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01	0001	(u)	Journal Opened.		
02	0045	(c)	Radar rept movement of 2 to 3 pers at range 1540m, AZ 4875 mils fr their loc (Nui Tron).	CO,S3,M	DKK
03	0100	(e)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
04	0120	(c)	Radar rept movement of 3-5 pers 1530m fr their loc (Nui Tron), AZ 4880; arty fired, adjusted by Co A FO. Tgt loc; BS501779.	CO,S3,M Co B, Co A	DKK DKK
05	0155	(c)	Co C 3d plat (1-52 Inf) loc on LZ BUFF fired M-60 MG fr bunker 17 to wake up one of their ambs, loc unk.	CO,S3	DKK
06	0200	(c)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
07	0210	(c)	Rec msg fr SFC Jex, Bn Intel Sgt: QUANG NGAI presently under possible mort atk.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
08	0300	(c)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
09	0400	(c)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
10	0405	(c)	Radar rept movement of 5 pers at range 1540m, AZ 4055 mils fr Nui Tron; also movement of est 10 pers at range 1710m AZ 4055 mils. Results neg. By the time arty computed data, tgts were no longer detectable.	CO,S3,Arty	DKK

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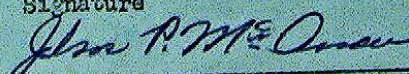
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12-	0600	(c)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde,CO,S3	Am
13	0620	(c)	Co B amb closed NDP.	Bde,CO,S3,M	Am
14	0640	(c)	Co A amb & OPs closed NDP.	Bde,CO,S3,M	Am
15	0645	(c)	Co C amb closed NDP.	Bde,CO,S3,M	Am
16	0645	(c)	Co D amb closed NDP.	Bde,CO,S3,M	Am
17	0700	(c)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde,CO,S3	Am
18	0715	(c)	C&C acft (Dolphin 530) rept in to NCS.	CO,S3	Am
19	0730	(c)	Co A dpvt NDP on asg mission.	CO,S3	Am
20	0743	(c)	Co B dpvt NDP on asg mission.	CO,S3	Am
21	0752	(c)	Co B rept rec sniper fire fr vic BSL495- 786; also rec M-79 GL rds. ⁱⁿ And loc BSL492791.	Bde,CO,S3,M	Am
22	0805	(c)	Bn SITREP neg, except as in item 21; loc changes: Co B BSL492791; Co A BSL497765.	Bde,CO,S3,M	Am
23	0819	(c)	Ref item 21, Co B & C&C acft rec SA fire fr BS fr BSL494784, 495784, 495790; neg hits, neg cas; C&C was at alt 400 ft.		
24	0822	(c)	At 0810 hrs Co A rec 1 VC Cheiu Hoi, age 22, wearing lt grey-blue clothes. States M that VC forced him to work for them; also states that there were 100-150 VC vic	Bde,CO,S3,S2	Am
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25	0830	(c)	Msg fr Bde: AO ext appr to include GS BS5578, 5579, 5580, 5581 for period 051800-061800 H Sep 68.	CO,S3,M	gm
26	0832	(c)	Ref item 24, Chieu Hoi also states that there are 100 VC at BS5278 along S bank of river; also many bunkers in area.	Bde,CO,S3,M	gm
27	0856	(c)	BG Galloway, ADC, arr LZ BUFF; met & briefed by MAJ McAnaw, S-3; dprt 1055 hrs.	Bde,CO	gm
28	0900	(c)	Bn SITREP neg, loc: Co B BS489779.	Bde,CO,S3,M	gm
29	0905	(c)	Recon plat, BS553798, rec 10 rds SA fire fr BS555793 as plat commenced movement.	Bde,CO,S3,M	gm
30	0906	(c)	At 0845 hrs Co B, BS489779, found 1 NVA khaki uniform, 1 pr blk PJs, & 1 VC gas mask.	Bde,CO,S3,M	gm
31	0915	(c)	At 0840 hrs Gnd Sv1 on Nui Tron rept 3 Chieu Hoi's approached perimeter wire w/o wpns. Arty element will take care of them.	Bde,CO,S3	gm
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41	1055	(C)	At 1045 hrs, Co C 3d plat, BSl73767, found 2 booby-traps, M26 grenades, in an ammo pouch under a bush. Wire led across trail marked by 6 ft stick. Also found 3 huts in area that had been slept in last night. Destroyed booby-traps & huts.	Bde,CO,S3,M	Om
42	1100	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc: Co A BSl93758; Co B BSl88774; Co C(-) BSl74764, 2d plat BS464766, 3d plat BSl60766, mort plat; Co D(-) BSl75754, 1st & 3d plat BSl82745; Recon plat BS548785.	Bde,CO,S3,M	gm
43	1110	(C)	Recon plat BS548785, rec 5-7 rds SA fire fr unk direction; contact broken 1112 hrs.	Bde,CO,S3,M	gm
44	1120	(C)	Bn CO observed tunnel complex running fr BSl71761 to BSl73767. Also tunnel complex running fr BSl66764 E to BSl73762.	Bde,CO,S2,S3	gm
45	1151	(C)	All units SITREP neg, loc: Co B BSl85770; Co D BSl84749.	Bde,CO,S3,M	gm
46	1207	(C)	Recon plat, BS548785, cptr 1 male VC, age 20-23, evading; w/o ID. VC had sandals	Cont	
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46	Cont	(c)	hidden in bushes. Also found large tunnel complex running fr BS548785. Detained 1 female, age 25-30, concealing an NVA canteen; woman had 120 ^{SVN} SVN , some documents, & neg ID.	Bde, CO, S3, S2 VCs and captured material evac to Bde	gm
47	1220	(c)	Co A, BS504763, engaged 1 VC w/wpn evading fr hedgerow; VC successfully evaded; Co surrounded area, continuing to search.	Bde, CO, S3, M	gm
48	1245	(c)	Recon plat, BS504763, found 5 yellow mines (bomblet), size of M-26 mines, hidden in hollow tree.	Bde, CO, S3	gm
49	1245	(c)	Bn SITREP neg, loc: Co A BS504767; Co B BS495767; Co C(-) BS475764, 1st plat BS476760, 2d plat BS475766; Recon plat BS552786.	Bde, CO, S3, M	gm
50	1255	(c)	At 1245 hrs Recon plat, BS552786, found 2600 piastres buried in leaves.	Bde, CO, S3, M	gm
51	1300	(c)	Ref item 46, Recon plat also cptr 1 old man, age 65-75 yrs.	Bde, CO, S3, M	gm
52	1304	(c)	Co A, BS502761, found 1 VC gas mask in a hut.	Bde, CO, S3, S2 M	gm
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53	1320	(C)	Aero Scouts, BS548766, engaged & KIA 1 VC w/wpn; observed several other VC w/wpns evading to E, one w/tripod mounted wpn; req permission to insert ground element.	Bde,CO,S3,M	<i>gm</i>
54	1325	(C)	Req AO ext fr Bde to incl GS BS5377, 5576, 5677, & 5676 until 061900 H Sep 68 for purpose of inserting Aero Scout ground element, ref item 53.	Bde,CO,S3,M	<i>gm</i>
55	1535	(C)	Co B mort plat, BS495767, found 5 friction type blasting caps, med supplies, & spl box of rusty carbine ammo.	Bde,CO,S3,M	<i>gm</i>
56	1340	(C)	Airstrike vic BS498727 resulted in 1 secondary explosion sending gray smoke 160 ft high.	Bde,CO,S3,M	<i>gm</i>
57	1350	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc: Co B BS495767; Co C BS478756.	Bde,CO,S3,M	<i>gm</i>
58	1353	(C)	At 1330 hrs Aero Scouts, BS549766, rec sporadic AW & semi-auto fire for approx 15 min.	Bde,CO,S3,M	<i>gm</i>
59	1355	(C)	AO ext into GS BS5576 has been appr (ref item 54.)	CO,S3,M	<i>gm</i>

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60	1359	(c)	Remainder of area req for AO ext (ref item 54, 59) has been appr until 061600 H Sep 68.	CO,S3,M	gm
61	1400	(c)	Bn S2, CPT McAamis, observed VN fleeing in GS BS4978.	CO,S3,M	gm
62	1402	(c)	LATE ENTRY: Rec Annex J to OPLAN 12-68 and OPOD 7-68, 11th LIB (2 cys ea) fr Lt Dore, LNO, at 0915 hrs.	CO,S3,F	gm
63	1410	(c)	Recon plat repts pinned down by AW fire fr woodline vic BS548773.	Bde,CO,S3,S2,M Gunships req Tac Air req.	gm
64	1440	(c)	Ref item 63, gunships on station vic Recon plat loc.	Bde,CO,S3	gm
65	1442	(c)	Recon plat repts 2 US WHA; unable to reach them at this time.	CO,S3	gm
66	1505	(c)	Co A loc: BS504762.	CO,S3,M	gm
67	1506	(c)	BG Cooksey, ADC arr LZ BUFF; met & briefed by MAJ Davidson, Bn XO; dprt 1610 hrs.	Bde,CO,S3	gm
68	1520	(c)	Gunships, BS557778, KIA 1 VC. Rec fire fr entire village at same coord. Also rec AW fire fr village vic BS554782.	Bde,CO,S3,M	gm
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69	1525	(c)	Unable to rec locations of all units due to Recon plat contact w/en force.	CO,S3	Jm
70	1550	(c)	Util acft repts rec AW fire fr BS5080 while at alt 700 ft; neg hits.	Bde,CO,S3,M	Jm
71	1551	(c)	Req to Bde: AO ext fr BS550820, E to BS560820, S to BS560780, E to BS570780, S to BS570757, W along river to BS550762. BE EXTENDED until 071800 H Sep 68.	Bde,CO,S3,M	Jm
72	1620	(c)	Locations: Co A & B BS505765; Recon plat BS545774.	CO,S3,M	Jm
73	1625	(c)	At 1555 hrs Util acft rec 20-25 rds SA auto & semi-auto fire; neg hits; ret fire w/neg results. Coord BSh96797 (Follow-up on item 70).	Bde,CO,S3,M	Jm
74	1630	(c)	Monitored transmission Bn CO to FAC acft: Recon plat has 2-KHA.	Bde,CO,S3,SI	Jm
75	1637	(c)	Ref item 71, AO ext req appr until 071800 H Sep 68.	CO,S3,M	Jm
76	1637	(c)	Ref item 63,65,68,69,70,74, Bn SITREP neg except Recon plat, presently in contact. Locations: Co A&B BS505765; Co C BSh88746; Co D BSh95739; Recon plat BS545774.	Bde,CO,S3,M	Jm
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77	1708	(C)	Recon plat rept 1 US WHA; more to fol.	Bde,CO,S3	cm
78	1725	(C)	Gunship (Shark 5) rec fire resulting in 2 US WHA (pilot & door gunner). Obs .50 cal AW psn vic BS564769.	Bde,CO,S3	cm
79	1726	(C)	Msg fr Bde: Aero Scouts vic BS552772 rept 10 VC KIA in khaki uniform; cptr 1 carbine, 1 RPG; destroyed 10 RPG rds; cptr 1 AK-50 assault rifle. Est VC Co in village. Extracted Inf unit 1615 hrs.	CO,S3	cm
80	1730	(C)	Lead ship & tail ship of CA element both took hits fr ground fire; are leak- ing fuel at this time.	Bde,CO,S3	cm
81	1745	(C)	Monitored msg fr LTC Russell to Lead ship: CA called off due to late time & hvy fire in area of PZ & LZ.	Bde,CO,S3	cm
82	1800	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, except recon. Recon plat has 5 US pinned down. Co A & B instr by MAJ McAnaw to move towards recon element.	Bde,CO,S3	cm
83	1810	(C)	Co C & D loc at NDP vic BS514731.	Bde,CO,S3	cm
84	1830	(C)	Monitored radio msg between FAC & Bn CO: Obs 2 ea .30 cal MG psns & 1 .50 cal MG psn vic BS566771.	Bde,CO,S3	cm
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85	1840	(c)	Rec msg fr MAJ McKnight, Bde S-3: Spooky is available if needed by 4-3 Inf.	CO,S3	Am
86	1855	(c)	Co A & B(-) center of mass loc BS505765.	CO,S3	Am
87	1900	(c)	Bn SITREP neg, except Recon Plat as above.	Bde,CO,S3	Am
88	1935	(c)	Extraction of Recon elements: On 1st lift 2 slicks (Dolphin) took hits, 1 pilot WHA (hit in leg); 2 ships extracted 5 US ea. Dolphin pilot repts en fire was .50 cal AW, SA, & mort. En waited until acft was on ground before opening fire. Fire came fr treeline vic enemy village.	Bde,CO,S3	Am
89	1945	(c)	Dolphin flare ship on station.	CO,S3	Am
90	1958	(c)	Msg fr CPT Sam, S-3 Air: Has obs .50 cal fire for past 30 min fr vic BS585775. Appears to be firing at acft in vic.	Bde,CO,S3	Am
91	2000	(c)	Bn SITREP neg, except for recon plat. Co A & B continue to move enroute Recon plat loc, center of mass now BS539772.	Bde,CO,S3	Am
92	2023	(c)	Msg fr FAC (Helix 37): Obs .50 cal firing fr BS537770.	Bde,CO,S3	Am
93	2025	(c)	Msg fr Cnd Sv1 element on Nui Tron: Obs	Cont	

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99	2225	(c)	Co A rept engaged & KIA 1 VC evading vic BS537774.	Bde,CO,S3	gm
100	2233	(c)	Co B repts found 1 US pack, complete; believed to belong to Recon Plat.	CO,S3	gm
101	2240	(c)	Co B repts picked up 1 indiv (uninjured) fr Recon plat vic BS544773.	CO,S3	fr
102	2300	(c)	Bn SITREP neg; Co A & B still moving.	Bde,CO,S3	gm
103	2323	(c)	Co B repts found 2 US (uninjured) fr Recon element who state they know loc of 2 more US.	CO,S3	gm
104	2400	(c)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde,CO,S3	fr
105	(v) 2400		Journal Closed.		

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1. Co A establish NDP vic BS505765; set 2 ambs vic NDP. Conduct plat size combat patrols to range of 1000m fr NDP commencing 070630H Sep 68, as indic in Annex A.
2. Co B establish NDP vic BS505765; set 2 ambs vic NDP. Conduct plat size combat patrols to range of 1000m fr NDP commencing 070630H Sep 68, as indic in Annex A.
3. Co C establish NDP vic BS514731; set 2 ambs vic NDP. Conduct plat size combat patrols to range of 1000m fr NDP commencing 070630H Sep 68, as indic in Annex A.
4. Co D establish NDP vic BS514731; set 2 ambs vic NDP. Conduct plat size combat patrols to range of 1000m fr NDP commencing 070630H Sep 68, as indic in Annex A.
5. Co E(-) remain LZ BUFF; Recon plat establish NDP vic BS550775. Recon plat conduct combat patrol to range of 1000m fr NDP commencing 070630H Sep 68, as indic in Annex A.

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Annex A - Operation Overlay

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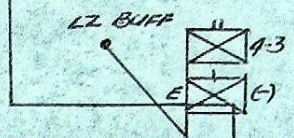
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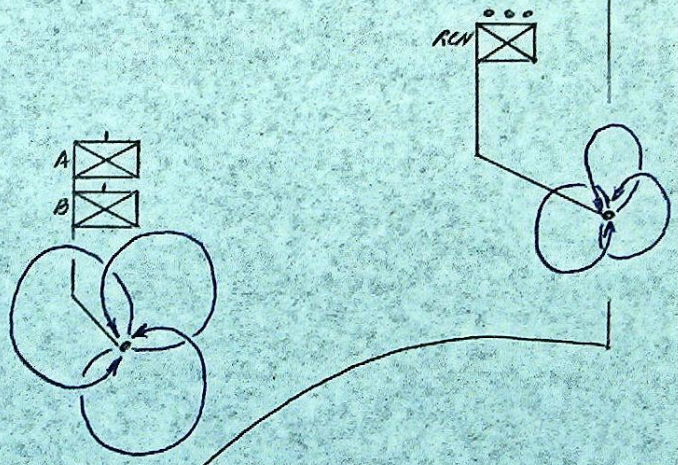
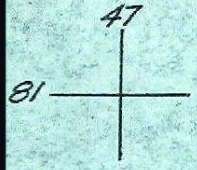
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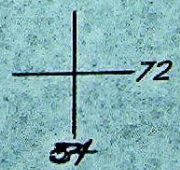
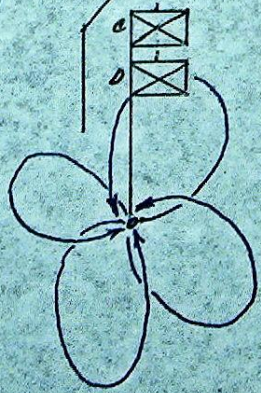
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1. Co A(-) attack E fr NDP vic BS505765 to seize obj vic BS544774 and to reinforce Recon Plat commencing 061800H Sep 68; secure NDP with 1 plat. Co A(-) conduct intensified search of obj area when secure, as indic in Annex A.
2. Co B(-) attack E fr NDP vic BS505765 to seize obj vic BS544774 and to reinforce Recon Plat commencing 061800H Sep 68; secure NDP with 1 plat. Co B(-) conduct intensified search of obj area when secure, as indic in Annex A.
3. Co C: No change.
4. Co D: No change.
5. Co E(-) remain LZ BUFF; Recon Plat reorganize and secure PZ vic BS545774 for extraction to LZ BUFF, as indic in Annex A.

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Annex A - Operation Overlay

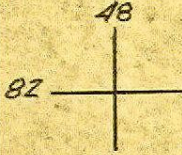
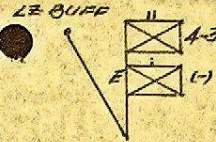
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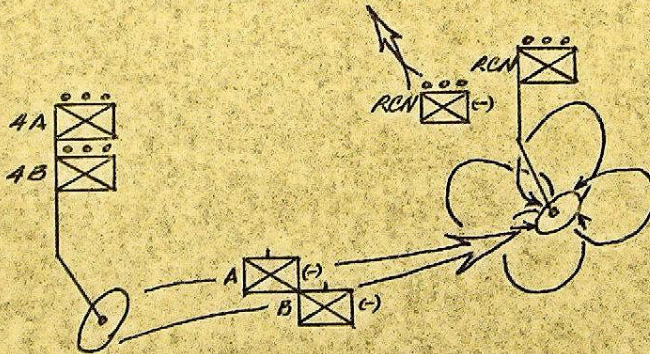
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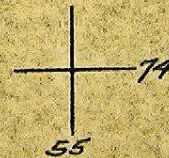
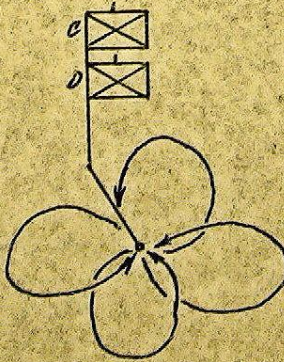
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