

1 November 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 842251

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Vera, YA 807232 (OPCON to 3/8 Inf.)

B 1/35 (-) LZ Joan YA 841251

C 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809235

D 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809234

Recon Plt (-) LZ Joan

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 1 November 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA842251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Battery 1/92 Artillery, E Company Recon Platoon 1/35 Infantry, E Company 4.2 Mortar platoon 1/35 Infantry, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st Platoon D Co 4th Engineers Battalion, At LZ Jean YA809235; C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from Division artillery; At LZ Vera YA835178, A Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Infantry, At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). During the reporting several sightings were made of rotary wing and fixed wing aircraft within our A/O starting at 0156 hours through 0655 hours and again at 2305 hours through 2358 hours aircraft appeared to be heading west. Frag orders was sent to C Company from the S-3, have a platoon (-) conduct a sweep to the south of LZ Jean starting at 1000 hours and completing at 1700 hours. The platoon will sweep the following areas grids 8122, 8120, 8320 and 8322. Sitrep will go to this Headquarters every hour. The following intelligence will be reported, possible chopper sighting landing at night location, effect of artillery fired in this area during the last 2 days, any activity in the last few days. Be prepared to reinforce with the entire Company if the platoon makes contact with a large force. The platoon reported to the S-3 after the sweep was completed the following findings: Footprints heading in a northerly direction 50 meters circle of grass blown down, grass was cut down further around the circle, 4 other areas of 50 meters at grid YA814215. The patrol reported finding a night location that had been used in the last 48 hours. SRP team 2 reported sighting 2 individuals at grid s at grid YA836266 and they had heavy movement at grid YA824264. Artillery and light organics were employed; the rounds were on target and the movement stopped. Message from the Commanding General 4th Infantry Division Major General Charles P. Stone to the Bn CO LTC Buckner; Public relations guidance against North Vietnam. From President Johnson 0900 hours 1 November 1968: Effective immediately- All Commanders will insure US Military and civilian or their command to refrain from any comments whatsoever on this matter to the press or public. These instructions will be passed to all personal immediately. Commanders and Information Officers if queried about the effect in South Vietnam of cessation of offensive operations against North Vietnam will reply that the President's announcement speaks for itself. Our operations will continue in South Vietnam on the present basis, if queried considering the extent of South Vietnamese participation the

reply will be that I have nothing to add to the President's statement. All activities were routine and were coordinated by our staff.

2 November 1968

1/35th

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Bn Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 842251

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Vera, YA 807232 (OPCON to 3/8 Inf.)

B 1/35 LZ Joan YA 842251

C 1/35 LZ Jean, YA 809235

D 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809234

Recon Plt LZ Joan

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 2 November 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA842251, Battalion Headquarters (Rear), B Company 1/35, B Battery 1/92 Artillery, E Company, Recon Platoon 1/35 Infantry, 4.2 Mortar platoon 1/35 Infantry, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st Platoon D Co 4th Engineers Battalion, At LZ Jean YA809235; C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from Division artillery; At LZ Vera YA835178, A Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Infantry, At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). During the period of 0120 hours and 0556 hours radar section again reported unidentified aircraft within our A/O starting again at 2010 hours and continuing approximately to 2400 hours. Several of the aircraft were reported to be setting down at several locations and taking off again. All the reportings were reported to Bde. The minesweep team from LZ Joan to LZ Oasis received approximately 12 round of AK-47 fire at grid YA922269. No action was taken at that time. Miss Martha Raye visited LZ Joan and LZ Jean at 1030 hours and stayed approximately 30 minutes at each location. At 1030 hours we received a message from Bde: Have D Company ready to make a C/A to grid YA0209, the first lift was off LZ Jean at 1105 hours, the first touched down at grid YA028088 LZ Martha, LZ Green, C/A complete at 1315 hours. D Company and 1 CSF Company from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co were inserted at the above location in response to enemy activity in the area. Read-out on D Company operation: D Company reported 9 confirmed NVA KIA, 3 credited to them, the individuals that were shot by D Company tried to use hand grenades, found approximately 30 packs, destroyed 15 of the 30, found 5 82mm Mortar rounds, 2 82mm Mortar pits and 15 fighting positions. The Company sustained 2 WIAs not serious, 1 leg wound and 1 side wound. Wounds were caused by fragmentation.

3 November 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div
Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 841251

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Vera, YA 807232 (OPCON to 3/8 Inf.)
B 1/35 (-) LZ Joan, YA 844252
C 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809235
D 1/35 LZ Martha, ZA023102
Recon Plt (-) LZ Joan
4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan
Macky Terms (CSF)- LZ Martha

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 3 November 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, B Battery 1/92 Artillery, E Company, Recon Platoon 1/35 Infantry, 4.2 Mortar platoon 1/35 Infantry, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st Platoon D Co 4th Engineers Battalion, At LZ Jean YA809235; C Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from Division artillery; At LZ Vera YA835178, A Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Infantry, At LZ Martha ZA028088; D Company, 1 CSF Company from Plei Mei CSF Camp; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). Several sightings between the hours 0010 and 0607 hours. The reports indicated as did previous reports that the aircraft were setting down and taking off in various locations around LZ Jean and LZ Joan. In most cases the aircraft fly low to the ground which hinders positive identification. Flare ships were called in to illuminate the area; also a jet came on station to take a section of the area, the 155 battery fired direct fire at one location (suspected location). The battery reported a possible hit and a secondary explosion. D Company in the vicinity of LZ Martha sent a platoon (-) out to sweep their perimeter. The unit found 25 packs and 1 AK-47 rifle. D company moved out of their night location to make a sweep to the south and west and ran into a tunnel complex, received AK-47 rounds in resulting in 2 friendly WIAs and 2 KIAs from the Engineer element. 1 NVA was killed. The engineers were clearing a tunnel at the time they were shot. D Company continued to sweep the area with negative results. SRP team 3 from the Recon platoon moved from their night location to grid 810215 while enroute to that location they spotted 3 individuals at grid YA834283. The individuals were wearing green uniforms, there were no weapons reported. At 1550 hours the team reported making contact with an unknown size enemy force at grid YA835235, the team received fire, returned the fire and withdrew so that artillery and light organics could be employed. No friendly casualties resulted from the contact; the artillery and light organics were on target. Ranchett 66 reported that the 81mm Mortar rounds from B Company destroyed 3 out of 6 foxholes and they also spotted NVA C rations. D Company was extracted from LZ Martha at 1734 hours and touched down at LZ Jean at 1757 hours. A Company reported that an individual had sustained a shoulder injury from a grenade, a fire was started and the individual's equipment began to catch fire but he ran to move it at which time the grenade had already had gotten hot resulting in one exploding. A Company OPCON to 3/8 an investigation is being conducted.

4 November 1968

1/35th

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3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 841251

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Vera, YA 807232 (OPCON to 3/8 Inf.)

B 1/35 (-) LZ Joan, YA 841251

C 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809234

D 1/35 LZ Jean YA809234

Recon Plt (-) LZ Joan

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 4 November 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, B Battery 1/92 Artillery, E Company, Recon Platoon 1/35 Infantry, 4.2 Mortar platoon 1/35 Infantry, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st Platoon D Co 4th Engineers Battalion, At LZ Jean YA809235; C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from Division artillery; At LZ Vera YA835178, A Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Infantry; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). From 0300 hours to 0425 hours reports from radar section and individual sightings on unidentified aircraft working within our A/O. Sightings were again reported starting at 1945 hours and continuing through 2300 hours. All sightings were reported to Bde, but no action was taken. At 0505 hours the radar section from LZ Jean reported a possible radio transmitter at grid YA771254, artillery (155mm) was employed from LZ Joan on that location. At 1330 hours a SRP team from Recon platoon reported finding what appeared to be the beginning of a 1 ship LZ at grid YA825279, trees and bamboo had been cut down on the southeast side of the LZ. The team found 8 foxholes 8 feet wide and four feet deep. They were approximately 24 hours old; they will keep this area under observation. At 1820 hours A Company from LZ Vera reported SRP team 1 made contact at 1340 hours with an estimated 5-6 individuals resulting in three friendly WIAs at grid YA806169. The team was extracted at 1600 hours and the wounded were Med-Evaced. Negative assessment of enemy losses, the team was returning to LZ Vera when they were fired on, artillery and light organics were employed.

5 November 1968

1/35th

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3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 841251

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Vera, YA 807232 (OPCON to 3/8 Inf.)

B 1/35 (-) LZ Joan, YA 841251

C 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809234

D 1/35 LZ Jean YA809234

Recon Plt (-) LZ Joan

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 5 November 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, B Battery 1/92 Artillery, E Company, Recon Platoon 1/35 Infantry, 4.2 Mortar platoon 1/35 Infantry, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st Platoon D Co 4th Engineers Battalion, At LZ Jean YA809235; C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from Division artillery; At LZ Vera YA835178, A Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Infantry; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). During the reporting period the A/O was relatively quiet, only one (1) report of unidentified aircraft in the area, this was at 0300 hours by the Recon platoon. Reports of movement by the SRP teams were very slight for a 12-hour period. One report from SRP 2 of the Recon platoon reported hearing a vehicle at grid YA815275, artillery from LZ Joan was employed, negative assessment of the damage. The ADC (Assistant Division Commander) 4th Infantry Division visited LZ Joan for approximately hour, this at 1500 hours. The ADC received a briefing and a tour of the firebase by the Battalion Commander LTC Buckner. No further significant activities occurred in our area of operation. All other routine matters were coordinated and handled by our staff.

6 November 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 841251

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Vera, YA 807232 (OPCON to 3/8 Inf.)

B 1/35 (-) LZ Joan, YA 841251

C 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809234

D 1/35 LZ Jean YA809234

Recon Plt (-) LZ Joan

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 6 November 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, B Battery 1/92 Artillery, E Company, Recon Platoon 1/35 Infantry, 4.2 Mortar platoon 1/35 Infantry, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st Platoon D Co 4th Engineers Battalion, At LZ Jean YA809235; C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, 1 AN/TPS-25 section

from Division artillery; At LZ Vera YA835178, A Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Infantry; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). No significant activities occurred in our area of operation during the reporting period.

7 November 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 841251

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Vera, YA 807232 (OPCON to 3/8 Inf.)

B 1/35 (-) LZ Joan, YA 841251

C 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809234

D 1/35 LZ Jean YA809234

Recon Plt (-) LZ Joan

4.2 (-) Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 7 November 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA842252, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, B Battery 1/92 Artillery, E Company, Recon Platoon 1/35 Infantry, 4.2 Mortar platoon 1/35 Infantry, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st Platoon D Co 4th Engineers Battalion, At LZ Jean YA809234; C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from Division artillery; At LZ Vera YA835178, A Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Infantry; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). At 0002 B Company had a trip flare go off at such time they employed 7 rounds of M-79 fire and they checked the area with the starlight scope. Recon spotted movement of 2 individuals about 300 meters in front of their position at grid YA853256. They continued to check the area, the movement stopped and the personnel moved out in an easterly direction. No further activities occurred in the area of operation, routine activities were coordinated by the staff.

8 November 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 841251

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Vera, YA 807232 (OPCON to 3/8 Inf.)

B 1/35 (-) LZ Joan, YA 842252

C 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809234

D 1/35 (-) LZ Jean YA809234

Recon Plt (-) LZ Joan

4.2 (-) Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 8 November 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA842252, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, B Battery 1/92 Artillery, E Company, Recon Platoon 1/35 Infantry, 4.2 Mortar platoon 1/35 Infantry, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st Platoon D Co 4th Engineers Battalion, At LZ Jean YA809234; C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from Division artillery; At LZ Vera YA835178, A Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Infantry; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). During the reporting period SRP teams and duffel bag personnel at LZ Jean reported movement around their location, light organics and artillery were employed the movement stopped. General Stone, 4th Infantry Division Commanding General, visited LZ Joan at 1400 hours, received a briefing from the Battalion Commander LTC Buckner, the General made a walk through of the area. No further activity of any significance occurred in our area of operation.

9 November 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 841251

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Vera, YA 807232 (OPCON to 3/8 Inf.)

B 1/35 (-) LZ Joan, YA 842252

C 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809234

D 1/35 (-) LZ Jean YA809234

Recon Plt LZ Joan

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 9 November 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA842252, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, B Battery 1/92 Artillery, E Company, Recon Platoon 1/35 Infantry, 4.2 Mortar platoon 1/35 Infantry, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st Platoon D Co 4th Engineers Battalion, Mobile Dental Clinic from the 4th Medical Battalion; At LZ Jean YA809234; C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from Division artillery; At LZ Vera YA835178, A Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Infantry; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). No significant activities occurred in the area if operation during the reporting period, routine activities were coordinated by the staff. 1300 hours (C) From the S-1 rear: Ernie Banks (Chicago Cubs) and Pete Richert (Baltimore Orioles) baseball players will visit LZ Joan on 11 November 1968 per Sergeant Hagen.

10 November 1968

1/35th

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3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 844252

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Vera, YA 807232 (OPCON to 3/8 Inf.)

B 1/35 (-) LZ Joan, YA 842252

C 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809234

D 1/35 (-) LZ Jean YA809234

Recon Plt LZ Joan

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 10 November 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA842252, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, B Battery 1/92 Artillery, E Company, Recon Platoon 1/35 Infantry, 4.2 Mortar platoon 1/35 Infantry, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st Platoon D Co 4th Engineers Battalion, Mobile Dental Clinic from the 4th Medical Battalion; At LZ Jean YA809234; C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from Division artillery; At LZ Vera YA835178, A Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Infantry; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). There was no significant activities in the 1/35 A/O. SRP team 14 from A Company which is OPCON to 3/8 at LZ Vera made contact with approximately 10 NVA resulting in 2 friendly KIA and 1 WIA. There was negative assessment on the extent of enemy casualties; action took place at 1700 hours 10 November 1968 at grid coordinate YA809173. At 2231 hours we received a message from the Brigade Commander Colonel McClellan: There have been several incidents in the last few days where unidentified personnel have evaded US forces when detected and ordered to halt. US forces have been reluctant to fire, henceforth these persons have been taking evasive action from US forces will be immediately engaged. No further activities occurred in the area of operation of significant interest. 2155 hours Read-out on a SRP contact: At 1700 hours at grid YA809173 A Co SRP 14 heading towards night location was ambushed by an estimated 10 NVA from the west and northwest. 2 KIA line no. 10 November roster Garcia, Jose; line no. 174 also November roster Abruzzese, Joseph, 1 WIA, line no. 106 of the October roster, Narvais, Richard, other line no. 82 Bannister, Danny. Team was extracted, 2 KIAs were left at the scene of the contact, negative enemy assessments.

11 November 1968

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div
Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 844252

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Vera, YA 807232 (OPCON to 3/8 Inf.)
B 1/35 LZ Joan, YA 842252
C 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809234
D 1/35 (-) LZ Jean YA809234
Recon Plt LZ Joan
4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 11 November 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA842252, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, B Battery 1/92 Artillery, E Company, Recon Platoon 1/35 Infantry, 4.2 Mortar platoon 1/35 Infantry, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st Platoon D Co 4th Engineers Battalion, Mobile Dental Clinic from the 4th Medical Battalion; At LZ Jean YA809234; C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from Division artillery; At LZ Vera YA835178, A Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Infantry; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). SRP 10 made contact with an unknown size enemy force at grid YA780223 resulting in 3 WIAs which was reported by Headhunter 41. Personnel sustained wounds from small arms fire and NVA Claymore mines, all 4 team members were picked up, uninjured man was returned to LZ Joan, 3 WIAs were taken to the 71st Evac. Individuals were dead on arrival. Artillery was not employed due to no radio contact that was lost when the team was hit; also a CSF platoon was somewhere in the area. Special Forces at Duc Co did not have a current location. During the reporting period several reports were made of movement from LZ Joan, LZ Jean and the SRP positions. In most cases light organics were fired, 1 round of ILL, reports indicated that the movement stopped after the firing of the first round. A Co at LZ Vera reported that line no. 174 that had been reported MIA was not an MIA nor had he been wounded. EM returned to LZ Vera after the report had been made. Commanding Officer reported that the EM was in good condition. The movement at LZ Joan reported by B Company and Recon platoon resulted in 3 WIAs from Duc Co CSF Camp after M-79 rounds were fired; an investigation is being conducted. B Battery 1/92 artillery from LZ Joan moved to LZ Vera to be able to support a new firebase to be built south of LZ Vera. C Battery 2/9 artillery is moving from LZ Vera to LZ Joan, 2 tubes arrived at 1900 hours 11 November 1968.

12 November 1968

1/35th

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3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 844252

Unit Locations:

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B 1/35 (-) LZ Joan, YA 842252
C 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809234
D 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809234
Recon Plt (-) LZ Joan
4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 12 November 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA842252, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, E Company, Recon Platoon 1/35 Infantry, 4.2 Mortar platoon 1/35 Infantry, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st Platoon D Co 4th Engineers Battalion, Mobile Dental Clinic from the 4th Medical Battalion; At LZ Jean YA809234; C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from Division artillery; At LZ Vera YA807232, A Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Infantry; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). During the reporting period several reports were received from SRP and radar of movement and individual sightings. At 0825 hours SRP 3 from Recon reported seeing 1 NVA at grid YA825233, artillery employed, had a negative assessment. At 1545 hours SRP team 10 from D Company reported seeing 2 NVA at grid YA783224, light organics and artillery were employed, also Headhunter aircraft checked the area with negative findings. No further activities of any importance or significance were reported. Routine activities were coordinated by the staff.

13 November 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 844252

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Vera, YA 838178
B 1/35 (-) LZ Joan, YA 844252
C 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809234
D 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809234
Recon Plt LZ Joan YA844252
4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan
CP and 1 Co from 3/8 at LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 13 November 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA842252, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, E Company, 4.2 Mortar

platoon 1/35 Infantry, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st Platoon D Co 4th Engineers Battalion, Mobile Dental Clinic from the 4th Medical Battalion; At LZ Jean YA809234; C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from Division artillery; At LZ Vera YA807232, A Company 1/35 (returned to the control of 1/35); At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). A Company returned to the control of the 1/35 Inf on the afternoon of 12 November 1968. 3/8 Inf received instructions from Bde to move to the Oasis in response to enemy intelligence reports, the battalion arrived at LZ Joan after receiving word that their mission had been cancelled or changed and they would return to LZ Vera ASAP 13 November 1968. They arrived at LZ Joan 12 November 1968 at 1900 hours. During the reporting period 0001 hours to 2400 hours 13 November 1968 all units of the 1/35 came under mortar and rocket attack with A Company receiving the first round at LZ Vera at approximately 0035 hours and continuing throughout the day, LZ Joan, CSF Camp and Duc Co began receiving incoming rounds at approximately 0220 hours and LZ Jean approximately 0728 hours, the attack on LZ Joan ended at about 0645 hours. No casualties were received by units of the 1/35 at LZ Joan. Read-out on LZ Vera: A Company was hardest hit by mortars, B-40 rockets and 122mm rockets and a ground attack. Gunships, artillery and tactical air strikes were employed throughout the day to suppress the enemy fire, which A Company was taking heavy casualties from. After the ground attack the Company had an enemy body count of 6 KIAs and 1 WIA (Captured). Friendly casualties were 15 WIA and 4 KIA. Enemy equipment and documents captured are as follows: 1 B-40 rocket launcher, 1 US M-79 grenade launcher, 1 pair of large cutters, numerous grenades, B-40 rockets and fused explosives, small and medium grenades, 1 document. Read-out on LZ Jean; C Company was hit the hardest of the two companies, LZ Jean came under mortar attack at approximately 0728 hours and continued to receive rounds throughout the day, locations of the suspected mortar position is hill 391 grid coordinate 783206, artillery, gunships and tactical air strikes were employed, no enemy assessment could be made. Friendly casualties from C Company were 4 WIAs and 1 KIA. No casualties were received by D Company.

0305 hours From A Co to TOC: A wrap-up on the contact; Negative incoming at this time, 3 KIA VC, 1 KIA American from A Company, 17 WIAs American, Captain Wandke is directing Spooky, arty received 40 rounds of 60mm, lost 2 vehicles, 1 moderate, 1 totally destroyed, battery commander seriously wounded, received small arms fire from the northwest.

0330 hours To Bn and Bde from A Co; time action ceased 0235 hours, time Spooky on station 0107 hours, weapons were employed by friendlies on the enemy, 155mm arty, 82mm mortar, M-16, frags, 60mm mortar, vehicles destroyed of artillery ton totaled, ton moderated to total.

0336 hours To Bde from Major Royal: Reference the incoming rounds at LZ Joan, received 60mm incoming at 0220 hours radar indicated the location to be grid 841246, 841238, and 847236. 105 arty, 4.2" and 81mm employed on these locations. Recon platoon leader observed the tube flashes and adjusted the arty, no CACs reported, Diget 0 1/69 dispatched one tank with Zeon to the 1/35 will light up the area of the mortar tubes, SRP 3 is approximately 900 meters from the tube location, observed and adjusted fire at grid 841246, 2 secondary explosions were reported, arty was on target. We received 15-20 incoming rounds, incoming rounds ceased at 0317 hours.

0750 A Co has 22 WIAs and 3 KIAs as a result of yesterdays and today's action.

0759 3/8 ordered to move to LZ Vera.

1021 hours DELAYED ENTRY-Message from Bde CO Colonel McClellan to Bde XO: Message at 1005 hours; Bde CO is presently at A Co location, 4 KIAs and 15 WIAs, all evacuated, there are 8 WIAs from the artillery element all of this personnel were also evacuated. Still on the position are 6 slightly wounded with Boxer element. Bde CO Medical Doctor is presently caring for 6 wounded personnel; no Dust-Off is presently needed. There are 6 enemy KIA and 1 WIA who have been evacuated. Captured equipment: 1 B-40 Rocket launcher; 4 AKM sub-machineguns; 1 US M-79 grenade launcher, 1 pair large wire cutters; 1 document in the possession of the Bde CO; numerous grenades, B-40 Rockets, fused explosives, small and medium grenades. All CIA equipment and documents in the possession of the Bde CO. During the past 15 minutes there have been 2 82mm Mortar barrages on LZ Vera, there is negative action at this time. Gunships are searching the area to the west in an attempt to locate the enemy Mortar positions. The 81 element (A Co) is up tight and they have no problems. The remainder of the tanker element (3/8) is presently closing LZ Vera. Bde CO is waiting until the 3/8 and the 3/8 CO arrives.

14 November 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 844252

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Vera, OPCON to 3/8 YA838178

B 1/35 LZ Joan, YA 844252

C 1/35 LZ Jean, YA 809234

D 1/35 LZ Jean, YA 809234

Recon Plt (-) LZ Joan YA844252

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 14 November 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA842252, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, E Company, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st Platoon D Co 4th Engineers Battalion, Mobile Dental Clinic from the 4th Medical Battalion; At LZ Jean YA809234; C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from Division artillery; At LZ Vera YA807232, A Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Infantry; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). During the reporting period several reports of movement and individual sightings were reported by SRP teams, aircraft and radar. In most cases artillery and light organics were employed. Aircraft that were working within the A/O reported receiving .50 caliber machine gun fire from Hill 391 to the southeast of LZ Jean. No further significant activities occurred in the area of operation.

1310 hours DELAYED ENTRY-1300 hours at grid 785137 Blast 63 is receiving intense automatic weapons fire has spotted about 2 .50 caliber machine gun positions and about 100 NVA.

1311 hours At grid 796132 Blast 63 spotted 2 .50 caliber machine guns positions in an open field about 50 NVA with automatic weapons in the tree line to the north.

1312 hours Blast 63 also has one company of NVA with automatic weapons at grid 785137.

1545 hours LZ Vera is receiving incoming rounds from grid 761150 in Cambodia.

15 November 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 844252

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Vera, OPCON to 3/8 YA838178

B 1/35 (-) LZ Joan, YA 844252

C 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809234

D 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809234

Recon Plt LZ Joan YA844252

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 15 November 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, C Battery (-) 5/16 Artillery, E Company, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st Platoon D Co 4th Engineers Battalion, At LZ Jean YA809234; C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from Division artillery; At LZ Vera YA807232, A Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Infantry; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). No significant activities occurred during the reported period. C Company was put on a 30-minute standby in response to an operation to start at 0600 hours 16 November 1968. The Bn was put on the same standby for the same operation.

16 November 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 844252

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Vera, OPCON to 3/8 YA838178
B 1/35 LZ Joan, YA 844252
C 1/35 LZ Jean, YA 809234
D 1/35 LZ Jean, YA 809234
Recon Plt LZ Joan YA844252
4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 16 November 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA844252, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, C Battery 5/16 Artillery (GS), E Company, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 3rd Platoon D Co 4th Engineers Battalion, Mobile Dental Clinic from the 4th Medical Battalion; At LZ Jean YA809234; C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from Division artillery, Counter Mortar Section from the 4/42 Artillery; At LZ Vera YA807232, A Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Infantry; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). No significant activities occurred during the reported period. The remainder of C Battery 7/15 artillery closed LZ Joan. Battery is in direct support of the operation to the west and south of LZs Jean and Joan. The battalion maintained one company on a 30-minute standby and one platoon on a 15-minute standby (C Company) maintained 1 Company on a 2-hour standby.

1930 hours (C) Night locations of the operation across the border: CSF (Camp Strike Force) A-803134, CSF B-786134; B & C 1/14 773165; B & C 1/22 784145; A 1/69 Armor 822156; B 1/69 815213; B 2/8 788201; C 1/10 Cav 773458; A 1/10 Cav 754214

17 November 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 844252

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Vera, OPCON to 3/8 YA838178
B 1/35 LZ Joan, YA 844252
C 1/35 LZ Jean, YA 809234
D 1/35 LZ Jean, YA 809234
Recon Plt LZ Joan YA844252
4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 17 November 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, C Battery (-) 7/15 Artillery, E Company, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st Platoon D Co 4th Engineers Battalion, Mobile Dental Clinic from the 4th Medical Battalion; At LZ Jean YA809234; C Company 1/35, D Company

1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from Division artillery, Counter Mortar Section from the 4/42 Artillery; At LZ Vera YA835178, A Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Infantry; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). No significant activities occurred in the area of operations.

2124 hours (C) Bde 53X to Bn S-3: To C Co 1 Plt on a 15-minute C/A standby, the rest of C Co will be on a 30-minute standby. Standby will start at 0730 hours 18 November 1968; the rest of the battalion will be on a 4-hour standby. Mission: reaction force for the 7/17 Cav, 7/17 Cav will insert blue legs at grid YA789106, if the situation develops we will insert ourselves, our plt will go in, Bde recommends using the company located at LZ Jean. Informed Bde that C Co is at LZ Jean, will furnish the elements. Major Royal informed LTC Buckner Bn CO of this, also informed C Co Captain Smith and D Co RTO.

18 November 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 844252

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Vera, OPCON to 3/8 YA838178

B 1/35 LZ Joan, YA 844252

C 1/35 LZ Jean, YA 809234

D 1/35 LZ Jean, YA 809234

Recon Plt (-) LZ Joan YA844252

4.2 Mortar Plt (-), LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 18 November 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, C Battery (-) 7/15 Artillery, E Company, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st Platoon D Co 4th Engineers Battalion, Mobile Dental Clinic from the 4th Medical Battalion; At LZ Jean YA809234; C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from Division artillery, Counter Mortar Section from the 4/42 Artillery; At LZ Vera YA835178, A Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Infantry; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). No significant activities occurred in the area of operations.

19 November 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 844252

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Vera, OPCON to 3/8 YA838178

B 1/35 LZ Joan, YA 844252

C 1/35 LZ Jean, YA 809234

D 1/35 LZ Jean, YA 809234

Recon Plt (-) LZ Joan YA844252

4.2 Mortar Plt (-), LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 19 November 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, C Battery (-) 7/15 Artillery, E Company, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st Platoon D Co 4th Engineers Battalion, Mobile Dental Clinic from the 4th Medical Battalion; At LZ Jean YA809234; C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from Division artillery, Counter Mortar Section from the 4/42 Artillery; At LZ Vera YA835178, A Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Infantry; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). No significant activities occurred in the area of operations.

1615 hours (C) B Co CO Captain Tower reports that his 91 element went down to check out the 60mm ammunition cache that the engineers found this morning by cutting trees at grid 836248, found 14 rounds of 60mm Mortars, 5 rounds of 81mm Mortar. Major Royal says that the Engineers will go down first thing to blow them.

2100 hours (C) Message to Bde S-3 from the Bn S-3: Request permission to C/A a recon platoon to Hill 391 on 24 November 1968, will need 4 lift ships and 1 C&C bird. The element will C/A in to check the hill out and they will return on foot the same way. The Bde S-3 will pass this to Bde CO Colonel McClellan and give the answer tomorrow, stated that we will supply one Company for the three day operation with the 1/14 Inf from 21-24 Nov. 68 and to keep in mind. The Bn S-3 Major Royal passed this info along to LTC Buckner Bn CO.

20 November 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 844252

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Vera, OPCON to 3/8 YA838178

B 1/35 LZ Joan, YA 844252

C 1/35 LZ Jean, YA 809234

D 1/35 LZ Jean, YA 809234

Recon Plt LZ Joan YA844252

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 20 November 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, C Battery (-) 7/15 Artillery, E Company, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st Platoon D Co 4th Engineers Battalion, Mobile Dental Clinic from the 4th Medical Battalion; At LZ Jean YA809234; C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from Division artillery, Counter Mortar Section from the 4/42 Artillery; At LZ Vera YA835178, A Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Infantry; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). During the reporting period several reports of movement were reported by the SRP teams, in most cases light organics and artillery were employed and the movement stopped. C Company was informed that they were to be prepared to make a C/A 21 November 1968 for the operation with 1/14, be prepared to go by slick or hook.

21 November 1968

1/35th

Submitted by:

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div
Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 844252

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Vera, OPCON to 3/8 YA838178
B 1/35 LZ Joan, YA 844252
C 1/35 LZ Jean, YA 809234
D 1/35 LZ Jean, YA 809234
Recon Plt LZ Joan YA844252
4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 21 November 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, C Battery (-) 7/15 Artillery GS, E Company, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st Platoon D Co 4th Engineers Battalion, Mobile Dental Clinic from the 4th Medical Battalion; At LZ Jean YA809234; C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from Division artillery, Counter Mortar Section from the 4/42 Artillery; At LZ Vera YA835178, A Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Infantry; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). C Company OPCON to the 1/14 Infantry first lift off of LZ Jean at 0857 hours, lift complete at 1012 hours. C Company will take up a position at LZ Oasis as a ready reactionary force for the 1/14 Inf operation scheduled for three (3) days. At 1340 hours B Company was alerted to have one (1) platoon on the airstrip in ten (10) minutes and the rest of the Company ready to go in one (1) hour. Company will C/A to grid YA647505 to recover 6 bodies and Confidential equipment from a downed Snoopy helicopter. First lift off the PZ at 1455 hours; first lift on LZ at 1522 hours, LZ COLD. B Company found the downed ship and bodies but they were unable to get them out without body bags due to the time element the Company was ordered back to the LZ for extraction, however due to shortage of fuel at Duc Co all the element could not be extracted, 4 lifts were taken out and approximately 8 lifts were left on the ground. B Company was informed to set up a night defensive location and the night defense was grid YA625507. Company will return to the downed ship 22 November 1968 and extract the bodies; body bags will be dropped to them. Due to communications problem a relay station was established between D Company 1/14 Infantry at LZ Mary S, hourly Sitreps were called in by B Company also a Snoopy bird was in the air most of the night over B Company night location.

Email (23 March 2000) I received from Ron Carey who was flying Top Ship 21 November 1968 when Gator 297 was shot down. Ron's unit was the 119th AHC 52nd CAB.

Dave,

Small world. On that date Gator 297 went down. The crew chief was a good friend. His name was Billie Ontis. He was getting short about 100 days to go or so. We were flying a \"Sniffer\" mission. That was a machine that was mounted in the ship and it would collect air samples and somehow would give a reading of enemy troops. The sniffer ship would fly at tree top level at forty to fifty knots. You needed to travel slow to get the best readings. There would be two guys that would operate the machine. A second ship would fly above the first and as the operator told you of marks or hits you would mark the map. The problem was that if something happened the bottom ship was moving to slow and was too close to the ground to do anything. It was late in the afternoon and they were on their third or fourth pass. We had gotten heavy reading in the area on a previous pass. They took heavy automatic weapon's fire. They nosed over to the left and went down. We stayed on station for the longest time waiting for other ships to come to their aid. I could tell it was not good from the way they went in. I knew they put people in that night. We found out the next morning they were gone.

Crew from the helicopter:

Martin Gehring Given, Billie Joe Ontis, Charles Frederick Rein, Robert Lee Storey, Eddy Gale Sumpter, Warren George Haugen JR

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21 November 1968

Bravo 1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

The following is from the journal Ralph Leebert kept during his tour. Ralph was the squad sergeant for 3rd squad, 2nd platoon, B Co., 1st Bn, 35th Inf., 4th Inf. Div. 1968/1969.

21 November 1968, LZ Joan, Duc Co:

Half the day passed and everything just seemed as usual. Sam Sica and I had just returned from the creek. I had been back ten minutes when I was informed to have my squad saddle up and move light as the platoon was being combat assault lifted about six clicks from the Cambodia border to police up the bodies of a chopper crew that was shot down in the morning. This time it was for real. We were on the chopper pad five minutes when the birds came. My squad was put on the first two birds. I was going on the first ship in. We took off (seven birds) for the assault landing. We flew at 3,000 feet for about 5 minutes, circling in the air as gunships and cobras worked the area over where we were to be dropped. We were apprehensive about the landing zone because there definitely were dinks in the area. Previously a team tried to get in but snipers prevented their descent to the landing zone.

Well, when we went in we had trouble for some reason with the birds and so the six of us had to jump from fifteen feet. We were glad the dirt was softened up from the rockets, to make our drop much easier. After everyone was on the ground we started on the trek towards the downed bird. It took about an hour to reach the area and find the bodies. The bad part about the operation was that we did not have the equipment to get the bodies out. Captain Towers wanted us to return to LZ Joan

before night so we had but one alternative, we had to hump at quite a fast pace. Unfortunately our attempt was in vane and daylight vanished. We continued to walk into the night. Without a moon the darkness in the jungle was doubled.

The stage was set for the dinks to spring an ambush. The terrain was hard walking in. The vines were catching everyone around the neck and tangling up the whole body, plus trying to get an M-16 through made things worse. And if an infantryman with a rifle had it bad, think of a machine gunner carrying an M-60. Fate was with us though again and we set up without having trouble with the dinks.

Setting up was a minor problem, but definitely caused concern for everyone involved. We were unable to get Delta Tango (Dak To) fired to set up a defensive fire by artillery. We had no way of digging in and we were vulnerable to a mortar attack, ground attack, or and kind of attack. It appears this is going to be one of those long nights in Vietnam again.

22 November 1968:

Everyone was so tired last night that we were not worrying about too much except to return to LZ Joan. The night was miserable for all. We humped so late that by the time we set up everybody was soaked from sweat. Being wet and having nothing to cover up with, we literally froze. We all shook so bad during the night that sleep was impossible, no matter how tired we were. It was just another miserable sleepless night. Yet, one less for all of us in the Cacti in the Nam.

As soon as the sun was up enough we continued on to the LZ where we were yesterday. Apparently we were closer than we thought because in a short time we had reached it. Our thoughts were about getting back to LZ Joan and have a good breakfast, due to not eating since yesterday at noon. Still there was a job to be finished that we were sent here to do. A bird was brought out to leave body bags and C-rations. We gobbled down our food as everyone was starved. As soon as we finished eating, we saddled up and returned to the wreckage.

The two door gunners were the easiest to get. They had been thrown from the bird and were up the side of the hill, while the remaining four bodies were down at the bottom. Not that I enjoy writing about men being killed in Vietnam, but I want to explain the day's activities. My squad was placed in charge of policing up the four men that died in the chopper. Getting the four dead men out of the wreckage was the hardest. They were all burned badly. There was no way of recognizing them at all. Had two of them not been wearing dog tags, identifying them would have been a problem. The bodies were very brittle and great caution had to be taken when picking the bodies up, as to assure the bodies stayed intact. The smell was not the most pleasant and that contributed to the horrible ordeal. Eventually we had all the bodies ready and a bird came and dropped two ropes to lift them out. We hooked the body bags up and off they were taken. (Note, Ralph Leebert did not document that one of the body bags, while being extracted, caught on the canopy and broke open spilling the remains. The remains were later recovered and extracted. Ralph told me he just could not write that account, it was too troubling at the time.)

If just doing the above wasn't enough, what else could be expected? On our way to the wrecked chopper, we were given overhead cover or protection by two small birds (called Cayuse). No sooner

had they arrived and were buzzing over us when one positioned to the rear of the platoon came down too low and hit his rear blade on a tree. At that moment the pilot tried to jerk up but it was too late. The bird rose, spun around a couple of times and down she came. The bird hit about fifteen feet behind me and Dave Fogg. Sam Sica and Sgt. Rigsby who were bringing up the rear had to scatter to avoid the chopper and having it fall on them.

Again my first thoughts were to help the pilots but someone yelled, Don't go near the bird as it might blow up. All the more reason to get the men out! But the pilots were able to flee from the bird. At once a slick was at our location and the three men were lifted out and taken in to be treated.

Perhaps the person who had different thoughts might have been the commanding officer. The platoon RTO (Avoline) called him and told him what had happened. The conversation was brief but went as follows:

Avoline: Lamas 66 Charlie, this is lamas 92 Charlie, over.

CO: This is 66 Charlie, over.

Avoline: Roger, this is 92 Charlie. A bird just dropped in behind us, over.

CO: This is 66 Charlie, good, over.

Avoline: This is 92 Charlie, it crashed, over.

CO: Oh, No!

Wondering what his reaction was without being present was represented in his last statement. He did not give his call sign.

After the bodies were taken back to Pleiku and the other bird was picked up to be salvaged, we were finally picked up and we arrived back at LZ Joan around 2:30 in the afternoon. It was a hectic day and one half for us but meant that much less time in the Nam. Always in missions like this, we go in and retrieve bodies, and I never can get names of those we were able to bring back to be sent home to their families.

22 November 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 844252

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Vera, OPCON to 3/8 YA838178

B 1/35 LZ Joan, the rest of the element YA625507

C 1/35 OPCON to 1/14 Inf

D 1/35 LZ Jean, YA 809234

Recon Plt LZ Joan YA844252

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 22 November 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, C Battery (-) 7/15 Artillery GS, E Company, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st Platoon D Co 4th Engineers Battalion, Mobile Dental Clinic from the 4th Medical Battalion; At LZ Jean YA809234; D Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from Division artillery, Counter Mortar Section from the 4/42 Artillery; At LZ Vera YA835178, A Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Infantry; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); C Company OPCON to 1/14 Inf; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). B Company returned to the crash site and they proceeded to extract the bodies from the downed aircraft. B Company first lift was extracted at 1320 hours; the lift was completed at 1410 hours. At approximately 1800 hours LZ Jean started taking incoming rounds from Hill 391, this to the southwest of LZ Jean. The rounds stopped coming in at 2010 hours. The rounds were believed to be 75mm Recoilless Rifle and 82mm Mortar rounds, the LZ took approximately 18 rounds of 75mm Recoilless Rifle fire and 12 rounds of 82mm Mortar fire. Company sustained 2 slightly wounded, a Med-Evac was not required, artillery and light organics were fired and the F/O at LZ Jean observed 2 large secondary explosions on Hill 391. LZ Vera had incoming rounds, they were believed to be 122mm Rockets. A Company OPCON to 3/8 Inf and could not get a complete read-out on the action.

0935 hours (C) LTC Buckner informs us that an LOH bird has crashed on a line between the crash site of yesterday and the LZ where B Co was dropped. LTC Buckner is moving part of B Co to check out the downed LOH. Grid of downed LOH is grid 628512, pretty well destroyed. (Note, the LOH crashed right on top of B Co)

23 November 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 844252

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Vera, OPCON to 3/8 YA838178

B 1/35 LZ Joan, YA844252

C 1/35 OPCON to 1/14 Inf

D 1/35 LZ Jean, YA 809234

Recon Plt LZ Joan YA844252

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 23 November 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, C Battery (-) 7/15 Artillery GS, E Company, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st Platoon D Co 4th Engineers Battalion, Mobile Dental Clinic from the 4th Medical Battalion; At LZ Jean YA809234; D Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from Division artillery, Counter Mortar Section from the 4/42 Artillery; At LZ Vera YA835178, A Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Infantry; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). C Company returned to LZ Jean and the first lift touched down at 0832 hours, lift was completed at 0931 hours. At 1010 hour the Bde Commander Colonel McClellan observed 3 individuals on the south part of Hill 391, requested a fire mission and the artillery from LZ Joan fired the mission. At 1046 hours B Company was alerted to have one platoon on a 30-minute standby and the rest of the company to follow in support of the 1/10 Cav.

24 November 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 844252

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Vera, OPCON to 3/8 YA838178

B 1/35 LZ Joan, YA844252

C 1/35 LZ Jean, YA809234

D 1/35 LZ Jean, YA 809234

Recon Plt LZ Joan YA844252

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 24 November 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, C Battery (-) 7/15 Artillery GS, E Company, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st Platoon D Co 4th Engineers Battalion, Mobile Dental Clinic from the 4th Medical Battalion; At LZ Jean YA809234; C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from Division artillery, Counter Mortar Section from the 4/42 Artillery; At LZ Vera YA835178, A Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Infantry; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). At 0620 hours SRP 13 from D Company reported seeing 4-5 individuals setting up a mortar position at grid YA813210, artillery and light organics were employed, there was a negative assessment or casualties. Recon platoon on the airstrip at Duc Co C/A to Hill 391, artillery fired a 5-minute preparatory fire prior to the lift off, the first ship was off the ground at 0912 hours and it touched down at 0927 hours, LZ COLD, the lift was completed at 0921 hours. Recon platoon made a sweep of the area in and around Hill 391 and spotted 4-5 individuals but they did not make contact, the sweep of Hill 391 and the surrounding area revealed a network of trails and tunnels, they also found 1 AK-47 round and 2 NVA LRRP ration bags, toothpicks, 1 document, they also had one man wounded in the head but there was no

information available as to how the individual sustained the wound. Recon platoon returned to LZ Joan at 2026 hours.

1835 hours (C) From Bde NCOIC: To TOC; Warning order-Be prepared to conduct a 5 Battalion operation west of LZ Vera on 27 Nov. 68, OP order will be disseminated tomorrow morning.

1845 hours (C) From Bde NCOIC to Major Royal Bn S-3: Inform the Bn S-3 same restrictions as on the other operation, SRPs pulled in to within 1,000 meters of LZ Jean, minimize radio transmission on Bde insecure, don't inform anyone lower than the unit Commander.

2240 hours (C) Readout on Recon: Found a tunnel at grid YA779198, 15 and 3x3 at the tunnel end there was a sleeping mat of burlap, the tunnel has wooden walls, there were numerous trails all over the hills, one heavily used trail which had a fresh scent 3-days old. The trail ran north along the top of the hill and then west and then southwest and then it turned at the bottom of the hill south at grid YA777207. Found a platoon size staging area, also found 2 bunkers, 3 feet wide, 3 feet deep and 5 feet long just west of the staging area. The bunkers had overhead cover 2 feet in width made up of wood and dirt. The bunkers were C/Sd and blown, there were numerous dry stream beds in the area which could be used as trails, negative signs of vehicles, trails in the area. Found: 1 AK-47 round, 1 document (torn up), numerous toothpicks and 2 NVA LRRP rations bags.

25 November 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 844252

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Vera, OPCON to 3/8 YA838178

B 1/35 LZ Joan, YA844252

C 1/35 LZ Jean, YA809234

D 1/35 LZ Jean, YA 809234

Recon Plt (-) LZ Joan YA844252

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 25 November 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, C Battery (-) 7/15 Artillery GS, E Company, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st Platoon D Co 4th Engineers Battalion, Mobile Dental Clinic from the 4th Medical Battalion; At LZ Jean YA809234; C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from Division artillery, Counter Mortar Section from the 4/42 Artillery; At LZ Vera YA835178, A Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Infantry; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). A and C Companies were alerted to be prepared to make a relief in place 26 November 1968. C Company will move to LZ Vera,

A Company will move to LZ Jean. B and D Companies were alerted to make a C/A to the south of LZ Vera for a 5-battalion operation being conducted by the Bde 27 November 1968. No significant activities occurred in the area of operation during the reporting period.

1105 hours (C) Readout on the rounds that were fired on Hill 391: Recon 2nd Sqd thought they heard movement so they reconned by fire and they blew two Claymore anti-personnel mines, they found no bodies and they heard no more movement.

26 November 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 844252

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Vera, OPCON to 3/8 YA838178

B 1/35 LZ Joan, YA844252

C 1/35 LZ Jean, YA809234

D 1/35 LZ Jean, YA 809234

Recon Plt LZ Joan YA844252

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 26 November 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, C Battery (-) 7/15 Artillery GS, E Company, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st Platoon D Co 4th Engineers Battalion, Mobile Dental Clinic from the 4th Medical Battalion; At LZ Jean YA809234; C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from Division artillery, Counter Mortar Section from the 4/42 Artillery; At LZ Vera YA835178, A Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Infantry; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). At 0300 hours LZ Joan began receiving incoming 82mm mortar rounds and they continued until 0308 hours, Duc Co CSF Camp also took 6 rounds inside their perimeter resulting in 1 KIA and 4 WIAs. LZ Joan and the airstrip took approximately 25-40 rounds; there was no damage to equipment or personnel. Artillery and light organics were employed on the suspected enemy mortar positions, negative assessment. A Co and C Co conducted a relief in place at LZ Jean and LZ Vera, hooks were provided for the lift of both companies, the lift was complete at 1104 hours. B Company 1/35 and B Company 1/69 made a sweep of the area around LZ Joan to check for suspected enemy positions. Companies found possible positions but nothing significant.

1118 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-1045 hours 26 Nov 68-At 1045 hours SFC Chronister informed D Co CO that Joey Bishop will visit LZ Jean between 1358 hours and 1421 hours today, told him to relay this message to A Co CO.

1759 hours (C) Debriefing of B Co: At grid YA847277 found a possible mortar position YA842282, found 10 foxholes, negative overhead cover 2 wood, 4 feet deep. YA836235, 836236 found some tunnel like paths cut into the elephant grass YA834254, 834255 fresh foot tracks

27 November 1968

1/35th

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3rd Bde 4th Inf Div
Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 844252

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Jean YA809234
B 1/35 LZ Joan, YA844252
C 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Inf at LZ Vera YA838178
D 1/35 LZ Jean, YA 809234
Recon Plt LZ Joan YA844252
4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 27 November 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, C Battery (-) 7/15 Artillery GS, E Company, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st Platoon D Co 4th Engineers Battalion, Mobile Dental Clinic from the 4th Medical Battalion; At LZ Jean YA809234; A Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from Division artillery, Counter Mortar Section from the 4/42 Artillery; At LZ Vera YA835178, C Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Infantry; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). B Company OPCON to 1/14 Inf for an operation south of Duc Co, will remain OPCON until completion of the operation. D Company OPCON to 3/8 Inf for the completion of the operation to be conducted to the south of Duc Co, they are to remain OPCON until the completion of the operation. No further activities occurred in the area of operation for the reporting period.

28 November 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div
Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base
LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 844252

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Jean YA809234
B 1/35 OPCON to 1/14 Inf YA777176
C 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Inf at LZ Vera YA838178
D 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Inf YA821131

Recon Plt LZ Joan YA844252

4.2" Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 28 November 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35 OPCON to 1/14 Inf for sweep operation south of LZ Vera (YA777176), C Battery 2/9 Artillery, C Battery (-) 7/15 Artillery GS, E Company, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st Platoon D Co 4th Engineers Battalion, Mobile Dental Clinic from the 4th Medical Battalion; At LZ Jean YA809234; A Company 1/35, D Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Inf sweep operation south of LZ Vera (YA821131), 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from Division artillery, Counter Mortar Section from the 4/42 Artillery; At LZ Vera YA835178, C Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Infantry security of LZ Vera; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

Message from the Bde S-3 to the Bn S-3: Plans are being formulated for a 2 task force operation to begin 30 November 68 to 1 Dec 68 in an A/O east of LZ Karen. Tentative LZ for the 1/35 Inf vicinity YA830298, A and B Companies will operate in the operation.

1200 hours (C) Informed all units to put flack jackets and steel helmets and promptly get into the bunkers as intelligence from Bde reports that we are supposed to receive an attack from Cambodia on or near 1200 hours today.

2135 hours (C) From Bde S-3 to Bn S-3: Plans are being formulated for a task force operation (2) to begin on 30 Nov 68 to 1 Dec 68 in A/O east of LZ Karen, tentative LZ for 1/35 vic. YA830298, your unit should make a visual reconnaissance of the LZ on 29 Nov 68, if daisy-cutters are required request must be in NLT 1000 hours 29 Nov. Op order will be given out 29 Nov 68, will work in conjunction but not with 1/14 2 Co task force, will consist of 2 Cos, tentative LZ for 1/14 vic. 840330

29 November 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 844252

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Jean YA809234

B 1/35 OPCON to 1/14 Inf YA788177

C 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Inf at LZ Vera YA838178

D 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Inf YA830149

Recon Plt LZ Joan YA844252

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 29 November 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251,

Battalion Headquarters (Forward), C Battery 2/9 Artillery, C Battery (-) 7/15 Artillery GS, E Company, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st Platoon D Co 4th Engineers Battalion, Mobile Dental Clinic from the 4th Medical Battalion; At LZ Jean YA809232; A Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from Division artillery, Counter Mortar Section from the 4/42 Artillery; At LZ Vera YA835178, C Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Infantry; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

B Company 1/35 OPCON to 1/14 Inf at grid YA788177 conducting a sweep to the southwest of LZ Vera. D Company OPCON to 2/8 Inf at grid YA830149 is conducting a sweep to the southwest of LZ Vera. B Company returned to the control of the 1/35 Inf upon closing LZ Joan at 1620 hours. C, B and D Companies were informed to be prepared to go OPCON to 2/8 Inf 30 November 1968. B Co will C/A to grid ZA195354, D Company will C/A to grid ZA181303, operation to last approximately three (3) days.

1010 hours (C) Headhunter 41 checked the above grids for LZs 832306 will land about 10-15 ships; 831279 will land 7-9 rounds after the daisy-cutters are dropped; 839332 will land unlimited amount of ships with a couple of grass-burners put in beforehand.

1220 hours (C) message from Major Royal to Lt. Flanagan: OP order to be passed briefly to A, B, C, D, mission changed to A Co: You will be prepared to close out of LZ Jean by 1 December 1968, have one platoon ready to go to LZ Joan to maintain it, you will also construct a new firebase northwest of Plei Djerang by 2 December 1968, plan to get rid of some of your ammunition tonight (106 Recoilless Rifle). To B Company: You will be continuing to move with a Headhunter overhead to grid 798223 at which time you will come under our control and work on our frequency and continue to come to LZ Joan whereupon you will prepare to be lifted out to be OPCON to 2/8 Inf, take 3 days rations and 1 81mm mortar tube, your LZ will be at grid 210345, your contact on the LZ will be 8191 on frequency of 65.60, your mission will be to set up a blocking force east of the operational area. An overlay of the area will be at the LZ. Maps will be here when you come to our location. To C Co: Be prepared to evacuate LZ Vera ASAP, you will come under the control of 2/8 Inf this afternoon (time to be announced), take 3 days rations and 1 81mm mortar tube and enough ammunition for the usual stay of this type. Your excess equipment will be back-hauled to LZ Joan, your LZ when you C/A will be at grid 210345, your contact will be 8191 on a frequency of 65.60, your mission along with B Co will be to establish a blocking position on the east side of the operational area, an overlay of the LZ will be available when you get there, maps will be given to you by the 3/8, if they do not give them to you we will provide the maps. To D Co: Continue to move to LZ Vera and upon closing you will be OPCON to 3/8 Inf. S-2: Have maps ready for the area west of LZ Sharmaine and LZ Puma, acetate 2 sets 1/150 and 1/100.

1430 hours (C) Changes: A Co; will prepare to accept D Co tonight and plan to still EVAC Jean, need to know if A Co can supply D Co with 3 days of supply of C-rations and hot chow for them tonight. B Co: Continue to move to LZ Joan and stay there for tonight, C/A tomorrow. C Co: C Co stay at LZ Vera tonight and tomorrow disregard the previous plan. D Co: C/A to LZ Jean tonight and go OPCON to 2/8 tomorrow, same plans for C Co apply presently.

30 November 1968

1/35th

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3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 844252

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Jean YA809234

B 1/35 LZ Joan YA844252

C 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Inf at LZ Vera YA838178

D 1/35 LZ Jean YA809234

Recon Plt LZ Joan YA844252

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 30 November 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, C Battery (-) 7/15 Artillery GS, E Company, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st Platoon D Co 4th Engineers Battalion, Mobile Dental Clinic from the 4th Medical Battalion; At LZ Jean YA809232; A Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from Division artillery, Counter Mortar Section from the 4/42 Artillery; At LZ Vera YA835178, C Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Infantry; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

C Battery (-) 7/15 artillery departed LZ Joan under the control of the 3rd Bde. B Company continued from LZ Joan to grid ZA195350 OPCON to 2/8 Inf. D Company continued from LZ Jean to grid ZA181303 OPCON to 2/8 Inf. A Company is preparing to evacuate LZ Jean and move to LZ Joan. C Company is preparing to evacuate LZ Vera and move to LZ Betty. Both radar at LZ Jean are preparing to move to parent unit 1 Dec. 68.

1205 hours (C) DELAYED ENTRY-1155 hours 30 Nov 68- At 1155 hours LTC Buckner informed us that it is Bde order NEGATIVE that tiger fatigues will be worn by anyone in the CAN DO Bn.

1445 hours (C) From Bde S-3 to the Bn S-3: Palns for Bns as of now; Evac LZ Jean, Mary S, Jean by 2 Dec 68, also Evac Laura, Linda, Puma, continue to occupy Joan, Karen, Betty, Sharmaine, Plei Djerang. LZ Mary S by today, plt which will finish the Evac tomorrow. A 5/16 arty move from LZ Vera to Rock Quarry, remainder of 3/8 move to Oasis from LZ Vera, C Co move to and occupy Betty, A Co move from Jean to Joan and Evac Jean by tomorrow night, Co now on Betty will move to the Oasis. On 2-3 Dec operation north of Thanh Nanh will end, 1 Co from 2/8 will move to Joan and 1 Co from 2/8 will move to the FSB NW of Plei Djerang.