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LZ Sharon
S-2 S-3 LST Battalion 8TH Cavalry

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1	0001		Journal Opened.	JS Bde DS
2	0100		Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde DS
3	0130		(Reference item no. 39 time 2235 hours Oct 5 1968) D Co 3-1 at 213434 reported more movement approx. 100 meters to the North, East, and West of their present position. They reported that it sounded as though there were two or three small groups of 2 or 3 men each moving around. No actual visual contact was made. D Co engaged with 81 m.m. mortar fire, also artillery, negative evaluation at this time. Further readout to follow.	JS Bde DS
4	0145		Further read out from item no. 3, D Co 3-1 at 213434 reports negative further movement.	JS Bde DS
5	0200		Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde DS
6	0210		Further read out concerning D Co's reported movement. D Co reported that during engagement with 81 m.m. mortar and artillery fire, the 3-1 element reported hearing the individuals running away from the area to the South, possibly along a fairly well used trail which E Co has setup on. Trail runs North to South. D Co reported that he thought the enemy was trying to get out of the area by way of the trail, but were detected by his 3-1 element. D Co 3-1 reported moving approx. 50 meters to the North West for a new night location.	JS Bde DS
7	0300		Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde DS
8	0400		Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde DS
9	0500		Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde DS
10	0600		Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde DS
11	0705		Organic Expenditures: A Co 30 he, 15 wp, neg. ill. B Co 34 he, 6 wp, neg. ill.; E Co 60 OPCON 2/8th; D Co 47 he, neg wp, 3 ill. E Co neg he, neg wp, neg ill.	JS Bde LG
12	0720		D Co 3-1 at 213435 in searching the area in which they had movement found some blood trails and footprints of about 10 to 15 people. The blood trails and footprints went to the North West. D Co said that the individuals that were engaged must have been carrying a cat because every time the movement started the cat would show up around the 3-1 element.	JS Bde LG
13	0750		From Brigade LRRP 2C has been extracted.	JS LG
14	0800		Unit locations: A Co 338442, 1-6 LZ Sharon; B Co 204439, C Co OPCON 2/8th; D Co 213431; E Co (-) LZ Sharon 1-6 213442.	JS Bde LG
15	0825		(Delayed Entry 0630 hours) A Co 1/8th is leaving ORCON of 1/12th and coming back to 1/8th.	JS LG
16	00858		1111 Aircraft on station at this time.	JS LG
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17	0908		A Co 3-6 and CP off PZ at 388442.	JS	Bde LG
18	0830		A Co and CP on LZ at 238410, LZ Green.	JS	Bde LG
19	0940		A Co 4-6 off PZ at 388442.	JS	Bde LG
20	0946		A Co 4-6 on LZ at 238410.	JS	LG
21	0955		A Co 2-6 off PZ at 388442 PZ is clear.	JS	LG
22	1000		A Co 2-6 on LZ at 238442. A Co (-) complete on LZ.	JS	Bde LG
23	1000		B Co 1-6 at 200436 found 1 hootch that was approx. 90 days old. The hootch was 15x10x10 feet. Inside the hootch there were a straw bed and the walls were lined with mud. It was destroyed.	JS	Bde LG
24	1025		Unit locations: A Co 238410, 1-6 LZ Sharon; B Co 204439, 1-6 200436, 2-6 203444; C Co OPCON 2/8th; D Co 209429, 1-6 213435; E Co (-) LZ Sharon 1-6 21443. JS	Bde LG	
25	1041	X	E Co 1-6 at 217442 found 3 bunkers with negative overhead cover, they were about 4 to 5 days old, they were 4x5x5 feet also at that location they found 1 fighting position 3x5x4 feet with 2 feet of overhead cover. On the trail at 217442 there was 4 sets of track going to the North, they could not determine how old they were. The bunkers were destroyed. JS	Bde LG	
26	1130	X	E Co 1-6 at 217441 found 15 bunkers 6x8x4 feet with 2 feet of overhead cover. 1 L shaped bunker capable of sleeping 6 to 8 people. They said it appears that there were individuals in the area last night. The bunkers were destroyed.	Bde LG	
27	1150		Unit locations: A Co 241412, 1-6 LZ Sharon, 2-6 240408, B Co 196437, 203432, 201448; C Co OPCON 2/8th; D Co 206429, 1-6 208434; E Co (-) LZ Sharon, 1-6 217441. JS	Bde LG	
28	1320		E Co 1-6 at 219437 found 1 grave with 1 N.V.A. body dressed in a NVA uniforms. The body was about 3 to 4 days old and was killed by Air strikes.	Bde LG	
29	1325		D Co 1-6 at 205435 found 1 U.S. 3/4 ton truck. They said it looked as though it had been dropped from a helicopter. It had no hood and no bumper number. On the side of it was a big red V with the numbers 314, the date of delivery was 5-62 and the stock number is 2320-5420-4627. In the back of the truck was a piece of lumber with the name Lowery. The name had been possibly the driver.	JS	Bde LG
30	1350		D Co 1-6 at 205435 found some commo wire running from North to South. They followed it North and it ran out. They are going South West at this time.	JS	Bde LG
31	1405		Unit locations: A Co (-) 245413, 1-6 LZ Sharon, 2-6 245409; B Co (-) 194443, 1-6 203432, 2-6 200449, 4-6 204439; C Co OPCON 2/8th; D Co (-) 201430, 1-6 205435 2-6 198431, E Co (-) LZ Sharon 1-6 at 217437. JS	Bde GW	
32	1500		From Brigade; Weather Warning time 051430 to 053300 few thunder storms and rain showers, intermittent condition.	JS	Bde GW
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32	cont.		300 feet obscure 1/2 mile, winds variable 15 knots gusting 30 knots.	
33	1515		A Co 3-1 at 246414 found 2 spider holes 3x3x2 feet also one hootch one (man) about 3 months old.	
34	1600		A Co (-) 247413, 1-6 LZ Sharon B Co (-) 194443, 2-6 195448; C Co OPCON 2/8th; D Co 201430, E Co (-)	
35	1715		LZ Sharon 1-6 213435.	
36	1735		C Co up on malaria.	
37	1835		E Co 1-6 up on malaria. Unit night locations: A Co (-) 247413, 1-6 LZ Sharon 2-1A 245413, 2-2A 248413, 3-1A 246414; B Co 194440, 1-6 202439, 2-1 194438, 2-0 100 meters North East of CP C Co OPCON 2/8th, D Co 202430, 122 204430, 2-2 200431, E Co (-) LZ Sharon, 1-6 208438.	
38	1850		A Co up on malaria.	
39	1905		Unit P.D.S. ; A Co 103-4-18 B Co 106-3-13 C Co.	
40	1910		85-3-12 D Co 89-3-14 E Co 49-1-1. Jim Bowie turned into Brigade.	
41	1910		D Co up on malaria. to Brigade.	
42	1915		B Co up on malaria.	
43	2005		All B 1/8th E-7A's in position.	
44	2007		All A 1/8th mass and OP's are in position.	
45	2010		All D 1/8th mass and OP's are in position.	
46	2100		Situation Report Negative.	
47	2200		Situation Report Negative.	
48	2300		Situation Report Negative.	
49	2400		Journal Closed. SUMMARY: 1st Battalion 8th Cavalry continued search and clear operations in the Easter Ba Long Valley area. Company A reverted to OPCON 1/8th and made a CA to vicinity coor. 238412. Companies B,D, and the recon platoon continued to find fresh bunkers and signs of recent use in the area. The recon platoon found one NVA body apparently killed by Air strikes. Company C remained OPCON to 2/8th Cavalry.	
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