

## **1 December 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 2/8

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

D 1/35 (-) OPCON to 2/8

D Co Mortars (-) LZ Joan

Recon Plt LZ Joan YA844252

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 1 December 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), 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 YA809232; A Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, At LZ Vera YA835178, C Company 1/35 OPCON to 3/8 Infantry; At grid ZA195354 B Company OPCON to 2/8 Inf; At ZA181305 D Company OPCON to 2/8 Inf; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 0220 hours 1 December 1968 A Co at LZ Jean started to receiving incoming rounds, a Spooky bird was requested from Bde at 0225 hours and was on station at 0310 hours, rounds were believed to be 75mm Recoilless Rifle rounds coming for the vicinity of Hill 391, Major Laird reported that they took approximately 42 rounds, no casualties were sustained, Spooky bird left station at 0400 hours, artillery was employed with a negative assessment of the damage. C Company evacuated LZ Vera and moved to LZ Betty and returned to the control of the 1/35 Inf at 1310 hours. A Company evacuated LZ Jean and closed LZ Joan at 1805 hours. Recon platoon was alerted for the move to LZ Lanetta on 2 December 1968.

0735 hours (C) Major Laird reports the following concerning last night's incoming rounds: There were 26 holes inside the perimeter, 16 passed over, they came in 5 & 6 round barrages, 3 bunkers were hit one of which was occupied, 4 layers of sand bags stopped a glancing round and the occupant of the bunker was only dazed, the determined back azimuth of the rounds was 218 degrees. 2 55 gallons barrels were ruined and 2 ton truck took some shrapnel damaging head lights and replaceable items, nothing serious, the rounds from an 82mm Mortar and 75mm Recoilless Rifle.

## **2 December 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 Joan YA844252  
B 1/35 (-) OPCON to 2/8  
C 1/35 LZ Betty YA905505  
D 1/35 (-) OPCON to 2/8  
D Co Mortars (-) LZ Joan  
Recon Plt LZ Jean  
4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 2 December 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A 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 Betty YA903506; C Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang, At grid ZA195354 B Company OPCON to 2/8 Inf; At ZA181303 D Company OPCON to 2/8 Inf; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

E Company, Recon made a C/A from LZ Joan to LZ Lanetta YA853457 to secure C Battery 2/29 artillery.

1215 hours (C) From Bde Capt. Sans to the S-3: Have 1 plt on immediate standby on the Duc Co airstrip and the rest of the Co on 30-minute standby to C/A into general grid 7647, situation LRRP team receiving heavy small arms fire, extraction ships received fire also.

1333 hours From Bde: You are to have 1 Co as a reactionary force for the 7/17 Cav when we get information we will let you know, informed A Co, they are getting ready at this time.

**3 December 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 Joan YA844252  
B 1/35 (-) OPCON to 2/8  
C 1/35 (-) LZ Betty YA905505  
D 1/35 (-) OPCON to 2/8

D Co Mortars (-) LZ Joan  
Recon Plt LZ Lanetta YA855458  
4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 3 December 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A 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 Betty YA903506; C Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the new Plei Djerang Special Forces Camp, At grid ZA195354 B Company OPCON to 2/8 Inf; At ZA181303 D Company OPCON to 2/8 Inf; 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 operation.

1955 hours (C) To A, C, E (4.2, Recon) from Bn CO: The camouflaged tiger fatigues hats and berets will not be worn by individuals in the 1/35 effective immediately, QSL desired. A, C, 4.2, Recon all give acknowledgment.

#### **4 December 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 Joan YA844252  
B 1/35 (-) OPCON to 2/8  
C 1/35 LZ Betty YA905505  
D 1/35 (-) OPCON to 2/8  
D Co Mortars (-) LZ Joan  
Recon Plt LZ Lanetta YA855458  
4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 4 December 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A 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 Betty YA902502; C Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the new Plei Djerang Special Forces Camp, At LZ Lanetta YA853457; E Company Recon platoon; At grid ZA195354 B Company OPCON to 2/8 Inf; At ZA181303 D Company OPCON to 2/8 Inf; 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 operation.

2000 hours (C) To D Co CO from LTC Buckner Bn CO: I desire LT. Kerr to report to me ASAP at LZ Joan, he will be reassigned, you will receive a replacement the next day. Need an acknowledgment of the foregoing.

**5 December 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 Joan YA844252  
B 1/35 OPCON to 2/8  
C 1/35 (-) LZ Betty YA905505  
D 1/35 (-) OPCON to 2/8  
D Co Mortars (-) LZ Joan  
Recon Plt LZ Lanetta YA855458  
4.2 Mortar Plt (-), LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 5 December 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A 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 Betty YA902503; C Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the new Plei Djerang Special Forces Camp, At LZ Lanetta YA853457; E Company Recon platoon; At grid ZA195354 B Company OPCON to 2/8 Inf; At ZA181303 D Company OPCON to 2/8 Inf; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

B & D Companies passed their OPCON from 2/8 Inf to 1/69 Armor. B Company will return to the control of the 1/35 Inf 6 December 1968. Company will make a C/A from their night location grid ZA045354 to grid YA762492 to build a new firebase, the firebase to be called Marietta. D Company will pass OPCON from 1/69 Armor to 2/1 Cav 6 December 1968 for a Division operation. 3rd platoon D Company 4th Engineers battalion changed places with the 1st platoon on LZ Joan, this occurring 3 December 1968.

1850 hours (C) From Major Royal: He would like to know if the LRRPs are still in the area of the new firebase. Would like to have them on the battalion push at 0800 hours tomorrow so that they can be contacted as we go over the area. The LZ will be called LZ Marietta. LZ named for B Co 1SG wife, CO already has one for his girlfriend.

**6 December 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 Joan YA844252  
B 1/35 OPCON to 1/69  
C 1/35 (-) LZ Betty YA905505  
D 1/35 (-) OPCON to 1/69  
D Co Mortars (-) LZ Joan  
Recon Plt LZ Lanetta YA855458  
4.2 Mortar Plt (-), LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 6 December 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A 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 Betty YA902506; C Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the new Plei Djerang Special Forces Camp, At LZ Lanetta YA853457; E Company Recon platoon; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); B Company, D Company OPCON to 2/1 Cav; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

Change to daily logs 1 October 1968 through 3 December 1968, logs indicate 3rd platoon D Company 4th Engineers Battalion, 3rd platoon became OPCON to 1/35 Inf 3 December 1968, 1st platoon returned to the control of the parent unit. B Company moved to the Oasis and from there they will move to a new location and build a new firebase called Marietta. No further significant activities occurred in the area of operations

**7 December 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 Joan YA844252  
B 1/35 OPCON to Bde LZ Oasis  
C 1/35 (-) LZ Betty YA905505  
D 1/35 OPCON to 2/1 Cav Camp Enari  
D Co Mortars (-) LZ Joan  
Recon Plt LZ Lanetta YA855458  
4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 7 December 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, 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 Betty YA902506; C Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the new Plei Djerang Special Forces Camp, At LZ Lanetta YA853457; E Company Recon platoon; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); B Company, D Company OPCON to 2/1 Cav; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

B Company moved from LZ Oasis by hook to LZ Lanetta for a C/A to LZ Marietta by slick, the move was completed by hook at 1234 hours, C/A compete from LZ Marietta to LZ Lanetta at 1636 hours LZ COLD. At 1930 hours Recon platoon at LZ Lanetta reported trip flares going off and they received 2 rounds of sniper fire. M-79 and small arms fire was employed, negative assessment of damage and there were no US casualties.

### **8 December 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 Joan YA844252

B 1/35 LZ MaryEtta YA763941

C 1/35 LZ Betty YA905505

D 1/35 OPCON to 2/1 Cav

Recon Plt LZ Lanetta YA855458

4.2 Mortar Plt (-), LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 8 December 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, 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 Betty YA902506; C Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the new Plei Djerang Special Forces Camp, At LZ Lanetta YA853457; E Company Recon platoon; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); B Company At LZ Lanetta YA853457; OPCON units: D Company OPCON to 2/1 Cav; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). No significant activities occurred in the area of operations.

1955 hours (C) B Co has 4 VC-NVA type spotted at an azimuth of 20 degrees 200 meters from his location.

2000 hours (C) B Co employing light organics at this time.

2020 hours (C) B Co is still employing light organics, they are going to stop light organics and employ

artillery.

2050 hours (C) Readout on B Co: Team 1 (OP) 175 meters from the perimeter heard movement, they estimated 4-5 individuals, fired 20 HE each light organics, they are employing artillery, they will check the area tomorrow. Team is still at the area observing and adjusting artillery.

**9 December 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 Joan YA844252

B 1/35 (-) LZ MaryEtta YA763491

C 1/35 (-) LZ Betty YA905505

D 1/35 OPCON to 2/1 Cav

Recon Plt LZ Lanetta YA855458

4.2 Mortar Plt (-), LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 9 December 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, E (-) Company, 3rd platoon D Company 4th Engineers battalion, counter mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; At LZ Betty YA902506; C Company, 1 CSF platoon from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; At LZ Lanetta YA853457; E Company Recon platoon; At LZ MaryEtta YA762492; B Company; 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. 0930 hours (C) Informed A, B, C, E, HHC; There will be an awards ceremony held on LZ Joan 10 December 1968 from 1100 hours to 1120 hours, this ceremony will be in recognition of the 4th Infantry Division 51st Anniversary, the place is LZ Joan and the distinguished visitors are General Irziks and the Bde CO Colonel McClellan. The following individuals will be decorated: A Company Yoken, B Company Freeman and Moes, C Company Pearsons, Williams and Woods, E Company Frey. From C Williams was dusted off to Pleiku. These individuals will be at LZ Joan on the first available transportation 9 December 1968, the practice will be held 8 December 1968. A Co will be in charge of all the company formations; all individuals will be present with exception of the gate guards and 8 OPs along the perimeter. The uniform will be steel helmet, bandoleer, gas mask and weapon.

**10 December 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 Joan YA844252  
B 1/35 (-) LZ MaryEtta YA763491  
C 1/35 (-) LZ Betty YA905505  
D 1/35 OPCON to 2/1 Cav  
Recon Plt LZ Lanetta YA855458  
4.2 Mortar Plt (-), LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 10 December 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, E (-) Company, 3rd platoon D Company 4th Engineers battalion, counter mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; At LZ Betty YA902506; C Company, 1 CSF platoon from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; At LZ Lanetta YA853457; E Company Recon platoon; At LZ MaryEtta YA762492; B Company; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). The counter mortar section at LZ Joan spotted choppers at 0110 hours at grids YA769258 and YA857280, the choppers were picked up again at grids 881250 moving north, northwest (this at 0357 hours) and at grid 877252, these sightings were reported until 0408 hours, negative action was taken with the exception of the report rendered to Bde. A Company was alerted to have one platoon ready for a C/A to LZ Vera to make a sweep of that area. 2117 hours (U) DELAYED ENTRY-2110 hours 10 Dec 68: From the Bde OIC to the Bn S-3. We will have 4 sorties of men ready for the C/A into LZ Vera on a 30-minute order tomorrow for the sweep of the area and check of recent intelligence and enemy activity in the area, they will stay about 1 hour and then return, A Co CO informed as was LTC Buckner Bn CO and the Engineers.



**11 December 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 Joan YA844252

B 1/35 (-) LZ MaryEtta YA763491

C 1/35 (-) LZ Betty YA905505

D 1/35 OPCON to 2/1 Cav

Recon Plt LZ Lanetta YA855458

4.2 Mortar Plt (-), LZ Joan

11 Dec. 1968 Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 11 December 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, E (-) Company, 3rd platoon D Company 4th Engineers Battalion, counter mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; At LZ Betty YA902506; C Company, 1 CSF platoon from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; At LZ Lanetta YA853457; E Company Recon platoon; At LZ MaryEtta YA762492; B Company; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). 3rd platoon from A Company made a C/A to LZ Vera to sweep the area, nothing of significance was found on the sweep, the platoon returned to LZ Joan at 1654 hours. 1100 hours (C) The CSF people inform us that there was an ambush approximately 2 miles to the east of Checkpoint 35. There were approximately 15 casualties CIDG types; the wounded have been evacuated. 1240 hours (C) Readout on the CSF ambush this morning: Negative US all CIDG, 4 KIA, 13 WIAs, 1 B-40 Rocket was used, grenades were used and small arms fire was received from the north side of the road.

**12 December 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 Joan YA844252

B 1/35 (-) LZ MaryEtta YA763491

C 1/35 (-) LZ Betty YA905505

D 1/35 OPCON to 2/1 Cav

Recon Plt LZ Lanetta YA855458

4.2 Mortar Plt (-), LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 12 December 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, E (-) Company, 3rd platoon D Company 4th Engineers Battalion, counter mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; At LZ Betty YA902506; C Company, 1 CSF platoon from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; At LZ Lanetta YA853457; E Company Recon platoon, 1 CSF platoon from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; At LZ MaryEtta YA762492; B Company, 1 CSF platoon from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; 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 operation during the reporting period. 1905 hours (C) From the Bde S-2 to the Bn S-2: CG 1st Field Forces reports the following: Captured documents and other reliable sources indicated that the enemy intends to initiate countrywide attacks between 15-24 December 1968. Primary efforts will be made in the III and IV Corps area with supporting attacks throughout Vietnam. 1 source indicated hearing attacks to be made during the nights of 12-13 December 1968, be alerted for a possible attack in the II Corps area on these dates. Estimate that the enemy is capable of conducting the attacks with fire and sapper anywhere in the II Corps area. Passed to A, B, C, Recon and 4.2.

### **13 December 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 Joan YA844252

B 1/35 (-) LZ MaryEtta YA763491

C 1/35 (-) LZ Betty YA905505

D 1/35 OPCON to 2/1 Cav

Recon Plt LZ Lanetta YA855458

4.2 Mortar Plt (-), LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 13 December 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, E (-) Company, 3rd platoon D Company 4th Engineers Battalion, counter mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; At LZ MaryEtta YA762492; B Company, 1 CSF platoon from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; At LZ Betty YA902506; C Company, 1 CSF platoon from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; At LZ Lanetta YA853457; E Company Recon platoon, 1 CSF platoon from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; OPCON units; D Company OPCON 2/1 Cav; 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 operation during the reporting period.

### **14 December 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 Joan YA844252  
B 1/35 LZ MaryEtta YA763491  
C 1/35 (-) LZ Betty YA905505  
D 1/35 OPCON to 2/1 Cav  
Recon Plt LZ Lanetta YA855458  
4.2 Mortar Plt (-), LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 14 December 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, E (-) Company, 3rd platoon D Company 4th Engineers Battalion, counter mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; At LZ MaryEtta YA763491; B Company, 1 CSF platoon from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; At LZ Betty YA905505; C Company, 1 CSF platoon from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; At LZ Lanetta YA853457; E Company Recon platoon, 2 CSF platoons from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; OPCON units; D Company OPCON 2/1 Cav; 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 operation during the reporting period. 1335 hours (C) A Co 1st platoon is at grid 834250 at this location found a small trail with various types of US paraphernalia, 1 case of M-16, 1 case of M-79, some gauges (unknown) looks like a 4-5 man setup in that location, was a small tank trail, also looked as though they had to leave in a hurry, a lot of garbage left in the area. 1830 hours (C) Readout of A Co sweep: YA836245 found string 25 feet long and 6 inches off the ground across the tank trail, at 834250 found ammunition M-16, M-79, personal letters and other gear from the artillery unit, found a possible mortar position dug recently, also found 2 sticks, one forked and the other lying across it if put on an azimuth of 180 degrees it would point towards the airstrip, bushes had been pulled down around it and lead to overhead cover. At grid 849257 found US periscope serial number 4613837243, found Vietnamese newspaper.

No entry for 15 Dec 1068

**16 December 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 Joan YA844252  
B 1/35 (-) LZ MaryEtta YA763491  
C 1/35 (-) LZ Betty YA905505

D 1/35 OPCON to 2/1 Cav  
Recon Plt LZ Lanetta YA855458  
4.2 Mortar Plt (-), LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 16 December 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, E (-) Company, 3rd platoon D Company 4th Engineers Battalion, counter mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; At LZ MaryEtta YA763491; B Company, 1 CSF platoon from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; At LZ Betty YA905505; C Company, At LZ Lanetta YA854458; E Company Recon platoon, 1 CSF platoon from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; OPCON Units: D Company OPCON 2/1 Cav; 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 operation during the reporting period. 1128 hours (C) C Co 1st platoon (-) found 2 caves, they checked one, it had three rooms in it, due to the light they were only able to check out one of the rooms, it was 6 feet high, 8 feet high and 6 feet long. The other two rooms were estimated to be large. C co is sending our another patrol with the proper paraphernalia to check out the cave. 2nd set of caves first room has a bed in it, will contaminate it with C/S gas upon completion of checking it.

**17 December 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 Joan YA844252  
B 1-35 (-) LZ MaryEtta YA763491  
C 1-35 (-) LZ Betty YA905505  
D 1-35 OPCON to 2/1 Cav  
Recon Plt (-) LZ Lanetta YA855458  
4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 17 December 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, E (-) Company, 3rd platoon D Company 4th Engineers Battalion, counter mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; At LZ MaryEtta YA763491; B Company, 1 CSF platoon from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; At LZ Betty YA905505; C Company, At LZ Lanetta YA854458; E Company Recon platoon, 2 CSF platoons from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; OPCON Units: D Company OPCON 2/1 Cav; 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 operation during the reporting period. 0755 hours (C) A wrap-up on the caves C Co found yesterday, grid location of the caves is grid YA912506; two large rooms with three openings, 2 were too small to enter, believe they may have been air-vents, the large room of the cave was 6x8x6, the two small rooms in each cave

could not be entered. By visual spotting they found an opening in the floor of two of the smaller hoochs, each opening went straight down, openings were too small to enter, found a very old small bed in one of the larger rooms. There were no signs of recent activity. Checked out what could be checked out and then proceeded to contaminate the entire cave system with C/S gas, they do believe that the cave was connected in some way with an underground tunnel complex. 1230 hours (C) A Co SRP 11 found what appears to be a VC Base Camp at grid 834228, found in a bamboo thicket approximately three week old, 125-150 meters long, they also found 20-30 fox holes with dirt thrown up in front to form a berm in front of the fox holes. They also found 1 82mm Mortar round, appeared to be incoming 1235 hours (C) From S-2: At grid YA792192 at 1145 hours CSF had an 80 man element make contact with an estimated 10 NVA, the enemy wore khakis and they were armed with AK-47 rifles. Contact was initiated by the CSF and the NVA broke contact immediately, casualties were unknown. 2105 hours (C) Readout on the CSF contact: 80-man force on Hill 391 were pinned down by heavy small arms fire, automatic weapons, 15 B-40 Rockets, estimated enemy force was a battalion in size, CSF Commander (Vietnamese) states that the enemy was trying to move in heavy artillery of on unknown type. He thinks that the NVA did not know that his element was on Hill 391 because of the approach to Hill 391, after the contact he believes that the enemy was moving the artillery to the southwest, they are now receiving sporadic fire. Spooky at grid 779198, 778202, artillery is being employed and artillery is going to be employed in a blocking manner, this southwest along the river and draws along the border along know trails plotted during the last sweep by Bde and along trails and possible way stations found during Recon sweep. CSF Co will conduct a sweep of Hill 391, 300 and the adjoining area tomorrow. CSF does not wish to employ an air strike in the area tonight unless the situation should develop. 2225 hours (C) From the Bde S-3 to Major Royal: Evacuate LZ Joan on 19 December 1968, truck move to LZ Lanetta and LZ Betty, Bn CP will be in the vicinity of Plei Djerang, release the 2 platoons of CSF at LZ Lanetta to Plei Djerang, provide for the security of the 105 at LZ Lanetta, provide one Company as a reactionary force to go any place in the Bde A/O on order, retain 1 platoon CSF to be OPCON on LZ MaryEtta, will leave the hook sorties to take the radar. Trucks will be at LZ Joan 19 December 1968 at 0900 hours. Bn S-3 will have the truck needs in by tomorrow, need 3 hook sorties for the TOC, need a wrecker on 19 December 1968.

## **18 December 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 Joan YA844252

B 1/35 (-) LZ MaryEtta YA763491

C 1/35 (-) LZ Betty YA905505

D 1/35 OPCON to 2/1 Cav

Recon Plt (-) LZ Lanetta YA855458

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 18 December 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, E (-) Company, 3rd platoon D Company 4th Engineers Battalion, counter mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; At LZ MaryEtta YA763491; B Company, 1 CSF platoon from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; At LZ Betty YA905505; C Company, At LZ Lanetta YA854458; E Company Recon platoon, 2 CSF platoons from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; OPCON Units: D Company OPCON 2/1 Cav; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). The counter mortar section at LZ Joan picked up unidentified helicopters at grids between 0130 hours 18 December 1968 and continues the sightings until 0555 hours. Gunships and Spooky were on station; the radar again picked up the birds at 2315 hours and continued to have sightings until 0001 hours. Gunships and Spooky were called in again and they spotted what appeared to be aircraft but they were unable to make a positive identification. All units on LZ Joan were alerted for the move to LZ Lanetta on 19 December 1968. 0130 hours (C) From the artillery to TOC: Radar spotted a chopper at grid 874255 this at 0057 hours moving toward Cambodia at 0108 hours, the chopper went down at grid 846276 at 0111 hours, chopper came back up and it is at grid 846279, at 0119 chopper was at 815272, at 0127 hours radar lost the chopper at grid 793271. 0615 hours (C) Gunships expended their rounds and left the station, last report from radar his last sighting was at grid azimuth of 345 degrees at a distance of 1500 meters in a valley to the north-northwest from Duc Co, one of the gunships fired on the dim lights close together, these lights are what appeared to be on a fixed wing aircraft, both gunships have left station due to an expenditure of fuel.

## **19 December 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 Joan YA844252

B 1/35 (-) LZ MaryEtta YA763491

C 1/35 (-) LZ Betty YA905505

D 1/35 OPCON to 2/1 Cav

Recon Plt (-) LZ Lanetta YA855458

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 19 December 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, E (-) Company, 3rd platoon D Company 4th Engineers Battalion, counter mortar section from the 2/9 artillery; At LZ MaryEtta YA763491; B Company, 1 CSF platoon from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; At LZ Betty YA905505; C Company, At LZ Lanetta YA854458; E Company Recon platoon, OPCON Units: D Company OPCON 2/1 Cav; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). Battalion Headquarters, A Company, E

Company (-) departed LZ Joan at 1505 hours and closed LZ Lanetta at 1608 hours, the counter mortar section 2/9 artillery returned to the control of the parent unit.

## **20 December 1968**

1/35th

*Submitted by: Dave Fogg*

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Lanetta YA 857252

### Unit Locations:

A 1/35 (-) LZ Lanetta YA857457

B 1/35 (-) LZ Marietta YA766492

C 1/35 (-) LZ Betty YA905505

D 1/35 OPCON to 2/1 Cav

Recon Plt (-) LZ Lanetta YA857457

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Lanetta YA857457

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 20 December 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Lanetta YA854458, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, E (-) Company, C Battery 2/9 artillery, 3rd platoon D Company 4th Engineers Battalion, counter mortar section 2/9 artillery; At LZ MaryEtta YA763491; B Company, 1 CSF platoon from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; At LZ Betty YA905505; C Company, At LZ Lanetta YA854458; E Company Recon platoon, OPCON Units: D Company OPCON 2/1 Cav; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). No signification activities occurred in the area, the elements at LZ Lanetta are continuing preparations for the fire base. 1205 hours (C) LTC Buckner discussed with B Co CO the subject of military dress and manner and also to have the area and himself standing tall today for the visiting general.

**21 December 1968**

1/35th

*Submitted by:* Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Lanetta YA857252

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Lanetta YA857457

B 1/35 (-) LZ MaryEtta YA766492

C 1/35 (-) LZ Betty YA905505

D 1/35 OPCON to 2/1 Cav

Recon Plt (-) LZ Lanetta

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Lanetta

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 21 December 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Lanetta YA854458, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, E (-) Company, C Battery 2/9 artillery, 3rd platoon D Company 4th Engineers Battalion, counter mortar section 2/9 artillery; At LZ Marietta YA763491; B Company, 1 CSF platoon from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; At LZ Betty YA905505; C Company, OPCON Units: D Company OPCON 2/1 Cav; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

No signification activities occurred in the area of operations.

2028 hours From Bde OIC to the Bn S-3: Plan to run Eagle flights tomorrow using platoon size element vicinity LZ Helga YA965497, LZ Phyllis YA975499, LZ Ruby YA995463, LZ Cathy ZA048489 and around the area north-northwest of LZ Marietta grid YA880600, in addition we will have one company stand by as a reactionary force for D Co 1/35 operating north of LZ Marietta, if ARPs are inserted and they are in trouble we will follow, must provide a reactionary force for the 1/10 Cav and the Eagle flight platoon.

2130 hours (C) To B Co from S-3: You will be on a standby mission tomorrow as a reactionary force for 1/10 Cav, possible area of employment north of LZ Marietta across the river. Maps of LZ Marietta will be sufficient, 1 platoon will be ready to lift out on a 15-minute notice, rest of the element (-) SRPs will be on a 45-minute standby.

2150 hours To C Co from the S-3: Your company will be prepared for a reactionary force mission with one platoon ready to lift on a 30-minute notice. The rest of the element (-) SRPs to follow in 45 minutes, the area of employment will be east of LZ Betty and there will be an element on the ground in the area of employment.

2156 hours (C) To Recon from S-3: Will be employed on the Eagle flight mission tomorrow, be ready to lift out at 0730 hours mission: Recon LZs mentioned in the previous message (reference Journals



entry 45) will report the following; any enemy activity, reconstruction of bunkers, supply caches, any US ammunition or quantities of rations. Be prepared to search the LZ in one hour and then be extracted.

## **22 December 1968**

1/35th

*Submitted by:* Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div  
Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base  
LZ Lanetta YA857457

### Unit Locations:

A 1/35 (-) LZ Lanetta YA857457  
B 1/35 (-) LZ Marietta YA766492  
C 1/35 (-) LZ Betty YA905505  
D 1/35 OPCON to 2/1 Cav  
Recon Plt (-) LZ Lanetta  
4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Lanetta

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 22 December 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Lanetta YA854458, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, E Company, C Battery 2/9 artillery, 3rd platoon D Company 4th Engineers Battalion, counter mortar section 2/9 artillery; At LZ MaryEtta YA762492; B Company, 1 CSF platoon from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; At LZ Betty YA905505; C Company, OPCON Units: D Company OPCON 2/1 Cav; 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 during this reporting period.

## **23 December 1968**

1/35th

*Submitted by:* Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div  
Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base  
LZ Lanetta YA857457

### Unit Locations:

A 1/35 (-) LZ Lanetta YA857457  
B 1/35 (-) LZ MaryEtta YA766492  
C 1/35 (-) LZ Betty YA905505  
D 1/35 OPCON to 2/1 Cav  
Recon Plt (-) LZ Lanetta  
4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Lanetta

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 23 December 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Lanetta YA854458, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, E Company, C Battery 2/9 artillery, 3rd platoon D Company 4th Engineers Battalion, counter mortar section 2/9 artillery; At LZ MaryEtta YA762492; B Company, 1 CSF platoon from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; At LZ Betty YA905505; C Company, OPCON Units: D Company OPCON 2/1 Cav; 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 during this reporting period.

0235 hours (C) Message from Bde: AN-KHE, Pleiku Air Force Base, Camp Smith, B-5th Special forces and the MPs at Camp Smith are all being hit with Rockets at this time.

1600 hours (C) Sent to A, B, C, E: Have your entire element ready to depart the present location and move in 30-minutes, this is an immediate standby mission, each company will leave 8 men behind to clean the Fire Support Base, all personal gear will be packed at all times.

## **24 December 1968**

1/35th

*Submitted by:* Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Lanetta YA857457

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 (-) LZ Lanetta YA857457

B 1/35 (-) LZ MaryEtta YA766492

C 1/35 (-) LZ Betty YA905505

D 1/35 OPCON to 2/1 Cav

Recon Plt (-) LZ Lanetta

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Lanetta

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 24 December 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Lanetta YA854458, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, E Company, C Battery 2/9 artillery, 3rd platoon D Company 4th Engineers Battalion, counter mortar section 2/9 artillery; At LZ MaryEtta YA762492; B Company, 1 CSF platoon from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; At LZ Betty YA905505; C Company, OPCON Units: D Company OPCON 2/1 Cav; 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 during this reporting period.

1000 hours (C) Lt. Flanagan checked with Bde in reference to the letter dated 14 December 68 in reference the period April-May 68 for staffing a recommendation for the Presidential Unit Citation for

the Division.

1616 (C) C Do SRP 3 at grid 911526 found a booby trapped US WP grenade laying against a piece of wood so that when you bumped it, it would go off, will fire light organics in the area after the SRP leaves for their destination.

**25 December 1968**

1/35th

*Submitted by:* Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Lanetta YA857457

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 (-) LZ Lanetta YA857457

B 1/35 (-) LZ MaryEtta YA766492

C 1/35 (-) LZ Betty YA905505

D 1/35 OPCON to 2/1 Cav

Recon Plt (-) LZ Lanetta

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Lanetta

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 25 December 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Lanetta YA854458, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, E Company, C Battery 2/9 artillery, 3rd platoon D Company 4th Engineers Battalion, counter mortar section 2/9 artillery; At LZ MaryEtta YA762492; B Company, 1 CSF platoon from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; At LZ Betty YA905505; C Company, OPCON Units: D Company OPCON 2/1 Cav; 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 during this reporting period.

0115 hours (C) From the Commanding General: While our duty requires us to be away from our houses and our loved ones the Christmas spirit is one of giving and not receiving, therefore, let our presence here be our contributions to our country and loved ones. Viet Allies and free men all over the world, the entire staff of the Famous Fighting Fourth wishes your splendid supporting troops a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. Signed The Commanding General 4th Infantry Division, Major General Donn R. Pepke.

2310 hours (C) From Bde and G-3 to the 1/35 Inf: In view of intelligence southeast of Kontum, you will be prepared to commit on order within a four hour notice 1/35 Inf (-) to vicinity of Kontum. Will be OPCON to 2nd Bde upon insertion, 1/35 (-) means D Co (-). Heavy Snoopy readings southeast of Kontum, will include direct support battery.

**26 December 1968**

1/35th

*Submitted by:* Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div  
Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base  
LZ Lanetta YA857457

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 (-) LZ Lanetta YA857457  
B 1/35 (-) LZ MaryEtta YA766492  
C 1/35 (-) LZ Betty YA905505  
D 1/35 OPCON to 2/1 Cav  
Recon Plt LZ Lanetta  
4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Lanetta

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 26 December 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Lanetta YA857457, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, E Company, C Battery 2/9 artillery, 3rd platoon D Company 4th Engineers Battalion, counter mortar section 2/9 artillery; At LZ MaryEtta YA766492; B Company, CSF platoon from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; At LZ Betty YA905505; C Company, OPCON Units: D Company OPCON 2/1 Cav; 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 during this reporting period.

2010 hours To A, B, C, D, E, and Oasis from LTC Buckner Bn CO: Only steel helmets will be worn from now on under any circumstances. No others type of headgear will be carried by a soldier in the forward area. QSL will mean that everyone has been informed. If COs catch anyone wearing headgear besides the steel helmet disciplinary action will result, COs will inspect EM on Fire Support Bases for haircuts, proper uniform, police of the area and bunkers, etc., fall out type inspection.

**27 December 1968**

1/35th

*Submitted by:* Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div  
Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base  
LZ Lanetta YA857457

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 (-) LZ Lanetta YA857457  
B 1/35 (-) LZ MaryEtta YA766492  
C 1/35 (-) LZ Betty YA905505  
D 1/35 OPCON to 2/1 Cav  
Recon Plt LZ Lanetta  
4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Lanetta

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 27 December 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Lanetta YA857457, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, E Company, C Battery 2/9 artillery, 3rd platoon D Company 4th Engineers Battalion, counter mortar section 52 group; At LZ MaryEtta YA766492; B Company, CSF platoon from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; At LZ Betty YA905505; C Company, OPCON Units: D Company OPCON 2/1 Cav; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At 1135 hours C Company informed the S-3 that SRP team 5 had captured a suspected VC at grid YA879494, individual did not have a weapon, however he was carrying a machete and fish net. SRP team 5 closed LZ Betty at 1759 hours. Kit Carson scout interrogated the suspect and said he was a VC and said there were more along the river. POW was then taken to Plei Djerang Special Forces Camp by direction of Bde. Readout on VC suspect: CSF states suspect (detainee) on leave from Plei Doc, states (detainee) village chief said he could go into the area for three days to cut bamboo; presently being retained as a possible VMC, however suspected to be friendly, tomorrow CSF will check with the village chief and keep battalion informed.

## **28 December 1968**

1/35th

*Submitted by:* Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Lanetta YA857457

### Unit Locations:

A 1/35 (-) LZ Lanetta YA857457

B 1/35 (-) LZ MaryEtta YA766492

C 1/35 (-) LZ Betty YA905505

D 1/35 OPCON to 2/1 Cav

Recon Plt (-) LZ Lanetta

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Lanetta

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 28 December 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Lanetta YA857457, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, E Company, C Battery 2/9 artillery, 3rd platoon D Company 4th Engineers Battalion, counter mortar section from 52 group; At LZ MaryEtta YA766492; B Company, 1 CSF platoon from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; At LZ Betty YA905505; C Company, OPCON Units: D Company OPCON 2/1 Cav; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

At approximately 0150 hours there was an explosion in the TOC area, two (2) EM were slightly wounded, CSM Sullivan and PSG Chronister, no knowledge of what prompted the explosion. A crater analyst and a CID investigator were requested from Bde.

0240 (C) To the Bde OIC from Major Royal: An explosion of unknown origin exploded within the 1/35 TOC area at approximately 0150 hours, 2 EM were slightly wounded, Sergeant Major Sullivan and Sergeant First Class Chronister. The explosion appears to have been a Claymore type weapon, request that a crater analyst and a CIS investigator be dispatched to this location at first light tomorrow, would like to have a QSL from the Bde CO and the Bde S-3 that they have been informed of the incident. Doc request a Dust-Off for Sergeant Major Sullivan at first light this morning, negative knowledge of what prompted the explosion.

2020 (C) To A, B, C, D, E, Oasis and Camp Enari from the Bn CO: Everyone in the 1/35 will obtain a military haircut between now and 1 January 1969 to insure this NCOs in the mess line to inspect.

Your QSL desired by 1 January 1969 to me and will mean all personnel have received a haircut.

### **29 December 1968**

1/35th

*Submitted by:* Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div  
Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base  
LZ Lanetta YA857457

#### Unit Locations:

A 1/35 (-) LZ Lanetta YA857457  
B 1/35 (-) LZ MaryEtta YA766492  
C 1/35 (-) LZ Betty YA905505  
D 1/35 OPCON to 2/1 Cav  
Recon Plt (-) LZ Lanetta  
4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Lanetta

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 29 December 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Lanetta YA857457, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, E Company, C Battery 2/9 artillery, 3rd platoon D Company 4th Engineers Battalion, counter mortar section from the 52 group; At LZ MaryEtta YA766492; B Company, 1 CSF platoon from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; At LZ Betty YA905505; C Company, OPCON Units: D Company OPCON 2/1 Cav; 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 operation during the reporting period.

### **30 December 1968**

1/35th

*Submitted by:* Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div  
Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Lanetta YA857457

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 (-) LZ Lanetta YA857457  
B 1/35 (-) LZ MaryEtta YA766492  
C 1/35 (-) LZ Betty YA905505  
D 1/35 OPCON to 2/1 Cav  
Recon Plt (-) LZ Lanetta  
4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Lanetta

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 30 December 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Lanetta YA857457, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, E Company, C Battery 2/9 artillery, 3rd platoon D Company 4th Engineers Battalion, counter mortar section from the 52 group; At LZ MaryEtta YA766492; B Company, 1 CSF platoon from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; At LZ Betty YA905505; C Company, OPCON Units: D Company OPCON 2/1 Cav; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear).

B Company and Recon were alerted to conduct combat ambush operation at grid 7148 and 7252; both coordinates are center mass for the operation, operation to start 31 December 1968 until 2 January 1969. 0115 (U) TOC guards checked by Sergeant Dwyer. All on duty. 2357 (C) To B Co from Major Royal: Have a platoon at 780508 cross the river and be at 7752 by 1200 hours, establish ambush at grid 771524 on 31 Dec platoon will remain across the river in the A/O to be designated tomorrow through 0900 hours 2 Jan 69, have night location in NLT 1930 hours, proposed 1130 hours, maintain 3 SRPs Special Forces will continue the mission if 1 plt from C Co goes in, plt on ground will control if C Co (-) goes in 8372 will command.

**31 December 1968**

1/35th

*Submitted by:* Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Lanetta YA857457

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 (-) LZ Lanetta YA857457  
B 1/35 (-) LZ MaryEtta YA766492  
C 1/35 (-) LZ Betty YA905505  
D 1/35 OPCON to 2/1 Cav  
Recon Plt (-) LZ Lanetta  
4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Lanetta

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 31 December 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Lanetta YA857457, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, E Company, C Battery 2/9 artillery, 3rd platoon

D Company 4th Engineers Battalion, counter mortar section from the 52 group; At LZ MaryEtta YA766492; B Company, 1 CSF platoon from the new Special Forces Camp at Plei Djerang; At LZ Betty YA905505; C Company, OPCON Units: D Company OPCON 2/1 Cav; 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 operation during the reporting period.

1035 hours (C) B Co CO informs the S-3 air that his platoon is having great difficulty crossing the river, they will not make the proposed location before 1200 hours.

1205 hours Recon CO informs TOC that they will not be able to make their A/O by 1200 hours due to the rough terrain.

1230 hours (C) From Bde to Bn: Message from the Bde CO: There will be no pyrotechnics expended on Fire Support Bases celebrating the new year, this is a command responsibility from the division CG, informed A, B, C, Recon and 4.2", have all QSL the message.

1316 hours (C) Recon CO (72) wants to know if it is still required to move to the center of mass of the A/O, Major Royal says he is to cross the river, Recon CO says the terrain is thick and bad, however he will move along and give us his location periodically.

1450 hours (C) B Co CO informs Recon and B Co 93 element are both having extreme difficulties crossing the river and will not be able to reach the proposed night locations by tonight.

1548 hours (C) LTC Buckner Bn CO is airborne at this time to make a visual reconnaissance of the river.

1634 hours (C) Informed Bde 2 platoons in operation north of river are both in mid-stream and are having great difficulty crossing. It is very doubtful that they will reach the night location by tonight. Will set up another night location after crossing the river.

1710 hours (C) From the 1/35 S-3 to Bde S-3: LTC Buckner made a decision to seek a new crossing site the one previously picked out proved to be impossible due to the swift deep water. LTC Buckner based his decision on safety because some of the EM couldn't swim. LTC made a visual reconnaissance of the area very carefully before directing the platoon to a new location. The platoon will continue to attempt a crossing until darkness. B Co 93 element is moving west for the new crossing site. Recon is moving south to a new crossing site.

1740 hours (C) B Co informs us that part of the platoon is across the river will not be able to get the rest across tonight. S-3 informs them that they will get the rest of the element across tomorrow first light.