 2867, vic BS500706. Lost night of 13 Sep or morning of 14 Sep 68.	CO,S3,S2	Am
04	0740	(C)	Co A, BS505769 fd 1 Chicom AP mine 10 in in diameter, inside hut. Mine & hut destroyed.	Bde,CO,S3,S2	Am
05	0745	(C)	Co A vic BS505769 fd 5 \$US worth of NVA coins.	Bde,CO,S3	Am
06	0800	(C)	En SITREP neg, loc: Co A(-) BS505769; Co B(-) BS479770, 3d plat BS490773; Co C - same; Co D BS497773.	Bde,CO,S3,M	Am
07	0827	(C)	Co C req airstrike on BS503668. Tgt is recently used VC base camp containing huts, tunnels.	Bde,CO,S3	Am
08	0840	(C)	Ref item 7, airstrike commenced.	Bde,CO,S3	Am
09	0845	(C)	Co B 1st plat vic BS479770 sank 6 sampans.	Bde,CO,S3	Am
10	0850	(C)	En SITREP neg; Co A(-) loc BS517776.	Bde,CO,S3	Am
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11	0903	(C)	Gunship (Raider 13) rept 1 VC KIA while evading. Wearing blk PJs.	Bde,CO,S3,S2 M	in
12	0905	(C)	Co D rept neg findings in search of village at BS497773.	CO,S3	in
13	0910	(C)	At 0830 hrs, Cobra gunship (Raider 13), while on VR vic BS4475, rec 20-30 rds AW fire, flying at 100 ft; neg cas.	CO,S3	in
14	0920	(C)	Cobra gunship obs 12-14 VC evading vic BS449750 & engaged w/unk result. Also rec 1 burst AW fire w/neg casualties.	Bde,CO,S3	in
15	0936	(C)	Co A rept rec 1 secondary explosion fr burning rice stack vic BS518766.	Bde,CO,S3	in
16	0945	(C)	Co B rept 1 US shot himself in L instep (Line nr 84); C&C ship evac indiv to CHU LAI.	Bde,CO,S3	in
17	0950	(C)	Rec OPLAN 19-68 (ECHO, TERMINATION of Operation CHAMPAIGN GROVE and Assumption of S CHU LAI AO) fr 1LT Dore, LNO. (Rec by MAJ McAnaw, S-3.)	CO,S3	in
18	0955	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc: Co A(-) BS513758; Co D BS500776; Co C 3d plat BS502673.	Bde,CO,S3,M	in
19	1015	(C)	LATE ENTRY: 1 VC KIA as result of	Cont	
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19	Cont	(C)	airstrike into BS534782 at 0905 hrs.	Bde,CO,S3	jm
20	1020	(C)	Co D rept detained 1 VCS w/o ID (MAM) who came fr large tunnel complex vic BS500776. Will question MAM & search tunnel.	Bde,CO,S3	jm
21	1038	(C)	BG Galloway arr NUI TRON; met & briefed by LTC Russell; dprt 1052 hrs.	S3, Bde jm	jm
22	1040	(C)	Ref item 3, starlight scope fd & ret to Co D CO.	CO,S3	jm
23	1045	(C)	Ref item 20, fd in tunnel 1 metal can- teen, 2 photos of pers in uniform, 1 VC radio, assorted documents, clean clothes. will evac VCS to OP 1, Nui Tron.	Bde,CO,S3	jm
24	1050	(C)	Co C 3d plat ldr rept neg findings in cave vic BS502673.	CO,S3,S2	jm
25	1053	(C)	Total of 3 airstrikes were conducted within area bounded by BS446748, 446753, 450750 & 450754.	Bde,CO,S3	jm
26	1100	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc: Co A(-) BS513757; Co B(-) BS484773, 1st plat BS478770, 2d plat BS488779, 3d plat BS490773; Co C 3d plat BS504676. Other units loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	jm
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37	1405	(C)	BG Galloway met & briefed by MAJ McAnaw	CO,S3	jm
38	1410	(C)	Co A detained 3 additional VCS fr tunnel (ref item 34).	Bde,CO,S3	jm
39	1415	(C)	Ref items 35 & 37: BG Galloway & Bde Cmdr departed this loc.	CO	jm
40	1440	(C)	Co A rept 3 additional VCS fr hole vic BS513759. Total VCS detained now 11. (Ref item 34 & 38).	Bde,CO,S3	jm
41	1446	(C)	Airstrike commenced into BS557785 @ 1440	Bde,CO,S3,M	jm
42	1500	(C)	Bn SITREP neg; Co B & Co D loc BS491763.	Bde,CO,S3	jm
43	1505	(C)	Co A repts has detained a family of 4 who wish to be taken to QUANG NGAI.	Bde,CO,S3,S2 Will evac w/CMC	jm
44	1510	(C)	Airstrike vic BS557785 comp. FAC repts numerous bunkers uncovered.	Bde,CO,S3,S2	jm
45	1515	(C)	Ref item 41, detainees will be dlvr to LZ CHEVY due to lack of trans to DUC PHO.	Bde,CO,S3	jm
46	1520	(C)	1st lift of Co C fr BS504676 complete.	CO,S3	jm
47	1533	(C)	Last lift of Co C complete; Co C now loc at LZs THUNDER & CHARLIE BROWN.	Bde,CO,S3,M	jm
48	1545	(C)	Airstrike commenced vic BS553784. 2d pass resulted in 4 sec explo, 1 of which produced white smoke.	Bde,CO,S3	jm
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37	1405	(C)	BG Galloway met & briefed by MAJ McAnaw	CO,S3	jm	
38	1410	(C)	Co A detained 3 additional VCS fr tunnel (ref item 34).	Bde,CO,S3	jm	
39	1415	(C)	Ref items 35 & 37: BG Galloway & Bde Cmdr departed this loc.	CO	jm	
40	1440	(C)	Co A rept 3 additional VCS fr hole vic BS513759. Total VCS detained now 11. (Ref item 34 & 38).	Bde,CO,S3	jm	
41	1446	(C)	Airstrike commenced into BS557785 @ 1440	Bde,CO,S3,M	jm	
42	1500	(C)	Bn SITREP neg; Co B & Co D loc BS491763.	Bde,CO,S3	jm	
43	1505	(C)	Co A repts has detained a family of 4 who wish to be taken to QUANG NGAI.	Bde,CO,S3,S2 Will evac w/CMC	jm	
44	1510	(C)	Airstrike vic BS557785 comp. FAC repts numerous bunkers uncovered.	Bde,CO,S3,S2	jm	
45	1515	(C)	Ref item 41, detainees will be dlvr to LZ CHEVY due to lack of trans to DUC PHO.	Bde,CO,S3	jm	
46	1520	(C)	1st lift of Co C fr BS504676 complete.	CO,S3	jm	
47	1533	(C)	Last lift of Co C complete; Co C now loc at LZs THUNDER & CHARLIE BROWN.	Bde,CO,S3,M	jm	
48	1545	(C)	Airstrike commenced vic BS553784. 2d pass resulted in 4 sec explo, 1 of which produced white smoke.	Bde,CO,S3	jm	
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49	1550	(C)	Bn SITREP neg; Co A loc BS504754.	Bde, CO, S3	hr
50	1601	(C)	Co D rept detained 1 MAM w/o ID vic BS 493756; also detained 1 VC (wounded) & 1 VC (MAP) (wounded) at same loc.	Bde, CO, S3, S2	or
			<b>LAST ENTRY</b>		

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51	1645	(C)	Co D rept vic hamlet (BS494763) rd trenchline running N-S along treeline; also fd many spider holes & small tunnels	Bde, CO, S3, S2, M	<i>in</i>
52	1700	(C)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde, CO, S3	<i>in</i>
53	1750	(C)	Bn SITREP neg; Co A closed Co B & D NDP loc BS492765	Bde, CO, S3 M	<i>in</i>
54	1850	(C)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde, CO, S3	<i>in</i>
55	1901	(C)	Bn str; Co A 88, Co B 94, Co C 98.	CO, S3	<i>in</i>
56	1952	(C)	Bn SITREP neg; Co A 3d plat 2d sqd amb loc BS496963	Bde, CO, S3 M	<i>in</i>
57	2003	(C)	Gnd Svl detected group of 3-5 pers vic BS522756; arty fired; Also detected & heard 1 powered enemy vehicle; possible track or boat.	Bde, CO, S3	<i>in</i>
58	2015	(C)	Co B amb: 1st plat 1st sqd BS481765, 2d plat 2d sqd BS486761, 3d plat 2d sqd BS485766. Co D amb: 1st plat 2d sqd BS495764, 2d plat BS490766, 3d plat 1st sqd BS493767.	Bde, CO, S3	<i>in</i>
59	2035	(C)	Gnd Svl detected 7 indiv at BS525765. Arty fired; neg assessment.	Bde, CO, S3 S2	<i>in</i>
60	2100	(C)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde, CO, S3	<i>in</i>
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61	2101	(C)	Flaeship 221 rept in to 4-3 Inf to work in area E of NUI TRON.	CO,S3	hm		
62	2120	(C)	Flaeship escort ships rec hvy gnd fire vic BS515745. Fire ret w/neg assessment.	Bde,CO,S3	hm		
63	2130	(C)	Flaeship & escort dprt area. Arty will now engage tgt area BS515745.	Bde,CO,S3	hm		
64	2135	(C)	Gnd Svl detected 3 different groups of 5 pers each moving vic BS520756. Arty fired.	Bde,CO,S3	hm		
65	2145	(C)	Gnd Svl continued to detect small groups of 5 pers vic BS522756. Arty fired.	Bde,CO,S3	hm		
66	2153	(C)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde,CO,S3	hm		
67	2154	(C)	Gnd Svl detected 1-2 pers vic BS519753; arty fired. Detected 2 pers moving W at BS515751; arty fired.	Bde,CO,S3,M	hm		
68	2200	(C)	Gnd Svl detected 2 pers vic BS510753; arty fired zone svp.	Bde,CO,S3 Co A	hm		
69	2203	(C)	Gnd Svl detected 1-2 pers vic BS509753.	Bde,CO,S3	hm		
70	2224	(C)	Bde arty called for clearance to fire on BS517759. Clearance granted.	CO,S3	hm		
71	2226	(C)	Gnd Svl detected 1-2 pers at BS512756; arty fired.	Bde,CO,S3	hm		
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72	2253	(C)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde, CO, S3	jm
73	2345	(C)	Radar (Gnd Svl) rept 2-3 indiv moving W fr BS519761. Arty fired & movement ceased.	Bde, CO, S3	jm
74	2345	(C)	H&I tgt BS511769 fired by arty on LZ BUFF. Clearance for safety of pers on Nui Tron determined unsafe by SGM Kirkpatrick & checkfire declared. Arty claimed excess of 200m clearance.	CO, S3	jm
75	2356	(C)	Bn SITREP neg; Gnd Svl rept small group movement & tgt engaged by arty, resulting in cessation of movement.	Bde, CO, S3	jm
76	2400	(u)	Journal Closed.		

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SUMMARY

15 Sep 68

At 150640H Sep 68 the Forward Tactical CP became operational w/the CO S3 and representatives of the S2 and the AIO and assistants.

CO's A, B, D and OPCON Cav troop 1-1 Cav commenced movement to search and clear area bounded by grid lines (BS5276), (BS5175), (BS500745), (BS490745), (BS475775) and East to (BS5276). The operation was conducted w/o loss due to hostile action. Findings of the operation included:

- 1 chicom AP mine w/o fuze
- \$5.00 worth of NVA coins
- 6 sampans destroyed
- 2 VC killed in action
- 1 secondary explosion from burning haystack
- 18 VC detained - 15 evac
- 1 family relocated by own request
- numerous bunkers and spider holes destroyed
- several tunnels destroyed

The operation was supported by 2 air strikes which produced 1 VC KIA and 4 secondary explosions. Operation was supported by gunships from 1-1 Cav and they are credited w/1 VC KIA. Gunships were fired on by AW and SA wps however received neg cas, neg losses. The En Forward CP was visited twice by PG Galloway and once by Col Henderson. Second visit by PG Galloway resulted in change of plans and postponed planned movement of CO's A, B, and D to Duc Pho AO and retention of OPCON Cav Troop. All units NDP'd (BS4917630), establishing perimeter defense w/ambush patrols of platoon sized the employed around perimeter.

As a result of Gnd Svl sightings flare ship and guns were requested to check area. Arty was requested 7 times on small elements moving vic of CO NDP. Gunships drew heavy AW fire from coord (BS515745) and returned fire w/neg assessment. One arty missions were called on area. A total of 8 missions were fired in support of the En. A total of 31 H&I missions were requested.

C Co and En main CP were moved by air from LZ BUFF and from (BS509674) to Duc Pho AO. With C Co moving to secure LZ THUNDER & SA HYNG.

En was commanded by LTC Albert L Russell Jr. during the period with HHC commanded by Cpt Brasher; A Co commanded by Cpt Murphy; B Co commanded by Cpt Davis; C Co commanded by Cpt Middleton; D Co commanded by Cpt Woodruff; E Co commanded by 1lt. Willingham.



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En control

Co B

A/1-1 Cav (OPCON)

Co C

Co D

Co E

HHC (-)

1. Bn CP (FWD) displace fr LZ BUFF to OPl vic BS517778 by UHID commencing 150630hrs Sep 68, as indic in Annex A.
2. Co A conduct combat sweep SE fr NDP vic BS504778 with A/1-1 Cav to obj vic BS513757 commencing 150630hrs Sep 68; upon completion of combat sweep, conduct intensified search of obj; establish NDP vic BS492765; set 1 amb vic NDP, as indic in Annex A.
3. Co B conduct plat-size combat patrols fr NDP vic BS482773 to range of 1000m commencing 150630hrs Sep 68; establish NDP vic BS492765; set 3 amb vic NDP.
4. Co C conduct plat-size combat patrols fr NDP vic BS504676 to range of 1000m commencing 150630hrs Sep 68; establish NDP vic BS504676; set 2 amb vic NDP, as indic in Annex A.
5. Co D conduct combat sweep SW fr NDP vic BS504778 to obj vic BS492765 commencing 150630hrs Sep 68; upon completion of combat sweep conduct intensified search of obj; establish NDP vic BS492765; set 3 amb vic NDP, as indic in Annex A.
6. Co E: No change.



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7. A/1-1 Cav: as indic above in para 2.

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Annex A - Operation Overlay

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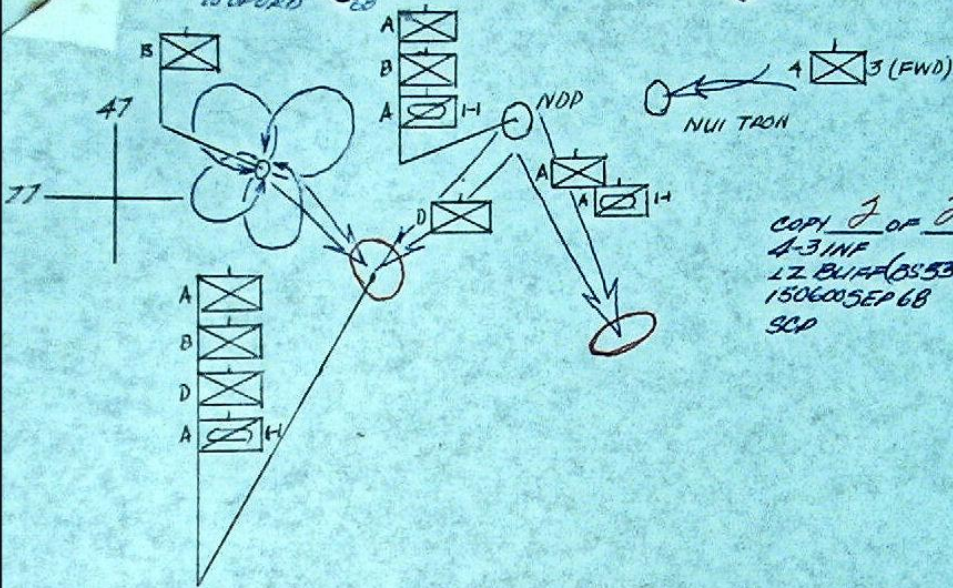
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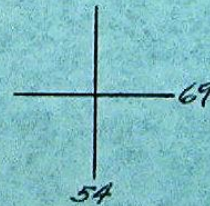
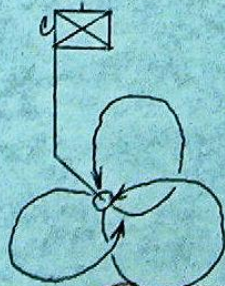
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