

ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION LOCATION			PERIOD COVERED	
S-2 S-3 1st Battalion 8th Cav. LZ Tracy			0001 3 Jan. - 2400 3 Jan	
TIME	THE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	IN
1.	0001	Journal Opened.	JS	WP
2.	0100	Situation Negative.	JS Bde	WP
3.	0200	Situation Negative.	JS Bde	WP
4.	0300	Situation Negative.	JS Bde	WP
5.	0400	Situation Negative.	JS Bde	WP
6.	0400	Red Baron's OP-40 closing on LZ Clara. They had previous movement of 3 individuals 75-100 meters to their front.	JS Bde	WP
7.	0415	Red Baron's OP-40 is now closed on LZ Clara, the area in which the movement was reported is being engaged with organics.	JS Bde	WP
8.	0500	Situation Negative.	JS Bde	WP
9.	0545	A/Co, B/Co, C/Co, D/Co, E/Co, F/Co 1/7, E/Co (-) 1/7 up for stand to.	JS	CA
10.	0612	From Bde: IR readings TOT 0305 to 0320 3 Jan. From 25th ARVN; XTH00040 h on road; XTH24130 1 in field; YTH23135 h in field; XTH22138 2 in open; XT 411156 2 in open.	JS	CA
11.	0645	B/Co requested clearance for recon by fire on 35040. Cleared by Artillery.	JS	CA
12.	0750	All 1/8 ambushes and OP's have closed on OP locations.	JS Bde	CA
13.	0800	Unit Locations: A Co 435043, B Co 352027, C Co LZ Tracy, D Co 379148, E Co LZ Tracy, F Co 1/7 LZ Clara, E Co (-) 1/7 LZ Clara.	JS Bde	CA
14.	0848	C Co aboard Navy craft beginning patrol to S on the river 429072.	JS Bde	CA
15.	0907	C Co 36 and CIDG are debarking at 428059 and will search to the South.	JS Bde	CA
16.	0912	E 1/7 16 off PZ (LZ Clara).	JS Bde	CA
17.	0923	B 1/7 16 on LZ (436007) (LZ Green).	JS Bde	CA
18.	0928	B 1/7 36 off PZ (LZ Clara).	JS Bde	CA
19.	0932	B 1/7 36 on LZ (398993) (LZ Green).	JS Bde	CA
20.	0935	E 1/7 26 off PZ (LZ Clara).	JS Bde	CA
21.	0940	B 1/7 26 on LZ (404953) (LZ Green).	JS Bde	CA
22.	0945	E 1/7 36 request medevac for 2 PM. Both are litter and need type O blood, at 379948.	JS Bde	CA
23.	0945	B 1/7 36 in contact at 379948. 36 is pinned by small arms fire.	JS Bde	CA
24.	0955	(Ref item 22) The 2 PM hit a booby-trap.	JS Bde	CA
25.	0958	C Co request medevac for 2 litter cases that hit a booby-trap 458047.	JS Bde	CA
26.	1000	(Delayed from 0955) (Ref item 23) B 1/7 36 saw movement to their front and reconed by fire and did not receive fire.	JS Bde	CA
27.	1020	C Co Medevac complete. Rosters 13 & 107.	JS Bde	CA
28.	1024	(Delayed from 0955) C Co 16-C 458047 found 40 P-40 rocket rounds and 6 magazines for 30 cal.	JS Bde	CA
29.	1030	B 1/7 36 Medevac complete.	JS Bde	CA
30.	1030	B Co requested medevac for 1 PM with superficial wounds (frag type) 0350025. En CO picked up in Charlie Charlie and removed to LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	CA
31.	1050	C Co 36 captured 1 VC 427058. This individual has a weapon(hidden). Upon questioning the individual revealed he was a Sergeant in the National Liberation Front. He is		

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		the leader of a 6 man squad. 4 of his men are in Cambodia at this time. 2 more in this area at this time. 1 was with him and evaded when he was caught.	JS Bde	CA
32.	1105	E 1/7 36 requested medevac for 2 EM who hit a booby-trap. 1 with leg wound, 1 with stomach wound. The EM's hit a booby-trap which was a frag grenade with trip wire. The grenade was 2 feet under H20	JS Bde	CA
33.	1110	(Ref item 31) The captive lead the C Co 36 to his weapon. The weapon is in the possession of the CIDG. The weapon is an SKS, 4433052.	JS Bde	CA
34.	1120	C Co 16 458047 found 30 cases of mixed 30cal ammo and 12.7 ammunition, 25 75mm, 13 98mm recoilless rifle rds., 71 E-40 rocket rds, and 6 drum type magazines for automatic weapons.	JS Bde	CA
35.	1127	E 1/7 medevac complete.	JS Bde	CA
36.	1150	1/7 requested medevac for EM with slipped disk.	JS Bde	CA
37.	1200	1/7 medevac complete.	JS Bde	CA
38.	1223	(Ref item 33) Serial number 67881 for captured VC weapon plus 2 Chi Com grenades. Weapon will be kept by DIDG with C Co.	JS Bde	CA
39.	1245	B Co 26 343025 while having a test fire to the West received small arms fire from vic coord. 325025. If grid can be cleared artillery will be put in that area.	JS Bde	JM
40.	1247	B Co 16 357023 found two Chi Com claymores in ankle deep water. Neg firing devices or wires. Trails in that area show recent use. Also in the area was one bunker lined with bamboo 3 1/2 X 2 1/2 with 2" overhead cover. Claymores and bunker were destroyed.	JS Bde	JM
41.	1301	C Co 16 458047 reports following items found in cache; 198 Chi Com grenades, 45 57mm recoilless rds., and 109 rifle grenades.	JS Bde	JM
42.	1308	E Co 16 CP off PZ @ Tracy (B to S).	JS Bde	JM
43.	1317	E Co 16 CP on LZ @ 379148.	JS Bde	JM
44.	1330	C Co 16 458047 found 9 metal cans of SKS ammo (440 rds per can), 2 cans of 12.7 ammo (550 rds per can).	JS Bde	JM
45.	1340	An LOH carrying Cougar 16, Bn 3A, 1 pilot, and a VC prisoner crashed in the river at 452049. The pilot and prisoner were recovered with negative injuries, Bn 3A and Cougar 16 are missing. The LOH had taken off from C Co 16 location at 458047 and had flown approx. 100 meter when the skid hit the water causing the LOH to flip. The LOH sunk immediately. Bn 3A was in the aircraft when it sunk. Cougar 16 had gotten out but could not be found.	JS Bde	JM
46.	1342	Medevac has been requested with a respirator for the 2 missing people in the LOH crash.	JS Bde	JM
47.	1350	The Navy is dragging the river where the aircraft went down	JS Bde	JM
48.	1400	Unit Locations: A Co 433024, B Co 352027, 16 358023, 26 343025, 36 341045, C Co 16 CP 452049, 36 445050, 26 446 @ LZ Tracy, D Co 379148, E Co 16 CP 379148, 46 @ LZ Tracy, B 1/7 (-) 12 Clara, 16 432992, 26 409948, 36 396996, E 1/7 @ LZ Clara.	JS Bde	JM

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49.	1415	Medevac for the LOH crash is standing by at LZ Tracy in case the bodies of Bn 3A and Cougar 16 are recovered.	JS Bde	JM
50.	1420	The Navy is sending a diver with gear to assist in finding the 2 missing people.	JS Bde	JM
51.	1427	B 1/7 16,26,236 have closed on LZ Clara.	JS Bde	JM
52.	1435	Bn 6 has requested an aviation officer to investigate the LOH crash.	JS Bde	JM
53.	1440	The LOH pilot and the captured VC are enroute to the Sugar Mill by boat. They will be brought to LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	JM
54.	1455	Medevac aircraft has broken station.	JS Bde	JM
55.	1456	From Bde: At 1430hrs. FAC aircraft at coord. 3681146 spotted a suspected enemy location. On the bank of the river they spotted 6 VC. Did not engage.	S-2 JS Bde	JM
56.	1459	From Bde: Large ammo cache are located at following grid XS355960, XS375970, XS385945, XS385895, C-2 rating.	JS S-2	JM
57.	1510	Divirs are going in the river at this time to look for the 2 missing people.	JS Bde	JM
58.	1515	The VC prisoner and LOH pilot are on LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	JM
59.	1555	C Co at 152049 reports that the LOH that crashed has been found. The aircraft was approx. 30 meters from where it went down. Neg. bodies in the aircraft.	JS Bde	JM
60.	1600	Unit Locations: A Co 433024, P Co(-) 352027, mass 1-1 359023, OP2-2 SSW 50m, C Co(-) 452049, 26046 LZ Tracy, D Co 365147, E Co 16(-) 361152, 12 367151, KTA working between 361152-367151. B 1/7 & E 1/7 LZ Clara.	JS Bde	JM
61.	1605	B Co 1/7 26 0427991 found 5 bamboo fish traps. Numerous trails in that area showed recent use. From 1130 mini-cav.	JS Bde	JM
62.	1710	Night Final Locations: A Co(-) 434023, massives 1-1 436024, 2-1 435020, 3-1 432024, D Co(-) 352027, mass 1-1 359023, 2-1 343024, 3-3 341036, OP's 1-3 351029, 2-2 SSW 50m, 3-2 354027, C Co(-) LZ Tracy, OP1 439075, OP2 443069, OP3 442072, OP4 444071, OP5 437070, OP6 443074, D Co(-) 365148, massives 1-1 379158, 1-2 374152, 2-1 361147, E Co 46 LZ Tracy, 16(-) mass 361152, 1-2 361151, E 1/7(-) LZ Clara, mass H31 420980, H32 413976, OP1 408973, OP2 @ 419969, E 1/7(-) LZ Clara, mass H31 429973, OP2 417968.	JS Bde	JM
63.	1810	The LOH that crashed has been pulled out of the water. It is presently in a secure area at the sugar mill. The LOH is a total loss with the exception of the radios. The 2 bodies are still missing.	JS Bde	JM
64.	1815	Hurricane 6 will be visiting LZ Clara and LZ Tracy approx. 1400hrs tomorrow.	JS Bde	JM
65.	1815	The 1/7 LZ Clara reports that a large explosion occurred at grid 427961 sending mud and water 150ft in the air. They have negative knowledge as to what it was.	JS Bde	JM
66.	1955	Complete readout of C Co(-) findings for today; 1 SKS rifle, 35 75mm recoilless rds., 77 B-40 rockets, 198 Chi 3mm grenades, 129 rifle grenades, 11050 small arms ammo (7.62), 1190rds of crew served ammo(12.7), & 45 75mm rds.	JS Bde	JM

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67.	2010	Unit PDS: A Co 115-3-11, B Co 112-3-9, C Co 113-4-7, D Co 100-5-10, E Co 54-2-1, F 1/7 113-3-0, E 1/7 51-2-0.		JS Bde	JM
68.	2021	From Bde: Air Strikes for 4 Jan 0705hrs 382176, 1645hrs 427155.		JS S-3	JM
69.	2025	From Bde: At 1300hrs today 300 NVA were spotted at the following grids, X8496974, 511974, 505967. The report was from Special Forces agent 3056 with US rating of C-3.		JS S-2	JM
70.	2031	Equipment Report:			
		M-60	90mm 81mm F4025 JS		
		A Co 6	0 1 12 3		
		B Co 5	0 1 9 4		
		C Co 6	0 1 10 3		
		D Co 6	0 1 11 3		
		E Co 2	0 3 7 3	JS	JM
71.	2110	Duffelbag reported readings at grids 328177 and 324175C. 2035hrs, and TOT 2052hrs.		JS Bde	WP
72.	2115	A boundary extension has been granted to Mystick Refund and approved by Bde and Big Duke. Extension is southwest from the 08 gridline down Highway 7-A to the 06 gridline, east from 06 to the original boundary, from 0600 hrs 4 Jan to 1300hrs 4 Jan.		JS Bde	WP
73.	2200	Situation Report Negative.		JS Bde	WP
74.	2205	Red Baron requests medevac through Big Duke for 1 ambulatory patient with a severe case of asthma.		JS Bde	WP
75.	2210	Duffelbag reports definite movement SW to NE and engaged artillery at XT328177. Duffelbag requests some sort of scout craft to recon the area tomorrow.		JS Bde	WP
76.	2230	Medevac for Red Baron complete.		JS Bde	WP
77.	2300	Situation Report Negative.		JS Bde	WP
78.	2355	Situation Report Negative.		JS Bde	WP

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80.			The 1st Bn 8th Cav. continued Search and Clear operations along the Song Vam Ca Dong River and surrounding area today. During today's operations the S-3A was presumed to have drowned in a helicopter crash. Significant findings for the day included 1 SKS rifle, 198 Chi Com grenades, 129 rifle grenades, 77 B-40 rocket rds., 35 75mm recoilless rds., 45 57mm recoilless rds., 6 30cal drum magazines, 12,450 rds of small arms ammo (7.62), 1190 rds. of crew served weapons ammo (12.7), and 2 Chi Com Claymores.
81.	2400		Journal closed.

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