

## DAILY START JOURNAL OR DUTY OFFICER'S LOG

Page nr:

Nr of Pages:

Organization or Installation		Location		Period Covered			
S2/S3 4-3 Inf		LZ Thunder BS 874325		From		To	
				Hour	Date	Hour	Date
				0001	28 Sep 68	2400	28 Sep 68
ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS		
	IN	OUT					
01.	0000		(U) Journal Open				
02.	0055		(C) All units neg sitrep, loc same	Bde, CO, S3	RA		
03.	0155		(C) All units neg sitrep, loc same	Bde, CO, S3	RA		
04.	0212		(C) Msg fr Bde (Cpt Hymer); Challenge and password for 1st & 2d Oct 68 have been comprised. Alternates will be used.	CO, S3, S2	RA		
05.	0255		(C) All units neg sitrep, loc same	Bde, CO, S3	RA		
06.	0355		(C) All units neg sitrep, loc same	Bde, CO, S3	RA		
07.	0455		(C) All units neg sitrep, loc same	Bde, CO, S3	RA		
08.	0555		(C) All units neg sitrep, loc same	Bde, CO, S3	RA		
09.	0610		(C) Recon Plat & 1st Plat Co A departed LZ Thunder for today's opn.	Bde, CO, S3, M	RA		
10.	0655		(C) All units neg sitrep, loc change: Co A 1st Plat & Recon Plat BS855312 Also Recon Plat & Co A 1st Plat detained one VCS w/o ID Card evading, BS855312. Co C (-) BS924226	Bde, CO, S3, M	RA		
11.	0720		(C) Co B (-) at vic BS817344 have 1st Plat link-up enroute to assigned mission. Co B (-) departed NDP at 0754 hrs.	CO, S3, M	RA		
				DOWNGRADE AT 3 YR INTERVAL DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS			
Name and Grade of Officer on Duty John F. Reiger, CPT Sig.				Signature John F. Reiger			

CONFIDENTIAL

DAILY STAFF JOURNAL OR DUTY OFFICER'S LOG

Page nr:

Nr of Pages:

Organization or Installation

Location

Period Covered

S2/S3 4-3 Inf

LZ Thunder  
BS 874325

From  
Hour Date  
0001 28 Sep 68

To  
Hour Date  
2400 28 Sep 68

ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INI- TIALS
	IN	OUT			
12.	0730		(C) Recd fr Bn LNO Lt McDonald change 1 to 11th LIB OPLAN 14-68 (2 cys) dtd 27 Sep 68 & 11th Ede FRAG ORD 12-68 dtd 12 Apr 68.	CO, S3	SCP
13.	0745		(C) At 0740 hrs Recon Plat vic BS841307 detained 2 VCS MAM in hut. Ind was packed & ready to leave. Extracted to PW Compound, LZ Bronco.	Ede, CO, S3, M	SCP
14.	0750		(U) Ref item #10 VCS extracted to PW Compound, LZ Bronco.	Ede, CO, S3	SCP
15.	0752		(U) At 0740 hrs Co A 1st Plat BS855372 detained 1 VCS 30 years old sitting on rice paddies w/interrogated, released.	Ede, CO, S3, M	SCP
16.	0800		(C) En neg sitrep loc: Co A 1st Plat BS842316, Recon Plat BS842308 Co B (-) BS817342, 3d Plat BS806345, Co C (-) BS918256.	Ede, CO, S3, M	SCP
17.	0830		(U) At 0800 hrs Co D 19th Engrs BS882306 found wires leading to huts which appeared to be booby-trapped. Burned 7-8 huts, no secondary explosions.	Ede, CO, S3, M	SCP
18.	0851		(U) Recd fr Ede TOC Duty NCO Sgt Lipino to SFC Propdos En Duty NCO that the	CO, S3	SCP
Name and Grade of Officer on Duty			Signature		
John R. Sam, CPT Inf.			<i>John R Sam</i>		

DAILY STAFF JOURNAL OR DUTY OFFICER'S LOG			Page nr:	nr of Pages:	
Organization or Installation		Location	Period Covered		
S2/S3 4-3 Inf		LZ Thunder BS 874325	From Hour Date 0001 28 Sep 68	To Hour Date 2400 28 Sep 68	
ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
18.	cont		Cmdrs meeting will be on 281600 Sep 68.		
19.	0920		(C) Bn sitrep neg. loc; Co A 1st Plat BS 843310, 2d Sqd, 2d Plat BS932240. Co B (-) BS812332, 1st Plat BS805346. Co C (-) BS918261, Co D BS825377 departed LZ Bronco at 0840 hrs. Recon Plat w/Co A 1st Plat: Co A 2d Sqd 2d Plat departed at 0620 hrs.	Ede, CO, S3, M	SCP
20.	0902		(U) At 0630 hrs Recon Plat BS843310 found 2 baskets (large) rice in hut approx 120lbs (destroyed). At BS843309 found 1 105mm rd intact, destroyed in place.	Ede, CO, S3, M	SCP
21.	0903		(U) At 0845 hrs Co A 2d Plat, 2d & 3d Sqd BS932240 found & destroyed 15 fishing boats near village.	Ede, CO, S3	SCP
22.	0939		(U) Ede ask for knowledge of atk on SA HUYNH, neg activity.	Ede, CO, S3, Co C, Co A	
23.	0945		(C) Recd fr Cpt Rhinehart (Asst Ede S2) intell NVA Plat BS802340, BS804346, BS804342	CO, S3, M, Co B	SCP
24.	1000		(C) Bn sitrep neg. loc; Co C no change	Ede, CO, S3, M	SCP
Name and Grade of Officer on Duty			Signature		
Walter McDonald, 1LT Inf.			Walter McDonald		

DAILY STAFF JOURNAL OR DUTY OFFICER'S LOG			Page nr:	Mr of Pages:	
Organization or Installation		Location	Period Covered		
S2/S3 4-3 Inf		LZ Thunder BS 874325	From	To	
			Hour Date	Hour Date	
			0001 28 Sep 68	2400 28 Sep 68	
ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INI- TIALS
	IN	OUT			
24.	cont		Co D BS854379, Co B 1st Plat BS806337 Co B (-) BS805324 Co A 1st Plat BS853314 Recon Plat BS853314, Co A 2d Plat, 2d & 3d Sqds BS930251.		
25.	1030		(U) Recd call from Bde S3 Air that utility helicopter late because of CA North. Utilize C&C Helicopter as much as possible for resupply.	S3, S3 Air	WM
26.	1055		(U) Ref item 24 CA canceled. utility will arrive 1400 hrs SE pad LZ Bronco.	S3, S3 Air	WM
27.	1100		(C) Bn sitrep neg Co C 2d & 3d Plat BS905267, Co C (-) BS918283, Co D (-) BS863374, Co D 2d Plat BS860380, Co B 3d Plat BS803328, Recon Plat BS855 309.	S3, CO, M=	WM
28.	1105		(C) Co A 2d Plat at Bridge 94 closed LZ Charlie Brown.	Bde, CO, S3, M	WM
29.	1120		(U) (Late Entry) At 1030 hrs Co D 3d Plat 2d Sqd BS857385 found & destroyed 1 sampan.	CO, S3	WM
30.	1125		(U) Co C 3d Plat 2d Sqd reports that FF's informs that 6 VC were at BS898305 Also Co C destroyed 10 sampans via BS915289.	S3, CO	WM
Name and Grade of Officer on Duty			Signature		
Walter McDonald, 1LT Inf.			Walter McDonald		

DAILY STAFF JOURNAL OR DUTY OFFICER'S LOG				Page nr:	Nr of Pages:	
Organization or Installation		Location	Period Covered			
S2/S3 4-3 Inf		LZ Thunder BS 874325	From	To		
			Hour	Date	Hour	Date
			0001	28 Sep 68	2400	28 Sep 68
ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS	
	IN	OUT				
31.	1145		Ref item #30 Co C destroyed a total of 24 sampans. Ref item #21 Co A destroyed a total of 16 sampans.	S3, Bde, CO, M	WM	
32.	1150		(U) Lt McDonald En TOC Duty Off req 6 dog tms to at SE pad at 1530 hrs for Co A, B, C.	Bde, CO, S3	M	
33.	1200		(C) En sitrep neg, loc : Co D BS864368 Co A 2d Plat 1st & 2d Sqds BS932246, Co B 1st Plat BS796329 Recon Plat with Co A 1st Plat closed LZ Thunder 1130 hrs.	Se, CO, M	WM	
34.	1211		(C) Co A 2d Plat 3d Sqd closed on LZ Bronco from Bridge 111.	Bde, CO, S3, M	WM	
35.	1240		(C) At 1235 hrs Co A 2d Plat 2d & 3d Sqds closed on LZ Charlie Brown with a total of 23 sampans destroyed.	Bde, CO, S3, M	SCP	
36.	1300		(C) En sitrep neg, loc as follows: Co B 1st Plat BS792328, Co C (-) BS904305 2d & 3d Plat BS898293, Co D BS869361.	Bde, CO, S3, M	SCP	
37.	1310		(U) At 1300 hrs Co D found & destroyed 28 sampans vic BS865366.	Bde, CO, S3, M	SCP	
38.	1325		(U) At 1320 hrs Co D 3d Plat vic BS870359 found 6 small engines, US Make. Bde notified & was instructed to destroy engines.	Bde, CO, S3, M	SCP	
Name and Grade of Officer on Duty			Signature			
Walter McDonald, 1LT Inf.			Walter McDonald			

CONFIDENTIAL

DAILY STAFF JOURNAL OR DUTY OFFICER'S LOG

Page nr:

Tr of Pages:

Organization or Installation

Location

Period Covered

S2/S3 4-3 Inf

LZ Thunder  
BS 874325

From  
Hour Date  
0001 28 Sep 68

To  
Hour Date  
2400 28 Sep 68

ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INI- TIALS
	IN	OUT			
39.	1340		(U) 1335 hrs ref item # 32 dog tms (4 ea) will be ready for pick-up at SE pad at 1530 hrs.	CO, S3	SCP
40.	1402		(C) En sitrep neg. loc as follows: Co B 1st Plat BS795322, Co C 2d Plat & 3d Plat BS897297.	CO, S3, Bde, M	SCP
41.	1403		(U) At 1358 hrs Co D vic BS865366 found and destroyed 2 sampans & 1 US made boat engine.	Bde, CO, S3, M	SCP
42.	1415		(U) At 1410 hrs Co D 3d Plat vic BS865 366 found & destroyed 3 sampans.	Bde, CO, S3, M	SCP
43.	1420		(U) At 1410 hrs Co C 1st Plat BS904305 found & destroyed 7 sampans.	Bde, CO, S3, M	SCP
44.	1430		(U) Co D 3d Plat vic BS866361 detained 1 VCS w/o ID Card evading. Extracted to PW Compound for interrogation.	Bde, CO, S3, M	SCP
45.	1455		(U) Co C 1st Plat BS904305 found and destroyed 8 sampans.	Bde, CO, S3, M	SCP
46.	1500		En loc; Co A LZ Thunder Co B (-) BS804 316, 2d Plat BS804525, 1st Plat BS798316 Co C (-) BS904305, 2d & 3d Plat BS897297. Co D (-) BS869361, 2d Plat BS869355, 3d Plat BS873357.	CO, S3, M	IN

Name and Grade of Officer on Duty

Walter McDonald, 1Lt Inf.

Signature

Walter McDonald

DAILY STAFF JOURNAL OR DUTY OFFICER'S LOG				Page nr:	Nr of Pages:
Organization or Installation		Location	Period Covered		
S2/S3 4-3 Inf		LZ Thunder BS 874325	From	To	
			Hour Date	Hour Date	
			0001	28 Sep 68	2400 28 Sep 68
ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
47.	1500		(C) Co D 3d Plat vic BS869355 detained  1 VCS MAM w/o ID Card. Ind speaks fluent english. Also detained 1 VCS 85 yrs old. Ind had signs on his hut saying " Yankee go home", " Yankee go to hell". Extracted to LZ Bronco for Inter.	Bde, CO, S3, M	LW
48.	1510		(U) Co D 2d Plat 3d Sqd found & destroyed 2 boat motors vic BS869361.	Bde, CO, S3, M	LW
49.	1525		(U) Co C 1st Plat vic BS902310 found & destroyed 8 sampans.	Bde, CO, S3, M	LW
50.	1550		(U) Co C Supply Sgt. Sgt Linbnitt, found 2 105mm fuses & 18 rds 50 cal hidden near bridge vic BS839331.		
51.	1600		(C) Bn Loc; Co A LZ Thunder, Co B BS804316, Co C (-) BS894323, 2d & 3d Plat BS 902310, Co D (-) BS869361, 2d Plat BS869355, 3d Plat BS873357, Recon Plat LZ Thunder.	Bde, CO, S3, M	LW
52.	1655		Bn neg sitrep loc as follows: Co A LZ Thunder, Co B (NDP) BS802311 ( Co B ele closed on NDP at 1605 hrs). Co C (NDP) BS887326 ( Co C ele closed on NDP at 1645 hrs.	CO, S3, M	LW
Name and Grade of Officer on Duty			Signature		
Walter McDonald, 1LT Inf.			Walter McDonald		

DAILY STAFF JOURNAL OR DUTY OFFICER'S LOG			Page nr:	Pr of Pages:	
Organization or Installation		Location	Period Covered		
S2/S3 4-3 Inf		LZ Thunder BS 874325	From Hour Date 0001 28 Sep 68	To Hour Date 2400 28 Sep 68	
ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INI- TIALS
	IN	OUT			
52.	cont		Co D (NDB) BS869361 (Co D el closed on NDP at 1655 hrs). Recon Plat LZ Thunder.		
53.	1725		(C) Maj McAnaw BS931262 obs VN burying 5 sampans, also 7 sampans on beach. VN too close to engage or destroy boats.	Bde, CO, S3, M	JS
54.	1730		(C) Recd PF loc fr 11th LIB: Night loc for 28 Sep 68: BS803374, BS802380, BS831334, BS806304, BS845331, BS889291, BS788420, BS833347, BS924226 Day loc for 29 Sep 68: BS798376, BS828334, BS832346, BS795385, BS856322, BS854321, BS834334, BS831335, BS829336, BS795392, BS796395, BS833348, BS925227.	CO, S3, M Units	JS
55.	1800		(C) En neg sitrep loc same	Bde, CO, S3	JS
56.	1809		(C) Recd E Trp 1st Cav night Loc. Bridges 107, 104, 95, 94, Hardstand & Lowboy.	CO, S3, M, Units	JS
57.	1815		(U) Co C 1st Plat Found & destroyed 30 sampans vic BS883339	Bde, CO, S3, M	LW
58.	1845		(C) Co A 2d Plat 1st Sqd closed on Bridge 94 and 3d Plat 2d Sqd closed on Bridge 111.	Bde, CO, S3, M	LW
Name and Grade of Officer on Duty			Signature		
John R. Sam, CPT Inf.			John R. Sam		



DAILY STAFF JOURNAL OR DUTY OFFICER'S LOG				Page nr:	nr of Pages:		
Organization or Installation		Location		Period Covered			
S2/S3 4-3 Inf		LZ Thunder BS 874325		From		To	
				Hour	Date	Hour	Date
				0001	28 Sep 68	2400	28 Sep 68
ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS		
	IN	OUT					
59.	1900		(C) En neg sitrep, loc same	Ede, CO, S3	LW		
60.	1945		(C) Co C 1st Plat ambush in pos vic BS881332 2d Plat ambush in pos vic BS8933312, Co B 2d Plat 1st Sqd ambush in pos BS799314. Co D 2d Plat ambush in pos BS865355.	Ede, CO, S3, M	LW		
61.	2000		(C) En neg sitrep loc same	Ede, CO, S3	LW		
62.	2025		(D) At 2008 hrs Co C (NDF) recd approx 10 rds small arms fire (possible Carbine) from BS885324. Returned fire with 4.2" mortar neg results, neg US casualties.	Ede, CO, S3, M	LW		
63.	2100		(C) En neg sitrep loc same	Ede, Co, S3	LW		
64.	2200		(C) En neg sitrep loc same	Ede, CO, S3	LW		
65.	2300		(C) En neg sitrep loc same	Ede, CO, S3	LW		
66.	2355		(C) En neg sitrep loc same	Ede, CO, S3	LW		
67.			(C) SUMMARY - 4-3 Inf conducted loc sweeps along coastal area in Duc Pho AO. Co A detained 1 VCS (MAM) with neg activity through out the day except for the destruction of 23 sampans vic BS932240. Co B conducted loc sweep in assigned AO with <del>many</del> neg enemy contact. Co C conducted sweep along coastal area from BS915289 to BS883339 and destroyed a total of 77 sampans. Neg enemy contact throughout the day. Co D conducted sweep from vic BS857385 to BS869361 resulting				
Name and Grade of Officer on Duty				Signature			
John P. McAnaw, Maj Inf.				John P. McAnaw			

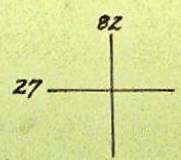
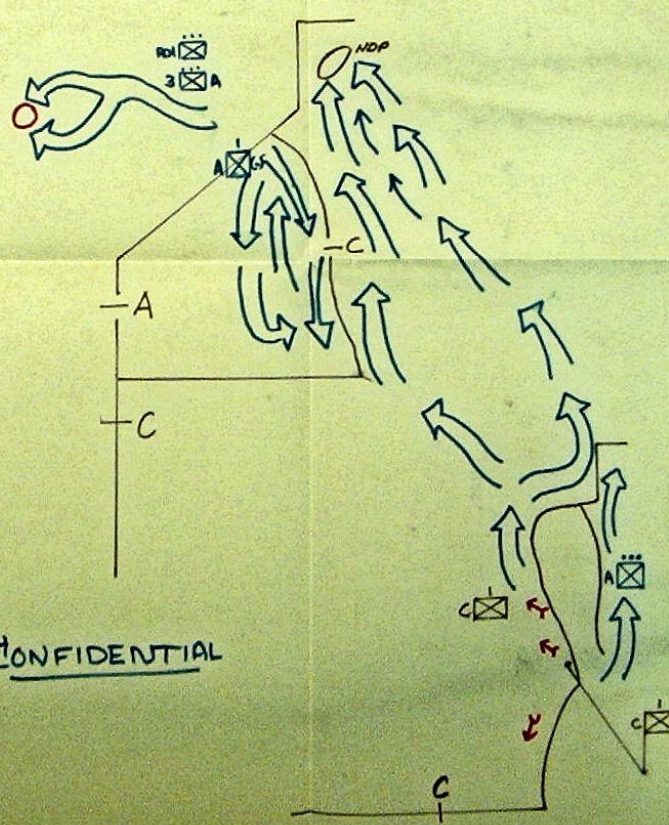
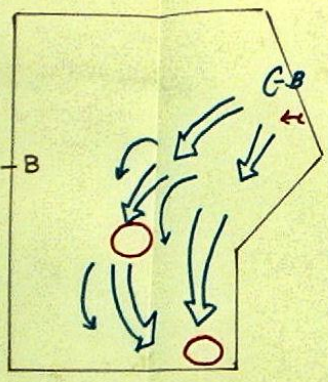
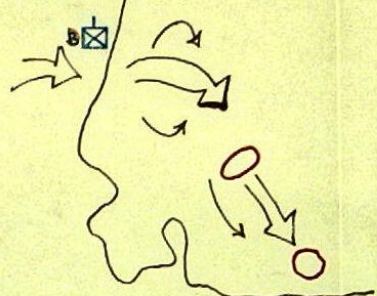


CONFIDENTIAL

OPN FOR 28 SEP 68

92

38



CONFIDENTIAL

28 SEP 68  
92 38

REF ITEM 69

OPERATIONS SUMMARY - 28 September 68

A Company - Maintained security THUNDER, CHARLIE BROWN, bridges 9h&111. A16 moved on offensive sweep BS843308 & closed THUNDER. A26 moved from CHARLIE BROWN on offensive sweep BS932258 and returned.

B Company - Minus- Moved from LZ BRONCO to NDP BS816342 with one ambush BS817344. Conducted sweep south vic BS805335.

C Company - NDP HARDSTAND with 3 ambushes BS919212, BS921227 and bridge 95. Conducted offensive sweep north through BS925265, closed vic BS904305.

D Company - NDP LZ BRONCO with negative activity. Conducted offensive sweep east vic BS865362 to BS869361.

RECON - Conducted sweep vic BS881283 and returned BS868298, closed THUNDER.

PLANS SUMMARY - 28 September 68

A Company - 28 Sept secure THUNDER, CHARLIE BROWN, bridges 9h&111. 29 Sept conduct block 36&16 BS862327 to BS866324. A26&81 airlift from CHARLIE BROWN LZ872317. On order A unifies, move to NDP vic BS861278 with 2 ambushes BS855277 and BS857285.

B Company - NDP BS796323 one ambush vic. 29 Sept sweep east BS825325 closing on LZ THUNDER.

C Company - NDP vic BS892318 with one ambush vic. 29 Sept move to blocking position BS874333 to BS870347, on order sweep through BS845365 closing on LZ BRONCO with one ambush BS822404. C-81- assumes MONTAZUMA.

D Company - NDP BS867359 with one ambush vic. 29 Sept block from BS854352 to BS870347. On order move to PZ BS872317 and airlift CP-81 to CHARLIE BROWN. 2 platoons to HARDSTAND.

RECON - Move to blocking position from BS862327 to BS860330 closing back to THUNDER.

4.2 MORTAR - AMMO REPORT- 28 September 68

MISSIONS:

Observed-----1  
Not observed-----0  
WAL-----11  
TOTAL-----15

EXPENDED:

HE-----42  
WP-----0  
ILIUM-----0  
TOTAL-----42

REF ITEM 69

OPERATIONS SUMMARY - 28 September 68

A Company - Maintained security THUNDER, CHARLIE BROWN, bridges 9h&111. A16 moved on offensive sweep BS843308 & closed THUNDER. A26 moved from CHARLIE BROWN on offensive sweep BS932258 and returned.

B Company - Minus- Moved from LZ BRONCO to NDP BS816342 with one ambush BS817344. Conducted sweep south vic BS805335.

C Company - NDP HARDSTAND with 3 ambushes BS919212, BS921227 and bridge 95. Conducted offensive sweep north through BS925265, closed vic BS904305.

D Company - NDP LZ BRONCO with negative activity. Conducted offensive sweep east vic BS865362 to BS869361.

RECON - Conducted sweep vic BS881283 and returned BS868298, closed THUNDER.

PLANS SUMMARY - 28 September 68

A Company - 28 Sept secure THUNDER, CHARLIE BROWN, bridges 9h&111. 29 Sept conduct block 36&16 BS862327 to BS866324. A26&81 airlift from CHARLIE BROWN LZ872317. On order A unifies, move to NDP vic BS861278 with 2 ambushes BS855277 and BS857285.

B Company - NDP BS796323 one ambush vic. 29 Sept sweep east BS825325 closing on LZ THUNDER.

C Company - NDP vic BS892318 with one ambush vic. 29 Sept move to blocking position BS874333 to BS870347, on order sweep through BS845365 closing on LZ BRONCO with one ambush BS822404. C-81- assumes MONTAZUMA.

D Company - NDP BS867359 with one ambush vic. 29 Sept block from BS854352 to BS870347. On order move to PZ BS872317 and airlift CP-81 to CHARLIE BROWN. 2 platoons to HARDSTAND.

RECON - Move to blocking position from BS862327 to BS860330 closing back to THUNDER.

4.2 MORTAR - AMMO REPORT- 28 September 68

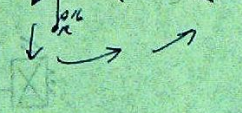
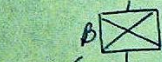
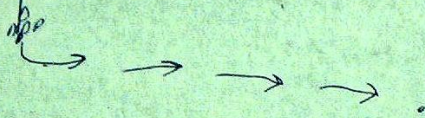
MISSIONS:

Observed-----1  
Not observed-----0  
WAL-----11  
TOTAL-----15

EXPENDED:

HE-----42  
WP-----0  
ILIUM-----0  
TOTAL-----42

2438



2430

28 Sept 60