

S-2 S-3 1st Battalion 8th Cavalry LZ Tracy

0901 20 Dec to 2100 21 Dec

INCLOSURES, MISCELLANEOUS, ORDERS, ETC.

NO	TIME	DESCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
1.	0001	Journal Opened	JS	WP
2.	0100	Situation Negative	JS Bde	WP
3.	0200	Situation Negative	JS Bde	WP
4.	0204	From Bde., readout on IR mission run on 1845 to 2130 hrs. 20 Dec. as follows: XT439042-1 in a stream, XT 439045-1 in a stream, XT 437055-1 in a stream, XT 426061-1 in a stream, XT 431048-1 on a road, XT 434045-1 on a road, XT 432043-1 on a road.	JS	WP
5.	0300	Situation Negative	JS Bde	WP
6.	0400	Situation Negative	JS Bde	WP
7.	0500	Situation Negative	JS Bde	WP
8.	0544	A/Co, C/Co, D/Co, E/Co up for stand to.	JS	CA
9.	0547	B/Co up for stand to.	JS	CA
10.	0600	Situation Negative	JS Bde	CA
11.	0643	D/Co requested time extension on organic clearance to 0730 hours.	JS Arty	CA
12.	0657	(Ref. item 11) Clearance refused by artillery channels.	JS	CA
13.	0737	All 1/8 massives and OP's have closed on their CP locations.	JS Bde	CA
14.	0737	B/Co in pick up pasteur at Navy Dock.	JS	CA
15.	0758	B/Co loaded aboard Navy Boats prepared for move.	JS Bde	CA
16.	0810	B/Co beginning move up river at this time by boat.	JS Bde	CA
17.	0827	E/Co requested removal of EM with stomach cramps. EM will be removed by log aircraft to LZ Tracy location 418122.	JS Bde	CA
18.	0835	Unit Locations: A/Co 404113; B/Co 424095; C/Co 383134; D/Co 427094; E/Co (-) 41822; 4-6 LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	CA
19.	0847	Bn. S-3 reported Navy scout boats working with B/Co on the river found an empty Russian ammo. box. Believed to have contained rocket warhead. A long side of River @ 412109.	JS Bde	CA
20.	0850	Sick EM removed from E/Co by log aircraft.	JS Bde	CA
21.	0900	Bn. S-3 reported Navy scout boats working on B/Co move have found another Russian ammo. box for a warhead or some type of sighting device. This box was placed along side of the river @ 406114.	JS Bde	CA
22.	0915	From Bde: Enemy fired. within 500 meters XT 443109.	JS	CA
23.	0945	From Bde: Intelligence reports that show that VC use women and children as point elements and follow at a distance of 100 meters. Advise all Bn. elements of this fact and inform them to be extremely careful when sighting groups of women and children.	JS	CA
24.	0945	B/Co @ 417124 is moving platoons W in to tributary streams on boats and beaching them to search local areas. Neg. movement on tributary.	JS Bde	CA
25.	1000	Unit Locations: A/Co 404113; B/Co 417124; C/Co 383134; D/Co 427094; E/Co 415124, 4-6 LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	CA
26.	1020	Scout aircraft are working with B/Co assessing river bank.	JS Bde	CA
27.	1040	B/Co @ 394132 found 5 bunkers on the river bank that were falling down. The bunkers were constructed of Mud and Log. AT 3 years intervals. 4 months old. They also		

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27.		found 1 old hatch that had not been used in approximately 6 months. The hatch had 2 paracilin artifacts in it approximately 15 inches tall and green in color.	JS Bde	CA
28.	1127	Lift Aircraft on station for D/Co.	JS Bde	CA
29.	1145	D/Co CP & 2-6 off PZ (427094).	JS Bde	CA
30.	1159	D/Co CP & 2-6 on LZ (355124) LZ Green	JS	CA
31.	1209	D/Co 1-6 & 4-6 off PZ.	JS	CA
32.	1214	D/Co 1-6 & 4-6 on LZ.	JS Bde	CA
33.	1224	D/Co 3-6 off PZ (PZ Clear).	JS Bde	CA
34.	1231	D/Co 3-6 on LZ (Lift complete).	JS Bde	CA
35.	1237	B/Co CP, 3-6, 1-6 on LZ (388142) af loaded from Navy boats.	JS	CA
36.	1310	From Bde: Would like grid 341958 cleared for a lift by 0900 tomorrow	JS	Ca
37.	1321	C/Co 2-6 off PZ at 383134.	JS Bde	CA
38.	1330	C/Co 2-6 on LZ at 395139 (secure to secure).	JS Bde	CA
39.	1330	Request turned into Bde to use lift aircraft being used for C/Co lift to lift B/Co 1-6, 4-6 into B/Co (-) location at 388142 (secure to secure). Request was approved by Bde	JS Bde	JM
40.	1333	C/Co 3-6, 4-6 off PZ at 383134.	JS Bde	JM
41.	1335	C/Co 3-6, 4-6 on LZ at 395139.	JS Bde	JM
42.	1337	C/Co 1-6 CP off PZ at 383134 (PZ clear).	JS Bde	JM
43.	1344	C/Co 1-6 CP on LZ at 395139 (C/Co complete).	JS Bde	JM
44.	1345	B/Co 2-6 off PZ at 395139 (secure to secure).	JS Bde	JM
45.	1350	B/Co 4-6 off PZ at 395139 (PZ clear of B/Co).	JS Bde	JM
46.	1355	B/Co 2-6 on LZ at 388142	JS Bde	JM
47.	1400	E/Co 4-6 on LZ at 388142 (B/Co complete).	JS Bde	JM
48.	1400	From Bde: No scouts dogs available from Dec. 23 to Dec. 26.	JS S-2	JM
49.	1402	C/Co on Navy boats at 395139 moving South down the river.	JS Bde	JM
50.	1403	Unit Locations: A/Co 398105; B/Co 388142; C/Co 395139; D/Co (-) 360130 1-6 355143; E/Co (-) LZ Tracy, 1-6 CP 415124.	JS Bde	JM
51.	1450	C/Co at 406111 found a cache consisting of a hole in the ground covered by a 55 gal. drum.		
52.		In the hole they found mortar fuses blasting caps, motar charges, 4 batteries and 1 82mm. mortar sight, 2 second detonators (pop kind). All these are new and have been there a very short period of time. Readout will follow	JM Bde	JM
53.	1530	Readout to item #51. Total finding consisted of: 1 82mm mortar sight, 40 blasting caps, 360 batteries (1vlt) 9 sticks C-4 (15" long), 8 charges, 50 home made blasting caps, 36 plastic covers 5' by 14", 1 document. All items are being sent in. Also found near the cache was one sampan without the front end but nearby was a new front end for the sampan. There had been movement in the area were 5 to 6 bunkers and 1 hoach. These were destroyed.	JS Bde	JM
54.	1534	Unit Locations: A/Co 400105; B/Co 375147; C/Co 406111; D/Co 360130; E/Co 4-6 LZ Tracy, 1-6 Cp 415124.	JS	JM

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55.	1540	C/Co off Navy boats at Sugar Mill.	JS Bde	JM
56.	1555	C/Co complete on LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	JM
57.	1625	From Bde: Changes in plans for tomorrow must be in by 1700 hours today.	JS S-3	JM
58.	1630	From Bde: At 0945 hrs. Apache aircraft on recon for CA for D/Co spotted an old structure 8' by 10' and 10 3' by 5' fighting positions at coord. 355125. Apache reconned by fire and got one secondary explosion from the structure.	JS S-2	JM
59.	1630	Special Forces have contacted up and requested Scout aircraft to check out a tree square at 280040. They spotted 4 ind. carrying heavy loads go into the tree square. Bde approved scout aircraft for Special Forces.	JS Bde	JM
60.	1645	D/Co 1-6 at 355143 found a body laying in high marshy grass. This person had been dead approx. one month and D/Co 1-6 could not tell what the cause of death was nor the sex of this person. Body was approx. 100 meters from a canal. Negative weapon, gear, clothing.	JS Bde	JM
61.	1701	Apache aircraft reconning over the river at 412115 spotted 2 sampans under water- they engaged and destroyed. On both sides of the river in that area were numerous fighting positions. At 413106 Apache spotted 4 sampans under water- engaged & destroyed. Apache reports all 6 of these sampans were in good condition and were being hidden.	JS Bde JA Bde	JM JM
62.	1720	The engineers working with D/Co have been extracted.		
63.	1735	Apache aircraft reports spotting heavily used foot trails at 330125 heading N-S & E-W; 365135 W to E; 333150 E to W; 323150 E to W; 323035 E to W.	JS Bde	JM
64.	1900	Unit Night Final Locations: A/Co (-) 400105, mass 1-1A 400106, mass 2-6 400107, mass 3-1A 397104, OP2-1A N 75m. B/Co (-) 367151, mass 1-2 363151, mass 2-1 371150, mass 3-6 373144. C/Co LZ Tracy, OP1 N 50m., Op2 NE 50m., OP3 S 50m., OP4 SW 50m. D/Co (-) 360130, mass 1-1A 361128, mass 2-6 353142, mass 3-1 358138, O 1-2 Se 75m. E/Co 4-6 LZ Tracy, OP 414124, 1-6 419123.	JS Bde	JM
65.	1905	Unit PDS: A/Co 9-59, B/Co 117-4-9, C/Co 96-4-9, D/Co 89-5-10, E/Co 89-5-10.	JS Bde	JM
66.	1910	Equipment Report: M-60 81mm PRC-25 SS 90m. A/Co 6 1 12 3 0 B/Co 6 1 9 5 0 C/Co 6 1 10 3 0 D/Co 6 1 11 3 0 E/Co 6 1 10 3 0	JS	JM
67.	1910	1/8 Cav has coord. night locations and plans with Arvns & Navy.	JS	JM
68.	1910	From Bde: Enemy Fred: 1100 meters of XT 271046 (Late afternoon).	JS Bde JS Bde	JM JM
69.	1915	Jim Bowie turned into Bde.		
70.	1920	Organic Clearances (effective until 0600 22 Dec.)		

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71.	2200	Situation Negative	JS Bde	WP
72.	2225	B/co reported a trip flare going off on the Northeast side of their perimeter @ 367151. They believe they saw 1 to 3 individuals and engaged with a grenade. Negative assessment at this time.	JS Bde	WP
73.	2300	Situation Negative	JS Bde	Wp
74.	2308	From Bde. the PZ time for our first move in the A.M. has been changed to 1000 hrs.	JS S-3	WP
75.	2325	From Bde., results of a SEARCH from 0200-0400 hrs. 21 Dec. are as follows: at XTH61040 and XT330015, as reported by the 73rd Aviation A/1/9 1735 hrs. grid XT333150 observed: fighting positions and tunnel entrances; trails on dikes running east to west; all items showed recent use since the ArcLight; A road was also found running North to South with numerous footprints indicating recent use. A 1/9 1715 hrs. XT280050; observed: 6 tunnel entrances and 2 .50 caliber pieces, will kept; they engaged with organics with negative results. A 1/9 1715 hrs. XTH12115; observed: 2 sampans, partly submerged and in good condition; they engaged with organics and destroyed both sampans. A 1/9 1725 XT323068 observed: several bunkers and fighting positions in hedgerows around an abandoned house; fresh trails led into the area from the North and East; negative action was taken. A 1/9 1725 hrs. XTH13106 observed: 4 sampans, partly submerged, and in good condition; small fighting positions on the bank of a stream, all in good condition; they engaged with organics and destroyed the 4 sampans.		
76.	2400	Situation Negative- Journal Closed	JS Bde	WP