

S-2 S-3 1st Battalion 8th Cavalry 17 Mustang

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ITEM NO	TIME	INCIDENTS, MISCELLANEOUS, OTHERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	IN
1	0001	Journal Opened.		JS WP
2	0100	Situation Report Negative.	Bde	JS WP
3	0200	Situation Report Negative.	Bde	JS WP
4	0300	Situation Report Negative.	Bde	JS WP
5	0400	Situation Report Negative.	Bde	JS WP
6	0500	Situation Report Negative.	Bde	JS WP
7	0550	From Brigade aerial observation between the hours of 1415 and 1830 9 Dec 68 at 389940 a well used trail that had been used in the last 24 hours. 357952 an anti-aircraft gun position that was unmanned and had recent use. 356943 two well used trails that show recent use. 370922 3 four man fighting positions that showed recent use.		LG JS
8	0625	From Brigade: Free Fire box from grids 2464 to 3367 to 3361 from 0600 to 1800 10 Dec 68.		JS LG
9	0635	Reference item #8 time 0625 hours this was passed on to C Co.		JS GW
10	0652	From Brigade hot spots from a mission run at 0200 to 0400 one at 266759 and one at 250758.		JS LG
11	0735	All 1/8th OPs have closed on their CP locations:	Bde	JS LG
12	0800	Organic expenditures: A Co negative expenditures; B Co 55 he, 9 wp; ; C Co 50 he, 2 ill, 5 wp; D Co 81 he, 9 wp; E Co negative expenditures.		JS LG
13	0803	Unit locations: A Co LZ Mustang, B Co 293780 C Co LZ St. Barbara OP 1 280691; D Co 293780; E Co LZ Mustang.	Bde	JS LG
14	0820	From Brigade: As reliable source that there is an enemy force 650 meters of 242908.		JS LG
15	0840	From Brigade (photo mission) XT 402856 extensive trail activity with recent use. XT 390852 a destroyed bridge XT 329855 bunker in a tree line XT 418840 fortified area, 30 bunkers and foxholes in a circle. XT 392843 Heavily used trail and fortified position that was partly destroyed XT 308853 numerous dug in positions and 9 hootches XT 389843 heavily fortified area, foxholes bunkers and supplies in area.		JS LG
16	0905	Chaplain leaving Tay Ninh base camp for a civic action mission at the Day care center in Tay Ninh City.		LG
17	1005	Unit locations: A Co LZ Mustang 2-6 367819 B Co 290781 C Co (-) 276695 2-6 and 4-6 LZ St Barbara; D Co 291782; E Co LZ Mustang.		JS LG
18	1005	At grid 294795 FAC has located numerous bunkers and a possible tunnel entrance. FAC has requested another airstrike for the same location.		JS LG
19	1035	Photo mission XT 459819 trail. 1 Crosses hwy 246 and 2 automatic weapons positions. 2 XT 434807 trail going around bomb crater. 3 XT 438780 storage area, 7 fox holes, 5 hootches, 5 bunkers. 4 XT 457860 3 hootches. 5 XT 464860 fortified area 8 foxholes and 3 bunkers. 6 XT 437791 2 hootches and one was destroyed. 7 XT 427772 fortified area with one bunker destroyed. 8 XT 407783 fortified area, numerous bunkers and fox holes. 9 XT 407764 Storage area, 10 bunkers BDA for 294795 airstrike 2 bunkers destroyed and uncovered.		JS LG

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22 S-3 1st Battalion 8th Cavalry LZ Mustang			10 Dec 68 0901 to Dec 68 2100	
ITEM NO	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
20	1145	Chaplain reports they spent 3 hours working on the play ground equipment at the day care center. This was a civic action mission.	Bde	JS LG
21	1255	From Brigade BDA on airstrike that went in at grid 291796 2 bunkers destroyed they were 5x5. They also found 2 dud bombs.		JS LG
22	1350	C/Co at 280710 found a trail running N to S. On this trail they found barefoot tracks of 50 people. Also they found elephant tracks mixed with the barefoot prints. C Co believes these people were using the elephant as a pack animal. All tracks were heading South.	JS Bde	JM
23	1400	Unit locations: A Co (-) LZ Mustang, 2-6 at 373804, OP 6 100 meters West; B Co at 283781; C Co (-) 280710, OP 1 280681 2-6 and 4-6 LZ Barbara; D Co at 283781; E Co LZ Mustang.	Bde	JS JM
24	1415	C Co (-) at 280706 found a trail running due East. This trail cuts off of the North South trail in item #22.	Bde	JS JM
25	1435	A Co 2-6 has closed on LZ Mustang with negative findings.	Bde	JS JM
26	1435	C Co reports that the tracks they were following continued on to the East on the trail reported in item #24. C Co is returning to LZ Barbara at this time.	Bde	JS JM
27	1450	Apache aircraft received small arms fire at coord. 462798 Approx 200 meters East of 1/8 area of operations.		JS JM
28	1515	C Co has closed on LZ Barbara.	Bde	JS JM
29	1600	Unit Locations: A Co LZ Mustang, OP 100 meters west: B/Co (-) 283781, 2-6 at 281776, 3-6 at 277777 C/Co (-) LZ Barbara, OP, 280681 D Co (-) 283781, 1-6 at 281783, 3-6 at 283786 E Co at LZ Mustang	Bde	JS JM
30	1600	D Co at 281783 has been given organic clearance for recon by fire on grid 278792.	D/Co	JS JM
31	1620	B Co 3-6 at 277777 found 1 M-16 magazine (rusty), 1 pair GI trousers with legs cut off.	Bde	JS JM
32	1620	B Co 2-6 at 281776 found a trail running N-S. Three more trails branched off this one. One trail ran to NE, one ran SW, one ran SE. They found water buffalo tracks on these trails approx 3 days old.	Bde	JS JM
33	1635	From Bde: Sniffer mission results ran from 1445 hrs to 1505 hrs 10 Dec 68: May Readings: 330810, 330816, 332810, 333806 339802, 348817, 350801, 350803, 352812, 365830, 377810, 476811, 410810, 421811, 425825, 430825, 441825, 447820, 436883, 441805.	S-2	JS JM
34	1635	From Bde: A Co L/9 helicopter spotted a tunnel entrance at coord 352791. At the same coord the helicopter received 30 rounds of AK and SK small arms fire at 1510 hours.		

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34	cont.	Aircraft was flying at 20 knots 500 ft. Negative hits, negative casualties. Area was engaged with 2.75 rocket fire with negative assesment.	S-2	JS JM
35	1650	D Co 1-6 and 3-6 closed on CP location with negative findings.	Bde	JS JM
36	1652	B Co 2-6, 3-6 closed on CP location	Bde	JS JM
37	1652	B Co 3-6 at 277777 found some white rags used to carry rice.	Bde	JS JM
38	1659	B Co (-) at 283781 found 20 ft. of commo wire buried along side a trail running E-W (W D 1 type wire). Also found 1 AK 47 round. Both commo wire and round were approx 3 weeks old.	Bde	JS JM
39	1750	B Co at 283781 has been organic clearance to settle base plate on grid 285775.	B Co	JS JM
40	1800	From Bde: Lighting bug mission to be run 10 Dec 68. Eastern Box: 500747 NW along Hy 244 to 67703. Western Box: (12n) 240771 west along Hy 247 to 100759 S-SE QL 22 to 111716. Will be run if arty does not go into area.	S-2	JS JM
41	1805	Apache aircraft on station for last light recon.		JS JM
42	1825	Apache aircraft reports at the following grids they have spotted fresh foot prints on trails at 343782, 352812, 358818, to 368815.	S-3	JS JM
43	1830	Night final locations: A co (-) LZ Mustang, OP 168 m E, OP-2 100 m E, OP-3 100 m SE, OP-4 100 m S, OP-5 100 m SW, op-6 100 m W. B Co (-) 283781, OP 1-1A 50m. SE, OP1-1B 50 m ssw, mass 2-0 at 280776, mass 3-3 at 278775. C-Co (-) LZ Barbara, OP-3 at 281681 D-Co (-) 283780 OP 1-2 75 m W, OP-2-2 50 m. N OP-3-1 120 m NE mass 1-1 at 276782, mass 2-1 at 284785 E Co (-) LZ Mustang, Op 7 100 m NW	Bde	JS JM
44	1835	Unit PDS: A/Co 99-5-4 B/CO 110-4-14 C/Co 99-4-11 D/Co 97-5-9 E/Co 62-1-1	Bde	JS JM
45	1840	Organic clearances effective until 0600 11 Dec 68: LZ Mustang 0 to 6400 mils 2KM, B/Co and D/Co 0 to 6400 mils 2KM		JS JM
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46	1843	Apache aircraft completed last light recon for LZ Mustang, B Co and D Co.		JS JM
47	1855	Jim Bowie Reports into Bde.	Bde	JS JM
48	1900	All elements up on malaria.		JS JM
49	1930	All 1/8 ambushes and OP's in position.	Bde	JS JM
50	1945	1/8 has given Bde clearance to put in sky spot at grid 358785 - PM 11 Dec 68		JS JM
51	2000	Situation Negative	Bde	JS JM
52	2010	From Bde: Spotter reports; fresh trail starting 358818 running SSE At 344782 spotted 2 trails running S modernately used.	S-2	JS JM
53	2010	From Bde: Enemy Force - major HQ Galen. 500 meters of 423838. Early afternoon FZ 03390	S-2	JS JM
54	2100	Situation negative	Bde	JS WF
55	2135	From Bde: Air Strike for 11 Dec.: time 1030 hours at grid 274765		JS WF
56	2146	From Bde., LRRP boxes in our AO are as follows: LRRP 32 4177-4377-4175-4375 10 Dec 1800 to 15 Dec 0610 LRRP 31 5474-5674-5472-5672 10 Dec 1800 to 15 Dec 0610		JS WF
57	2200	Situation Negative	Bde	JS WF
58	2300	Situation Negative	Bde	JS WF
59	2400	Situation Negative - Journal Closed	Bde	JS WF

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