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DAILY STAFF JOURNAL OR DUTY OFFICER'S LOG				Page nr: 1	Nr of Pages:
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S-2/S-3 4-3 Inf			FSB SOUTH BS698821	From Hour Date 0001 7 Feb 69	To Hour Date 2400 7 Feb 69

ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
01	0001		(U) JOURNAL OPENED		
02	0100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW
03	0200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW
04	0300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW
05	0400		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW
06	0500		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW
07	0600		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW
08	0645		(C) Bn strength rept and 4.2 ammo rept called into 198th Bde.	DO	DW
09	0700		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW
10	0800		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A amb moving back to FSB SOUTH; Co B all elms same; Co C amb's are closed on CP; Co D & Rcn loc same.	BDE,DO	DV
11	0810		(C) Co A 1st plat closed on FSB SOUTH.	DO	DV
12	0900		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DV
13	0910		(C) Co C departing NDP for todays op.	DO	DV
14	0920		(C) Co A 2nd plat departed FSB SOUTH for todays op.	DO	DV
15	1000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A 2nd plat just leaving perimeter moving S; Co C center of mass BS728828; all other loc same.	BDE,DO	DV

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					0001	7 Feb 69	2400	7 Feb 69
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	IN	OUT						
16	1100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same except Co A 2nd plat at BS688808.			BDE,DO	DV	
17	1105		(C) Co A 2nd plat spotted 4 VCS at BS-682799 in tree line evading but were to far away to determine if they had wpns. engaged with SA fire - res unk. Mort being fired at this time.			BDE,DO	DV	
18	1120		(C) Msg fr 198th Bde: Friendly unit boundary for Operation Russell Beach. Between 4-3 Inf and 2-5 ARVN's runs along southern shore line, thus giving water responsibility to 4-3 Inf. At no time however, will 4-3 Inf fire on river traffic without first clearing fire with 2-5 ARVN's. Also at no time will 2-5 ARVN's allow use of boats on the river without prior approval/coordination with 4-3 Inf.			DQS3, ARVN LNO	DV	
19	1200		(d) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.			BDE,DO	DV	
20	1215		(C) Co C (-) at BS718831, 1st plat BS720821, 2nd plat BS719840, 3d plat BS717831.			BDE,DO	DV	
21	1300		(d) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.			BDE,DO	DV	
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22	1400		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc; Co A 2nd plat BS684799; Co C 2nd plat moving back to CP; all other loc same.		BDE,DO	DV													
23	1415		(C) (Late Entry): At 1345H LNO with ARVN's req'd Dust Off for 1 VN with gun- shot wound in left foot. Chu Lai Dust Off completed at 1420H.		BDE,DO	DV													
24	1425		(C) Dust Off req for 3 VN women & 1 baby wounded by SA & mort fire. Dust Off completed at 1445H at BS684799. Ref item #17.		BDE,DO	CL													
25	1445		(C) Co A 2nd plat rept'd that the 3 VN women and Baby were evading W to E at BS684799 wearing black PJ's. One had a ID the others didn't. Ages: one was 19, two were 35, and 1 baby under 5; neg wpns.		BDE,DO	CL													
26	1500		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same except Co A 2nd plat at BS684799; Co C elms closed on CP.		BDE,DO	CL													
27	1600		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same except Co A 2nd plat closed on FSB SOUTH.		BDE,DO	CL													
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ITEM NR	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS		
	IN	OUT					
28	1630		(C) Bn strength rept: Co A 112, Co B 106, Co C 118, Co D 100, Co E 76, attached pers on APC's 57.	Posted	CL		
29	1700		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	CL		
30	1800		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	CL		
31	1900		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	CL		
32	2000		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same except Co C 2nd sqd 2nd plat & 1st sqd 3d plat amb at BS711840; 1st sqd 1st plat amb at BS711825; Co D 2nd plat amb at BS685823.	BDE,DO	CL		
33	2100		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	CL		
34	2200		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	CL		
35	2300		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	CL		
36	2355		(C) Bn SITREP neg: loc same.	BDE,DO	DW		
37	LOG Summary:		(C) 4-3 Inf continues OPCON TF COOKSEY (Operation Russell Beach). Patrols were sent out fr FSB SOUTH with neg contact fr Co A and Co C. At 1105H Co A 2nd plat obs 4 VCS evading into a weed line and engaged with SA fire and mort fire. Res were unk until 1400H when the 2nd plat fd 3 VN women and 1 baby wounded by SA & mort fire. A Dust Off was called and completed at 1420H. Res of the days op were 3 VCS wounded.				
38	2400		(U) JOURNAL CLOSED				
Name and Grade of Officer on Duty WALTER B. TULLY, MAJ INF				Signature <i>Walter B. Tully</i>			

DUSTOFF REQUEST NR _____ DATE 21/7/69

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE 684 799

2. REQUESTOR A.C. 20 etc.

3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LETTER ☒ AMBULATORY _____

4. NATIONALITY: US _____ VN ☒ FWF _____

5. NATURE OF INJURIES 3 women 1 baby
wounds, sw. arm, 4.2. sharp metal

6. CATEGORY: URGENT ☒ PRIORITY _____ ROUTINE _____

7. CONDITION & TYPE OF PICKUP SITE good

8. SECURITY OF PICKUP SITE good

9. WEATHER AT PICKUP SITE good

10. MARKING (SMOKE, PANELS, LIGHTS, ETC.) smoke

11. RADIO FREQUENCY 45.70 CALLWORD Tails 20

12. US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES ☒ NO _____

13. REMARKS: _____

14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY X A.C.

15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY Roster 15 TIME 14:25

TIME COMPLETED 14:45

DUSTOFF REQUEST NR _____ DATE 2/7/49

1. LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE 753815

2. REQUESTOR Rafter 56

3. NUMBER OF PATIENTS: LITTER ☒ AMBULATORY _____

4. NATIONALITY: US _____ VN ☒ FWF _____

5. NATURE OF INJURIES shoot in left foot

6. CATEGORY: URGENT _____ PRIORITY _____ ROUTINE ☒

7. CONDITION & TYPE OF PICKUP SITE good

8. SECURITY OF PICKUP SITE good

9. WEATHER AT PICKUP SITE fair

10. MARKING (SMOKE, PANELS, LIGHTS, ETC.) smoke

11. RADIO FREQUENCY 45.70 CALLWORD Rafter 56

12. US PERSONNEL AT PICKUP SITE? YES ☒ NO _____

13. REMARKS: APR 14

14. REQUEST CALLED IN BY Rafter 56 15

15. REQUEST RECEIVED BY Chu Hai Dust Off TIME 13:45

TIME COMPLETED 14:20

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Bq 4-3 Inf
FSS SOUTH (B6698821) RVN
070900H Feb 69
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OPORD 2-69, Bq 4-3 Inf

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam; 1:50,000; Series L7011; Sheets 6739 I, 6739 II, 6739 III, and 6739 IV.

(C) Task Organization:

Co A/4-3 Inf	BHC (+)/4-3 Inf
Co B/4-3 Inf	Battalion Control
Co C/4-3 Inf	Engr
Co D/4-3 Inf	Dozer
Co E/4-3 Inf	CAV Plat

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: Annex A (Intelligence).

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) 4-3 Inf released OOCOM 198th Bde effective 8 Feb 69. Reverts to control 11th Bde.

(2) 3-1 Inf will operate in the Nghia Binh area.

(3) 1-20 Inf with one company from 3-1 Inf will secure Duc Pho AO.

(4) 4-21 Inf will exploit Arc Lights via coordinates 4382 then operate in LZ CORK & LZ AMY area.

2. MISSION: 4-3 Inf moves from FSB SOUTH on 8 Feb 69, relieves 4-21 Inf on LZ BUFF, assumes control and conducts operations in BUFF AO.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation: 4-3 Inf conducts two day air move to close out FSB SOUTH and secure LZ BUFF.

(1) On D-day, Co B moves from CHIC to secure LZ BUFF. Bq & Bq Company moves from FSB SOUTH to LZ BUFF. Co C moves from FSB SOUTH to CHIC, and secures CHIC. Recon Plat moves from FSB SOUTH to base of LZ BUFF, carries up with CAV Plat, HUP's and helps secure APC's. Co E moves from FSB SOUTH to LZ BUFF.

(2) On D+1, Co D moves from FSB SOUTH, relieves Co B and secures LZ BUFF. Co B with CAV Plat attached commences operations in AO. Co A QA's into LZ BUFF AO, commences operations. Recon Plat returns to LZ BUFF.

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(3) Fire Support: Annex B (Fire Support).

b. Co A:

c. Co B:

d. Co C:

e. Co D:

f. Co E:

(1) Recon:

(2) Hvy Mort Plat:

(3) OS Sec: Establish and maintain surveillance of LZ HUFF from GVN camp coordinates 88515778. You will be moved from LZ HUFF to GVN camp on 9 Feb 69.

g. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) S-4 will provide sling hook up teams.

(2) On D-Day, A & B Co's will provide necessary details to help h-3 Inf Bq close out. Both units will dismantle bunkers, stack culverts in designated areas for pick up on D-Day for pick up on D+1. On D+1, A & B Co's will pick up wire, stack it in designated areas for pick up, close holes and insure remaining sandbags are destroyed.

(3) Air Movement Plan (Annex C).

h. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: No change.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Command:

(1) Bn TOC at LZ HUFF on D-Day.

(2) Jump CP at FSB SOUTH until move is completed.

b. Signal: Current Americal SOI dated 23 Jan 69 in effect.

Acknowledge.

Annex A: Intelligence

Annex B: Fire Support

Annex C: Air Movement Plan

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Annex A (Intelligence) to
OPORD 2-69, Hq 4-3 Inf

ENEMY SITUATION:

1. **Terrain:** The area East of N&S grid line BSh9 is flat with many small hills with an elevation of under 200 meters. West of N&S grid line BSh9 the terrain is extremely mountainous with heavy jungle. In the northern portion of the AO most streams flow in a North to North East direction. In the southern portion the streams flow in a East to South East direction.

2. **Cover and Concealment:**

a. **Cover:** In the eastern portion of the AO dikes, canals, hedgerows, some stream banks and wooded areas offer cover from flat trajectory fire. There is virtually no cover from high ground trajectory fire. In the western portion of the AO the jungle growth and the natural rock formations will provide excellent cover from both low and high trajectory fire.

b. **Concealment:** In the eastern portion of the AO individual and small groups will be excellent in the wooded areas around the hills and hamlets. The rice paddies offer little or no concealment. In the western portion of the AO, the jungle growth and the mountains offer excellent concealment for Battalion and larger size elements.

3. **Obstacles:**

a. **Natural:** The numerous streams, hedgerows and hills will be obstacles to vehicular traffic. There are numerous fording points that are not obstacles to either vehicular (APC's) and foot movement.

b. **Man Made:** Numerous mine fields or suspected mine fields are scattered throughout the area (see mine overlay). All approaches to hamlets should be considered mined. Any high ground and all rice paddy dikes should be avoided.

4. **Enemy Forces (see Annex).**

5. **Enemy Arms and Armament (see Annex).**

6. **Enemy Capabilities:**

a. **Enumeration:**

- (1) Capability #1. Attack within the AO with elements of 3 MF Bn, 1 NVA Regiment and 2 LF Companies.
- (2) Capability #2. Defend within AO from prepared trenches, bunkers, tunnels and fighting holes with all or part of the units mentioned above.
- (3) Capability #3. Evade direct or sustained contact with allied forces by mingling with the local populace and hiding in prepared tunnels and resorting to small actions to include probes, ambushes, mining and booby traps and harassment with sniper fire and mortar fire.
- (4) Capability #4. Withdraw by streams and wood lines toward the mountains to the West.

1. The following is a list of infantry weapons used by the NVA/VC.

TYPE WEAPON	MAXIMUM RANGE	EFFECTIVE RANGE	RATE OF FIRE
Soviet 7.62mm AK47		400m (semi-auto)	40RPM
Chicom type 56		300m (auto)	90-100RPM
Soviet 7.62mm Carbine		400m	10RPM
(Chicom type 53)			
Soviet 7.62mm Carbine		400m	30-35RPM
SLS (Chicom type 56)			
Soviet 7.62mm LMG RPD		800m	150RPM
(Chicom type 56)			
Soviet 7.62mm BMG		1,000m	250RPM
(Chicom type 53 & 57)			
Soviet 12.7mm BMG		2,000 (GRND)	
(Chicom type 54)		1,000 (AA)	80RPM
Soviet 82mm Mortar	3,040m		25RPM
(Chicom type 53)			
Soviet 120mm Mortar	5,700m		15RPM
(Chicom type 53)			
Soviet RPG-2	600m	100m	4-6 RPM
(Chicom type 56)			
Soviet RPG-7	700m	500m	5RPM
Chicom 57mm RR	4,375m		5RPM
(Type 52)			
Chicom 75mm RR	6,675m		10RPM
(Type 52)			
Soviet 82mm BGun (B-10)	4,470m	390m	5-6RPM
Soviet 107mm BGun (B-11)	6,650m	450m	4-5RPM

2. Anti-air weapons commonly used by the NVA/VC.

Soviet 12.7mm BMG		1,000m (AA)	80RPM
(Chicom type 54)			
Soviet 37mm AA Gun	6,000m (Vert)	1,373m (AA)	80RPM
(Chicom type 55)	8,000m (Horz)		

3. Rockets commonly used by NVA/VC.

107mm Rocket (Type 63)	8,700-9,000m
122mm Rocket	11,000-17,000m
140mm Rocket	9,000m

4. Captured weapons commonly used by the NVA/VC.

BAR		800m	100RPM
M-1		500m	40RPM
M-1 Carbine		300m	40RPM
M-14		460m	40-60RPM
M-16 (Semi)	2,645m	463m	45-60RPM
(Auto)	2,645m	463m	120-150RPM
.30 Cal MG		1,000m	150-200RPM
.50 Cal MG		1,000m	120RPM

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>BOUT</u>	<u>SR</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>EBT</u>	<u>MR</u>	<u>NS</u>	<u>% ILIUM</u>
7	0626	0713	1846	1933	2252	1012	81
8	0625	0713	1846	1934	2346	1050	71
9	0625	0713	1846	1934	-----	1132	61
10	0625	0712	1847	1934	0045	1219	50
11	0624	0712	1847	1935	0146	1311	39
12	0624	0712	1848	1935	0251	1411	28
13	0624	0711	1848	1935	0357	1616	18
14	0623	0711	1848	1936	0458	1623	10
15	0623	0710	1849	1936	0557	1728	04
16	0623	0710	1849	1936	0646	1831	01
17	0622	0710	1849	1937	0733	1930	00
18	0622	0709	1850	1937	0814	2025	02
19	0621	0709	1850	1937	0852	2118	07
20	0621	0708	1850	1937	0920	2209	13
21	0621	0708	1851	1938	1006	2301	21
22	0620	0707	1851	1938	1045	2353	29
23	0620	0706	1851	1938	1125	-----	39
24	0619	0706	1851	1938	1209	0046	48
25	0619	0705	1852	1938	1256	0139	58
26	0618	0705	1852	1939	1346	0232	67
27	0618	0704	1852	1939	1439	0323	75
28	0617	0704	1852	1939	1533	0412	83

Annex B (Fire Support) to
OPORD 2-69

1. DS for LZ BUFF AO will come from C Btry 6/11th Arty, 11th Bde (105 Howitzer) LZ BUFF.
2. Frequencies for individuals are listed in the current 11th Bde SOI. Individual suffix designators will not change until new SOI is initiated.
3. OS for BUFF AO will be available from LZ DOTTIE B Btry 82nd Arty (2) 155/8" (2).
4. Additional support is available from 175/8" Btry at Minh Long S.F. camp from 3/18th Arty.
5. Clearances for the AO will be checked with local forces advisors on OP #1.
6. All firing data will be checked by 6/11th Bn FDC (forward) located on LZ CORK, on the Bn Command channel.
7. H & I fires will be scheduled through Bn Command channel of 6/11th.

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AMFTR LTC DAVIS
8 Feb 69

SEQUENTIAL AIRLIFT SCHEDULE

MISSION COORDINATOR _____

I T E M	UNIT	PZ TIME	PZ COORD	PZ CONTACT	LZ TIME	LZ COORD	LZ CONTACT	LZ PREP TYPE	PREP TIME	A/G	PAX
1	Co C	0800	FSD SOUTH	CARROT JACKEL 4M 57.90		CHIC	REDOAK SIGNET 4M 57.90			3 CH47B	113
2	Co B	0840	CHIC	REDOAK SIGNET 4M 57.90		LZ BUFF	LENNETH RAFTER EM 57.90			3 CH47B	114
3	Recon	0900	FSD SOUTH	SPARRING CASH 4M 57.90		LZ BUFF	LENNETH RAFTER EM 57.90			1 CH47B	37
4	HQ's 4-3	0900	FSD SOUTH	LENNETH RAFTER 2AM 57.90		LZ BUFF	LENNETH RAFTER EM 57.90			19 CH47B	
5								Equipment	PAX	Sorties	
								Co E		1 Int/Ext	
								4-2		2 Int/Ext	
								PAX		1 Int	
6								Commo		2 Ext	
								TOG		1 Ext	
								S2 Conax		1 Ext	
7								CO Conax		1 Ext	
								10 KW Gen		1 Ext	
								Mess Hall		1 Ext	
								S1 Conax		1 Ext	
								S3 Supply Conax		1 Ext	
								Medic Conax		1 Ext	
								PAX		1 Int	
								Wire Trl		1 Ext	
								Barrier mat & ammo		3 Ext	

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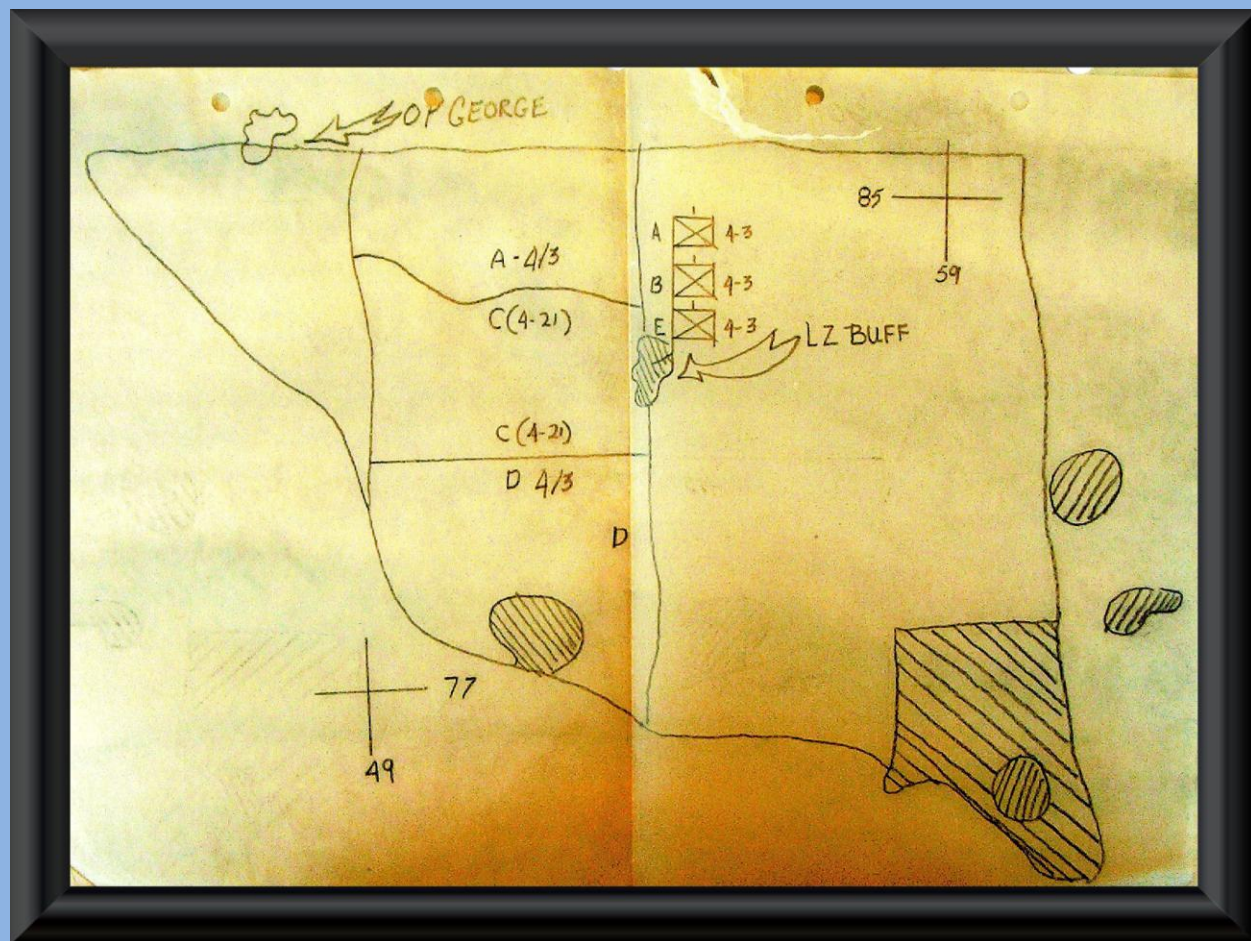
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ITEM	UNIT	PZ TIME	PZ COORD	PZ CONTACT	LZ TIME	LZ COORD	LZ CONTACT	LZ PREP TIME	PREP TIME	A/C	PAX
1	HQ's 4-3		FSD SOUTH	LENNETH RAFTER 2AM 57.90		4-3 Trains Chu Lai	LENNETH RAFTER 624			1 CH-7B	Wtr Trl (Ext)
2	HQ's 4-3		FSD SOUTH	LENNETH RAFTER 2AM 57.90		LZ GATOR	RICKY RINGS 62 65.40			2 CH-7B	Culvert (Ext)
3	VHF		FSD SOUTH	LENNETH RAFTER 2AM 57.90		LZ BAYONNET VHF site				1 CH-7B	VHF Int/ Ext
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= SUSPECTED MINE AREA

82 CONFIRMED MINES

↑ = CONTACTS

○ = CONFIRMED MINE AREA

BUFF

60
+ 70