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1	0001	Journal Opened.	JS Bde DS
2	0100	Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde DS
3	0200	Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde DS
4	0300	Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde DS
5	0400	Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde DS
6	0500	Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde DS
7	0630	Organic Expenditures: A Co 30 he, 15wp, neg. ill.; B Co 24 he, 6wp, 3 ill.; C Co OPCON 2/8th; D Co 23he, 9wp, neg. ill.	JS Bde DS
8	0715	All 1/8th ambushes and Op's have closed on CP location with the exception of E Co 1-2 at 312447.	JS Bde DS
9	0800	Unit locations: A Co (-) at 332445, 1-6 LZ Sharon B Co at 207446; C Co OPCON 2/8th; D Co at 213435; E Co (-) LZ Sharon, 1-6 (-) at 218445, 1-2 at 218447.	JS Bde DS
10	0830	Message from Brigade: Reference to all LRRP teams All elements will be working on a frequency of 37-75 with for indicator of H 192.	JS DS
11	0854	E Co 1-6 at 219445 found 5 m-79 rounds (he) hidden in the base of a tree along side of the trail. Approx. 1 month old, were destroyed.	JS Bde DS
12	0900	(Delayed Entry) E Co 1-2 closed on CP location at 218447	JS Bde DS
13	1000	Unit locations: A Co (-) at 332445, 1-6 at LZ Sharon 2-6 at 335443; B Co (-) at 207446, 1-6 at 199450, 3-6 at 208444; C Co OPCON 2/8th; D Co at 213435; E Co (-) LZ Sharon, 1-6 at 221445, 1-2 at 219446.	JS Bde DS
14	1025	Message from Brigade: Reported the spotting of 4 enemy in the open on a small island, location 312448. This location is approx. 1 1/2 klicks to the west of A Co. A Co notified, will CA 1 platoon to this location. Element will be A Co 2-6 located at 332445. Read out to follow.	JS DS
15	1115	Boundary Extension: New Northern boundary is 45 horizontal grid line between the 30 and 33 grid lines.	JS DS
16	1130	A Co 2-6 off PZ at 332445 PZ clear of A Co 2-6.	JS Bde DS
17	1150	A Co 2-6 on LZ at vicinity 312448 LZ Green A Co and CA complete.	JS DS
18	1132	(Delayed Entry) Scout Aircraft on station.	JS DS
19	1200	Unit locations: A Co (-) at 332445, 2-6 airborne for CA, 3-6 at 336446, 1-6 LZ Sharon, B Co (-) at 207446, 1-6 at 199450, 3-6 at 206439, CC OPCON 2/8th; D Co (-) at 213431, 1-6 at 213435; E Co (-) LZ Sharon, 1-6 at 223443.	JS Bde DS
20	1155	(Delayed Entry) E Co 1-6 at 223443 found 5 bunkers 5x7x5 feet, 2 feet overhead cover. Equipped with sleeping positions and kitchens. There was a tunnel leading from one of the bunkers to another bunker. The area shows signs of recent activity in that area.	

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20	cont			but bunkers had not been slept in for at least 3 weeks. Bunkers were not destroyed because E Co 1-6 plans to set up ambushes around this area. Scout Aircraft leaving station at this time.						JS Bde LG	
21	1225			E Co 1-6 at 223443 found 6 hootches, they do not have any read out at this time.						JS Bde LG	
22	1234	X		D Co 3-6 at 211429 found 6 hootches 10x20x6 feet under the hootches were bunkers 10x20x4 1/2 feet with 2 1/2 feet of overhead cover. They were about 3 months old with no recent use, they will not be destroyed today; also they found 1 U.S. singer sewing machine that had not been used within the last 2 months.						JS Bde LG	
23	1246			A Co 2-6 at 313449 found one set of foot prints going to the South. The person was wearing Ho-Chi Minh sandals. They are following them at this time.						JS Bde LG	
24	1340			A Co 2-6 at 313449 has found 23 spider holes 4x4x3 feet with negative overhead cover about 4 months old. With negative recent use.						JS Bde LG	
25	1405			B Co 1-6 at 198455 has found 2 graves, 1 had nothing in it and one had 1 body, 60 to 90 days old, it was wearing a green NVA uniform and had been covered with a green parachute and plastic.						JS Bde LG	
26	1430			B Co 1-6 at 195453 found on a trail going North East, 4 to 5 sets of footprints, they were 4 to 5 hours old, they also found 3 bamboo poles and 1 c ration can of worms.						JS Bde LG	
27	1432			(Reference No. 32, time 1234 hours) E Co 1-6 at 223443 found 17 hootches with bunkers under them of which 8 4x5 feet, 2 5x6 feet, 7 6x7 feet with 1 foot of overhead cover about 2 1/2 weeks old, they also found 3 carrying cases for a 60 m. mortar and 1 60 m. fuse canister. The bunkers will not be destroyed to day.						JS Bde LG	
28	1445			Unit location: A Co 332446, LZ Sharon, 313449; B Co 1-6 198455, 3-6 198434; C Co OPCON 2/8th; D Co 213431, 2-6 215431, 3-6 213432; E Co LZ Sharon, 1-6 223443.						JS Bde LG	
29	1445			Unit locations: A Co (-) 330438, 1-6 LZ Sharon, 2-6 313449; C Co OPCON 2/8th; D Co 213431; E Co (-) LZ Sharon 1-6 223443.						JS Bde LG	
30	1600			B Co 1-6 at 196449 found 3 graves with green leaves on top of them, 1 of them had rock at each end, 1 that was 1 foot deep with wood on top of it. The graves were about 30 to 60 days old. 15 spider holes 3x3x2 feet with negative overhead cover, they were in a circle shape 1 pair of black silk pants, 5 pieces of poncho 1x6 feet 2 sticks shaped into an X on a trail, 1 mosquito repellent container filled with gauze, 1 mosquito net, 1 beer bottle, 1 Quang Tri Newspaper.						JS Bde LG	
31	1605			Lift Aircraft on station for A Co 2-6 move.						JS Bde LG	
32	1625									JS Bde LG	

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33	1630			(Delayed Entry) From Brigade: a boundary extension from 310440 NbtEaso 310450 all East will be 1/12 and all West will be 1/8th according to present boundary lines.	JS Bde LG
34	1630			A Co 2-6 off PZ at 313449 PZ is clear.	JS Bde LG
35	1635			A Co 2-6 on LZ at 330438 LZ was secure.	JS Bde LG
36	1635			B Co 1-6 at 196449 spotted 5 individuals. The 1-6 element fired upon them and results were 1 female WIA, the 1-6 element is in pursuit at this time. They are moving to the South West on a azimuth of 140 degrees.	JS Bde LG
37	1640			B Co 1-6 at 196449 reports that the 1 female WIA was wearing black pajamas and the others were wearing packs. They had negative weapons.	JS Bde LG
38	1655			Reference No 36 at 1635 B Co 1-6 at 196449 the one female WIA is now a KIA. Also they have found a hootch with weapons inside. A read out will follow.	JS Bde LG
39	1745			B Co reports that the weapons they found are: 1 SKS, 1 B-40 rocket launcher, 1 M-14, 2 Chi com grease guns serial numbers will follow.	JS Bde LG
40	1747			The Serial numbers are: SKS 93435, B-40 Rocket launcher 902343, M-14 805138, 1 grease gun 2130316 other grease gun 2155023.	JS Bde LG
41	1815			D Co up on malaria.	JS Bde LG
42	1820			C Co up on malaria.	JS Bde LG
43	1835			B Co up on malaria.	JS Bde LG
44	1840			A Co up on malaria.	JS Bde LG
45	1855			Unit night locations: A Co OPCON 1/12th; B Co (-) 204439, 1-6 195444, 3-6 213443; C Co OPCON 2/8th; D Co (-) 213431, 1-3 213429, 2-2 211429, 3-1 215431; E Co (-) LZ Sharon, 1-6 223443.	JS Bde LG
46	1905			Unit P.D.S.: A Co 196-4-14, B Co 108-3-13 C Co 89-3-12, D Co 91-4-13, E Co 46-1-1.	JS Bde LG
47	1905			From Brigade: An unknown size enemy force at 193340 and 215357, a usually reliable source.	JS Bde LG
48	1930			B Co reports all elements in night location.	JS Bde LG
49	2000			B Co reports that they have movement 40 to 50 meters to their West. They can hear metal clanking. They will engage with organics.	JS Bde LG
50	2015			B Co engaged movement with 81 m.m. mortar. Movement increased and then stopped. B Co will get assesment in the morning.	JS Bde LG
51	2030			D Co reports all elements in night location.	JS Bde LG
52	2100			Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde LG
53	2200			Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde LG
54	2300			Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde LG
55	2400			Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde LG
56	2400			at 2305 C Co 1/8th 3-6 element had one medivac	JS Bde LG

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56		cont		for E.M. who was shot while on ambush coord 315472. This individual was in an ambush position spread apart approx. 15 to 20 meters. The E.M. who was shot was moving and the E.M. on the M-60 machinegun forgot he was there and opened up with a 6 or 7 round burst. The wounded man took one round in his right calf. E.M. roster no. 113. Journal Closed.	
57	2400			SUMMARY: 1st Battalion 8th Cavalry continued search and clear operations in the Easter Ba Long Valley area. Company A 2-6 made a CA to vicinity coor 312448, to investigate a report from Brigade of four (4) V.C. in the open with negative results. Company B and D and the recon platoon continued to find fresh trails, positions and equipment in the area North East of LZ Cindy. Co B 1-6 at 196449 engaged four (4) V C and killed one female VC. They also found a hootch containing four enemy weapons. Company A went OPCON to 1/12th Cavalry, at 1530 hours. Company C remained OPCON to 2/8th Cavalry.	JS Bde
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