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01	0001	(c)	Journal Opened.		
02	0100	(c)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde,CO,S3	WCM
03	0200	(c)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde,CO,S3	WCM
			<i>William C McAmis</i>		
			WILLIAM C McAMIS, CPT Inf, OIC		
04	0300	(c)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde,CO,S3	m
05	0400	(c)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde,CO,S3	m
06	0500	(c)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde,CO,S3	m
			<i>John F Reiger</i>		
			JOHN F REIGER, CPT Sig, OIC		
07	0600	(c)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde,CO,S3	S S S
08	0700	(c)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde,CO,S3	
09	0708	(c)	Rec unit str rept: Co A 103, Co B 94, Co C 88, Co D 107.	CO,S3	
			<i>John R Sam</i>		
			JOHN R SAM, CPT Inf, OIC		
10	0804	(c)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde,CO,S3	m
11	0908	(c)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde,CO,S3	m
12	1005	(c)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde,CO,S3	m
13	1051	(c)	Co C sqd securing engr crane req to ret to LZ THUNDER for rations. Engr element at location. Permission granted.	CO,S3	m
DOWNGRADE AT 3 YR INTERVAL					
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DANIEL M DORE, 1LT Inf				<i>Daniel M Dore</i>	
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14	1101	(c)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde,CO,S3	<i>an</i>	
15	1157	(c)	11th LIP MPs rept at BS783476 rec 6-8 rds SA fire w/neg cas. Presently moving to source of fire.	Bde,CO,S3	<i>m</i>	
16	1211	(c)	Bn SITREP neg; Co C 2d plat 3d sqd closed on LZ THUNDER.	Bde,CO,S3	<i>an</i>	
17	1217	(c)	Co C 3d plat 2d sqd, BS812362, req DUSTOFF for 1 VN male w/severed artery. Completed 1223 hrs.	Bde,CO,S3	<i>m</i>	
18	1050	(c)	11th Bde MP engaged & KIA 1 VC evading w/o wpn or ID.	Bde,CO,S3	<i>an</i>	
19	1255	(c)	Co B 2d plat dprt LZ LIZ to conduct swp to BS744439.	Bde,CO,S3	<i>m</i>	
20	1300	(c)	Bn SITREP neg. <i>Daniel M Dore</i> DANIEL M DORE, 1LT Inf, OTC	Bde,CO,S3	<i>m</i>	
21	1335	(c)	CPT Sam, SDO, submitted req to 11th LIB for AO ext as fol: Grid Squares BS 7257, 7357, 7457, 7557, 7657, 7757 for period 180600-181800 H Sep 68.	CO,S3,M	<i>S</i>	
22	1350	(c)	Bn SITREP neg, loc: Co A LZ BRONGO; Co B(-) LZ LIZ, 2d plat BS746430; Co C(-)	Cont		
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22	Cont		LZ THUNDER, 1st & mort plats LZ CHARLIE BROWN; Co D LZ DRAGON; Co E(-) LZ THUNDER, Recon Plat LZ BRONCO.	Bde,CO,S3,M	8
23	1445	(c)	At 1420 hrs, BS912265, tractor for LOWBOY ambushed; rec fire fr both sides while traveling S on road. 1 US WHA - Dustoff complete at this time.	Bde,CO,S3	8
24	1450	(c)	Bn SITREP neg; Co B 2d plat loc BS755439.	Bde,CO,S3,M	8
25	1530	(c)	Monitored on arty FD net: US veh struck mine on Hwy #1 between MO DUC & DUC PHO (VN Station). LTC Russell will investigate in C&C acft.	Bde,CO,S3	8
26	1535	(c)	LTC Russell located 1 US veh on LZ DRAGON access road damaged by mine. 1 US WHA evac by C&C acft; 1 US WHA pinned beneath veh. Wrecker req fr 11th LIB. Co D will secure with 1 plat.	Bde,CO,S3	8
27	1540	(c)	CPT Sam req 2 scout dog tms fr 11th LIB to be available 180630HH Sep 68.	Bde,CO,S3	8
28	1559	(c)	Bn SITREP neg. Co B 2d plat loc BS750-440. Ref item 26, LTC Russell, BS745-516, repts APC has righted veh; C&C acft will evac WHA (1 US).	Bde,CO,S3	8
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29	1600	(c)	Msg fr 11th LIB, ref item 27: Req appr. Dogs will be on SE pad LZ BRONCO at 18 0630H Sep 68. C&C acft will dlvr dogs to LZ THUNDER.	CO,S3	S		
30	1607	(c)	Co D repts veh, ref item 26, is marked HQ 25, 3-1 Inf.	Bde,CO,S3	S		
31	1630	(c)	CPT Sam submitted cancellation to 11th LIB of req for CA acft & AO ext. Dogs (ref item 29) will be available 180700 H Sep 68.	Bde,CO,S3	S		
32	1635	(c)	Co B mort plat commenced airlift to MONTEZUMA, BS818383.	Bde,CO,S3	S		
33	1640	(c)	Co B 2d plat closed LZ LIZ.	Bde,CO,S3,M	S		
34	1650	(c)	En SITREP neg, loc: Co D plat closed LZ DRAGON for veh security mission.	Bde,CO,S3,M	S		
35	1650	(c)	Co B mort plat closed MONTEZUMA.	Bde,CO,S3	S		
36	1744	(c)	C/19 Engr rept ARVN troops conducted CA into BS930130 today & rec fire on LZ. Pursued en H into 4-3 Inf AO. Gunships engaged unk nr of en, resulting in 2 VC KIA & 4 secondary explosions vic BS925- 135. ARVN unit unk.	Bde,CO,S3,S2	S		
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37	1747	(c)	Bn SITREP neg, loc: Co C 2d plat 2d sqd enroute to Bridge 111 at this time.	Bde, CO, S3 M	8
38	1800	(c)	LATE ENTRY: Rec & posted PF/RF night psns (ambush).	CO, S3	8
39	1805	(c)	Trp E 1st CAV night loc as fol: 3d plat 2d sqd Bridge 107, 35 element Bridge 104, 674 element Bridge 34, 34 element HARDSTAND 69 element Bridge 94, 68 & 38 elements LOWBOY.	CO, S3	8
40	1850	(c)	Bn SITREP neg, loc: Co A LZ BRONCO; Co B(-) LZ LIZ, mort plat MONTEZUMA; Co C(-) LZ THUNDER, 2d plat 2d sqd Bridge 111, 1st plat & mort plat LZ CHARLIE BROWN; Co D LZ DRAGON; Co E(-) LZ THUNDER, Gnd Svl Sec (Radar) LZ CHARLIE BROWN.	Bde, CO, S3	8
41	1855	(c)	Bn unit str as fol: Co B 1-27, 2-25, 3-26, 4-16, CP-11, total 105; Co C 1-21, 2-24, 3-24, 4-22, CP-7, total 98; Co D 1-25, 2-26, 3-27, 4-19, CP-8, total 105.	CO, S3	8
42	1900	(c)	Bn SITREP neg, loc: Co B 1st plat 2d sqd BS BS749429, 3d plat 1st sqd BS747435; Co D 2d plat BS722526.	Bde, CO, S3	8
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43	2000	(C)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde,CO,S3	<i>WCM</i>
44	2100	(C)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde,CO,S3	<i>WCM</i>
45	2105	(C)	LATE ENTRY: 11th LIB repts flaership will be working in 4-3 Inf AO fr 2030 to 0230 hrs.	CO,S3	
46	2110	(C)	Bde repts SLAR detected a moving tgt vic BS874288. Flaerships & elements fr E Trp, 1-1 Cav on Bridge security notified.	Bde,CO,S3,S2 M	<i>WCM</i>
47	2200	(C)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde,CO,S3	<i>WCM</i>
48	2230	(C)	Bde repts SLAR detected large movement vic BS794483. Arty called in; results to fol.	CO,S3,S2,M	<i>WCM</i>
49	2300	(C)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde,CO,S3	<i>WCM</i>
50	2359	(C)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde,CO,S3	<i>WCM</i>
51		(U) (C)	Summary-4-3 Inf had neg enemy contact throughout the Pho AO. LTC Russell loc 1 US veh damaged by mine resulting in 2 US WHA. Dusted off by C/C Helicopter. 11th Bde MPs engaged & killed 1 VC evading. Co C 19th Engrs rept RVN trps conducted CA into vic BS930130 (Hot LZ). Gunships called in resulting in 2 VC KIA and recd 4 secondary explosions vic BS925135. At 1420 hrs BS712265 tractor fr LAMBAY recd fire while traveling S on road resulting in 1 US WHA. Dusted off.		
52	2400		Journal Closed		
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WILLIAM C McAMIS, CPT Inf			<i>William C McAmis</i>		

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LZ THUNDER (BS874325)RVN
171500H Sep 68
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Task Org:

Co A 4-3Inf	Co D	Bn control
Co B	Co E	1-E/1-1 Cav (OPCON)
Co C	HHC (-)	

1. Co A (-) continue stand down at 4-3Inf trains area LZ BRONCO (BS815383) wpns plat provide indirect fire support for LZ BRONCO defense fr precared positions vic BS818383; displace wpns plat by truck to 4-3Inf trains area for stand down upon relief, as indic in Annex A.
2. Co B (-) secure LZ LIZ (BS755432); displace wpns plat fr LZ LIZ to prepared positions vic BS818383 by UHID to assume indirect fire support mission for LZ BRONCO defense commencing 171635hrs Sep 68; set 3 amb vic LZ LIZ, as indic in Annex A.
3. Co C (-) secure LZ THUNDER (BS872324); secure LZ CHARLIE BROWN (BS928220) with 1 rifle plat and 1 wpns plat; secure bridge 111 by (BS814359) w/1 sqd; secure bridge 94 (BS920213) w/1 sqd, as indic in Annex A.
4. Co D secure LZ DRAGON (BS734525); set 1 amb vic LZ LIZ. Conduct combat sweep fr LZ DRAGON with 1-E/1-1 Cav commencing 18030hrs Sep 68, as indic in Annex A.
5. Co E (-) remain LZ THUNDER; LPPS-5 radar w/the crew remain LZ CHARLIE BROWN.
6. 1-E/1-1 Cav; as indic above in para 4.

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Annex A - Operation Overlay

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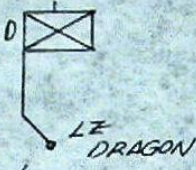
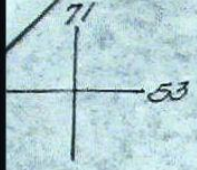
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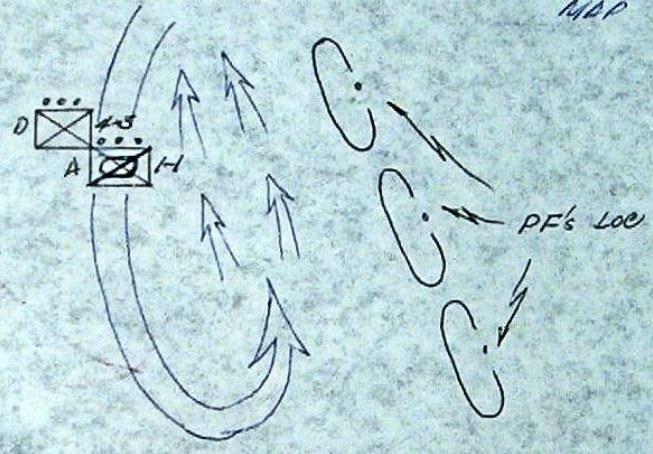
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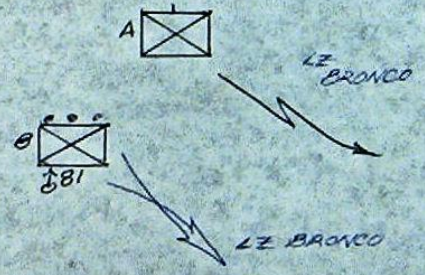


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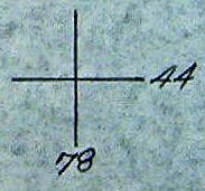
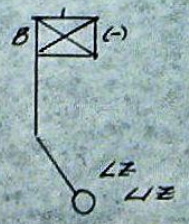
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No mail came in by briefingtime; but mail did come in during the briefing. 21 replacements came in; 3 went to 4-3Inf. Ede had 15 casualties; 4 were KIA from 1-20th.

S-2

Password: Deep-Seen

High for 18 Sep 95° low 77°

Score Board: Duc Pho AO
MP 1VC KIA

TF Galloway 1-20th 3 VC KIA - 3 wpns 2 AK-47 & 1 Lt-mg
4 US KIA - 10 US WHA

Air Scouts 1 VC KIA - 1 VC CIA - 1 wpn m-1 carbine

A 1-20th was hit by approx a plat-size force in their NDP. A 1-20th had 9 wounded. An ambush (6 men) from A 1-20th was hit by what is thought to be the same unit. VC killed 4 US and wounded 1 US seriously. Neg VC KIA. During the course of the day they killed 3 VC and got 3 wpns. They also found a large amount of equipment hidden in fox holes and spider holes and small caves.

S-3

5 C/C 4 utilities 8 Chinook sorties, only 1 for 4-3Inf.

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