

ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION LOCATION

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

PERIOD COVERED
0001 to 2400 5 Feb
1969

| ITEM NO | TIME | ACTIVITY, SITUATION, OPERATIONS, ETC. | LOCATION | TIME |
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| 1. 0001 | | Journal Opened. | JS Bde | WA |
| 2. 0100 | | Situation Negative | JS Bde | WA |
| 3. 0200 | | Situation Negative | JS Bde | WA |
| 4. 0300 | | Situation Negative | JS Bde | WA |
| 5. 0400 | | Situation Negative | JS Bde | WA |
| 6. 0440 | | A/Co: A trip flare set out several days ago as a early warning device has went off approx. 75 meters to the south of A/Co 2-1A ambush located XT 454634. A/Co will engage with organics. Seven rds. were put in the area. 2-1A will check out the general area at first light. | JS Bde | JM |
| 7. 0500 | | Situation Negative. | JS Bde | JM |
| 8. 0530 | | All 1/8 elements up for stand-to | JS | JM |
| 9. 0600 | | Situation Negative. | JS Bde | JM |
| 10. 0716 | | Organic Clearance on grid 455641 grid cleared by Artillery people. | JS | CW |
| 11. 0722 | | OP's and Ambushes closed on FOB of B/Co | JS | JM |
| 12. 0728 | | Charlie Charlie aircraft on LZ White at this time. | JS | CW |
| 13. 0735 | | 1/8 OP's and Ambushes closed, A/Co now moving south east to LZ White. | JS Bde | CW |
| 14. 0800 | | A/Co 453634; B/Co 440644; D/Co LZ White; E/Co 4-6 LZ White. | JS Bde | CW |
| 15. 0805 | | A/Co complete LZ White. | JS Bde | CW |
| 16. 0824 | | B/Co complete moving south. | JS | CW |
| 17. 0828 | | Flight leader in bounds for briefing. | JS | CW |
| 18. 0845 | | Bn : Airstrikes for 6 FEB XT 466695 bunker complex XT 469693 tunnel complex; XT 474693, enemy location 479691 bunker complex also had 1 (one) KIA. | JS | CW |
| 19. 0900 | | Lift aircrafts on station. | JS | CW |
| 20. 0905 | | D/Co (-) 1-6 off PZ | JS Bde | CW |
| 21. 0910 | | Bde: A conan lason team coming to LZ White 6 FEB 1969 arrive at 1610 Bn Co is to give a tour; briefing on problems, preparedness of troop upon arrival in Viet Nam. | JS | CW |
| 22. 0925 | | Bde: Scout airocraft @ 520660 sighted numerous foot bridges. The area showed large amount of recent activity. Time on target 0600 to 0845. 5 FEB 1969 | JS | CW |
| 23. 0924 | | D/Co (-) 1-6 on LZ (459579) LZ Green | JS Bde | CW |
| 24. 0931 | | D/Co (-) CP off PZ (LZ White) | JS Bde | CW |
| 25. 0937 | | D/Co (-) CP on LZ (459579) | JS Bde | CW |
| 26. 0937 | | D/Co. (-) 2-6 off PZ | JS Bde | CW |
| 27. 0939 | | D/Co (-) 2-6 on LZ (459579) | JS Bde | CW |
| 28. 0940 | | D/Co (-) 4-6 off PZ | JS Bde | CW |
| 29. 0941 | | D/Co (-) 4-6 on LZ (459579) | JS Bde | CW |
| 30. 0943 | | D/Co (-) 3-6 OFF PZ (PZ CLEAR) | JS Bde | CW |
| 31. 0946 | | D/Co (-) 3-6 on LZ (4595579) LIFT COMPLETE - D/Co complete secure to CA. | JS Bde | CW |
| 32. 0953 | | B/Co 2/12 at XT 391684 spotted 3 individuals wearing green uniforms, moving to the west engaged with small arms fire. | JS Bde | CW |

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| 32. (cont) | arms-individuals carrying AK-47's also at 1000 spotted 2 more individuals evading to W. | | JS | CW |
| 33. 1000 | A/Co LZ White; B/Co 445636; D/Co 459579; E/Co 4-6 LZ White. (Unit locations). | | JS Bde | CW |
| 34. 1022 | A/Co complete walking off LZ White to the SE. | | JS Bde | CW |
| 35. 1033 | B/Co complete at LZ White. | | JS Bde | CW |
| 36. 1105 | Requested a dog team for D/Co will be here on either log bird or CC tomorrow. | | JS Bde | CW |
| 37. 1200 | Unit Locations: A/Co 463614; B/Co LZ White; D/Co 461568; E/Co 4-6 LZ White. | | JS Bde | CW |
| 38. 1207 | Plans for 6 Feb sent to Bde. | | JS Bde | CW |
| 39. 1208 | Airstrike for 1/8 diverted to 2/12 area of contact. | | JS Bde | CW |
| 40. 1217 | A/Co request another dog team to replace the 1 being sent in tonight. | | JS Bde | CW |
| 41. 1250 | D/Co (-) at grid 466570, 1-6 at grid 460575. | | JS Bde | CW |
| 42. 1330 | D/Co at 460576 found 1 old bicycle. Will send it to LZ White on log bird tonight. | | JS Bde | CW |
| 43. 1400 | Unit locations: A/Co 46609; B/Co LZ White; D/Co 466570; E/Co 4-6 LZ White. | | JS Bde | CW |
| 44. 1445 | Bde: From a usually reliable source; enemy element approx. 900 meters from XT545672, mid afternoon. | | JS Bde | CW |
| 45. 1450 | A/Co at 467607 found approx. 7 bunker's, 10'x12'x5' with 3' of overhead cover; 1 mess hall area, consisting of a picnic type tables and benches; 1 US type claymore; 200 rds. of M-1 ammo., 2 sets of NVA type clothing; drawings of home made claymore approx. 20 sheets of tin, 4x4 1/32" to 1/16 thick and small chunks of metal, probably used as fragmentation. There were no prominent trails in the immediate area. No use in the past 2 weeks drawings will be sent to LZ White everything will be destroyed. | | JS Bde | SH |
| 46. 1455 | Bde: From a usually reliable source; possible enemy loc. in vic XT 357688; area of 1000 meters. | | JS Bde | SH |
| 47. 1530 | D/Co at XT471574 found 7, 55 gallon drums of diesel fuel; 3 were full, 2 were half- full, 2 screwdrivers, 1 fish net, 1 wrench, 1 hand saw, 4 submerged sampans with ropes to pull them to the surface for use, 3 outboard motors. All items will be destroyed by D/Co. | | JS Bde | SH |
| 48. 1600 | Unit loc. A/Co 468400; B/Co LZ White; D/Co 470568; 3-6 at 471574; E/Co 4-6 LZ White. | | JS Bde | SH |
| 49. 1710 | Organic clearances: A/Co 5600-0800 500m, 0800-2400 3 KM, 2400-4000 1 1/2 KM, 4000-5600. D/Co 1 1/2 KM all around; LZ White 3200-5600 2 1/2 KM, 5600-1600 3 1/2 KM, 1600-3200 750 meters. | | JS | SH |
| 50. 1725 | A/Co request medevac for 1 EM who chopped off half his finger while cutting a field of fire. EM is SP/4 (remainder of item # 50 on next page.) | | | |

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| 50. | cont | RAYMOND J. ASHMAULT RA 11767012. | JS | Bde |
| 51. | 1750 | UNIT PDS- A/C 102-4-7, B/C 89-4-7, D/C 100-3-8 E/C 4-6 20-0-0. | JS | Bde |
| 53. | 1750 | NIGHT FINALS: A/Co 467607; OP 1-1A NNE 75m, mass 2-1A 469607, OP 3-1A NW 75m; B/Co LZ White OP 1-1 N 100m 2-1 SE 100m, 2-2 S 100m, 3-1 SW 100m, 3-2 NW 100m; D/Co 470568, OP 1-1 W 75m, 2-6 mass 469564, 3-6 mass 471574, E/Co 4-6 LZ White. | JS | Bde |
| 53. | 1750 | Jim Bowie sent in to Bde. | JS | Bde |
| 54. | 1805 | A/Co medevac complete. | JS | Bde |
| 55. | 1830 | A/Co 1/9 aircraft on station for last light recon | JS | Bde |
| 56. | 1845 | A/Co 1/9 aircraft had negative findings on last light recon. | JS | Bde |
| 57. | 1855 | LZ White received 16 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Rounds landed approx, 75 meters NW of LZ White. Artillery is engaging at this time. Rounds came from the NW approx. 700 meters out. Negative friendly casualties. Scout aircraft requested. | JS | Bde |
| 58. | 1923 | A/Co 1/9 aircraft on station to recon area from which LZ White received mortar fire. | JS | Bde |
| 59. | 1930 | Change in plans of 6 Feb 69 sent in to Bde. | JS | Bde |
| 60. | 1930 | Change in airstrikes have been requested. New grids are 476685, 479683, 482679, 485671, area's of recent use, bunker & tunnel complexes. | JS | Bde |
| 61. | 1955 | D/Co 3-1 ambush at grid 471574 sprung! 2 (two) confirmed NVA KIA, possibly more. Further readout follows. had two trip flares go off. Two KIA's came from a clay- more which was engaged at the time a trip flare was set off. A claymore was engaged on a trip flare which was set off near the river. Two trip flares and two claymores were engaged. | JS | Bde |
| 62. | 1945 | A/Co 1/9 aircraft spotted 6 camp fires and one blast (a blast from a mortar tube), approx. vic 4365. Negative assessment. | JS | Bde |
| 63. | 2000 | (Ref D/Co mass 3-1) mass now has heavy movement all around. Engaging with organics. Will engage with Artillery. | JS | Bde |
| 64. | 2010 | OP 2-1 and 3-1 each spotted light approx. 100 meters away. (Believed to be flashlight.) | JS | Bde |
| 65. | 2013 | D/Co 3-1 mass will be pulled back to OP locations. They have movement on all sides. On the last Arty round they heard a scream, possible NVA KIA. | JS | Bde |
| 66. | 2025 | OP 3-1 SW of LZ White spotted 3 lights moving to the south approx. 300 meters from LZ White. Engaging with organics at this time. | JS | Bde |
| 67. | 2030 | D/Co 3-1 mass has closed on OP locations at this time. | JS | Bde |

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| 68. 2040 | Bde: Airstrikes for 6 Feb 69 - 476685 at 1020 hrs. 750 lb. bombs. | JS | SH |
| 69. 2050 | Organics were engaged on lights spotted around LZ White. The organics were on target, the lights went out, negative assessment. | JS Bde | SH |
| 70. 2100 | CC aircraft will be released at 1030 hrs. tomorrow, for a lift at LZ Elrod. CC will be replaced by an LOH at 1000 hrs. CC will return in the afternoon. | JS | SH |
| 71. 2120 | At 471574 location of D/Co 3-1 mass. a trip flare which was left in place when they returned to the CP location was set off. D/Co will engage with organics and Arty. | JS Bde | SH |
| 72. 2135 | Bde.: C/Co will have 2 platoons Mini-Cav at 1000 hrs. tomorrow to grid 388920. The 1/8 LNO and our CC aircraft is to be at LZ Elrod 0900 hrs. We will receive a LOH to replace our CC at LZ White. Also E/Co 1-6 will be final extracted in the morning from XS349905 to LZ Elrod. | JS | SH |
| 73. 2200 | Situation Negative. | JS Bde | SH |
| 74. 2205 | Requested information on D/Co's find of today MSG #47, condition of 3 outboard motors found. 1 looks rusty inside it. It may be operable, 1 is rusty could be operable. | JS | SH |
| 75. 2215 | SLAR reading at XT452640 @ 2050 hrs. Artillery has been fired on grid. | JS | WA |
| 76. 2300 | Situation Negative. | JS Bde | WA |
| 77. 2310 | Another friendly element to be put in NW of ST. Barbara. | JS | WA |
| 78. 2340 | A/Co 2/12: @ 2334 hrs. A/Co @ XT392716 in contact at FOB. believe enemy squad possible 2 squads. A/Co CO believes their probing perimeter or possibly moving around FOB have had numerous trip flares set off. Engaging with small arms. Enemy between FOB & ambush @ 392717. Calling in artillery hoping to force enemy toward ambush FOB has received AK-47 fire and possibly 1 or 2 B-40 rockets. FOB and ambush have heard moaning sounds of injured enemy. Enemy moving S to N at 2352 hrs. contact broken. | JS | WA |
| 79. 2345 | Bde: Boundary extension granted to 1st INF DIV for 06 0600 hrs. to 06 1800 hrs. From XT540570, E to 560570, from XT 540570 N to 540600 E to 5660 S to 560570. | JS | WA |
| 80. 2355 | Situation Negative. | JS Bde | WA |
| 81. 2400 | Journal closed. | JS | WA |

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82. 2400

5 Feb 69 today the only significant finding was from D/Co. D/Co. 3-1 ambush. JS WA
at 1935 hrs. Sprung the ambush getting 2 confirmed NVA KIA.

83. 2400 Journal closed.

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