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S-2/S-3 lth Bn, 3d Inf AVDF-BARK		LZ SAN JUAN BS635382		FROM	TO	
				HOUR	DATE	HOUR DATE
				0001	26 Dec 69	2100 26 Dec 69
ITEM NO	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS	
	IN	OUT				
01	0001		(U) Journal opened.	DO	NC	
02	0100		(U) Bn SITREP neg; loc same.	DO	NC	
03	0200		(U) Bn SITREP neg; loc same.	DO	NC	
04	0300		(U) Bn SITREP neg; loc same.	DO	NC	
05	0400		(U) Bn SITREP neg; loc same.	DO	NC	
06	0430		(C) Beacon on sta 0355, off 0430, tgt BS742-301, ord 28-500 lb bombs on sus en bascmp, results unknown.	Bde, DO	NC	
07	0500		(U) Rec significant events fr Bde.	DO	NC	
08	0505		(U) Bn SITREP neg; loc same.	DO	NC	
09	0510		(U) Rec 4.2 ammo rep: HE 978, illum 417 WP 71, CS 24.	Bde, DO	NC	
10	0515		(U) Ref #7, Weather: variable cloudiness, light rain, wind 5-15k patchy morning fog; temp H 76 - L 66; humidity H 95% - L 70%; Sat forecast, little change.	DO	NC	
11	0605		(U) Bn SITREP neg; loc same.	DO	NC	
12	0700		(U) Bn SITREP neg; loc same.	DO	NC	
13	0730		(C) TOC DO, IIT CANCINO, req Beacon grids, to Bde: BS722348, BS702348, BS706324. DTG 27 Dec 69.	Bde, DO	NC	
14	0735		(C) IIT CANCINO, DO sent Shadow Box req to Bde; prim grids: BS6542, BS6640, BS6942, BS6844; altn: BS6041, BS6139, BS6341, BS6243 DTG 271800 - 280600 Dec 69; SGT PRESLEY, Bde rec msg.	Bde, DO	JS	
15	0740		(C) IIT CANCINO sent Warlord req to Bde: grids: BS6041, BS6139, BS6341, BS6243; DTG 270600 - 271800 Dec 69. Msg rec by SGT PRESLEY	Bde, DO	JS	
16	0808		(C) Bn SITREP neg; loc same expt SRRP 1 BS644376.	Bde, DO	JS	
17	0905		(U) SGT PRESLEY, Bde relayed msg; Ref CS drop 29 Dec 69. Bde needs altn tgt and suggests			

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S-2/S-3 4th Bn, 3d Inf AVDF-BARK		LZ SAN JUAN BS635362		FROM		TO	
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ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS		
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17	cont		a line fr BS649449, to BS652451 in Iron Mt AO Reply to Bde: 4-3 Inf agrees on altn grids.	Bde, Bn S-2, Chem NCOIC, DO	JS		
18	0900		(U) Bn SITREP neg; loc same.	DO	JS		
19	1000		(U) FAC 33 on sta .	DO	JS		
20	1015		(C) Bn SITREP neg; loc same expt Co A BS633- 446 Co B LZSJ, Co C BS634448 Co D BS647371 SRRP 1 BS646379; SRRP's 2, 3, 4, LZSJ.	Bde, DO	JS		
21	1035		(U) CPT HURLEY, S-3 Air, relayed Bn plans to Bde for 27 Dec 69; SPl GILROY rec, Bde.	Bde, DO	JS		
22	1055		(C) Beacon RINGNECK 362 on sta 1000, off 1045 tgt BS704364 sus en loc, drp ord 28-500 lb bombs; FAC 33 BDA res 1 (rock) bunker dest, 1 trail cut/.	Bde, DO	JS		
23	1100		(C) Air move Co B fr LZSJ to vic BS634448, and Co C fr BS634448 to LZSJ, Co B 1st PZ 10- 30 hr, last LZ 1100 hr; Co C 1st PZ 1035 hr, last LZ 1105 hr.	Bde, DO	JS		
24	1105		(C) Bn SITREP neg; loc Co A BS628441, Co B BS634448, Co C LZSJ, Co D BS647371 mov S, SRRP same.	DO	JS		
25	1140		(C) At 1130, Co B rep a green smoke grenade went off in their LZ vic BS634448; Co B rep neg friendlies left behind at LZ. Arty being called in on LZ.	Bde, DO	JS		
26	1200		(C) Bn SITREP neg; loc same expt Co A BS626- 437, Co B BS639438, Co D BS642364.	Bde, DO	JL		
27	1310		(C) At 1230 hr Co B BS638441 obsrv 1 concrete bunker 8 ft x 10 ft x 8 ft high; also obsrv 1 VC/NVA going into tunnel; eng en w/ hand frag into tunnel after interpreter could not coax en out of tunnel. Res: One VC/NVA WIA, 1 VC/NVA KIA; wounded VC, wounds, neck, r. leg dust off req and compl 1308; more to follow.	Bde, DO	JS		
28	1320		(C) Ref # 27, Equipment fd in tunnel: docu, 1 docu w/ K-9 identity, malaria pills, 1 change green clothes, 1 NVA belt, 1 empty pack, 1 blanket, 2 ponchos, 2 hammocks, 5 lb rice, 2 stalks green bannanas, 1 canteen cup, 1 cook- ing pot, 2 pr sandals.				
29	1320		(U) Ref #27, 2nd Plat Co B obsrv and eng 1 VC/NVA evading to N same vic of tunnel.	Bde, DO	JS		
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30	1320		(C) Bn SITREP neg; loc same expt Co A BS626-437, Co B BS639438, Co C LZSJ, Co D BS642364 SRRP 2, 3, 4 LZSJ, SRRP 1 BS643380.	DO	JS		
31	1330		(C) At 1330 SRRP 1 Fd vic BS643380 old ville w/ 8 huts 10 ft x 7 ft; ammo boxes C-ration cans all empty. Mackerel cans approx 1 wk old. Nothing follows.	Bde, DO	JS		
32	1400		(U) Bn SITREP neg; loc same.	Bde, DO	JS		
33	1510		(C) COL HOFFMAN, Bde CO, arr LZSJ 1510 hr.	Bde, DO	JS		
34	1510		(C) 1500 Bn SITREP neg; loc Co A BS623431, Co B BS639438, Co D PB BS639358, SRRP 1 BS645-377, SRRP's 2, 3, 4, LZSJ.	DO	JS		
35	1520		(U) Msg fr Bde: 1400 hr Beacon RINGNECK 366 aborted, reason unk.	DO	JS		
36	1530		(U) Msg fr Bde: SGT FISHER, RINGNECK 370 to be on sta 1600.	DO	JS		
37	1600		(C) Ref #33, COL HOFFMAN dept LZSJ 1530.	Bde, DO	JS		
38	1610		(C) Bn SITREP neg; loc Co A BS630425, Co B BS639438, Co D PB639358, Recon same.	Bde, DO	JS		
39	1627		(U) FAC 38 on sta to BDA Beacon drop; RINGNECK 370 vic BS668394; time on sta 1540, 1620 drop ord 28-500 lb bombs on sus en bascamp. FAC 38 off sta 1620.	Bde, DO	JS		
40	1700		Rep to Bde, CPT HAGEWOOD inspected LZSJ bunker line today.	Bde, DO	JS		
41	1705		(C) Bn SITREP neg; loc (1700) Co A BS630425, Co B BS639438, Co C same, Co D BS639358, SRRP 1 BS636377; SRRP's 2, 3, 4, LZSJ.	DO	JS		
42	1740		(U) CPT HURLEY, Bn S-3 Air sent req to Bde for Warlords to support Co B.	DO	NC		
43	1745		(C) Rec URI fr Bde: At BS730300 unk size force 1000m prox.	DO	NC		
44	1804		(U) Ref #43, Warlords on sta.	DO	NC		
45	1805		(C) At 1730, Co B 1st Plat vic BS655409 rec en SA fire while crossing river. Obsrv 4 NVA w/ AK-47's, packs en loc BS655407; approx 200m from Co B, 1st Plat rec 6-8, 4 rd bursts of AK-47 fire; Arty called on sus en loc. unk res.	Bde, DO	NC		

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46	1825		(U) Warlords off sta . Ref #42.	DO	NC		
47	1827		(C) 1800 Bn SITREP neg; expt Co B. Loc: Co A BS631425, Co B BS652408, Co C LZSJ, Co D BS639358; SRRP 1 BS646377; SRRP's 2, 3, 4LZSJ	Bde, DO	NC		
48	1835		(C) At 1750, Co B (-) 1st Plat, Co B BS655409 took 20-30 rd SA fire same en loc; same no of en pers. Warlords assisted Co B eng sus en loc; on sta 1804, off 1825. Ref #45.	Bde, DO	NC		
49	1900		(U) Bn SITREP neg; loc same.	DO	NC		
50	2000		(U) Bn SITREP neg; loc same expt Co A LP's: 1st Plat 50m SE, 2nd Plat 50m NW; Co D 1st Plat 75m E, 2nd Plat 75m SW, 3d Plat 75m NW.	Bde, DO	NC		
51	2040		(U) Rec other Bn loc fr Bde.	DO	NC		
52	2045		(C) At 2000 rec INTREP fr Ba To: At BS657310 NVA force est 350 men; weapons include, 1-122 mm rockets, 2-82mm mort, 2-60mm mort, 1-.50 cal machine gun, 10 B-40 rockets, 6-B-41 rockets. Msn: Hit LZ SAN JUAN.	DO	NC		
53	2100		(U) Bn SITREP neg; loc same.	DO	NC		
54	2200		(U) Bn SITREP neg; loc same.	DO	NC		
55	2205		(C) LATE ENTRY: At 1245 Co B fd 9 small bunkers 4 ft x 8 ft x 10 ft, not used recently. Res, bunkers dest. Also fd 1 fresh grave w/ 4 NVA in grave (1); Also 1 other grave w/ 1 NVA wrapped in parachutes fr illum flares, and incense burners loc at head and foot of grave.	Bde, DO	NC		
56	2210		(C) Rec Bn str rep; sent to Bn S-1. Co A 5/75 Co B 5/88, Co C 5/95, Co D 5/81, Recon 1/28.	Bn S-1; DO	NC		
57	2300		(U) Bn SITREP neg; loc same.	DO	NC		
58	2320		(U) Rec significant events fr Bn Ln at Bde, SGT LONG.	DO	NC		
59	2325		(C) Rec INTREP fr Bde: See S-2 files.	DO	NC		
60	2357		(U) Bn SITREP neg; loc same; expt neg contact w/ SRRP.1.	DO	NC		
61	(C) Log summary: 4-3 Inf cont offensive search and amb operations in SAN JUAN AO w/ Co C replacing Co B for the defense of LZ SAN JUAN; Co B LZ BS634448; Co B last LZ						
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61	cont		<p>Co B 1st Pz LZSJ to LZ BS638448 and Co C fr BS638448 to LZSJ. Co B 1st PZ time 1030, last LZ 1100; Co C 1st PZ 1035, last LZ 1105. At 1230 Co B obsrv 1 concrete bunker vic BS638441. Bunker 8 ft x 10 ft x 8 ft high; same vic obsrv 1 NVA/VC going into tunnel. Res: 1 VC/NVA WIA CIA, 1 NVA/VC KIA after tunnel was eng w/ hand frag. Interpreter tried first to coax en out of tunnel. WIA was dusted off compl 1308. Items fd in tunnel: docu w/ K-9 identity, and other items of lesser military significance. At 1805, Co B 1st Plat rec en AK-47 fire as 1st Plat was crossing river vic BS655409; then obsrv en 4 NVA w/ AK-47's packs; en loc BS655407 approx 200m fr Co B (-) 1st Plat rec 6-8, 4-rd bursts of SA fire. Arty called, called in on sus en loc. At 1750 Co B (-) 1st Plat, vic BS655409 took 20-30 rd SA fire same en loc; same no of pers that eng 1st Plat Co B 1805. At 1245 BS638441 Co B fd 1 fresh grave containing 4 NVA; also fd other grave w/ 1 NVA wrapped in parachute from illum w/ incense burners at head, and foot of grave. There were neg other significant events during the day.</p>					
62	2400		(U) Journal closed.				DO	NC

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