

1 October 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

1837 hours (C) Message sent to Bde: The Bn CO LTC Mundie passed out. He has a doctor with him at this time.

1930 hours (C) Major Weedworth (Bde 55) arrived from Bde to assume command of the battalion in LTC Mundie's absence.

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3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn Forward Fire Base

LZ Mary Lou, ZA 227840, Kontum

Unit Location: A Co (-) and B Co 1/35 at LZ Gloria

Summary: At 1445 hours SRP team 8 (A/1-35) made contact with an unknown enemy size force while moving to this location grid 159730. Point of contact was at grid ZA 162727. Light organics (Mortars) and artillery was fired near grid 1574 as blocking fire. The casualty reports show 1 WIA from A Co 1/35. Individual was extracted by the rifle platoon 7/17 Cav at approximately 1800 hours.

2 October 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn Forward Fire Base

LZ Mary Lou, ZA 227840, Kontum

Unit Locations: A Co (-) at LZ Gloria; 3rd Plt at LZ Mary Lou; B Co 1/35 at LZ Gloria; C Co at LZ Jean; D Co at LZ Jean; Recon Plt at Bridge

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 2 October 1968. At 1125 hours read out on SRP 8 A Co 1/35. Point man received small arms fire at grid ZA 162733 about 200 meters to his front. The point man was wounded in the head. The SRP team fired M-79 rounds and withdrew. The enemy force was estimated to be between 8-10 people. A Co fired light organics (Mortars) on the suspected enemy positions. Due to the closeness of other SRP teams, Arty could not be fired on the enemy positions. However, Arty was employed as blocking fire to the northwest of enemy locations. Cider 34 (FAC) was called on station and had an air strike needed if necessary. The aerial rifle platoon 7/17 Cav was called in to extract the wounded individual. Extraction was completed without further contact. The ARP found 3 bunkers, rice, equipment and some documents in the area of extraction (End of read

out). At 1315 hours B Co 1/35 departed LZ Gloria. They are en route to a rendezvous point on highway 14 with convoy movement to Duc Co Special Forces Camp. Extraction complete at 1645 hours.

3 October 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div
Bn Forward Fire Base
LZ Jean, Duc Co, 845251

Unit Locations: A Co 1/35 at Duc Co; B Co 1/35 at Duc Co; C Co at LZ Jean; D Co at LZ Jean; Recon Plt OPCON 1/14; Mortar Plt OPCON 1/14

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 3 October 1968. At 1351 hours SRP team Q from A Co 1/35 Inf reported meeting a Montagnard at grid YA845246 who warned them of booby traps in the concertina wire and that he would lead them through it. The individual was wearing camouflaged trousers, sandals and a beret. Informed this headquarters that the individual was a CIDG and was carrying an ID card. At 1600 hours SRP team O from A Co 1/35 Inf spotted 5 NVA at grid YA844236. One (1) was carrying a weapon, type unknown; all 5 were wearing soft caps. Light organics were fired but due to the helicopters in the area a check fire was given. The rounds that were fired landed over the heads of the NVA. After the rounds were fired the individuals left the area and the SRP team was unable to determine in which direction they were headed. At 1830 hours a message from Bde: There will be a minimum of 5 SRP teams and a maximum of 7 SRP teams per company. SRPs will be positioned 2000-3000 meters from the fire base or patrol base. They will be no closer than 1000 meters to each other. Effective at this time 3 October 1968. At 2315 hours a message from the Bde S3 to the Bn S3 Major Royal: Attention Bn S3 in reference to ARVN-US ROK exchange program. Lieutenant Hohfield will report to the Division G-3 Section at 0900 hours 5 October 1968 for orientation. Also the unit furnishing the exchange officer should have an officer as a sponsor to pick up the ROK officer at Division G-3 at 1100 hours 7 October 1968.

4 October 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div
Bn Forward Fire Base
LZ Jean, Duc Co, ZA 845251

Unit Locations: A 1/35 at LZ Jean, Duc Co; B 1/35 at LZ Jean, Duc Co; C 1/35 at LZ Jean, Duc Co; D 1/35 at LZ Jean, Duc Co; Recon Plt LZ Mary Lou at the bridge; 4.2 Mortar Plt FOB #2

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 4 October 1968. At 0640 hours D Co 1/35 Inf reported that their Kit Carson scout has been AWOL since 27 September 1968. Individual name (LETHAHN). S2 informed of this. At 0924 hours C Co 1/35 Inf reported small arms fire to the north of LZ Jean.

Believed to be a wood cutting detail for the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co. At 0930 hours 1st Platoon from D Co searching the bunker complex at grid YA 823218. All bunkers destroyed and contaminated with C/S gas. At 1232 hours SRP team P from A Co 1/35 spotted 3 men sitting around hooch at grid YA 854228. No action taken. At 1720 hours SRP A from D Company heard what sounded like a generator running at grid YA 790285. This is the same location that they heard vehicle sounds at about 2 weeks ago. They also heard chopping at grid YA 780225. No action taken. At 2220 hours a message from Bde: LTC Mundie (1/35) will be Evaced to Japan Monday, 7 October 1968. At 1130 hours 5 October 1968 the new Battalion Commander will assume command. There will be a change of command ceremony. Have orders cut appointing LTC Buckner as the new Battalion Commander. 2220 hours: (C) Message from Whiz to Bn Command Sergeant Major: Tango 41 (LTC Mundie 1/35) will be evaced to Japan on Monday. At 1130 hours tomorrow 5 October 1968 the new Battalion commander will assume command. We will have command ceremonies, colors and color guards. Cut orders on the new Battalion Commander LTC Buckner, Garret D Service # 062679, PMOS-1542

5 October 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div
Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base
Duc Co, LZ Jean YA845251

5 Oct 1968

Unit Locations:

A Co (-) LZ Jean at Duc Co
B Co (-) LZ Jean at Duc Co
C Co LZ Jean
D Co LZ Jean
Detachment Recon Plt at bridge in Kontum, OPCON 1/14 Inf.
4.2 Mortar Plt FOB #2 (Kontum) OPCON 1/14 Inf.

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 5 October 1968. At 0835 hours SRP team O A Co 1/35 saw movement at grid YA 845246. They proceeded to search the area and they found some matted brush where 2-3 individuals had slept. A Change of command was held at LZ Jean grid coordinate YA 845252. Lieutenant Colonel Buckner assumed command of the 1st Battalion 35th Infantry. At 1343 hours the Commanding General Major General Charles P. Stone arrived at this location. The General made a round of the perimeter and stressed the need for tanglefoot wire around the perimeter. Also some equipment for LZ Jean.

0001 hours (C) 3d Bde 4th Inf Div Bn Forward Fire Base LZ Jean, Duc Co YA845251.

0150 hours (C) A Co has negative contact with SRPs T-U. They will keep us posted.

0303 hours (C) A Co re-established communications with SRPs T and U.

0835 hours (C) SRP O saw movement at grid YA845246. He yelled "Halt" several times at the individual also fired M-16. Searched the area and found matted brush where 2-3 individuals had slept the night before.

0850 hours (C) SRP locations for A Co: O closed, R-847246, U-857246, T-closing, Q-848232, S-863238, P-850232.

0900 hours (C) R and P closed. P enroute to grid YA855235.

0930 hours (C) SRP U closed LZ Jean.

0945 hours (C) Tomorrow a Survey Team will arrive at this location for a survey from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co to LZ Jean. Require security.

1030 hours (C) SRP P at grid 854234.

1120 hours (C) Request priority Dust-Off for EM with temperature of 105 degrees F (fever unknown origin).

1140 hours (C) Dust-Off 30 ETA 45-60 minutes.

1147 hours (C) The Bde CO Colonel McClellan is enroute to Duc Co at this time. ETA 15 minutes.

1200 hours (C) The Bde CO Colonel McClellan is at our location.

1247 hours (C) W-27 informs us that Kirby Tank 41 will be at our location at 1400 hours.

1250 hours (C) Whiskey 41-QSL message from W-27.

1305 hours (C) Dust-Off 32 ETA 30 minutes.

1320 hours (C) Dust-Off 32 on station. ETA 10 minutes.

1326 hours (C) Kirby tanks 41 ETA 15-20 minutes (Commanding General)

1343 hours (C) Kirby Tanks 41 this location.

1344 hours (C) Dust-Off complete.

1400 hours (C) Request another Dust-Off from EM with 105-degree temperature. F.U.O.

1410 hours (C) Dust-Off 30 or 32 ETA 20-30 minutes.

1415 hours (C) Informed that Dust-Off patient will be taken to the 71st Evac by the Commanding General.

1420 hours (C) SRPs A-L departed LZ Jean at this time.

1510 hours (C) SRP Q closed LZ Jean at this time.

1515 hours SRP A closed LZ Jean at 0915 hours.

1530 hours (C) DELAYED ENTRY 0925 hours to 1000 hours 5 October 1968 B Closed LZ Jean at 0925 hours, SRP C closed LZ at 0939 hours, D closed at 0941 hours, E closed at 0958 hours, F closed at 1000 hours.

1610 hours (C) Bde CO Colonel McClellan informs the Bn CO LTC Buckner that the Division CO Major General Charles P. Stone requests that tanglefoot be placed around LZ Jean. Informed 76 NCS at LZ Jean to turn in a list of required material necessary to perform this task.

1635 hours (C) Requested from Bde 20 copies of 4 October policy letter published from 3d Bde HQ regarding employment of SRPs.

1640 hours (C) B Co informs us that SRPs R, S and T departed Duc Co at this time.

2210 hours (C) Chow 76C requests a Dust-Off for a man from 83 element with temperature of 105 degrees. We called Bde and they say that on a priority Dust-Off he will have to wait until morning. Checking with the 83 element now as to the exact condition of the patient.

2215 hours (C) Informed Bde that the man is an emergency case and that he must be taken in tonight. They are standing by for an ETA.

2217 hours (C) 15C says line no. 122 of C Co and line no. 3 of D Co are not at Pleiku. Chow 27 informed them that they were and requested them forward tomorrow.

2240 hours (C) W27 says that 2 of the SRP teams are too close together. Chow 27 informed W27 that SRP team 20T would move into position when moonlight permits.

2245 hours (C) Bde informs us that we will get the Dust-Off (reference Journal entry 2215 hours). Will call in the ETA.

2258 hours (C) Dust-Off 30 now on station.

2305 hours (C) Message from W27 to Bn 41: Wanted to name the LZ Jean. 41 agreed firmly.

2315 hours (C) Dust-Off complete of line no 83 of C Co.

2317 hours (C) C Co 41 wants an investigation of the comment made by the Dust-Off pilot. (He questions the medic's judgment of not wrapping a poncho around the patient and not pulling his clothes off. Such should have been done if the patient really had that high of a temperature). Chow 27 wants to know if the malaria roster is complete or if they have a definite system to insure that malaria pills are taken.

6 October 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan, Duc Co, ZA 845252

Unit Locations: A 1/35(-) at LZ Joan, Duc Co; B 1/35(-) LZ Joan, Duc Co; C 1/35 at LZ Jean, Duc Co YA 845251; D 1/35 at LZ Jean, Duc Co YA 845251; Recon Plt (Bridge) at Kontum; 4.2 Mortar Plt FOB #2

Summary: At 1605 hours a message was put out by the Battalion Commander to all Company Commanders. A report will be submitted to this headquarters prior to 1900 hours 6 October 1968, stating that all personnel in each company has been briefed on the Brigade policy letter and SRP Checklist. Also the number of personnel out on SRP missions, their line numbers and the dates that they are due back in. At 1913 hours all Companies reported that all personnel had been briefed on the policy letter and the Checklist. The only persons not briefed were the individuals who are out on the SRP line at this time. The amount of personnel briefed in each company is as follows: A Co has briefed all its personnel. B Co has briefed 25 of its personnel. C Co and D Co have each briefed 24 out of its total personnel. At 2140 hours the Battalion Commander LTC Buckner informed the Brigade Commanders Colonel McClellan that all personnel had received the briefing on the policy letter and the SRP Checklist with the exception of 73 people. At 2140 hours the Brigade Commander Colonel McClellan informed the Battalion Commander LTC Buckner that the 1/35 Infantry mess hall is in first place in the Brigade and 5th in the Division Mess standings.

7 October 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan, Duc Co, ZA 845252

Unit Locations: A 1/35(-) at LZ Joan, Duc Co; B 1/35 at LZ Joan, Duc Co; C 1/35 at LZ Jean, Duc Co YA 809232; D 1/35 at LZ Jean, Duc Co YA 802234; Recon Plt OPCON to 1/14 Inf; 4.2 Mortar Plt OPCON to 1/14 Inf FOB #2

Summary: The log was opened at 0001 hours 7 October 1968. Unit locations: LZ Jean C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35 and A Company 1/35; LZ Joan A Company 1/35, B Company 1/35 and B

Battery 1/92 Artillery. Mission: The mission of the 1 Battalion 35th Infantry is to provide security for LZ Jean and Duc Co Special Forces Camp. Also to man a total of 18 SRP positions as outlined by Bde. Training units continue to emphasize small unit training, map reading and compass reading and F/O procedures (Forward Observer). ARVN/ROK/Officer Exchange Program. At 1430 hours 2 ROK Officers arrived at LZ Jean. 1LT Lee Yang Yap. 2LT Lee Seung Kyoon. The officers will be with the battalion approximately 2 weeks.

8 October 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan, Duc Co, ZA 845252

Unit Locations: A 1/35(-) at LZ Joan, Duc Co YA 845252; B 1/35 at LZ Joan, Duc Co YA 845252; C 1/35 at LZ Jean, Duc Co YA 809234; D 1/35 at LZ Jean, Duc Co YA 809234; Recon OPCON 1/14 Inf at Kontum Bridge; 4.2 Mortar Plt OPCON to 1/14 Inf FOB #2

Summary: The log was opened at 0001 hours 8 October 1968. Unit locations: LZ Joan- Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company, B Company, B Battery 2/9 Artillery; At LZ Jean- C Company, D Company, A Battery 2/9 Artillery; At LZ Mary Lou- Recon platoon OPCON 1/14 Inf, 4.2 Mortar platoon FOB #2 OPCON 1/14 Inf; Base Camp (Camp Enari) Battalion Headquarters (rear), E Company (-). At 0810 hours the Battalion Commander LTC Buckner received Operation Plans 24-68. These to be effective starting 9 October 1968. Task Force Down Craft with 1 US Infantry Company, 1 US Artillery Battery and 2 CSF (Camp Strike Force) platoons would move from LZ Jean and Duc Co Special Forces Camp and occupy LZ Puicous and LZ Virginia Lee. Mission for the units is to support 5 CSF Companies making a sweep of the area south of LZ Virginia Lee. AT 1400 hours the 7/17 Cav informed the Battalion Commander LTC Buckner that they would be working in the A/O (Area of Operation): YA7729, YA7724, YA7129, YA7124. This operation was completed at 1620 hours. AT 1640 hours the re-supply vehicle overturned en route to LZ Jean. Cause of the accident: motor died on a steep grade and started rolling back, at the same time the driver lost control due to brake failure and 1 man suffered a head injury. At 2245 hours SRP team 5 reported movement approximately 300 meters to their front. Artillery was called in, 2 rounds of smoke and 8 rounds of HE at coordinate YA 785253. Team reported that the movement stopped. At 2125 hours received a message from the Bde S3 directed to the Bn S3 Major Royal. This message concerned a change in the mission. Artillery will go to 1 location in the south. Entire A Btry 2/9 Artillery will go to LZ Virginia Lee. 8 175 Btry will come to Duc Co on the east side or negotiating to go west. 1 US and 1 CSF platoon will secure A Btry 2/9 Arty at LZ Virginia Lee. 5 SRPs ringing to the northwest of LZ Virginia Lee will be put out. It will also be necessary to start on the construction of a new Fire Support Base. This construction will have to be started earlier than 25 October 1968 as originally planned. It will be discussed in fuller detail.

9 October 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div
Bn Forward Fire Base
LZ Joan, Duc Co, ZA 845252

Unit Locations: A 1/35 at LZ Joan YA 845252; B 1/35 at LZ Joan YA 845252; C 1/35 at LZ Jean YA 809234; D 1/35 at LZ Jean YA 809234; Recon OPCON 1/14 Inf at LZ Mary Lou; 4.2 Mortar Plt OPCON to 1/14 Inf at LZ Mary Lou

Summary: The log was opened at 0001 hours 9 October 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan; A Company, B Company, B Battery 1/92 Artillery, C Btry 1/92 Artillery, C Btry 7/15 Artillery; At LZ Jean; D Company, C Company, A Btry 2/9 Artillery, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co; At LZ Mary Lou; Recon Plt OPCON 1/14 Inf, 4.2 Mortar Plt OPCON 1/14 Inf; At Base Camp (Camp Enari) Battalion Headquarters (rear), E Company (-). At 0830 hours the Battalion Commander LTC Buckner airborne made a visual reconnaissance of LZ Virginia Lee. In preparation for Task Force Down Craft the following units are participating; C Company, A Btry 2/9 Artillery, 2 CSF platoons from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, 1 scout dog platoon. Task Forces Down Craft started with the first lift-off LZ Jean at 0925 hours with C Company making a C/A to LZ Virginia Lee. The lift was completed for all units at 1715 hours. At 1020 hours C Company reported that one (1) of their individuals had stepped on a mine resulting in the individual receiving a broken ankle. Engineers were sent out from LZ Jean with mine sweeping equipment to sweep the area. Mines believed to be US type M-14 and M-16. At 1400 hours an EM from 2/9 Artillery stepped on a mine. At 1625 hours an EM from the Engineers element stepped on a mine with the extent of his injury unknown at this time. Message for Bde: At 1350 hour C Company sighted one (1) individual with a weapon. Individual disappeared before he could be engaged with fire. At 1351 hours C Company reported spotting 2 individuals moving outside of the perimeter. Individuals were taken under fire with M-79s and M-16s. There were no casualties reported. Artillery was requested but it was not ready to fire at the time of the contact or individual sightings.

10 October 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div
Bn Forward Fire Base
LZ Joan, Duc Co, ZA 845252

Unit Locations: A 1/35 (-) at LZ Joan YA 845252; B 1/35 (-) at LZ Joan YA 845252; C 1/35 at LZ Virginia Lee YA 842091; D 1/35 at LZ Jean YA 809232; Recon OPCON 1/14 Inf LZ Mary Lou; 4.2 Mortar Plt OPCON to 1/14 Inf LZ Mary Lou

Summary: The log was opened at 0001 hours 10 October 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan; Battalion Headquarters (Forward). A Company, B Company, B Battery 1/92 Artillery, C Battery 7/15 Artillery; At LZ Jean D Co; At LZ Virginia Lee, C Company, A Battery 2/9 Artillery; At LZ Mary Lou, Recon Plt OPCON to 1/14 Inf, 4.2 Mortar Plt OPCON 1/14 Inf; Base Camp (Camp Enari), Battalion Headquarters (rear), E Company (-). At 0010 hours B Co Commander was informed to have 1

platoon (2nd Plt) ready to move at 0800 hours for a mine sweep towards the Oasis. The platoon will link up with another element that is sweeping towards this location (LZ Joan YA 845252). After reaching LZ Joan the unit will make a sweep of the road to LZ Virginia Lee. Unit will also locate a bulldozer to LZ Virginia Lee to clear the area of mines in and around the LZ. 0010 hours the Bn S3 Major Royal notified the B Co Commander that he would make a C/A with 2 platoons (1st and 3rd) and 1 CP group at 0800 hours 11 October 1968. To secure and prepare a one (1) Infantry Company and one (1) Artillery Battery LZ at grid coordinate YA 794314. Engineer support will be provided, be prepared to stay there over night. (Reference FRA90 3-68 700PORD 23-68). At 0100 hours B Co Commander reported that SRP 5 had heard a vehicle on the road at grid coordinate YA 785225 moving to the southwest. Artillery was employed. After the Artillery was employed no further sounds were heard. At 0830 hours C Co reported that an individual was accidentally wounded while cleaning his M-16 rifle. The individual discharged a round resulting in injury to his foot. An investigation is being conducted to determine the cause of the accident. New Command "A" frequency requested from the Bde Signal Office due to frequency being compromised by the pathfinder element at 1000 hours, Bde approved a new frequency effective at 1000 hours. At 1115 hours D Co reported that SRP team 16 observed 5-6 personnel moving to the east approximately 250 meters on an azimuth of 160 degrees from their location grid coordinate YA 867243. At 1125 hours the Bde Commander Colonel McClellan reported seeing an unexploded bomb at grid coordinates YA 831098. An element from C Company went to check it out. At 1135 hours the Engineers chief advised the Battalion Commander LTC Buckner they do not think that it would be a wise idea to bring a bulldozer to LZ Virginia Lee. Believes that the Armored Personnel Carriers that are on the sweep (mine sweep) of the road can do the job of the bulldozer. At 1200 hours the new Command "A" frequency was put into effect. At 1440 hours C Company reported on the bomb that the Bde Commander Colonel McClellan found at grid coordinate YA 867243. The type of bomb was US type Air Force Rocket dispenser, with 6 tubes, 3 rockets in each tube. Also several of the rockets were found to be scattered on the ground. Markings made on the dispenser are as follows: Dispenser Rocket SUU-14A identification number X6AE107448, serial number 830099. Rockets were blown in place at 1550 hours. At 1600 hours C Company found an 8-foot long bomb at grid coordinate YA 833097. The bomb is 2 feet wide and weights approximately 835 pounds. It is colored OD with a yellow strip near the nose end. Stock number 1325/051/2880. An EOD team was requested by Bde. Bde informed the Bn S3 Major Royal that the EOD team should arrive at our location at 0735 hours 11 October 1968. At 2035 hours D Company SRP team 3 reported movement 35 meters from their location on an azimuth of 5200 mils. Sounds like people moving in the brush. Artillery was requested and 155s fired. The fire came from LZ Joan. No further movement was reported after the firing. The SRP team saw flashlights and 5-8 individuals moving. At 2043 hours SRP team 3 from C Company reported movement and flashlights approximately 300 meters to the north of their locations. This at grid coordinates YA 816099. Company fired light organics (Mortars) reported that the movement stopped. At 2145 hours there was action reported from Operation Dawn Craft forces. LZ Cold, no sighting reported around LZ X-Ray. Plei Me CSF Company spotted 16 NVA at grid 918023. At 1430 hours the enemy scattered and there was no reported contact. Company is establishing ambushes in the area of the enemy sightings.

11 October 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 845252

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 (-) LZ Joan, YA 845252

B 1/35 LZ (-) Joan, YA 845252

C 1/35 LZ Virginia Lee, YA 842091

D 1/35 LZ Jean, YA 809234

Recon OPCON 1/14 Inf

4.2 Mortar Plt OPCON to 1/14 Inf

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 11 October 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA842250; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, B Company 1/35, B Battery 1/92 Artillery, C Battery 7/15 Artillery; At LZ Jean YA809231; D Company 1/35, 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co; At LZ Virginia Lee, YA 842091; C Company 1/35, A Battery 2/9 Artillery, 2 platoons CSF from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (rear), E Company; At LZ Mary Lou; Grid for LZ Mary Lou ZA227840; Recon Plt OPCON 1/14 Inf, 4.2 Mortars Plt OPCON 1/14 Inf. At 0800 hours the Battalion Commander was airborne for a visual reconnaissance of LZ Charlotte. This preparation for securing and building a one (1) company, one (1) Artillery Battery size LZ (Reference FRAGO 3-68 to opord 23-68). At 0835 hours first lift in the air for B Company 1/35 enroute to secure LZ Charlotte. First lift touchdown at 0845 hours LZ cold. C/A complete at 0945 hours. At 1110 hours C Company 1/35 reported that the Armored Personnel Commander reportedly found six (6) mines and proceeded to destroy them at LZ Virginia Lee. At 1111 hours C Company reported that one (1) of their individuals had stepped on a mine at LZ Virginia Lee. The EM was not injured as a result of this. In exploding the mine made a popping noise and put out some smoke. As was previously mentioned the mine did not injure the individual. At 1135 hours SRP team five (5) from C Company 1/35 reported finding a bunker complex at grid YA827084. The number of bunkers found were 3 feet by 5 feet in size. The bunkers had good overhead cover. The bunkers were approximately 3 weeks old. They found tracks around the area approximately 1 day old. AT 1145 hours there was a message received by the Battalion Commander LTC Buckner from Bde S-3: Stop work on LZ Charlotte, have the unit move to Hill 705 grid coordinate YA765327 (LZ Mary S). At 1350 hours the S-3 Major Royal notified the Bde S-3 the EOD team will not be needed at LZ Virginia Lee. Engineers at that location destroyed the bomb dispenser. At 1340 hours C Company reported finding another bomb dispenser at grid coordinate YA834098. The weight of the bomb was 839 pounds. The color was white with a yellow streak. FSN #1325-051-2880. Serial Number B019394. The bomb was 8 feet in length. It was 2 feet in diameter. Engineers destroyed it in place, it contained no explosives. To explain the last item the dispenser contained no explosives. At 1410 hours Cider 03 (FAC) is on station with an air strike for Hill 705 grid YA765326. The air strike was complete at 1420 hours. At 1435 hours Cider 03 (FAC) reported receiving ground fire from the South, last slope of Hill 705. The approximate grids are YA760320 and YA770332. A second air strike

was called in and it was completed at 1440 hours. At 1515 hours the first lift of B Company 1/35 got off the ground. They made a C/A to Hill 705 LZ Mary S. The first lift landed on the ground at 1520 hours. LZ cold at that time. The C/A was complete at 1629 hours. At 1530 hours Pathfinder 18 spotted a bunker complex on the East Side of Hill 705. At 2045 hours C Company reported that one (1) of their LPs spotted 2 individuals on the North side of the river. This was about 100 meters outside of the perimeter. The individual was taken under fire with small arms and light organics. 2 rounds of 175 were fired from LZ Joan; these rounds were fired on the route that the individuals were thought to be traveling on. The LPs are sure that they hit one of the individuals. The area will be checked at first light. At 2235 hours C Company requested a Med-Evac for an EM who broke his finger while coming inside of the perimeter from his LP position. The doctor at LZ Joan informed C Company that a broken finger does not warrant a Med-Evac. He would take care of it. At 2236 hours we received an A/O change from Bde: From YA7630 go West to YA7230, North to YA7237, East to YA8137, South to YA8129. At 2355 hours we received a message from Bde 41 to our Bn 41 element: In reference for each member of a SRP team requiring a compass. The Bde Commander Colonel McClellan desires that the paperwork be submitted for the loan of the needed compasses for a period of 180 days. In event that the compasses can not be obtained in this manner, we will advise the Division Commanding General of the short fall.

12 October 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 845252

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Joan, YA 845251

B 1/35 LZ Mary S YA 766327

C 1/35 LZ Virginia Lee, YA 842091

D 1/35 LZ Jean, YA 809233

Recon OPCON 1/14 Inf LZ Mary Lou ZA227840

4.2 Mortar Plt OPCON to 1/14 Inf LZ Mary Lou ZA227840

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 12 October 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA842251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, B Battery 1/92 Artillery, C Battery 7/15 Artillery; At LZ Jean 2nd Plt of B Company, D Company, 1 CSF (Camp Strike Force) platoon from Duc Co Special Forces Camp; At LZ Virginia Lee, YA842091, C Company, A Battery 2/9 Artillery, 2 CSF platoons from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co; At LZ Mary S YA766327, B Company 3/8 Infantry OPCON to the 1/35. At LZ Mary Lou ZA227840, Recon platoon OPCON 1/14 Inf, 4.2 Mortar Platoon OPCON 1/14 Inf; Base Camp (Camp Enari), Battalion Headquarters (rear), E Company (-). At 0355 hours SRP team 8 from A Company receiving one (1) round of small arms fire at grid YA865252. The team received the fire at 0255 hours but they did not report it until the time given earlier. The team believed that the round was fired from an SKS rifle. The team did not engage the enemy with small arms fire but instead they requested artillery. Recon platoon returned to the control of the Battalion.

The first lift from LZ Mary Lou touched down at LZ Joan at 0955 hours. The lift was complete at 1015 hours. At 1020 hours SRP team 7 reported finding a trail that was 2 days old. Trail found at grid coordinate YA785230. The trail was running from the Northeast to the Southwest. The trail appeared to have been used recently. At 1036 hours the Recon platoon was lifted from LZ Joan to LZ Jean. The lift was completed at 1040 hours. At 1315 hours there was a message from the Bde, LRP team 3B made contact at grid coordinates YA735235. This at 1425 hours. Have one platoon ready on standby to reinforce the 7/17 Cav if they are inserted at the point of contact. At 1247 hours the 2nd platoon of B Company was alerted for this mission. The platoon was taken off this alert at 1705 hours. At 1710 hours SRP 4 from C Company found a bunker complex at grid coordinates YA816092. There were 31 bunkers found 5 of them had overhead cover, they were four feet deep and they were good 2 man positions. These bunkers were approximately six months old. The engineers will destroy and contaminate these bunkers at first light with C/S gas. At 1930 hours SRP team 10 from D Company reported movement 40 meters to the West of their locations. The grid of SRP team 10 is YA842251. Azimuth of 4800 mils. Light organics were fired and were on target. Movement stopped. 155 Battery from LZ Jean is laying in that direction. At 2005 hours B Company reported lights 1000 meters from their locations grid YA842251. Azimuth 1600 mils. Light organics artillery was fired. The rounds were on target and the lights went out. At 2045 hours LP 5 from C Company has movement at grid YA813078. Estimated 5 individuals. Light organics were fired and the movement stopped. At 2044 hours SRP team 3 from B Company 3/8 Infantry at LZ Mary S reported movement and sounds of chopping. Sounds seemed to be coming 50-75 meters from his location at grid YA758317. Azimuth 2500 mils. Light organics were fired; rounds were on target and movement stopped. At 2245 hours a message from the Bde S-3 air to the Bn S-3 Captain Sans: Request for planned aircraft support must be received at the Bde Forward CP not later than 1700 hours daily in order for the cancel request to be formulated. Those received after 1700 hours will not be acted upon. An immediate unforeseen request of a tactical nature will be accepted at any time. The final decision as to allocation priority will be made by the Bde Commander Colonel McClellan. At 2359 hours B Company informed us that they would evacuate LZ Mary S when the unit from the 3/8 closed the LZ.

13 October 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn

Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan YA842251

Unit locations:

A 1/35 LZ Joan YA842251

B 1/35 (-) LZ Mary S YA766327

C 1/35 LZ Virginia Lee YA842091

D 1/35 LZ Jean YA806233

Recon Plt LZ Jean YA806233

4.2 Mortar Plt OPCON 1/14 Kontum FOB #2

2nd Plt B Co 1/35 LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 13 October 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA842251; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, B Battery 1/92 Artillery, C Battery 7/15 Artillery, 2nd platoon of B Company 1/35; At LZ Jean YA806233; D Company 1/35, Recon platoon, 1 CSF (Camp Strike Force) from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co; LZ Virginia Lee YA842091; C Company 1/35, A Battery 2/9 Artillery, 2 CSF platoons from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co; At LZ Mary S YA766327; B Company 1/35 (-), B Company 3/8 Infantry OPCON to 1/35 Infantry; At LZ Mary Lou ZA227840; 4.2" Mortar platoon OPCON to 1/14 Inf; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear), E Company (-). At 0940 hours the first lift of B Company off LZ Mary S enroute to LZ Joan. At lifts complete at 1100 hours. At 1115 hours Brigade requested one (1) platoon be put on standby for a C/A Northwest of our A/O. Element will be lifted by the 7/17 Cav if contact was made in that area. The 2nd platoon of A Company was put on standby. At 1140 hours C Company reported that a Cider (FAC) aircraft spotted one (1) NVA battalion at grid coordinates YA812068. The element was moving north, lost them from that location. Unit out of 1/35 A/O. A Battery 2/9 Artillery at LZ Virginia Lee fired on enemy location, rounds were on target. Negative assessment of damage. At 1355 hours the S5 team reported 84 Med Caps, 300 vitamin dosages at Plei Plouki and Plei Lap. At 1357 hours SRP team 1 from C Company reported finding a trail 2 days old at grid coordinates YA834113 running east to West. Reported this finding to Bde. At 1420 hours the Division G-3 informed D Company Commander of a minefield location YA769200. Mine composition: 196 M14's, 398 M16's and 148 M48's. B Engineer stated that bunkers should have timber on timber to construct bunkers instead of timbers on sand bags. Engineers at LZ Joan will cut the timber needed. AT 1430 hours SRP 10 found a trail located at grid YA808214. Trail running from East to West with definite boot prints indicating travel of six (6) persons heading east, approximately 7 days old. Another trail found by SRP team 5 at grid coordinate YA790236 used after approximately seven days old. At 1600 hours D Company reported finding 4 81mm Mortar rounds at grid YA813228. The rounds were destroyed in place. At 2115 hours there was a message from Brigade to the Battalion Commander LTC Buckner: There will be a II Corps briefing at the Oasis at 1000 hours 16 October 1968. This briefing for all Battalion Commanders. At 2245 hours a DELAYED ENTRY from the Bde S-3 to the Bn S-3 Major Royal: At 0800 hours 13 October 1968 4C 3/8 Infantry will be inserted at grid YA938364 and work East to grid YA950369, South to YA950360. They will have with them Engineer personnel, 1 mine detector team, 1 scout dog team and 1 MI team they will be looking and checking for a cache. 4C 3/8 Infantry will be on Brigade push 56.00, Call sign Foxtrot 9441 and Foxtrot 94C. 1/35 Infantry will have one (1) platoon on standby at 0800 hours on the airstrip, this for the initial phase of the operation. If not needed for the initial phase of the operation unit will be notified to have an element stand by at LZ Joan during the remainder of the operation. In the event 3/8 Infantry makes contact platoon will be inserted and have the remainder of the Company (A Company 1/35) prepared to be inserted. Entire element will come under the control of Battalion Commander LTC Buckner (1/35).

14 October 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div Bn

Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan YA842251;

Unit locations:

A 1/35 LZ Joan YA842251

B 1/35 LZ Joan YA842251

C 1/35 LZ Virginia Lee YA842091

D 1/35 LZ Jean YA806233

Recon Plt LZ Jean YA806233

4.2 Mortar Plt OPCON 1/14 Inf LZ Mary Lou

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 14 October 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA842251; Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company B Company, B Battery 1/92 Artillery, C Battery 7/15 Artillery, At LZ Jean YA806233; D Company 1/35, Recon platoon, 1 CSF (Camp Strike Force) from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co; At LZ Virginia Lee YA842091; A Company, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, 2 CSF platoons from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co. At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At LZ Mary Lou ZA227840; 4.2 Mortar platoon OPCON to 1/14 Inf; At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear), E Company (-). Significant activities: At 0210 hours the Brigade S-3 requested that we have one (1) platoon on standby to support 4C 3/8 Infantry operations. The 2nd platoon of A Company (1/35) was put on standby at 0800 hours and was taken off standby at 1600 hours. At 0800 hours C Company and D Company were informed of the minefield locations at grids YA914449. At 0900 hours 1st Sqd of the 3rd platoon of C Company with engineers departed the perimeter with C Company to destroy the bunker complex at grid YA808214. At 1535 hours the unit reported that the bunkers had been destroyed and contaminated with C/S gas. At 0920 hours SRP team 8 reported finding shoe tracks at grid YA799224 on a trail running northwest at an azimuth of 310 degrees. At 1205 hours SRP team 3 from D Company spotted five (5) enemy personnel at grid YA801265. Light organics and artillery were employed. The SRP team could not determine whether or not the rounds were on target. At 1330 hours the S-5 team reported a Med-Cap of 92, vitamin dosages of 250. Tested 2 villages Plei Lap and Plei Plouke. At 1405 hours SRP team 8 from D Company reported finding a possible enemy night location at grid YA799222. The team found at this location butchered chicken, burlap bag, small bag similar to LRP ration bag with the word mutton. Estimated size of the force 8-10 personnel. At 1945 hours II Corps requested to put in an air strike at grid YA769248 at 1045 hours 15 October 1968. The S-3 1/35 disapproved this because of the location of the SRP positions. At 1955 hours we received a message from the Bde S-3: A C/S drop is planned for our A/O sometime on 15 October 1968. The exact time will be sent later. At 2135 hours SRP team 7 from D Company reported small arms fire 600-800 meters to the west of their locations. Team was informed that LRP 3B was in contact in that area. At 2155 hours the Bde S-3 informed the Bn S-3 Major Royal that there would be a Spooky bird in the area. Spooky bird is directed not to fire north of grid YA24 and east of grid YA75. C Company was informed to contact Spooky 34 on 35.70 for contact. AT 2225 hours W-27A informed C-27 to expect 4.2 Mortar Platoon to be returned to this location 16 October 1968.

15 October 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 845252

Unit Locations:

A 1/35 LZ Joan, YA 845251

B 1/35 LZ Joan, YA 845251

C 1/35 LZ Virginia Lee, YA 842091

D 1/35 LZ Jean, YA 809232

Recon Plt LZ Jean YA809232

4.2 Mortar Plt OPCON to 1/14 Inf LZ Mary Lou ZA227840

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 15 October 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA841251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, B Company 1/35, B Battery 1/92 Artillery, C Battery 7/15 Artillery; At LZ Jean YA809232 D Company 1/35, Recon Platoon 1/35, 1 CSF (Camp Strike Force) platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co; At LZ Virginia Lee YA841081; C Company 1/35, A Battery 2/9 Artillery, 2 CSF platoons from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co; At LZ Mary Lou ZA227840; 4.2 Mortar Platoon OPCON to 1/14 Infantry; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (rear), E Company (-). At 0920 hours D Co requested a Med-Evac for an individual who had been shot in the leg with a .45 caliber pistol. The Dust-off was completed at 1500 hours. Lieutenant Mazzola was sent to LZ Jean to investigate the accident. At 1425 hours Headhunter aircraft is down at grid YA6725. At 1445 hours the S-5 team reported visiting 2 villages. The team had a Med-Cap of 78 and a Vitamin dosage of 200. The villages visited were Plei-So-Lok and Plei Plouki. At 1511 hours have 3 lift ships and a loach for the C/A of platoon for the security of the downed aircraft. At 1554 hours SRP team 7 from C Company reported finding a bunker complex at grid YA788228. The bunkers were approximately four (4) months old, they were two (2) man size positions, approximately 39' of overhead cover, and the bunkers had not been used recently. Another bunker complex found by SRP 7 25-35 meters southwest of the first location. The bunkers were built the exact way that the first group of bunkers was built. At 1631 hours SRP 1 from C Company found a bomb at grid YA836113. The bomb was four (4) feet long and 18' in diameter. It had no markings on it. The engineers will check the bomb out and see if they can blow it in place. At 1633 hours SRP 5 from C Company found a bomb at grid YA836092. The bomb weighed 835 pounds and the serial number on it was E004004, Lot #LOP 74, dated the first month of 67. Engineers will check it out and see if the EOD team is needed. At 1735 hours the 1st platoon of C Company found an 81mm Mortar round at grid YA839091. The round was approximately one month old and it had been fired. It still had the safety cap on. The round will be blown in place. At 1850 hours SRP 8 from D Company reported having hollering by an estimated 3-4 individuals approximately 400 meters on an azimuth of 1400 mils. Artillery was requested, one round of smoke was fired and the hollering stopped. At 1905 hours SRP 4 from C Company heard movement which sounded like metal on metal. Estimated 3-4 individuals moving southwest at grid coordinates YA825095. The unit fired light organics and 18 rounds of HE. The artillery fired 10 rounds of HE (105). The rounds were on target and the movement stopped. At 1959 hours there was a message in from the Bde S-3 to the Bn S-3 Major Royal: Task Force Bach Tuong will begin moving to the north grid line 16 will be the line of advance. Coordinate with C Company at LZ Virginia Lee to make sure that all SRPs are pulled back to the perimeters.

16 October 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 Joan, YA 842250

B 1/35 LZ Joan, YA 842251

C 1/35 LZ Virginia Lee, YA 841091

D 1/35 LZ Jean, YA 809232

Recon Plt LZ Jean YA809232

4.2 Mortar Plt OPCON to 1/14 Inf LZ Mary Lou ZA227840

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 16 October 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA842251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, B Company 1/35, B Battery 1/92 Artillery, C Battery 7/15 Artillery; At LZ Jean YA809232 D Company 1/35, Recon Platoon 1/35, 1 CSF (Camp Strike Force) platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co; At LZ Virginia Lee YA841091; C Company 1/35, A Battery 2/9 Artillery, 2 CSF platoons from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co; At LZ Mary Lou ZA227840; 4.2 Mortar Platoon OPCON to 1/14 Inf (returned the 16th); At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (rear), E Company (-). At 1000 hours there was a message sent from the Bn CO LTC Buckner to C Co and D Co's: The Monday malaria pills will be administered by the platoon leaders, or platoon sergeant in his absence. The platoon leader or platoon sergeant will insure that each individual swallows the pill while it is given. At 1215 hours the 1st load of 4.2 Mortar platoon closed LZ Joan from LZ Mary Lou. At 1200 hours (DELAY ENTRY) a counter mortar section arrived at LZ Jean from the 2/9 artillery. At 1345 hours C Battery 2/9 (-) artillery arrived at LZ Jean. At 1400 hours the S-5 team reported visiting 2 villages, Med-Cap of 60 and a Vitamin dosage of 130. At 1500 hours the engineers reported finding one (1) 2.75 Navy Rocket at grid coordinate 807234, LOT# LOP5341-11-66, 25 rounds of 81mm HE, 60 rounds WP 60mm, 30 rounds HE, 1 case of "C" rations. 30 PRC 25s batteries. The Engineers destroyed all the items. At 1506 hours the last lift of 4.2 Mortar Platoon closed LZ Joan. At 1720 hours a message from the Bn S-3 Major Royal to C Co CO: Your unit will not place out SRPs tonight, but be prepared to evacuate the LZ on 18 October 1968. Also keep close coordination with Task Force Dawn Graft. At 1745 hours the S-3 notified A, B and D Companies, all SRPs south of highway 19 will be pulled back to LZ Joan, LZ Jean. Prior to 0930 hour 18 October 1968 units will be notified by the S-3 when SRPs are to move back to their positions. At 1840 hours message to all company commanders from the Bn CO LTC Buckner: I will start making unannounced inspection, entire unit will be assembled for the inspection. At 2315 hours the Bde S-3 requests the Bn S-3 Major Royal and D Co CO the give a clearance on grid YA842352 and YA850230 for a sky spot at 2400 hours 17 October 1968 and 2000 hours 18 October 1968. Clearance was given by both units.

17 October 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 Joan, YA 842250

B 1/35 (-) LZ Joan, YA 842251

C 1/35 LZ Virginia Lee, YA 841091

D 1/35 LZ Jean, YA 809232

Recon Plt LZ Jean YA809232

4.2 Mortar Plt LZ Joan YA842251

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 17 October 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA842251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, B Company 1/35, B Battery 1/92 Artillery, C Battery 7/15 Artillery, 4.2 Mortar Platoon 1/35 Inf (-), counter mortar section 2/9 artillery; At LZ Jean YA809232 D Company 1/35, Recon Platoon 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, 1 CSF (Camp Strike Force) platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co; At LZ Virginia Lee YA841091; C Company 1/35, A Battery 2/9 Artillery, 2 CSF platoons from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (rear), E Company (-), 4.2 Mortar Platoon section for security. From 0001 hours to 1359 hours no significant activities occurred in our area of operation. At 1350 hours SRP team 5 from D Company reported finding 60-70 1-man foxholes at grid YA796225. The foxholes did not have overhead cover. They also found fish and rice bags. The rice bags had American and Vietnamese writing on it. At 1440 hours the S-3 informed D Company that the Recon platoon would depart LZ Jean at 0800 hours 18 October 1968 enroute to LZ Joan. Recon will provide security for the 175 battery 7/15 artillery. At 2130 hours the S-3 signaled for a practice alert for all the units at LZ Joan to test the reaction of units should a sudden ground attack take place. The test was conducted in three phases. Gray was alert, yellow was attack possible red is an actual ground attack. All the units were inspected by the Battalion staff. The practice alert ended at 2202 hours. At 2210 hours we received a message from Bde: The Bde CO Colonel McCellan and General McCallister will visit LA Joan at approximately 1400 hours 18 October 1968.

18 October 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 Joan, YA 842250
B 1/35 LZ Joan, YA 842251
C 1/35 LZ Virginia Lee, YA 841091
D 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809232
Recon Plt LZ Jean YA809232
4.2 (-) Mortar Plt LZ Joan YA842251

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 18 October 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA842251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, B Company 1/35, B Battery 1/92 Artillery, C Battery 7/15 Artillery, Recon Platoon 1/35 Infantry, 4.2 Mortar platoon 1/35 Infantry, Counter mortar section 2/9 artillery; At LZ Jean YA809232 D Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, 1 CSF (Camp Strike Force) platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear), E Company (-). At 0915 hours CIDG from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co reported people at grid YA880327. Requested to know if there were any friendlies in the area. No friendlies from the 1/35 Inf were reported to be in that area. Cider (FAC) 41 checked this out. Negative findings. At 0950 hours Recon platoon started to move from LZ Jean enroute to LZ Joan. Found three-dud mortar round in the road at grid 958288. The rounds were blown in place. At 1500 hours a report from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, all element have closed their location, sweep from the south is complete with negative findings. At 2021 hours SRP team 5 reported movement at grid 8023. Light organics were fired and were on target. Due to the location artillery could not be fired. At 2140 hours the team reported that movement had stopped.

19 October 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 Joan, YA 842250
B 1/35 LZ Joan, YA 842251
C 1/35 LZ Virginia Lee, YA 841091
D 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809232
Recon Plt LZ Jean YA809232
4.2 (-) Mortar Plt LZ Joan YA842251

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 18 October 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA842251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, B Company 1/35, B Battery 1/92 Artillery, C Battery 7/15 Artillery, Recon Platoon 1/35 Infantry, 4.2 Mortar platoon 1/35 Infantry, Counter mortar section 2/9 artillery; At LZ Jean YA809232 D Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, 1 CSF (Camp Strike Force) platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters

(Rear), E Company (-). At 0915 hours CIDG from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co reported people at grid YA880327. Requested to know if there were any friendlies in the area. No friendlies from the 1/35 Inf were reported to be in that area. Cider (FAC) 41 checked this out. Negative findings. At 0950 hours Recon platoon started to move from LZ Jean enroute to LZ Joan. Found three-dud mortar round in the road at grid 958288. The rounds were blown in place. At 1500 hours a report from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co, all element have closed their location, sweep from the south is complete with negative findings. At 2021 hours SRP team 5 reported movement at grid 8023. Light organics were fired and were on target. Due to the location artillery could not be fired. At 2140 hours the team reported that movement had stopped.

20 October 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 Joan, YA 842251

B 1/35 (-) LZ Joan, YA 842251

C 1/35 LZ Jean, YA 809232

D 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809232

Recon Plt, LZ Joan YA841251

4.2 Mortar Plt, Z Joan YA841251

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 20 October 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA842251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, B Company 1/35, B Battery 1/92 Artillery, Recon Platoon 1/35 Infantry, 4.2 Mortar platoon 1/35 Infantry, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; At LZ Jean YA809232 C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, 1 CSF (Camp Strike Force) platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear), E Company (-). No significant action occurred in our area of operation. Routine and miscellaneous procedures were handled by our staff. At 1021 hours message from W-27 to Bn CO LTC Buckner: Colonel Knight is the new CO of 1st Bde. He will visit the Oasis on 21 October 1968 in the afternoon. From the Oasis he will visit LZ Joan. Be prepared to give him a briefing. Have informed the Bn CO LTC Buckner of this. At 2015 hours A Co will be awarded awards on 22 October 1968 at Duc Co.

21 October 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 Joan, YA 842251

B 1/35 (-) LZ Joan, YA 842251

C 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809232

D 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809232

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 21 October 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA842251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, B Company 1/35, B Battery 1/92 Artillery, Recon Platoon 1/35 Infantry, 4.2 Mortar platoon 1/35 Infantry, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; At LZ Jean YA809232 C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, 1 CSF (Camp Strike Force) platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear), E Company (-). At 0720 hours the battalion was notified regarding MPC conversion. All personnel are restricted to their place of duty until further notice. At 1000 hours the minesweep at LZ Jean was completed with negative results. At 1035 hours SRP 15 from D Company reported finding a mortar pit at grid YA810223. It was 6 by 8 feet and was approximately two months old. It had no overhead cover. The team contaminated it with C/S gas. They also found a recoilless rifle canister and propaganda papers. At 1050 hours an officer from Division G-3 arrived at LZ Joan. The battalion commander LTC Buckner briefed the individuals on the status of the current situation. At 1125 hours the Bde S-3 informed the Bn S-3 Major Royal of the new LRRP insertion at grid YA745236. At 1205 hours SRP team 1 from B Company reported firing approximately 150 meters from them on an azimuth of 120 degrees. This from their location at grid YA841283. No further action was taken. At 1315 hours the Bde S-3 informed the Bn S-3 Major Royal that the LRRP team at grid YA745233 saw 5 individuals with weapons, soft caps and other items moving northeast to southwest. Artillery was called in, gunships were available and FAC was on station. At 1558 hours Vivid 27 7/17 Cav reported spotting 1 NVA with a weapon at grid 755199 this at 1605 hours. 27 reported artillery firing west of LZ Joan. No artillery from the surrounding area had been firing. 27 also spotted a long road about 6 feet wide running south to west about 1-1 clicks there were also hooch's along the side of the road also contained a tunnel complex and foxholes around the hooch's at grid YA746204. At 1625 hours the Cobras were firing at grid 764204, they got a secondary explosion, there was white smoke rising about 100 feet. At 1635 hours Headhunter spotted about 4-5 packs lying alongside the trail at grid 746204. Also Vivid 27 scout birds received ground fire from that location. At 1641 hours the Bn S-3 Major Royal requested Tac air on grid 746204. At 1655 hours Vivid 27 spotted an unknown amount on NVA at grid 761238. Cobras fired on this element. At 1705 hours Tac air on the way moved into the proposed grids YA761236, YA750204. LRRP team was extracted at grid 745236. Team received fire at 1700 hours 50-75 meters from their location. At 1810 hours message from the Bde S-3 to the Bn S-3 Major Royal: The 1/35 Inf has been designated for rapid deployment within or out of the

Division A/O. Should the tactical situation dictate it the 3/8 will be the alternate unit. At 2130 hours there was message from Bde: General Irsecs will be at LZ Joan 22 October 1968 at 1310 hours for the awards ceremonies. At 2156 hours SRP team 15 from D Company and SRP team 14 from D Company reported lights at grid YA810208 and grid YA815206. Team 15 reported their lights on an azimuth of 3700 mils at a distance of 500 meters. Team 14 spotted their lights on an azimuth of 1200 mils at a distance of 800 meters. Artillery and light organics were fired the lights went out, and the rounds were on target. At 2328 hours SRP team 12 thinks he heard the backblast from a recoilless rifle approximately 400-500 meters east of this location grid YA792211. Item at 1816 hours Vivid 27 confirms 3 NVA KIAs in LRRP 3 foxtrot box.

22 October 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 Joan, YA 841251

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

C 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809232

D 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809232

Recon Plt, LZ Joan

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 22 October 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA842251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, B Company 1/35, B Battery 1/92 Artillery, Recon Platoon 1/35 Infantry, 4.2 Mortar platoon 1/35 Infantry, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; At LZ Jean YA809232 C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, 1 CSF (Camp Strike Force) platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear), E Company (-). At 0605 hours SRP team 12 from D Company reported movement at grid coordinate YA792211. The team reported that the movement had stopped at 0630 hours. They also round a trail running south to east and north to west believed to have been used recently by 6-10 people. Team 12 reported having one (1) Claymore mine and one (1) trip flare disconnected. A check of the area revealed a trail 8 to 12 feet wide and grass matted down approximately 25 meters from their locations. AT 1200 hours message from the Bde S-3 to Bn S-3 Major Royal: Make a visual reconnaissance Southwest of Duc Co and select a patrol base in the vicinity of grid YA8119. One (1) Company will move to that location either today or tomorrow. Company will establish a SRP screen to the west and south. AT 1240 hours a message was put out to all Company Commanders from S-3: At no time will there be less than 50% of the SRP line occupied. Also does not want two (2) SRP teams rotating together at any one time. It has to be every other one. At 1310 hours the S-3 reported spotting 5 NVA with weapons at grid coordinate YA820156. Artillery was employed and was on target. At 1310 hours Shady Boxer 46 arrived at LZ Joan for awards ceremonies and a short briefing.

At 1825 hours CSF forces from Duc Co picked up two (2) Montagnards at grid coordinate YA8858375 that was with Cy War team. Personnel were dressed in tiger suits. AT 2140 hours C Company reported movement on the right side of the perimeter. Light organics were fired. At 2258 hours the S-3 received a new A/O change in preparation for a new firebase to be received 23 October 1968. A Company will secure the firebase and man 6 SRP position to the west and south of the firebase.

23 October 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 Joan, YA 841251

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

C 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809232

D 1/35 LZ Jean, YA 809232

Recon Plt, LZ Joan

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 23 October 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA842251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), A Company 1/35, B Company 1/35, B Battery 1/92 Artillery, Recon Platoon 1/35 Infantry, 4.2 Mortar platoon 1/35 Infantry, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; At LZ Jean YA809232 C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, 1 CSF (Camp Strike Force) platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear), E Company (-). From 0915 hours to 1337 hours two (2) combat assaults were conducted in our A/O. At 0915 hours 1 CSF platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co C/Aed to grid YA767227. Unit will make a sweep of the area to the west of our A/O. At 1301 hours A Company (1/35) C/Aed to LZ Vera YA836171 to establish a one (1) company firebase and man 6 SRP positions. Units were C/Aed to the above locations in section to Intelligence, Spot and red reports of enemy buildups across the border (24th NVA Regiment is just west of the Cambodian border). 3rd Bde LRRPs and 7/17 Cav supported the operation. All other activities were routine during the day.

24 October 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 836171

B 1/35 (-) LZ Joan, YA 841251
C 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809232
D 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809232
Recon Plt, LZ Joan
4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 24 October 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA842251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, B Battery 1/92 Artillery, Recon Platoon 1/35 Infantry, 4.2 Mortar platoon 1/35 Infantry, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; At LZ Jean YA809232 C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, 1 CSF (Camp Strike Force) platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co; At LZ Vera YA836171 A Company 1/35, At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear), E Company (-). During the 12 hour reporting period several SRP teams from A, C, D and Recon platoon reported noises or movement around their location, light organics and artillery were employed in most cases and the movement stopped. D Company OP spotted 3 NVA at grid 807234. M-79 and hand grenades were employed. OP pulled back to the perimeter and light organics was fired. A sweep around the outside of the perimeter had negative results. During the past several days' SRP teams have had movement, this movement occurring mostly during the hours of darkness. Teams have also reported fresh trails most of which has had recent use. Indications are that these sightings and movement are small recon units from across the border to detect friends, firebases and SRP locations. SRP teams have been cautioned to be very alert while in their positions and to make accurate and timely reports.

25 October 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 836171
B 1/35 (-) LZ Joan, YA 841251
C 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809232
D 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809232
Recon Plt, LZ Joan
4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 25 October 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA842251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, B Battery 2/9 Artillery, Recon Platoon 1/35 Infantry, 4.2 Mortar platoon 1/35 Infantry, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; At LZ Jean YA809232 C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, 1 CSF (Camp Strike Force) platoon from the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co; At LZ Vera YA836171, A Company 1/35, At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari);

Battalion Headquarters (Rear), E Company (-). During the 12-hour reporting period no significant action occurred in our area of operations. All units are doubling their security measures and overhead cover in response to intelligence reports of enemy armor threat located near the Cambodian border. All barrier fortification materials and class V (ammunition) has been requested through the supply channel to bring units up to the standards as directed by the Bde Commander Colonel McClellan. Additional weapons such as the 106 Recoilless Rifles and the .50 Caliber machinegun have been requested to the LZs to strengthen the defensive positions.

26 October 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 836171

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

C 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809232

D 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809232

Recon Plt, LZ Joan

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 26 October 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA842251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, B Battery 2/9 Artillery, Recon Platoon 1/35 Infantry, 4.2 Mortar platoon 1/35 Infantry, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st platoon D Company 4th Engineer Battalion; At LZ Jean YA802231; C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, 1 TPS/25 section from Division artillery; At LZ Vera YA836171, A Company 1/35, A troop 1/10 Cav OPCON to 1/35; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear), E Company (-). At 0700 hours Headhunter spotted 2 boats at grid YA6625. At 0915 hours OP 93A from D Company reported a trip flare going off at 2050 hours last night saw one (1) man moving south, no hat or gear. OP threw 2 frag grenades, negative results. The OP also found that one (1) Claymore mine had been disconnected, the following morning. At 1125 hours D Company reported that AN/TPS-25 radar section from DIVARTY arrived at their location. AT 1255 hours a message was sent to all units from the Bn S-3 Major Royal: LZ Vera will become a battalion size firebase. 3/8 Headquarters with B and C Companies from 3/8 and A Company 1/35. A Company will go OPCON to 3/8 upon arrival of 3/8 CP. A troop 1/10 Cav will work to the south of LZ Vera and they will be OPCON to the 1/35 until 3/8 moves to LZ Vera at that time OPCON will pass to 3/8 Inf. At 1500 hours A troop 1/10 Cav arrived at LZ Joan made coordination with the Bn S-3 Major Royal and departed for LZ Vera at 1548 hours. At 1829 hours a message from A troop 1/10 Cav a tank hit a mine at grid YA834184. The vehicle was damaged but there were no casualties reported. The vehicle is being towed to LZ Vera. The mine blew a crater 5 feet wide at the top, 3 feet wide at the bottom and 4 feet deep. The troop closed LZ Vera at 1850 hours. At 1945 hours C Company reported movement on the southwest side of the

perimeter, 3 rounds of HE light organics were employed. At 2000 hours SRP 7 from C Company reported movement 15 meters from their location at grid YA795235 moving south. Negative action taken. The Cav troops were screened south of grid line 14 and screen grid 7913 to 8313. At 2245 hours OP 93A reported movement approximately 150 meters to his front. 3 rounds of 81mm HE were fired and the movement stopped. At 2208 hours A Company reported an override by what they thought was a Chinese woman. The Battalion S-3 Major Royal called the CSF Camp and had an interpreter monitor A Co frequency at 2210 hours. The CSF (Camp Strike Force) Camp called back and said it was a Chinese woman making anti-Soviet propaganda speech. At 2300 hours the Battalion S-3 Major Royal informed C Company and D Company that the CSF Company that made the sweep west of our A/O will be returning through our line early on the morning of the 27 October 1968. At 2345 hours we received a message from Bde: A Marine General will visit LZ Joan on 2 November 1968. On 5 November 1968 General Abrams will visit LZ Joan. The Bde Commander's letter on safety will be read and explained to all personnel not later than 29 October 1968. A report will be made to the Bde Commander Colonel McClellan when all personnel have been informed of the contents of this safety letter. All Mortar positions must have foxholes for all members of the fire crew, this to include overhead cover. These positions must be as close as possible to the gun positions.

27 October 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 836171

B 1/35 (-) LZ Joan, YA 842251

C 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809231

D 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809231

Recon Plt, LZ Joan

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 27 October 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA842251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, B Battery 2/9 Artillery, Recon Platoon 1/35 Infantry, 4.2 Mortar platoon 1/35 Infantry, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; At LZ Jean YA809231; C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, 1 AN/TPS-25 radar section from Division artillery; At LZ Vera YA836171, A Company 1/35, A troop 1/10 Cav OPCON to 1/35; At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear), E Company (-). No significant activity occurred in our area of operation.

28 October 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 836171 (OPCON to 3/8 Inf.)
B 1/35 (-) LZ Joan, YA 841251
C 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809232
D 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809232
Recon Plt, LZ Joan
4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 28 October 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA842251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, B Battery 1/92 Artillery, Recon Platoon 1/35 Infantry, 4.2 Mortar platoon 1/35 Infantry, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; 1st platoon D Company 4th Engineer Battalion; At LZ Jean YA802231; C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from DIVARTY; At LZ Vera YA836171, 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), E Company (-). At 0946 hours A Co at LZ Vera requests Dust-Off for 1EM who was hit in the back with shrapnel by an 81mm Mortar round, they were firing for movement that SRP team 2 had last night. They were firing 75 meters away from the element and they had a short round that landed about 50 meters from the SRP team and hit this one EM, line no. 2 of attachments. At 2155 hours (C) From Bde: Intelligence received from G-2 tank headquarters indicates that an attack could possibly be received tonight across the border against Duc Co, Plei Grang. The 3rd Bde will maintain a minimum of 75% alert. This entire message was sent to all elements plus 80% alert.

29 October 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 836171 (OPCON to 3/8 Inf.)
B 1/35 (-) LZ Joan, YA 841251
C 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809232
D 1/35 (-) LZ Jean, YA 809232
Recon Plt, LZ Joan
4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 29 October 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA842251,

Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Company 1/35, B Battery 2/9 Artillery, Recon Platoon 1/35 Infantry, 4.2 Mortar platoon 1/35 Infantry, Counter Mortar Section 2/9 artillery; At LZ Jean YA809235; C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, C Battery 2/9 Artillery, 1 AN/TPS-25 section from Division artillery; At LZ Vera YA836171, 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 0005 hours a light vehicle was reported at grid YA796242. At 0010 hours D Company 94A element reported movement to the northeast of their location, light organics were fired (3 rounds of HE). At 0030 hours 1st and 3rd squads of C Co reported movement to the left of their location at grid YA810235. Negative action was taken. At 0100 hours there was a message from Bde to Bn: At 0800 hours 29 October 1968 have 1 company on a 15 minute alert an additional company on a 1 hour standby. Be prepared for employment in the southern half of the Bde A/O. B Co is on a 15 minute alert and C Co is on a 1 hour alert. At 1000 hours B Co was alerted to move to the air strip for a C/A at 1504 hours, 1st lift of B Co was in the air, 1st lift touchdown at 1515 hours LZ Green. The location is grid YA958162. The lift was completed at 1607 hours. At 1710 hours we received a message from Bde: A 10,000-LB test bomb will be dropped at grid YA735284, 30 October 1968. No time given. No friendlies are to be within 3,000 meters of the drop zone. Anti-intrusion devices were put in at the following locations: 2322-796224, 2321-797221, 3122-797223 and 3123-797222. All other activities were routine, coordination by the staff.

30 October 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 844251

Unit Locations:

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

B 1/35 YA 95014533148

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

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

Recon Plt, LZ Joan

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

A Co 1/14 YA 954155

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 30 October 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA842251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), B Battery 2/9 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 B Co 4th Engineers Battalion, At LZ Jean YA809235; C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, 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 Chief B Company 1/35, 2nd platoon of A Company 1/14 Inf, At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). At 0330 hours B Co reported incoming artillery rounds in the A (-) 1/14 area. Rounds sounded like large HE, possibly canister rounds. The rounds were coming from

the north-northeast and were bursting overhead. Could not determine if the rounds were friendly or enemy. A Co (-) sustained 5 casualties as a result of frag wounds. The individuals were Med-Evaced at 0620 hours. 0945 hours message from the Bde S-3 to Bn: 2 bombs (10,000 lb test bomb) will be dropped in the grid given yesterday, 1 on primary, 1 on secondary or 2 on primary, heavy artillery warning issued every 5 minutes from 1030 to 1230 hours, stay clear 6 kilometers from the target, 6,000 feet on both targets, no aircraft is allowed to fly below 2500 feet altitude over the bombed area after the bomb has been dropped. From 0415 to 0640 hours the radar section at LZs Jean and Joan picked up 5 unidentified flying aircraft low to the ground. The aircraft was working west to east to west. A check at Bde was made to see if there were any friendly aircraft in the area. Bde informed the S-3 that there were no friendly aircraft in the area. Acting upon this information the S-3 requested gunships be sent to this location. The unidentified aircraft were working in the vicinity of grids YA8221 and 8027 when the gunships came on station a dogfight resulted with one of the unidentified aircraft and the gunship. The enemy aircraft was believed to be shot down at grid YA820193. The vegetation is very thick in this area and the radar and the gunships lost sight of the aircraft. No more sightings were reported until 2245 hours when radar picked up another aircraft at grid 814216 and continued to have sightings until 2358 hours. Most of the movement was towards the Cambodian border, however no action was taken. All other activities were routine and were coordinated by the staff.

31 October 1968

1/35th

Submitted by: Dave Fogg

3rd Bde 4th Inf Div

Bn (1/35) Forward Fire Base

LZ Joan, Duc Co, YA 844251

Unit Locations:

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

B 1/35 LZ Chief, YA 933148

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

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

Recon Plt, LZ Joan

4.2 Mortar Plt, LZ Joan

2nd platoon, A Co 1/14 LZ Chief, YA 933148

Summary: Log opened at 0001 hours 31 October 1968. Unit locations: At LZ Joan YA842251, Battalion Headquarters (Forward), 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 B Co 4th Engineers Battalion, At LZ Jean YA809235; C Company 1/35, D Company 1/35, 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 Chief B Company 1/35, 2nd platoon of A Company 1/14 Inf, At LZ Oasis; Headquarters and Headquarters Company Support (S-4 Forward); At Base Camp (Camp Enari); Battalion Headquarters (Rear). During the reporting period the radar section at LZ Jean and the counter mortar section at LZ Joan reported several sightings of unidentified aircraft within our A/O. Three (3) of the aircraft were reported downed at grid YA830208 and YA830250. Artillery and light

organics were employed at these grids. All of the sightings were reported to Bde to make sure that there were no friendly aircraft in the area at the time of the sightings. Bde reported that there was one (1) fixed wing aircraft working in the area along the border. No definite patterns have been set other than the direction of movement, which seems to be from west to east and back to west. In addition to the aircraft sightings, several of the SRP teams reported movement around their locations, also reported numerous sounds around their locations. C Company reported finding blood trails and fresh tracks on the southwest side of their perimeter were M-79s were fired by the OP on the night of 30 October 1968. B Company 1/35 and A Company 1/14 (-) were extracted from LZ Chief YA933148 starting at 1446 hours and ending at 1630 hours for both units. A Co (-) returned to the parent unit at LZ Karen, B Company returned to LZ Joan. No enemy contact was made during the two-day operation. A Company (-) received some unidentified artillery resulting in 5 friendly casualties resulting from frag wounds.