

ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION LOCATION			PERIOD COVERED	
S-2 S-3 1st Battalion 8th Cav LZ Tracy			0801 10 Jan 69-2400 10 Jan 69	
TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	IN	
1. 0001	Journal opened.	JS	WP	
2. 0050	E Co massive @447093 reports killer team in contact 500-600 meters away. Blue Max has been requested. Further readout to follow.	JS Bde	WP	
3. 0120	E Co KT @443098 breaking contact and requesting Redleg.	JS Bde	WP	
4. 0155	Readout on E Co KT-B's contact @433102: observed 6 individuals come out of a hooch and move south towards KT-B. 5 had AK47's and the sixth was unarmed. When they got to 10 feet of KT-B they were engaged with small arms. 3 fell and are believed dead, the other 2 returned fire and were farther back. KT-B broke contact and moved south at which time they received fire from a hooch 200 meters south, KT-B moved east to evade and finally moved north again. Present location is at 435102. Redleg is being engaged in the area of contact.	JS Bde	WP	
5. 0230	E Co KT-B @435102 observed 2 individuals around the same hooch at which they had earlier contact (433102). Redleg being requested.	JS Bde	WP	
6. 0400	Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde	WP	
7. 0445	E Co KT-B closed on 16 massive. Both elements will close on KT-A and return to LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	WP	
8. 0500	Situation Report Negative.	JS Bde	WP	
9. 0545	A Co, B Co, C Co, D Co, E Co, B 1/7, E 1/7 up for stand to	JS	CA	
10. 0644	E Co closed on LZ Tracy.	JS	CA	
11. 0650	From Bde.: 1/8 will receive only 1 log aircraft today 10 Jan.	JS	CA	
12. 0720	Charlie Charlie arrived LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	CA	
13. 0743	E 1/7 46A OP reconed area in which they spotted movement with negative findings. They have closed on LZ Clara at this time.	JS Bde	CA	
14. 0745	(Delayed entry 0730) D Co(-) moving to 21 ambush location to await pick up by naval craft.	JS	CA	
15. 0750	D Co has closed on pick up point @ 413123 with their 16 & 36 @ 414123 as security.	JS	CA	
16. 0755	Unit locations: A Co 337963, B Co LZ Tracy, C Co(-) 430021 16 422018, 26 435021, D Co(-) 413123, 16 & 36 414123, E Co LZ Tracy, B 1/7 LZ Clara, E 1/7 LZ Clara, 1/50 ARVN CP & # 418937, ele 1 421943, ele 2 411931.	JS Bde	CA	
17. 0800	Log aircraft arrived LZ Tracy.	JS	CA	
18. 0800	Scout aircraft on station for recon, requested recon for following grids 349022 area of secondary explosions from air strikes 9 Jan. 437955 area of E 1/8 contact 10 Jan.	JS	CA	
19.	Not listed.			
20. 0837	From Scout Aircraft: @433102 area of E 1/8 contact last night, negative findings. @426123 spotted 1 large hooch with extremely large amount of rice in bins and sacks around the hooch. @430095 spotted numerous fighting positions and bunkers in a tree line. @432118 spotted 1 new hooch with bunker and fighting positions around it. @412152 destroyed 1 ox cart full of rice. Negative people in area.	JS Bde	CA	

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21.	0905	From Bde.: IR readings: TOT 10 0400 to 10 0520 Jan. XT345185 25 in a villiage, XT434948 2 edge of canal.	JS	CA
23.	0925	Scout aircraft on station. Sent to recon grid 330160 and 447164.	JS Bde	CA
24.	0935	(Ref item 4) Upon debriefing of E Co CO by Bn S-3, E Co CO reported in contact of last night 3 enemy KIA confirm. 2 of the KIA were reported to have been shot in the head and the third fell wounded and was further engaged from a distance of 10 ft.	JS Bde	CA
25.	0938	D Co boarded Navy craft @ 413123 and proceeding S on river	JS Bde	CA
26.	0944	Lift aircraft on station for E Co snatch, will sit down at LZ Tracy to await ARA cover birds.	JS Bde	CA
27.	0955	D Co 16 & 36 debarking Navy craft at 425097 for general recon of area.	JS Bde	CA
28.	1000	C Co @ 419030 will be there FOB for tonight and Log position for 1200.	JS	CA
29.	1000	Unit Locations: A Co 337968, B Co LZ Tracy, C Co 419030, D Co 425097, E Co LZ Tracy, B 1/7 LZ Clara, E 1/7 LZ Clara, 1/50 ARVN CP & Co 408954, Co 2 415955, Co 3 402967.	JS Bde	CA
30.	1045	E Co 45 & 45A off PZ to begin snatch mission.	JS Bde	CA
31.	1055	From Bde.: Clearance to go into 25th ARVN with snatch mission. Into area were scout aircraft KIA 1 enemy this morning.	JS Bde	CA
32.	1115	E Co 45 & 45A touching down in area of Scout aircraft contact to search area.	JS	CA
33.	1120	E Co 45 & 45A recovered 3 AK47 @ 477150. Also scout aircraft spotted 1 sampan filled with Chi Com claymores and bangalore torpedos @ 476148.	JS Bde	CA
34.	1130	D Co @ 430095 reported finding 22 bunkers 3x3x4 with 2' of overhead cover most of the bunkers were destroyed 6 bunkers were in good shape and were destroyed. Local civilians reported that many VC had been in the area last night. (15-20 VC).	JS Bde	CA
35.	1150	From Bde: Boundry change between 2/12 & 1/8. From present E boundry W along 13 grid line to present W boundry.	JS	CA
36.	1155	E/Co 4-5 & 4-5A snatch mission complete returned to LZ Tracy. Negative Detainees.	JS	CA
37.	1200	Unit Locations: A/Co 337963; B/Co LZ Tracy; C/Co 419030; D/Co (-) 425097, 1-6 437104; E/Co LZ Tracy; B 1/7 LZ Clara; E 1/7 (-) LZ Clara, 3-6 433004; ARVN 1/50 CP & Co. 408954; 2/Co 388941, 3/Co 402967.	JS BDE	CA
38.	1230	D/Co 1-6 & 3-6 aboard boats & 425097 return to Tracy.	JS Bde	CA
39.	1240	D/Co debarking boats at sugar mill. To return to LZ Tracy	JS Bde	CA
40.	1245	E/Co 1/7 CO reports the 1/8 will have to furnish rations for our people who will move to Clara. The artillery mess will cook the food. The 1/8 will also need a mule for their own use.	JS Bde	JM
41.	1248	From Bde: BDA on air strike that went in at 305014: 1 fighting position destroyed, 1 fighting position damaged, 2 cut trails.		

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43.	1310	(Ref. item #33) E/Co 4-5 & 4-5A recovered 3 AK-47 Serial numbers 12054786, 12117517, 7338254. They discovered 1 VC KIA. These finding made @ 477150. In the area of Bde scout aircraft contact this morning.	JS	CA
44.	1325	B/Co aboard Navy boats at Sugar Mill moving S in river.	JS Bde	JM
45.	1325	E/Co 1/7 3-6 at 433004 found 12 bunkers 2'x6'x5' with 3 ft overhead cover and a tunnel complex that was 100 meters long running NW to SE with 1 ft overhead cover. The complex ran from one tree line to another. Complex and bunkers were very old and were destroyed.	JS Bde	JM
46.	1327	D/Co closed LZ Tracy (complete).	JS Bde	JM
47.	1330	Proposed night location for 1/7; B 1/7 LP1-6A 423975, mass 1-6M 420982, mass 1-6 405980, E 1/7 LP3-6A 418968, mass 4-6A 409968.	JS	JM
48.	1332	Bde. 23 requests plan for M108 be turned in asap.	JS S-3	JM
49.	1357	Div. 6 enroute LZ Tracy ETA 05 to 20 min.	JS S-3	JM
50.	1400	Unit Locations: A/Co 337963; B/Co moving S in river; C/Co 419030; D/Co LZ Tracy; E/Co LZ Tracy; B 1/7 LZ Clara E 1/7 (-) LZ Clara 3-6 402985; 1/50 ARVN 1/Co & CP 408954 2/Co 378943; 3/Co 402967.	JS Bde	JM
51.	1408	From Bde: there will be a briefing for Bn 6 at 1700 hrs. at Bde. location.	JS Bde	JM
52.	1420	Div 6 & Bde 6 at LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	JM
53.	1502	B/Co 1-6 off Navy boats at 456046 searching immediate area CP 3-6 off boats at 452047 searching area. 2-6 off boats at 462044 searching area.	JS Bde	JM
54.	1505	B/Co 3-6 at 452047 found cache in 55 gal. drum consisting of 35 rifle gernades, 1 rifle gernade adapter, 1 B-40 propellant charge, 35 crimp cartiages & canisters. Also in the same area 50 to 60 propaganda leaflets were found these were of 2 types, one type was english on one side and Vietnamese on the other and the second type was Vietnamese. These dealt with colored GI's fighting for a lost cause. A booby-trap was found on a dike-it was a cylinder type smoke gernade with trip wire. The gernades & booby-trap were destroyed-other items will be sent in. The ammo. was new and eestimated to have been in that location 2 weeks.	JS Bde	JM
55.	1515	E 1/7 at 433004 found 5 old bunkers 4'x6'x4' 2 ft overhead cover. These were destroyed. 3-6 now returning to LZ Clara.	JS Bde	JM
56.	1525	E 1/7 3-6 closed LZ Clara.	JS Bde	JM
57.	1528	B/Co at 456046 requests medevac for booby-trap victims. 1 litter (read out to follow).	JS Bde	JM
58.	1550	In reference to item #57 medevac was cancelled because Bn. CC picked the EM up and took him to Cu Chi-Roster #20. Booby-trap was chi Com gernade with trip wire.	JS Bde	JM
59.	1600	Unit Locations: A/Co 337963, B/Co (-) 456046, 1-6 at 452047, 2-6 462044; C/Co (-) 418015, 2-6 419030; D/Co LZ Tracy; E/Co LZ Tracy; B 1/7 LZ Clara; E 1/7 LZ Clara; 1/50 ARVN CP 1/Co 408954, 2/Co 378943, 3/Co 402967.	JS Bde	JM

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60.	1631	A/Co at 342964 requests medevac for 1 EM who was hit in the head with entrenching tool ambulatory.	JS Bde	JM
61.	1633	LRRP teams 33 & 43 were extracted from grid 3303 & 3513.	JS Bde	JM
62.	1654	From Bde: A blue max aircraft went down at 464115; the 25th infantry is securing area.	JS Bde	JM
63.	1710	From Bde: Fred within 1200 meters XT344023 late morning. CS strike 0800 XT344036 10 Jan. A 1/9 at 349022 3 fighting positions, 1 bomb crater with a hole in the bottom (possible tunnel entrance).	JS Bde	JM
64.	1715	Medevac complete from A/Co. The medevac will stop at Tracy on the way in to pick up an EM with reactions from a shot.	JS Bde	JM
65.	1718	Medevac complete for EM at Tracy.	JS Bde	JM
66.	1730	The 1/50 ARVN will need water. They were shorted water today. 1/Co is without water the people on LZ Clara need organic rounds. 1/8 will send them 100 rds. (HE).	JS Bde	JM
67.	1805	B/Co 2-6 at 463043 found cache consisting of 100 82mm mortar rds. 100 60 rds, 24 60mm fuses, 18 rolls of comco wire (100 ft per roll) 144 82mm fuses, 275 Chi Com smoke mines, 115 82mm charges. All will be sent in, ammo in g good condition had been in that location 3 weeks.	JS Bde	JM
68.	1810	B/Co CP at 461043 found 10 60mm rds., 10 shotgun charges for 82mm, 12 fuses for 82mm, 1 25 lb. chi com claymore-approx 3 weeks old in good condition.	JS Bde	JM
69.	1836	Log complete for 1/50 ARVN they received everything needed.	JS S-3	JM
70.	1915	Jim Bowie into Bde.	JS Bde	JM
71.	1927	Unit locations finals: A/Co 342964 ambushes 1-1 343968 2-6 338963, 3-1 340960; B/Co (-) 452040 OP 1-2 N 50 m., OP 2-1 S 50 m. OP 3-3 SW 50m., ambushes 1-3 456047, 3-2 449040, 2-3 457040; C/Co (-) 418003, ambushes 1-6 411992, 2-6 419030, D/Co (-) LZ Tracy, OP1 100m. SSE, OP2 100m SSW OP3 100m NNW, OP4 100m N, OP5 100m E, OP6 100m SE; E/Co LZ Tracy; B 1/7 LZ Clara ambushes 1-6A 423975, 1-6M 420-982, OP 1-6 405980; E 1/7 (-) LZ Clara ambush 4-6A 409968 OP 3-6A 418968; 1/50 ARVN CP 1/Co 400954, 2/Co 387940, 3/Co 379948 ambushes 397930, 382925, 375931, 379941, 379-963, 359947, 355942, 369954, 410955, 408943, 393945, 340-958.	JS Bde	JM
72.	1935	Unit PDS: A/Co 105-4-10; B/Co 103-3-7; C/Co 108-4-7; D/Co 108-4-7; E/Co 53-2-1; B 1/7 120-4-0; E 1/7 54-2-0	JS Bde	JM
73.	1937	Equipment report remain same as 9 Jan.	JS	JM
74.	1951	E 1/7 have been notified of C/Co locations for tonight & C/Co has been notified of Clara ambushes and OP's.	JS	JM
75.	1952	B/Co 1-3 ambushes at 457047 removes movement to their front. Readout to follow.	JS Bde	JM
76.	2000	Medevac has been requested for LZ Clara for EM with fever of 102.4.	JS Bde	JM
77.	2015	Readout to B/Co 1-3 movement the movement was to the N approx. 20 to 30 meters-it was bushes moving and they heard foot steps-did not engage. Neg. movement at this time	JS Bde	JM

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78. 2040		Medevac complete for LZ Clara.	JS Bde	JM
79. 2050		B 1/7 1-6M ambush at 420982 has movement on 3 sides. They have reported one of their claymores has been tampered with and they will engage with M-79.	JS Bde	JM
80. 2055		B 1/7 1-6 OP at 405980 report movement 150 meters to SW. Neg action taken at this time.	JS Bde	JM
81. 2125		B 1/7 1-6 OP at 405980 engaged 2 individuals 75 meters away with M-79. A canal prevents them from checking the area. They will move to 400979.	JS Bde	JM
82. 2200		Situation Negative	JS Bde	JM
83. 2300		Situation Negative	JS Bde	JM
84. 2310		B 1/7 1-6 OP in position at 400979.	JS Bde	JM
85. 2400		Situation Negative-Journal Closed.	JS Bde	JM

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