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S2/S3 4-3 INF		LZ THUNDER BS 874325	From	To	
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			0001 30 Sep 68	2400 30 Sep 68	
ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INI- TIALS
	IN	OUT			
1	0001		(U) Journal Opened		
2	0011		(C) Flare ship reported on station in 4-3 AO. Giver following targets to check out: BS805338, 845390, 875306, 898315, 930250	CO, S3	JFR
3	0057		(C) Bn neg sitrep locations same	Ede, CO, S3	JFR
4	0155		(C) Bn neg sitrep locations same	Ede, CO, S3	JFR
5	0255		(C) Bn neg sitrep locations same	Ede, CO, S3	JFR
6	0355		(C) Bn neg sitrep locations same	Ede, Co, S3	JFR
7	0455		(C) Bn neg sitrep locations same	Ede, CO, S3	JFR
8	0510		(C) Co E started moving at this time on their assigned mission,	Ede, CO, S3	JFR
9	0555		(C) Co C CP, 1st and 2nd Plat started moving on their assigned mission.	Ede, CO, S3-	JFR
10	0608		(C) Bn neg sitrep, Co A & C now moving.	Ede, CO, S3	JFR
11	0655		(C) All units neg Sitrep, loc: Co A BS 780363, Co C(*) BS802395	Ede, CO, S3	JFR
JOHN F. REIGER					
12	0700		(C) Co D CP closed LZ CHARLIE BROWN, Neg results	CO, S3, M,	JRS
13	0705		(C) Co A, 2nd Plat, 3d and rpts presently		
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JOHN F. REIGER CPT, Signal			DOWNGRADE AT 3 YR INTERVAL DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS <i>John F. Reiger</i>		

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13	(Cont'd)		(C) in contact. Estimated force of 4-6 VC with carbines and possibly 1 AK-47 vic BS779369. Gunships requested, broke contact at 0725 hrs. Arty called in end of mission at 0800. Co A presently sweeping area.	Arty Bde, CO, S3, M	JRS
14	0740		(C) PZ & LZ times for National Police fm LZ BRONCO to BS782392 PZ 0707hrs, LZ 0715 (cold). PZ & LZ times for Co B 1st Plat fm LZ THUNDER to BS772395. 1st PZ 0725, LZ 0738 (cold) 2nd PZ 0728, LZ 0734 (cold) 3d PZ 0732, LZ 0748 (cold)		JRS
15	0800		(U) Received Typhoon warning fm Ede	CO, S3, Co's	JRS
16	0805		(C) Bn Locations: Co A BS775362, Co B(-) LZ THUNDER, 1st Plat BS773392, 2nd Plat BS864310, 3d Plat 1st sqd Bridge 111, Co C(-) BS782395, 1st Plat BS786387, 3d Plat BS774405, Mortar Plat MONTEZUMA, Co D(-) HARDESTAND, 1st Plat BS915234, 2d Plat BS921205, 3d Plat 1st sqd Bridge 94, National police BS778390	Bde, CO, S3	JRS
17	0825		(U) Co D 19th Engrs vic BS783432 rpted		

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17	(Cont'd)		(U) a road block consisting of rocks, scrap metal, barbed wire fence on steel pickets. (Rd block cleared)	CO, S3, M	JRS
18	0928		(C) Ref item 13: Co A engaged 1 VC res- ulting in 1 VC/Wia. Also 1 VN boy came in line of fire and rec'd gunshot wound extracted to LZ Bronco for med treatment	Bde, CO, S3	JRS
			Also, Co A rec'd 2 US casualties as follows: PFC HAGEN, MYLO L. rec'd minor frag wound in right leg, treated on fld will remain for duty. SGT Hayes Ronald, rec'd frag wound in face (M) evacuated to LZ THUNDER for med Treat.		
20	0845		(C) Co D 3d plat 2nd squad departed for todays operation.	CO, S3, Bde	JRS
21	0917		(U) Co D 3d plat 2nd sqd vic BS935228 found and destroyed 1 M26 handgrenade was not boobytrapped.	Bde, CO, S3	JRS
22	0920		(U) Co C 1st plat requested dustoff for 1 VN child with 2 bullet wds. Dusted off by C&C ship and completed at 0927. Ch- ild was brought to US trps by 2 VN(f)	CO, S3	JRS
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23	0945		(C) Co D 1st plat closed Hardstand. (Late entry) At 0900 2nd plat closed Hardstand 3d Plat 1st sqd at bridge 94 closed hardstand all neg results	Bde, CO, S3	JRS
24	1000		(C) Bn Locations same except for Co A BS 775362, Co B(-) LZ THUNDER, 1st plat BS 774387, 2nd plat BS875304, 3d Plat, 1st sqd Bridge 111. Co C(-) BS782395, 1st Plat BS786387, 3d Plat BS774405, Co D(-) Hardstand, 3d Plat, 2nd sqd BS933234	Bde, CO, S3	JRS
25	1005		(C) Co B 1st plat vic BS778387 found and destroyed a 155 rd (NET)	Bde, CO, S3, M	JRS
26	1010		(C) Co A 3d plat vic BS785377 fd & dest 8 spider holes and 4 tunnels. Tunnels were large enough to hide 4&5 individuals. Also fd in tunnel, 10 empty AK47 ammo cans. Destroyed 15 huts in area.	CO, Bde, S3	JRS
27	1100		(C) Bn Loc Same except for Co B 2nd Plat BS935290, Co D 3d plat 2nd sqd BS933234	Bde, CO, S3	JRS
28	1115		(C) Co D, 3d plat 2nd Sqd closed hardstand.	Bde, CO, S3	JRS
29	1120		(C) Ref item 13: At 0650 hrs vic BS779		
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29	(Cont'd)		(C)369 Co A, 2nd plat rec'd SA fire fm 1xAK-47 and at least 5 carbines. At the same time 3d Plat rec'd fire fm at least 2 AK-47's, 4 carbines and 1 MG, possible 30 cal. Due to the shape of the ridge line where the enemy was positiond, the fires from 2nd & 3d plat were going to wards each other. Sgt Hays, of 3d Plat was shot in the right cheek by one VC with carbine who was in a tree. He re- turned the fire resulting in 2 VC KIA. The 3d plat RDO threw a grenade at 3 VC approx 15 ft from his loc wounding 1 and observing the others dragging him away. Fire was returned by Gunships and all elements rpt'd that the VC was firing at the aircraft. after arty was called in a search of the area was made w/neg results and the VC apparently evaded to the S.	Bde, Co, S3	JRS		
30	1200		(C) En Neg Sitrep: loc same except Co A (-) BS770374, 1st plat & 3d plat BS774 378, 2nd plat BS765386, Co B 2nd plat				
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30	(Cont'd)		(-) BS847313, 1st sqd BS845315	Bde, CO, S3, M	JRS	
31	1205		(C) National Police Vic BS782407 fd 3 carbine magazines 2 of which were fully loaded, small amount of medical supplies 1 US uniform and 1 US Canteen cover	Bde, CO, S3, M	JRS	
32	1250		(C) Bn Loc same except B Co 2nd Plat BS 847292	Bde, CO, S3, M	JRS	
33	1400		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep: Confirmation of all locations ara as follows: D Co 3d & 4th plat LZ CHARLIE BROWN. rest of elements on HARDSTAND. A Co 1st & 3d Plat BS774381 2nd Plat 765386, 4th plat and CP BS770374 B Co 1st plat BS774387, 2nd plat BS867287 3d Plat BS871298, C Co 1st plat BS786387 2nd plat & CP BS782395, 3d Plat BS774425	Bde, CO, S3, M	JRS	
34	1445		(U) Msg fm Bde: at 1415 hrs, Co D 19th Bngr traveling north rec'd SA & AW fire fm both sides of the road. fire returned and proceded north. Neg cas, neg assess- ment of return fire.	CO, S3, M	JRS	
35	1500		(a) Bn loc same except for Co B 2nd Plat BS866290, 1st plat departed for LZ Broncc	CO, S3, M Bde	JRS	
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36	1600		(C) Bn neg sitrep loc for all units: A Co(-) BS770374, A Co 2nd Plat BS765385 B Co(*) LZ THUNDER, 1st Plat BS774387, 2nd Plat BS886370, 3rd Plat 1st sqd BSidge 111; Co C(-) BS782395, 1st Plat BS786387 3rd plat BS774425, D Co(-) HARDSTAND & 2nd Plat BS912214	Bde, Co, S3	JRS
37	1615		(U) At 1606H LTC Russell 4-3 Bn CO, rptd 5 people digging grave at coord BS801365 1x ARVN flag flying. Checking area out at this time. More to follow:	S3, M	JRS
38	1630		(U) Ref item 37: all military age males ranging in age 19 to 35 evac to Duc Pho PW compound.	Map, Bde, S3	JRS
39	1643		(C) B Co 2nd Plat closed LZ Thunder at 1640H.	Bde, CO, S3	JRS
40	1700		(C) Bn neg sitrep loc same except for C Co loc at BS786387	M, CO, S3	JRS
41	1710		(C) DCo 2nd Plat closed HARDSTAND	Bde, Co, S3	JRS
42	1740		Received weather report from bde	CO, S3, Co's	JRS
43	1800		(C) Bn neg sitrep, loc same except B Co wps plat 1st sqd on Bridge 111. at 1750 also A Co moving to NDP	Bde, CO, S3	JRS
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44	1815		(C) E Trp 1 Cav and 2nd plat ele loc bridge 107 24 elements, bridge 104, 25 element, bridge 95 22 & 23 elements, hardstand, 27 & 20 element, bridge 94 21 element, LZ lowboy, 28 & 26 element.	Ede, CO, S3	JRS		
45	1900		(C) Bn Neg sitrep, locations same.	Ede, CO, S3	JRS		
46	1925		(C) A Co in psn at 1924H, loc for NDP BS767368, Loc for OP's, 1st Plat 2nd sqd BS769369, 2nd plat 3d sqd 767370, 3d plat 3d sqd 764367	Ede, Co, S3	JRS		
47	1930		(U) Rec rpt fm Spc Felix, Ede S3 Air, C&C will arrive at 0615h, utility 1600 to 1800 h.	CO, S3, S3A	JRS		
48	2000		(C) Bn neg sitrep all loc same except for Co D 2nd plat amb in psn at BS922208 & 3d Plat 1st sqd LP in psn at BS934223	Ede, CO, S3	JRS		
49	2010		(C) Co C amb 1st plat in psn BS788380 at 1940H,	Ede, Co, S3	JRS		
50	2020		(C) B Co amb 2nd plat in psn BS865306 also 2nd plat reported rec 1 SA sniper round from NW direction, (LZ thunder)	CO, S3, Ede	JRS		
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51	2100		(C) Bn neg Sitrep locations same	Bde, Co, S3	JRS	
52	2200		(C) Bn neg Sitrep locations same	Bde, CO, S3	JRS	
53	2230		(C) Naval OIC at Hardstand (Hidden Lake)  rpts one small boat missing fm vic BS 924229. Flare ship over area at this  time	Bde, CO, S3	JRS	
54	2240		PF's req AO extension 500 meter radius  BS918234: Disapproved by Bn S3 Maj Mc  Anaw	Bde, CO	JRS	
55	2300		(C) Bn neg sitrep locations same	Bde, CO, S3	JRS	
56	2305		(C) Ref item 53: Small boat loc where  it was originally tied up	Bde, CO, S3	JRS	
57	2325		(C) Rept PF's in Gilligan Islands received  small arms & M79 fire. Report also men-  tioned an estimated 10 PF's were wounded  Checks made with nearest friendly turn  ed out as neg involvement. D Co observed  M79 firing from small boat and reported  this as the only firing observed.	Bde, CO, S3	JRS	
58	2355		(C) Bn Neg sitrep locations same	Bde, CO, S3	JRS	
59	2356		(C) PF Night loc: (All BS) 803375, 801376  832334, 810370, 817364, 795382, 848322, 885			
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300800H Sept 68  
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FRAGORD 11-68 to OPOED 10-68, Hqs 4-3 Inf

Task Org:

Co A 4-3 Inf	Co D	Bn control
Co B	Co E	
Co C	HHC (-)	

1. Co A establishes NDP vic BS767366 NLT 301600H Sept 68 and 2 plat night ambushes to interdict ingress/egress routes vic NDP. Commencing 010615H Sept 68, Co A conducts offensive search and combat sweep operations to SE in assigned AO; interdicts trails and stream beds w/2 plat ambushes nightly; notifies Bn Hqs of crossing phase lines; establishes blocking positions vic BS875307, BS881291, and BS882290 NLT 050615H Sept 68.

2. Co B secures and improves defenses LZ THUNDER, secures bridge 111 w/1 reenforced rifle squad daily NLT 1800H; establishes 1 plat ambush vic BS867305. Commencing 010615H Sept 68 Co B(-) conducts offensive search and combat sweep in assigned AO each day and establishes 1 plat ambush each night; prepares to conduct cordon and search operation to S of LZ THUNDER, commencing 050615H Sept 68.

3. Co C (-) establishes NDP vic BS767385 NLT 301600H Sept 68 and 1 plat night ambush to interdict ingress/egress routes vic NDP. Mort Plat secures LZ MONTEZUMA vic BS818884 and provides indirect fire support for LZ BRONCO and Co C(-). Commencing 010600H Sept 68 Co C (-) conducts offensive search operations to N and E, closing LZ BRONCO w/2 rifle plats NLT 011700H Sept 68 and leaving 1 plat behind to establish ambush vic BS820405. Commencing 020615H Sept 68 Co C (-) conducts offensive search and combat sweep operations in assigned AO each day and establishes 1 plat ambush each night. Prepares to conduct cordon and search operation in area to S of LZ THUNDER, commencing 050615H Sept 68.

4. Co D secures LZ CHARLIE BROWN vic BS928220 w/1 rifle plat and 1 mort plat; establishes 1 plat ambush vic BS918207 and secures bridge 94 vic BS921211 with 1 reenforced sqd NLT 301800H Sept 68; establishes CP at HARDSTAND vic BS930223. Commencing 010600H 1 plat moves N from the HARDSTAND into designated AO, establishes clandestine plat patrol base; conducts squad recon patrols throughout AO to locate VC force executing ambushes on Hwy 1; establishes plat night ambush vic likely VC location or along possible VC trail route; returns to HARDSTAND morning 4 Oct 68. Commencing 010700H Sept 68 Co D conducts a daily plat combat patrol to W or SW of HARDSTAND, returning daily NSN 1500H to

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041200H Oct 68

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Task Org:

A Co 4-3 Inf

D Co

Bn Control

B Co

E Co

C/6-11 Arty DS

C Co

MHC (-)

Flat(-)/Trp E 1st Cav  
(OPCON)

1. Co A establishes NDP vic BS875290 and (1) plat night ambush vic BS882290. Moves, commencing 050530H Oct 68 and establishes cordon in assigned sector (BS 884296-BS887277, NLT 050700H Oct 68); establishes and maintains visual contact w/Co B on left flank and 1st plat Co D on right flank; on order moves in coordination w/adjacent units and conducts cordon and search operation to PZ COT; on order continues to PZ END. Commencing 051530H Oct 68 conducts final extraction to CHARLIE BROWN and HARDSTAND, closing NLT 051630H Oct 68; secures bridge 9w/ 1 rifle sqd NLT 051800H Oct 68. Extraction to CHARLIE BROWN from vic BS892302.
2. Co B secures and improves defensive positions LZ THUNDER; establishes plat night ambush vic BS877304; moves w/Co(-), commencing 050545H Oct 68 and establishes cordon in assigned sector (BS875312-BS884296), NLT 050700H Oct 68, establishes and maintains visual contact w/Rcn plat on left flank and Co A on right flank; on order move in coordination w/adjacent units and conducts cordon and search operation to PZ COT; on order continues to PZ END. Upon termination of operation establishes NDP and 1 plat night ambush vic BS877292.
3. Co C secures LZ BRONCO; conducts combat assault to vic BS888325; 1st LZ 0700H and establishes cordon ASAP in assigned sector (BS883320-BS893326); establishes and maintains visual contact w/Rcn plat and Flat (-)/Trp E-1st Cav; on order moves in coordination w/adjacent units and conducts cordon and search operations to PZ COT, on order continues to PZ END. Conducts final extraction from vic BS895310 (1st PZ time 1500H) and conducts combat assault to vic BS810343 (1st LZ time 1500H); establishes NDP and 1 plat ambush vic BS818342.
4. Co D secures LZ CHARLIE BROWN w/Co(-) and bridge 9w/1 rifle sqd, moves, commencing 050515H Oct 68 and establishes cordon in assigned sector (BS908283-BS918285) NLT 050700H Oct 68; 1st Plat Co D will move from assigned AO and establish cordon in assigned sector (BS890278-BS898277); establishes and maintains visual contact w/Co A on left flank. On order, moves in coordination w/adjacent units and conducts cordon and search operation to PL COT; on order, continues to PL END. Upon termination of operation moves to and secures LZ THUNDER, closing NLT 051730H Oct 68; secures bridge 111 w/1 rifle sqd NLT 051800H Oct 68.

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OPERATION SUMMARY - 30 September 68

A Company - NDP vic BS781368 with one ambush. Blocked BS365385 to BS775385.

B Company - Secured THUNDER and bridge 111. One platoon CA to block BS765395.

C Company - Secured BRONCO one ambush BS805405. Conducted block along Highway 1 BS794408 to BS803395.

D Company - Secured CHARLIE BROWN and HARDSTAND with two ambushes BS918218 and BS917223. Negative day activity.

RECON - Began classes THUNDER. Wounded must wear dog tags and have an ID card. Will check at dusk. Off pad.

MP-FF - CAPZ southeast pad and LZ BRONCO 0705 to LZ BS782388 at 0715.

PLANS SUMMARY - 30 September 68

A Company - NDP BS767368 with two plat ambushes, BS769369 and BS764367 vic. 1 October conduct offensive search southeast BS755245.

B Company - One plat ambush BS867305. Secure THUNDER and bridge 111. 1 Oct. search vic BS865295 closing THUNDER.

C Company - NDP BS767385 with one platoon ambush vic. 1 October conduct search northeast closing BRONCO.

D Company - Secure CHARLIE BROWN and HARDSTAND. 1 ambush BS918201, secure bridge 94, 1 Oct conduct search BS915265.

E Company - TRAINING

4.2" Mortar Report - 30 September 68

AMMO REPORT:

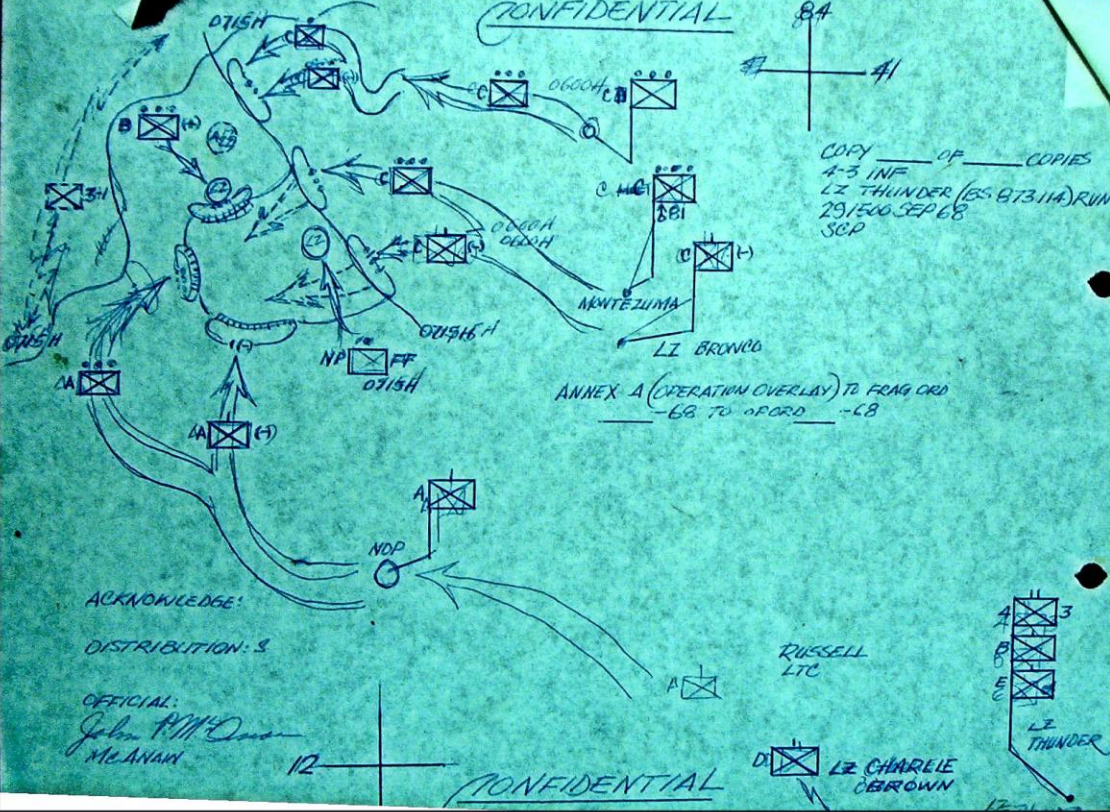
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Not Observed-----0	WP-----0
HEI-----19	ILLUM-----0
Total missions----20	Total-----38

BRIEFING - 30 September 68

1st Marine Div. -	6 KHA	18 VC KHA
	24 WHA	23 NVA KHA
	5 WHA	2 IWC
2nd ARVN -	1 KHA	9 VC KHA
	17 WHA	5 CSWC
		4 IWC

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ANNEX A (OPERATION OVERLAY) TO FRAG ORD  
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