

ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION LOCATION			PERIOD COVERED	
S-2 S-3 1st Battalion 8th Cav. LZ Tracy			0001 18 Jan-2400 18 Jan	
ITEM NO	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	IN
1.	0001	Journal opened.	JS	WP
2.	0030	IR readings: XSH12964 17 in area, 155mm on target every 30 minutes; 428980 1 in open; 411030 1 in open; TOT 1850-2000hrs.	JS	WP
3.	0045	FRND within 500 meters of 293877, late evening.	JS	WP
4.	0100	Situation negative.	JS Bde	WP
5.	0200	Situation negative.	JS Bde	WP
6.	0238	A FAC bird at XSH03970 spotted 4 campfires. Arty fired 12 105mm rounds onto the grid. Negative assessment.	JS	WP
7.	0300	Situation Negative.	JS Bde	WP
8.	0400	Situation Negative.	JS Bde	WP
9.	0500	Situation Negative.	JS Bde	WP
10.	0530	All 1/8 elements up for stand to.	JS Bde	DWM
11.	0531	Called BDE. about A 1/9 birds to recon LZ Elrod.	JS Bde	DWM
12.	0535	From Bde.: (spot report) From a usual reliable Intelligence source. Enemy within 500meters of XT308082 late morning and enemy within 500meters of 330991 early evening.	JS S-2	DWM
13.	0550	Arty. preps 0600 18 Jan-1800 18 Jan; 4313, 4213, 4214, 4314, 4413, 4414.	JS	DWM
14.	0625	Called Bde. to find out if we were getting A 1/9 recon bird.	JS Bde	DWM
15.	0635	B Co OP's have closed on night location.	JS Bde	DWM
16.	0640	From Bde.: IR readings; TOT 2400hrs. to 0130hrs. XSH15999 1 on river, XS380000 1 in open, XTH02103 4 in open.	JS	DWM
17.	0715	A Co masses have closed on night location.	JS Bde	DWM
18.	0720	D Co masses have combined for a search mission.	JS Bde	DWM
19.	0725	C Co OP's and masses have closed at this time.	JS Bde	DWM
20.	0726	All 1/8 OP's and masses have closed at this time.	JS Bde	DWM
21.	0736	Bn CO enroute to A Co location.	JS	DWM
22.	0745	A 1/9 on station.	JS	DWM
23.	0755	B Co 3-6 moving to Sugar Mill.	JS Bde	DWM
24.	0800	Organic expenditures; A Co neg., C Co 20 HE, 7 WP, D Co neg.	JS Bde	DWM
25.	0815	B Co 3-6 current location Sugar Mill.	JS Bde	DWM
26.	0820	B Co 3-6 loaded boats at Sugar Mill moving South.	JS Bde	DWM
27.	0900	C Co 2-6 loading boats at LZ Elrod moving South.	JS Bde	DWM
28.	0910	A Co 1-6 off FZ @4230h7.	JS Bde	DWM
29.	0911	B Co 3-6 off boats @462024 moving north.	JS Bde	DWM
30.	0913	A 1/9 @3594(center of mass) found an undetermined amount of concrete bunkers, body positions, 1 m-16 magazine, and hand flare. Definite movement through this area last night. Possible movement through this area tonight.	JS Bde	DWM
31.	0920	From Bde.: SIAP bird working along river from 1000hrs. to 1100hrs.	JS	DWM
32.	0925	A Co 1-6 on LZ Clara (LZ green).	JS Bde	DWM
33.	0935	Bde. 6 inbound for LZ Elrod.	JS	DWM
34.	0955	C Co 2-6 current location 315812.	JS Bde	DWM

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35.	1000	D Co 1-6 now boarding boats, moving east, at 297784.	JS Bde	DWM
36.	1001	Unit Locations: A Co(-) 423047, 1-6 LZ Clara, B Co(-) LZ Tracy, 3-6 464024, C Co(-) LZ Elrod, 2-6 315812, D Co 434104, E Co(-) Thuy Dong, 4-6 LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	DWM
37.	1025	B Co 3-6 current location, 464026, moving north.	JS Bde	DWM
38.	1035	C Co 2-6 debarking at 281805. (debarking boats).	JS Bde	DWM
39.	1036	E Co 1-6 moving by squads at 312784.	JS Bde	DWM
40.	1045	Organic clearance for D Co granted for grid 432109.	JS	DWM
41.	1046	Navy informed us that they will be unable to supply any transportation on 19 Jan 69 because of maintenance repairs.	JS	JSJ
42.	1100	E Co 1-2 moving by squads at 318786.	JS Bde	DWM
43.	1105	Plans for 19 Jan 69 sent to Bde.	JS Bde	DWM
44.	1125	C Co 2-6 moving from 278807 to west.	JS Bde	DWM
45.	1126	(delayed entry 0845) Agent reports 200VC, 506 Battalion, location XS525947, 540962, 528968.	JS Bde	JSJ
46.	1150	C Co boarded boats at 314786.	JS Bde	DWM
47.	1151	Bde. CO at LZ Tracy.	JS	DWM
48.	1205	C Co 2-6 at 273809 found 1 75lb. bomb, US type very old, will destroy.	JS Bde	DWM
49.	1206	E Co current location, 1-6 320782, 1-1 317784.	JS Bde	DWM
50.	1207	B Co 3-6 breaking for chow.	JS Bde	DWM
51.	1208	Boundry extension requested from 2/12, approved thru 20 Jan 69 (1800hrs.).	JS	DWM
52.	1226	From Bde.: A 1/9 at 1105hrs. spotted 12 2.75 US rockets scattered in area. Since then have been removed at grids XT335134 and XS3093 (center of mass). At 1115hrs. A 1/9 sighted numerous light trails near boarder of small group. Negative assessment. At XT322034 1120hrs. spotted 1 bowl 1 empty pot, 1 bunker 5x5x5, negative assessment.	JS	DWM
53.	1235	E Co boarded boats at 320782.	JS Bde	JSJ
54.	1242	E Co CP, 1-1, 1-6(-) departed boats and will be staying at 325793. 1-3 also departed boats at 323792 and is moving east.	JS Bde	JSJ
55.	1250	A Co CP, 2-6, 4-6 moving west from 423047.	JS Bde	JSJ
56.	1300	E Co 1-1 found 150meters to the east of 325793, 3 cooking fires approx. 2 days old. Also looked like 3 people had been there.	JS Bde	JSJ
57.	1301	B Co 3-6 moving south from 467029.	JS Bde	JSJ
58.	1337	E Co 1-3 element at 324792 found 2 boobytraps made out of Chi Com hand grenades and tripwires. They were destroyed.	JS Bde	JSJ
59.	1340	Bde. CO requests Bn S-3 (and or) Bn CO at Chi Chi at 1430hr	JS	JSJ
60.	1410	A Co 1-6 reports 5 CH-47 sorties have left LZ Clara.	JS	LG
61.	1444	C Co 2-6 across river at 272809. E Co 1-3 at 325793 found 3 bunkers, 3x4x3 1/2 with 3' overhead cover; E Co 1-3 at 323793 found 7 Chi Com grenades and tripwire in box. Also found 1 can rice, 4"x5" 3' long. Also one fighting position 2x2x3, footprints of 3 individuals approx. 2 hrs. old. Detained 3 in sampan on river and the 3 were later released. Also found a bottle of gun oil, poncho, & documents.	JS Bde	JSJ

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62.	1450	An element of MACV is in contact and requests gunship at XS520962 on the eastside of the bank. The contact consists of light automatic weapons fire and B-40 rockets.	JS Bde	LG
63.	1500	B Co 3-6 element at 467034 is aboard the Navy boats and returning to the Sugar Mill.	JS Bde	LG
64.	1505	C Co 2-6 element is on the boats again.	JS	LG
65.	1510	D Co 2-6 element is at 440109 and the 1-6 element is moving SW from 434104.	JS	LG
66.	1525	The lift aircraft enroute to LZ Clara from LZ Tracy.	JS	LG
67.	1530	The wire on LZ Clara has been destroyed as much as possible.	JS	LG
68.	1535	An airstrike will go in at grid XS358825 between the hours of 1615 and 1630.	JS Bde	LG
69.	1538	E Co has closed on Farndale at this time.	JS Bde	LG
70.	1538	A Co 1-6 element off PZ at LZ Clara, PZ clear.	JS Bde	LG
71.	1546	B Co 3-6 element is at the Sugar Mill at this time.	JS Bde	LG
72.	1555	A Co 1-6 element on the LZ @ 416043, lift is complete.	JS Bde	LG
73.	1610	C Co 2-6 is now returning to LZ Elrod.	JS Bde	LG
74.	1615	Unit Locations: A Co(-) 416043, 3-6 423047, B Co LZ Tracy, C Co(-) LZ Elrod, 2-6 272809, D Co(-) 434104, 2-6 440109, E Co(-) 296784, 4-6 LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	JSJ
75.	1640	The documents that E Co found were turned into the C&DG, they were about propaganda and political affairs and the NLF. E Co is now trying to get the documents back to forward to Bde.	JS Bde	LG
76.	1700	A Co 3-6 element closed on CP at 416043.	JS Bde	LG
77.	1725	(Delayed entry for 1600) B Co 3-6 closed on LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	LG
78.	1730	Bn CO in the Bn CC spotted, at 326885, 6 sampans that were camouflaged. The sampans were engaged and destroyed by Arty and the Bn CC door gunners.	JS Bde	LG
79.	1735	D Co reports that on the Medcap they treated 75 to 80 people from 2 months old to 14 years old. Most of the people had skin infection. They gave them soap and candy. The 1-6 element at 428097 destroyed 14 bunkers that were approx. 4x4x5 with no recent use. They also found 2 ARVN shirts.	JS Bde	LG
80.	1745	C Co 2-6 closed on LZ Elrod.	JS Bde	JSJ
81.	1750	Last light recon on way to LZ Elrod.	JS Bde	JSJ
82.	1820	Jim Bowie turned into Bde. at this time.	JS Bde	LG
83.	1840	Unit Locations: A Co 416043, 11A 410045, 21A 417039, 31A 413043, B Co LZ Tracy, OP1 SSE 100m, OP2 SSW 100m, OP3 NNW 100m, OP4 N 100m, OP5 E 100m, OP6 SE 100m, C Co LZ Elrod, 35 350860, 36 324822, OP1 NE 100m, OP2 E 100m, OP3 SE 100m, D Co 434104, 21 434101, 22 442109, OP11 N 100m, OP21 E 100m, OP31 ESE 100m, E Co CP & 1-6 296784, 4-6 LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	LG
84.	1850	Unit FDS: A Co 101-4-19, B Co 116-2-7, C Co 114-4-10, D Co 101-5-9, E Co 48-1-1.	JS Bde	LG
85.	1930	A Co reports all ambushes are in position.	JS Bde	LG
86.	1940	D Co reports all ambushed and OP's in position.	JS Bde	LG
87.	1945	B Co reports all OP's in position at this time.	JS Bde	LG

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88.	1956	C Co reports all OP's and ambushes are in position.	JS Bde	LG
89.	2040	Organic clearance: A Co 6400 to 3200 300m, 3290 to 6400 1 K, C Co 2K's all the way around, B Co 3200 to 4800 1K, direct fire for LZ Elrod 1600 to 3200 1K.	JS	LG
90.	2100	B Co OP6 reports movement to the SE, request illumination (request for illumination granted).	JS	LO
91.	2110	Ref item 90, after illumination was shot up B Co OP6 reported negative movement.	JS	WP
92.	2200	Situation Negative.	JS Bde	WP
93.	2300	Situation Negative.	JS Bde	WP
94.	2400	Situation Negative-Journal closed.	JS Bde	WP

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