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ENTR NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INI- TIALS
	IN	OUT			
01	0001	(A)	Journal Opened.		
02	0035	(C)	Bde req rundown of 4-3 Inf ops for 09 Sep 68 in view of fact that CAs have been cancelled.	CO,S3	DKK
03	0040	(C)	Ref item 2, notified Bde that Cos A,B,C D would be broken down into sub-elements to conduct intensified patrolling N of the Tra Khuc River.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
04	0050	(C)	Gnd Svl Tm at Nui Tron (Radar) repts movement of 20 pers at BS517751. Arty fired on tgt resulting in cessation of movement.	CO,S3	DKK
05	0100	(C)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
06	0150	(C)	Rec SLAR rept of moving tgtd fr 11th Bde (Arty FSCC): BSL427794 & BSL427768.	CO,S3,M,ALO SDO.	DKK DKK
07	0155	(C)	LATE ENTRY: At 0143 hrs Radar detected movement of more than 20 pers, moving W at BS525754. Arty fired zone swp, re- sulting in cessation of movement.	CO,S3	DKK
08	0200	(C)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
09	0215	(C)	LATE ENTRY: At 0145 hrs Bde Arty FSCC req clearance for airstrikes on fol loc:	CO,S3 Cont	DKK

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Declassified after 12 yr

Name and Grade of Officer on Duty  
JOHN F REIGER, CPT SIGC

Signature  
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09	Cont	(C)	BS455732, BS473725, BS443788, BS436810, BS437733; strikes scheduled for 100600 H Sep 68 to 101800 H Sep 68. Locations of tgts are tentative & may be moved by CO.	Cleared by SDO.	
10	0225	(C)	Rec clarification of new AO boundary fr Bde as fol: Fr BS570755 S to BS570725, E to BS575723, SW to BS564706, SW to BS5669, W to BS5469. Interconnect following: BS4365, BS4464, BS4563.	CO,S3,M	DKK
11	0300	(C)	Bn SITREP neg.  <i>John J. Reiger</i> JOHN J. REIGER, CPT Sig, OIC	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
12	0400	(C)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
13	0500	(C)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
14	0600	(C)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
15	0610	(C)	Co B 2d plat 1st sqd amb closed on NDP.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
16	0610	(C)	Co A 1st plat 2d sqd amb closed on NDP.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
17	0645	(C)	Co C 3d plat 1st sqd & 4th plat(-) amb elements closed on NDP.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
18	0700	(C)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
19	0800	(C)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde,CO,S3	DKK
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20	0835	(C)	Ref Arc Light strikes, acft safety zone during strike within 10km radius fr BS 475710.	CO,S3	gm		
21	0850	(C)	Bn SITREP neg; units enroute to asg obj.	Bde,CO,S3	gm		
22	0910	(C)	COL Henderson, Bde Cmdr, arr LZ BUFF; met & briefed by LTC Russell; dprt 1059 hrs.	CO,S3	gm		
23	0945	(C)	BG Cooksey, ADC, arr LZ BUFF; met & briefed by COL Henderson & LTC Russell; dprt 1022 hrs.	Bde,CO,S3	gm		
24	0947	(C)	At 0912 hrs Gnd Svl tm detected movement of 7-9 pers vic BS501759.	Bde,CO,S3,M Arty fired.	gm		
25	0955	(C)	Bn SITREP neg; loc: Co A BSL483773; Co B BSL78775, Co C 2d plat & Co D 1st plat BS521772.	Bde,CO,S3,M	gm		
26	1055	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc: Co A BSL74755; Co B BSL65777; Co C 1st & 3d plat BS517771; Co D 1st plat BS514767; 2d plat BS523774.	Bde,CO,S3,M	gm		
27	1055	(C)	BG Galloway, ADC, arr LZ BUFF; met & briefed by COL Henderson & LTC Russell; dprt 1111 hrs.	Bde,CO,S3	gm		
28	1115	(C)	Radar tm (Nui Tron) detected 40 VN at BSL63778.	Bde,CO,S3,M	gm		
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	IN	OUT			
29	1118	(C)	At 1105 hrs Co B rec unk nr rds of sniper fire fr BS465777; ret fire res in 3 VC KIA. 1 VC was carrying 2 Chicom gren. Contact broken at 1112 hrs.	Bde,CO,S3,M Gunships rec	gm
30	1142	(C)	Gunships arr on station vic Co B loc.	CO,S3,M	gm
31	1155	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc: Co C(-) BS521774, 1st & 3d plat BS509762, mort plat BS 521779; Co B BS465776; Co D(-) BS514767	Bde,CO,S3,M	gm
32			1st plat BS508761, 2d plat BS518765, mort plat BS518765.		
32	1201	(C)	Gunships rept 1 helicopter went down vic BS555775, cause unk; neg cas. Obs unk nr of VN 200m to N (Unk if are VC).	Bde,CO,S3,M	gm
33	1255	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc: Co A 1st & 2d plat BS482766; Co C(-) BS509762, mort plat BS521779; Co D(-) BS509762; 1st plat BS508755, mort plat BS522780.	Bde,CO,S3,M	gm
34	1258	(C)	Co A 2d plat, BS482766, fd 1 Russian 7.62mm pistol (SN: N023781) w/NVA belt & holster, 1 US canteen, 1 Chicom gren, 1 first aid pouch, 1 US pistol belt, 1 VC poncho. All items fd under floor of burned hut.	Bde,CO,S3,S2 M	gm

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	IN	OUT					
35	1300	(C)	Co C 1st plat, BS513756, cptr 2 VCS, age 15-38 yrs, w/o ID, attempting to evade into a crowd. Will evac.	Bde, CO, S3, S2	gm		
36	1309	(C)	Aero Scouts, BS554792, observed what is believed to be a plat size en force w/ eqpmnt, rations, pith helmets, clothes, & web gear in hedgerows; also observed a bunker in same area.	Bde, CO, S3, S2 M	gm		
37	1320	(C)	Co D, BS510755, disc village complex completely abandoned. Doors & windows have sticks placed in front of them.	Bde, CO, S3, M Village destroyed.	gm		
38	1355	(C)	En SITREP neg, loc: Co A(-) BS474775, 1st & 2d plat BS481764; Co B BS465776; Co C (-) BS509762, 1st & 3d plat BS500758; Co D(-) BS510762, 1st plat BS508754, 2d plat BS513754, mort plat BS522780.	Bde, CO, S3, M	gm		
39	1440	(C)	Co A 3d plat, BS474775, has 22 VN (10 fem, 12 children) who wish to be evacuated to a refugee camp.	Bde, CO, S3, M	gm		
40	1455	(C)	En S-3 informed Co A & B to co-locate NDP in GS BS4877, Co C & D to co-locate NDP in GS BS5076.	CO	gm		
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	IN	OUT			
41	1500	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc same.	Bde, CO, S3	gm
42	1502	(C)	At 1455 hrs Co D 1st plat, BS481764, fd in a haystack 1 NVA pistol belt w/pouch containing poncho.	Bde, CO, S3, S2	gm
43	1540	(C)	Co C, BS493775, found tunnels & spider holes throughout the area.	Bde, CO, S3, S2	gr
44	1555	(C)	Bn SITREP neg, loc: Co A BS488775; Co B BS465766; Co C(-) BS494775.	Bde, CO, S3, M	gm
45	1600	(C)	C&C ship rec SA fire (5-10 rds) fr BS 469779; Acft altitude 50-60 ft; neg hits.	Bde, CO, S3, M	gm
46	1620	(C)	Co D 1st plat, BS508754, found 1 pistol belt w/canteen, 2 bedrolls & various sundries.	Bde, CO, S3, M	gr
47	1645	(C)	Co C 3d plat, BS492752, found a rein- forced bunker.	Bde, CO, S3, S2 Destroyed.	gm
48	1655	(C)	All units SITREP neg, loc: Co C(-) BS 504764 (NDP); Co D(-) BS510762.	Bde, CO, S3, M	gm
49	1720	(C)	Msg fr MAJ McAnaw: LZ Operator not on duty at his designated location, resupply pad LZ BUFF.	CO, S3	gm
50	1722	(C)	Msg fr MAJ McAnaw: LZ Operator, PVT E2 Ruscotti, relieved of duty.	CO, S3	gm

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51	1735	(C)	LATE ENTRY: Msg fr Bde S-2; 2 Hoi  Chanhs picked up at QUANG NGAI know  location of a howitzer buried during  Tet offensive vic BS510692.	CO,S3,S2	gm		
52	1748	(C)	At 1745 hrs Acft (Dolphin 530) rec  sniper fire upon arr at Co A location;  acft was forced down w/no casualties.  At coordinates BS493781.	Bde,CO,S3	gm		
53	1800	(C)	Bn SITREP neg; Co B closed Co A NDP  BS488775; Co D & C loc BS505763 (NDP);  Co C & D mort plats closed NDP.	Bde,CO,S3	gm		
54	1805	(C)	Crew of downed C&C acft extracted by  helicopter (Dolphin 588).	Bde,CO,S3	gm		
55	1818	(C)	Req DUSTOFF for 1 US w/WO (Osness, Victor,  Co B 4-3 Inf).	CO,S3	gm		
56	1831	(C)	Ref item 55, DUSTOFF completed.	CO,S3	gm		
57	1831	(C)	Co A repts evac of downed C&C acft complete  at 1815 hrs.	Bde,CO,S3	gm		
58	1900	(C)	Bn SITREP neg; Co A & B NDP BS495778.	Bde,CO,S3	gm		
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59	1920	(C)	Co A 2d plat engaged 7 VC w/wpns, resulting in 2 VC KIA; bodies located on N side of lake & Co A unable to check for wpns.	Bde, CO, S3	DKK
60	1936	(C)	LATE ENTRY: At 0830 rec new AO boundary fr LTC Crowe (rec by MAJ McAnaw, S-3): Fr BS4684 E to 5384, S to 5381, E to 5581, NE to 570817, S to 570754, W following Tra Khuc River to BS510745, S to 510700, E to 5270, S to 5269, E to 5469, S to 5463, W to 4563, NW following Tam Rao River to 418685, ENE following Tra Khuc River to 463774, N to 456790, NE to 469819, NW to 4684.	CO, S3, M	DKK
61	1941	(C)	Co A 3d plat 2d sqd amb loc BS492772; Co C 3d plat 1st sqd amb loc BS502769, 2d sqd amb loc BS496764.	Bde, CO, S3	DKK
62	1952	(C)	Intel rept fr Bde S2: Regt size en unit within 500m of BS515759; unk size force within 600m of BS649705. Highly reliable source. Arty fired on BS515752.	CO, S3, S2, M	DKK

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WILLIAM C McAMIS, CPT Inf

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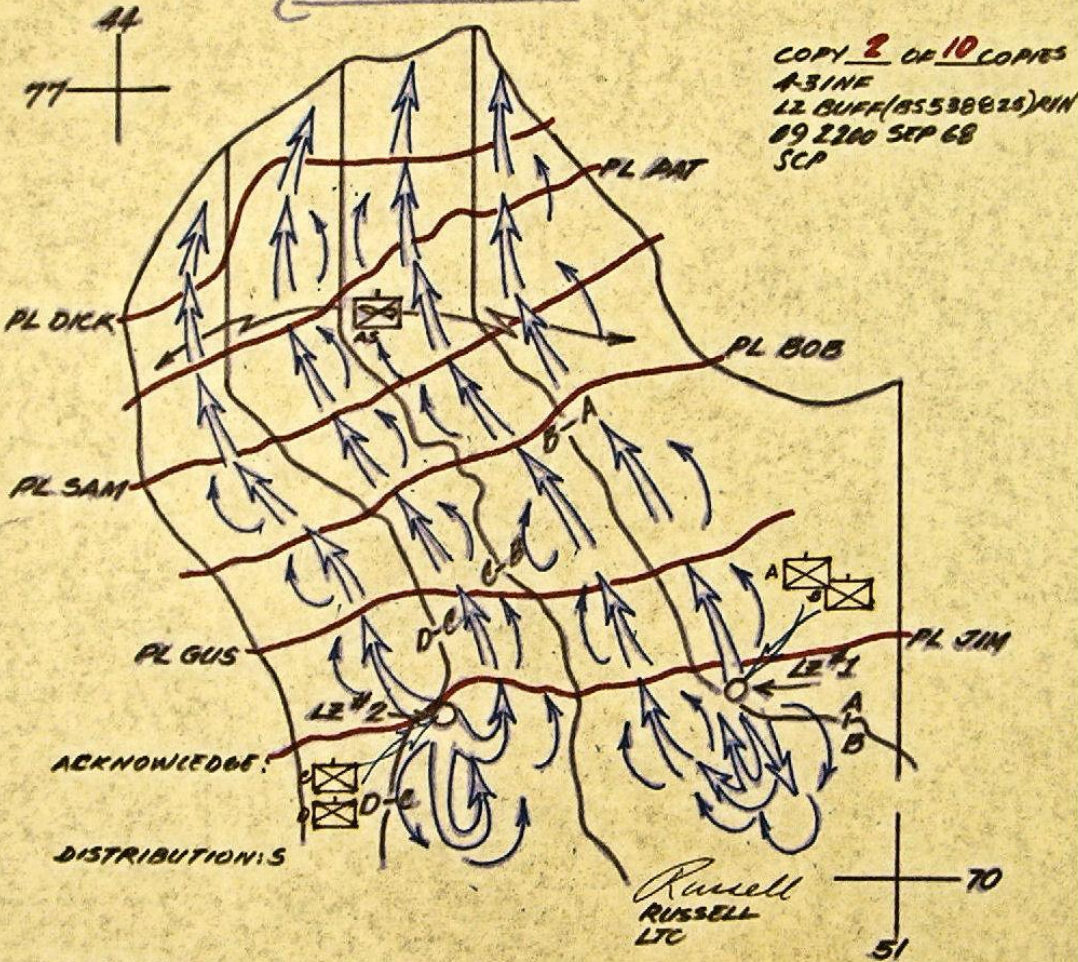
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63	1957	(C)	Co B 1st plat 2d sqd amb loc BS497779.	Bde, CO, S3, M	DKK
64	2000	(C)	Bn SITREP neg; Co D 2d plat 1st sqd new amb loc BS506758.	Bde, CO, S3	DKK
65	2030	(C)	Rec weather rept fr Bde.	CO, S3, S2	DKK
66	2055	(C)	Co C/1-52 Inf has 3d plat 1st sqd amb at BS556823.	Bde, CO, S3	DKK
67	2100	(C)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde, CO, S3	DKK
68	2140	(C)	Msg fr Bde: All airstrikes have been appr for tomorrow; no Diasy cutter or delays. All will be hard or dance. All LZs will be prepared. Only 1 LZ will have 10 sec delay.	CO, S3	DKK
69	2200	(C)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde, CO, S3	DKK
70	2300	(C)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde, CO, S3	DKK
71	2355	(C)	Bn SITREP neg.	Bde, CO, S3	DKK
72	2400	(C)	New frequencies & call signs in effect at this time; commo check w/all units made. All rec loud & clear.	CO, S3	DKK
73	2400	(C)	Bn SITREP neg. Journal Closed.		
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- ANNEX A (OPERATION OVERLAY) TO FRAG OR  
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1. Co A establish NDP vic BS495778; set 2 ambs vic NDP. Conduct VA fr PZ vic BS495778 to LZ vic BS495718 commencing 100710H Sep 68; upon completion of CA conduct combat sweep NW with Co B on left as indic in Annex A.
2. Co B establish NDP vic BS495778; set 2 ambs vic NDP. Conduct CA fr PZ vic BS495778 to LZ vic BS495718 commencing 100650H Sep 68; upon completion of CA conduct combat sweep NW with Co C on left and Co A on right as indic in Annex A.
3. Co C establish NDP vic BS505763; set 2 ambs vic NDP. Conduct C A fr PZ vic BS505763 to LZ vic BS470710 commencing 100730H Sep 68; upon completion of CA conduct combat sweep NW with Co D on left and Co B on right, as indic in Annex A.
4. Co D establish NDP vic BS505763; set 2 ambs vic NDP. Conduct CA fr PZ vic BS505763 to LZ vic BS470710 commencing 100750H Sep 68; upon completion of CA conduct combat sweep NW with Co C on right, as indic in Annex A.
5. Co E: No change.

Acknowledge:

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Annex A - Operation Overlay

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LNO Notes

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No mail came in due to bad weather in Da Nang

Replacements:

3/1-2 em  
1/20-2 em  
4/3-1 officer (2d Lt)  
6/11-1 em

Casualties:

1/20--2 (1 WHA, 1 self inflicted)  
E Trp-1 WHA

S-2

Password: Violet..Steel

Enemy losses

3/1 2KIA 1 AK-47; 1 carbine  
4/3 3 KIA, 2 POW, 1 pistol  
1/20 3 KIA, 6 P W; 1 carbine  
A/S 1 KIA

High temp for 10 Sep 68...95...low 80

S-3

4 c/c, 4 utilities, 1 hook (2 sorties for 4/3)

SPECIAL NOTES

Meeting for all unit XO's at 1000h Bde

COMPANY A HAD A VEHICLE STOLEN AT 123d AVN NCO CLUB. IT WAS LOCKED. CO A IS INVESTIGATING.

All units have started moving. Wed, 6 th support will provide trucks for completion

DRs will be sent to Bn CO for signature hereafter.

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