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S2/S3 4-3 Inf		LZ THUNDER BS874325		From		To
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ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS	
	IN	OUT				
01	0001		(U) Journal Opened			
02	0055		(C) All units neg Sitrep, Loc Same	Bde, Co, S3	JFR	
03	0155		(C) All units neg Sitrep, loc same	Bde, Co, S3	JFR	
04	0255		(C) All units neg Sitrep, loc same	Bde, Co, S3	JFR	
05	0355		(C) All units neg Sitrep, Loc same	Bde, Co, S3	JFR	
06	0455		(C) All units neg Sitrep, Loc same	Bde, Co, S3	JFR	
07	0555		(C) All units neg Sitrep, Loc same	Bde, Co, S3	JFR	
08	0606		(C) Co B 1st Plat ambush closed in on Co(-), LZ Bronco, at 0606hrs.	Bde, M, Co, S3	JFR	
09	0655		(C) All units neg Sitrep, Loc change: Co D 1st Plat ambush closed in on Co(-) BS840378, at 0630 hrs	Bde, M, Co, S3	JFR	
10	0700		(C) At 0655H Rec'd Msg fm Duc Pho MP Operations: "QC's w/not be able to participate in Operation today" CPT JOHN F. REIGER	Co, S3, CoC	JFR	
11	0750		(C) All units neg Sitrep, Loc: Co A(-) LZ Thunder, 2nd Plat, wpns plat, LZ Charlie Brown, 3d plat 2nd squad bridge 111, 2nd plat 2nd squad bridge 94, Co B (-) LZ Bronco, wpns Plat- Montezuma, Co C(-) BS928224, 2nd plat BS921224, 3d	Downgraded a. 3 yr Declassified after		
Name and Grade of Officer on Duty John R. Sam Cpt, Infantry				Signature John R Sam		



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11	(Contd)		(C) plat BS920233, Co D BS840378, Co E (-) LZ Thunder, Rcn plat departed LZ Thunder 0738hrs; Radar on LZ Charlie Brown	Co, S3, Bde	JRS		
12	0830		(C) Recon loc BS879306	Co, S3	JRS		
13	0831		(C) Recon rec 1 rd sniper fire fm SW range 500meters BS879306. Neg Gas	Bde, Co, S3	JRS		
14	0838		(C) At 0830 hrs Co D 2nd Plat commenced movt to obj vic BS838388, 3d Plat to obj vic BS830371. Co D will begin movt to LZ Bronco at 1030 hrs to close at 1200 hrs.	Co, S3	JRS		
15	0845		(C) At 0835hrs VN approached Co C, 3d Plat at Bridge 95 BS 920233, Indiv wanted to sell M-79 for \$150. Indiv det ained for interrogation.	Bde, Co, S3	JRS		
16	0850		(U) BS928225 E Trp ele req dustoff for VN women w/2 bullet holes in back.	Bde, Co, S3	JRS		
17	0850		(C) All units neg Sitrep, Loc Change: Co D 2ndPlat BS838388, Co D 3d Plat BS 830371, Rcn BS887296	Bde, Co, S3	JRS		
18	0916		(U) At 0910 hrs CC completed evac of Indv (Ref Item #16) to LZ Bronco	Bde, Co, S3	JRS		
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19	0950		(C) ALL units neg Sitrep, Loc same	Bde, Co, S3	JRS			
20	1010		(U) Msg fm 11 Bde: Highway 1 is open fm LZ Dragon to LZ Charlie Brown	Co, S3, Co's	JRS			
21	1012		(C) Co C 2nd Plat closed CP loc BS928224	Bde, Co, S3	JRS			
22	1029		(U) Helix 31 entered Bn Cmd net will deliver Air strike at BS913185	Co, S3	JRS			
23	1050		(C) ALL units neg Sitrep, Loc Changes: Co D B <sup>0</sup> 840378(enroute to LZ Bronco) Co C BS928224, Recon BS895297	Bde, Co, S3	JRS			
24	1109		(C) Co A 3d Plat 2nd Sqd closed LZ Thunder at 1100 hrs. Briefed by LTC Russell, Bn CO.	Bde, Co, S3	JRS			
25	1112		(U) BG Cooksey arr LZ Thunder at 1100 hrs. Briefed by LTC Russell, Bn CO.	Bde, Co, S3	JRS			
26	1115		(C) 3(-)/E-1 Cav arr LZ Thunder at 1055 Briefed by Maj McAnaw Bn, S3	Co, S3	JRS			
27	1125		(U) Helix 31 delivered 2 Airstrikes via BS913185. RES: 4 bunkers & 3 trenches destroyed: Time 1030-1125 hrs. Also unk number of VC Cows KIA	Bde, Co, S3	JRS			
28	1136		(U) BG Cooksey dptd LZ Thunder for LZ Bronco at this time	Bde, Co, S3	JRS			
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29	1137		(C) At 1135hrs 3(-)/E-1 Cav and Co A 1st plat departed LZ Thunder	Ede, Co, S3	JRS
30	1200		(C) Bn Sitrep Neg: Loc No Change except Recon plat BS898310	Ede, Co, S3	JRS
31	1240		(U) at 1230 Co A 1st Plat BS843317 detained 4(f) w/no ID. Also fd 1xM16 cleaning rod, 1xM6CMG cleaning rod, 1x tube of LSA(oil), 1 empty M79 Bandoleer. (detainees were released after interr.)	Ede, Co, S3, M	JRS
32	1250		(U) Rec'd Msg fm Bn CO LTC Russell for CPT Sam	CD, S3	JRS
33	1300		(C) Bn Sitrep neg locations same	Ede, Co, S3	JRS
34	1320		(U) Ref Item #15: LTC Russell Bn CO evacuated M-79(SN unk) to unknown loc. VN released.	Ede, Co, S3	JRS
35	1350		(C) All units neg Sitrep. Loc: Co A(-) LZ Thunder, 2nd plat, wons plat LZ Charlie Brown, 1st plt, 3(-)/1 Cav BS843317, 2nd plt, 2nd sqd Bridge 94; Co B(-) BS 812356, Wons plat on Montezuma, Co C BS 928224; Co D LE Bronco, Co E(-) LZ Thunder Recon Plat BS 898314	Ede, Co, S3	JRS
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36	1425		(C) At 1420 Co A 1st Plat, 3(-)/# 1 Cav closed LZ Thunder	Bde, Co, S3	JRS	
37	1425		(U) Recon plat req CC evac 1 US w/schrapnel wound in chin. BS 898314(friendly fire)	Bde, Co, S3, S1	JRS	
38	1425		(U) Recon plat destroyed 35 sampans on beach vic BS898314.	Bde, Co, S3	JRS	
39	1426		(U) Ref item #37: Individ EASLEY (no line number) Co E. Individ was destroying sampans with M-79. will evac to Bn Aid station by C&C.	S1, Bde, Co, S3	JRS	
40	1440		(U) Ref item #34: LTC Russell evaced M79 (Sn unk) to Bn S-4. Wpn classified CIA	Bde, Co, S3	JRS	
41	1450		(U) Ref item #37: Individ evaced to LZ Thunder at this time.	Bde, Co, S3	JRS	
42	1452		(U) C&C rec 3 rds SA fire fm vic BS885324. neg hits, alt 400 ft.	Bde, Co, S3	JRS	
43	1500		(C) Allunits neg Sitrep, loc changes: Co B(-) BS 817346.	Bde, Co, S3	JRS	
44	1530		(U) Rec MSG fm bde: Bde Provost Marshal reported 15 VN located at BS815350. C&C ship will check out area.	CO, S3	JRS	
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45	1545		(U) Rec report fm Maj McAnaw ref item ll. observed 10 VN at BS 811357. App- eared to be part time rice harvesters & part time meeting attenders.	Bde, CO, S3	JRS
46	1555		(C) Bn Neg Sitrep Loc Same except for B Co 2nd Plat located BS 811346. B Co 3d Plat & CP NDP vic BS 817348. Rcn plat now at bottom of LZ Thunder	Bde, CO, S3	JRS
47	1620		(C) Msg fm Lt Samson, 11 Bde Engrs: 2 engrs w/chain saws avail LZ Bronco VIP pad at 1000 hrs 28 Sep 68. Engrs will remain LZ Charlie Brown 2-3 days to cut down coconut trees.	CO, S3	JRS
48	1650		(C) Bn Sitrep Loc same except: B Co, 2nd plat and 1st plat loc NDP BS 817348 & B Co 3d Plat 1st sqd in tentative ambush loc BS 817344	Bde, CO, S3	JRS
49	1720		(C) At 1715hrs Co A 3d Plats 3d Sqd de- parted LZ Thunder for bridge 111	Bde, CO, S3	JRS
50	1730		(C) Late entry: Time 1630: MED CAP team closed on LZ Thunder at 1630 hrs. RES: Treated: 40(f), 29(m), 82(children)	Bde, CO, S3	JRS
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51	1735		(C) Late Entry: Time 1705 hrs. Co C locations: 2nd plat Amb BS921227, Co C 1st plat ambush BS919212, Co C 3d plat on bridge 95	Bde, CO, S3	JRS
52	1740		(C) FF night locations: BS 799379, 885281, 834334, 833345, 804385, 833346, 806385, 334347, 810368, 923224, 817368. Daytime locations BS793381, 848324, 840 330	CO, S3, M	JRS
53	1800		(C) En Neg Sitrep loc same	Bde, CO, S3	JRS
	1805		(C) C co 1st plat Amb in psn. at 1805 at coord B <sup>0</sup> 919212		
54	1815		(C) C Co 3d plat in psn at Bridge 95	Bde, CO, S3	JRS
55	1840		Rec Msg fm Bde: 4-3 Inf will rec re-supply bird on 28 Sept 68 at following times: 1300H-1400H and then again at 1600H- 1800H	CO, S3	JRS
56	1855		En Neg Sitrep locations same.	Bde, CO, S3	JRS
57	1905		(U) LATE ENTRY: Dustoff requested by E trp, 1st Cav 3d plat on Bridge 107 for 3 VN women wic BS843327. one had gunshot wd in ankle, one gunshot wd in back, one with gunshot wd in stomach. (Completed at 1855)	Bde, CO, S3	JRS

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58.	2000		(C) Bn neg sitrep loc same	Bde, CO, S3	JS
59.	2100		(C) Bn neg sitrep loc same	Bde, CO, S3	JS
60.	2200		(C) Bn neg sitrep loc same	Bde, CO, S3	JS
61.	2300		(C) Bn neg sitrep loc same	Bde, CO, S3	JS
62.	2355		(C) Bn neg sitrep loc same	Bde, CO, S3	JS
63.			(C) SUMMARY - 4-3 Inf continued opns in Duc Pho AO with Co A maintaining security LZ Thunder & LZ Charlie Brown. 1st Plat with 3d Plat E Trp conducting local opns & at 1240 hrs vic BS843317 detained 4 females for interrogation & released. Co B moved from LZ Bronco to vic BS816342 (NDP) with neg activities. Co C established NDP at Hard Stand and secure of bridges in area. At 0845 hrs 3d Plat on bridge 95 was approached by a VN who wanted to sell an M79 CL for 150 dollars. Ind detained for questioning. Wpn classified as CIA and evacuated to Bn SH. (SN Unknown). Co D moved to LZ Bronco for NDP with neg act. Recon Plat conducted local sweep in area vic BS881283. At 0831 hrs recd 1 rd sniper fire vic BS879306, neg casualties. At 1425 hrs Recon Plat medivaced 1 US w/schrapnel wounds in chin to Bn Aid Station. Ind was destroying sampans with M79 CL. Recon Plat destroyed 35 sampans. on beach head vic BS898314. At 0850 hrs E Trp ele requested dustoff for VN woman w/2 bullet wounds in back. dustoff completed 0916 hrs by C&C helicopter. Also requested dustoff for 3 VN women who recd schrapnel wounds. Dustoff completed 1855 hrs. At 1125 hrs there were 2 airstrikes conducted vic BS913185 resulting in 4 bunkers & 3 trenches destroyed unknown number of VC cows KIA. At 1452 hrs C&C helicopter recd 3 rds SA fire		
Name and Grade of Officer on Duty				Signature	
John P. McAnaw, Maj Inf.				John P. McAnaw	







REF ITEM 63

TEXT OF MESSAGE RECEIVED 272235 SEPT 68:

Number 1, (C) It has been reported on several occasions within recent weeks that NVA & VC forces have raised a white flag allegedly for the purpose of surrendering. On one occasion the enemy used this strategically to break contact and on the other occasion the enemy engaged exposed friendly troops with intense fire while the latter were approaching the enemy to accept their surrender. Latest incident occurred in Binh Dinh northern II CTZ on Sept 22, 1968. NVA units identified as having employed this tactic are the 27th Independent regiment in the DMZ and the 18th Regiment 3rd NVA division in Northern II CTZ.

Number 2, (C) In order to preclude successful deceptive use of white flags by enemy units against American units all personnel will be advised of the contents of this message and advised to take necessary precautionary measures if confronted with this enemy technique. To reduce the probability of ambush the following technique is considered appropriate. Require the enemy personnel with white flags to move to friendly location.

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DUSTOFF REQUEST

NR 1

DATE 27 SEP 68

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE BS 843 327
2. REQUESTOR E TRP 3<sup>rd</sup> PLAT
3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER 3 AMBULATORY
4. NATIONALITY: US        VN ✓ FWF
5. NATURE OF INJURIES RECO SCHRAPNEL WOUNDS ANKLE, BACK, STOMACH
6. CATEGORY: URGENT        PRIORITY ✓ ROUTINE
7. CONDITION & TYPE OF PICKUP SITE Good
8. SECURITY OF PICKUP SITE SECURE
9. WEATHER AT PICKUP SITE Good
10. MARKING (SMOKE, PANELS, LIGHTS, ETC.) LIGHTS
11. RADIO FREQUENCY 45.70 CALLWORD CASCADE SHAVE 32
12. ANY US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES ✓ NO
13. REMARKS
14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY:
15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY        TIME 1835  
TIME COMPLETED 1855



REF Item 63

OPERATIONS SUMMARY - 27 September 68

A Company - Closed on THUNDER. Secured LZ THUNDER, CHARLIE BROWN and bridges 94& 111. At 1130 A16 moved off THUNDER with APCs west vic BS843318 to sweep. Closed on LZ THUNDER.

B Company - Moved to LZ BRONCO with one ambush BS803375. 27 Sept they had neg. activity.

C Company - Was airlifted to HARDSTAND NDP BS928224 with two ambushes BS921224 and BS920233. 27 Sept conducted search west BS919231 and BS922224.

D Company - NDP BS840378 with one ambush BS830385. At 1000 moved west. Closed BRONCO 1200. Negative activity.

RECON - Airlifted to LZ THUNDER. 27 Sept conducted sweep south vic BS886296 then east through vic BS898309 and returned to THUNDER.

PLANS SUMMARY - 27 September 68

A Company - Maintain security THUNDER, CHARLIE BROWN, bridges 94&111. 28 Sept one platoon from THUNDER to offensive sweep vic BS81283 and return through vic BS868298 to THUNDER. One platoon from CHARLIE BROWN will sweep north to vic BS932258 and return CHARLIE BROWN.

B Company - MINUS- Will move from LZ BRONCO NDP vic BS816342 with one ambush vic BS817344. 28 Sept conduct sweep south vic BS805335.

C Company - Will NDP HARDSTAND with 3 ambushes BS919212, BS921227, and bridge 95. 28 Sept conduct offensive sweep north through BS925265 closing on BS885325.

D Company - Will NDP LZ BRONCO with negative activity vic. 28 Sept move east and conduct offensive sweep vic BS865362 and BS873345.

RECON - Will conduct sweep vic BS881283 and return BS868298 vic LZ BRONCO.

4.2 MORTAR - AMMO REPORT - 27 September 68

MISSIONS:

Observed-----2  
Not Observed-----0  
M.I.-----17  
TOTAL-----19

EXPENDED:

HE-----53  
WP-----12  
ILLUM-----0  
TOTAL-----65



BRIEFING - 27 September 68

ENEMY LOSSES:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WPNS</u>
3/1	0	2	0
4/3	0	0	1 M-79

IRRP "OLYMPIA" inserted in Brigade AO grid 7035.  
Regimental Intelligence- grid 7024 report 27 Sept 1000 M-79 DL/52 ARVN LZ YOUNG  
received 30 rds of 60 mortar, ground attack. Results: 6 US wounded, 13 NVA KIA.  
A 4/21 captured 9 AK-47s.  
1700 lbs. of mail. 500 lbs. fr Hawaii.  
REPLACEMENTS: 2 EM 4/3.

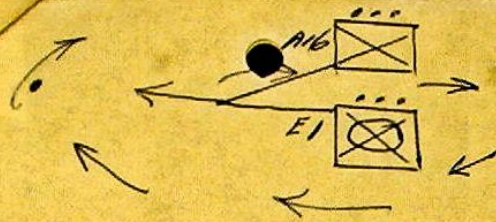
LZ BRONCO:

Police of overall area needs improvement. Road to top of BRONCO closed.  
Decline in quality of food in mess halls.

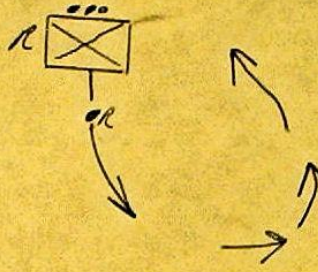
\* COL HENDERSON: Give as much help as possible to operation "GOLDEN FLEECE".



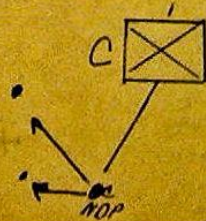
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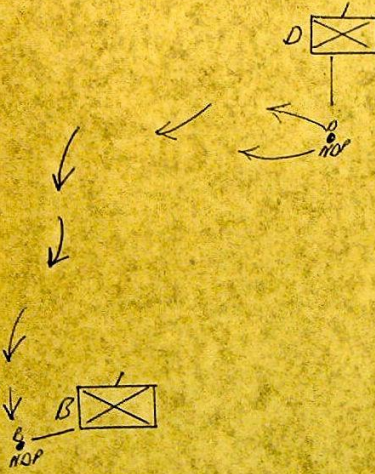
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