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S-2 S-3 1st Battalion 8th Cavalry LZ White			0001 to 2400 11 FEB 69		
ITEM NO	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN		IN
1.	0001	Journal Opened	JS	WA	
2.	0100	Situation Negative	JS	Ede	WA
3.	0200	Situation Negative	JS	Ede	WA
4.	0240	Ede: @ 0230 hrs. LZ Elrod is receiving small arms fire and mortar rds. @ 0235 action ceased; Bn 3 did not request blue max at this time. Bn 3 requested medivac aircraft from Farndale (navy). Farndale was receiving B-40 and small arms fire at that time. attack on Farndale had not ceased at this time, read out to follow:			
5.	0310	Situation Negative	JS	S-2	WA
6.	0400	Further readout on item #4, LZ Elrod received 10-15 B-40 rockets and an unknown number of 60 mm mortar rds. They did not receive small arms fire as reported in item #4. Medivac was requested for 3 EM'S with frag wounds. 2 were litter with chest wounds & 1 was ambulatory with an arm pit wound. (roster #C/Co # 135, E/Co #35 & #37.) At 0345 hrs. with 2 litter patients being taken to 2nd field hosp. in Saigon. 4 B-40 positions were spotted by the people on El rod, 2 of them to the north and 2 to the west, ranging from 50 to 150 meters out. Also 1 60mm position was spotted 350 meters to the north. All positions were engaged with negative assessments. At the same time LZ Elrod was hit the navy was ambushed at ceord. 130683 receiving small arms fire and B-40 rockets. Also Duc Hue was being mortared at the same time as Elrod and the navy.	JS	Ede	WA
7.	0410	Situation Negative	JS	S-2	WA
8.	0455	B/Co 2/12 at 0435 @ grid 376695, received one B-40 rocket in their perimeter, came from the east. The 3-2 OP on the east side of perimeter closed on FOB and arty called in. 2 us individuals slightly wounded from fragmentation, negative medivac.	JS	Ede	WA
9.	0500	Situation Negative	JS	Ede	WA
10.	0530	A/Co B/Co D/Co E/Co 4-6 up for stand to	JS		WA
11.	0543	LZ White had mad minute 0543 to 0544.	JS		CW
12.	0600	Situation negative	JS	Ede	CW
13.	0620	B/Co OP's in position for the day	JS		CW
14.	0700	A/Co requested clearance on grid 460687, grid cleared	JS		CW
15.	0708	A/Co B/Co D/Co OP's & massives on F.O.B.	JS		CW
16.	0747	Bn 6 departed for LZ Elrod, will be gene 30 to 45 min. JS			CW
17.	0754	B/Co 2/12 reference to contact of last night; recon of area in vic; 376695 found 2 KIA NVA, 1 B-40 rocket launcher damaged, 1 AK 50, 10 chicom grenades, 3 AK 47 magazines w/amm. KIA's were wearing dark kaki uniforms, 4 to 5 individuals evaded to the east on trail, also 1 sachel charge was found.	JS	S-2	CW

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18.	0800	UNIT LOCATIONS: Remain the same.	JS	Bde	CW
19.	0805	First light recon: @ 480691 spotted 2 bunkers 10 x 10, 5 5x5 bunkers, 4 fighting positions, 75 meters of trench, NW to SE trail shows heavy recent use.	JS	S-2	CW
20.	0813	Plans for 12 FEB sent to Bde	JS	Bde	CW
21.	0809	D/Co complete moving North at this time	JS	Bde	CW
22.	0825	AIRSTRIKES: requested for 12 FEB; 433743 suspected enemy location, 436738 weapons ammo cache, 437734 rice cache, 435731 bunker complex & tunnels, 442735 tunnel complex & bunkers, 446735 bunkers, tunnels, & trenches	JS	Bde	CW
23.	0837	Log bird spotted 3 individuals and relayed to A/Co grid 455685, A/Co engaged area with organics, Individuals were 500 meters due east of night location. Neg. assessment at this time. A/Co will recon	JS	Bde	CW
24.	0850	Bde: All bunker complex's should be destroyed, additional engineers can be obtained to assist thru Bde if needed	JS	Bde	CW
25.	0914	FAC bird slipped airstrike to 1000 hrs.	JS	S-2	CW
26.	0947	B/Co 2-5 day massive working north of LZ White, 1-5 day massive east of LZ White	JS		CW
27.	1000	UNIT LOCATIONS: A/Co 455686, B/Co LZ White, B25, 466632, B1-5 459626, D/Co 451688, E/Co 46 LZ White	JS	Bde	CW
28.	1000	A/Co 2/8 @ XT 310756 receiving AK 47 fire from 6 to 8 individuals in trees and trench line. Blue max and arty called in	JS	S-2	CW
29.	1030	(delayed 0930) Bde: permanent boundary extention; XT 547690 along river to XT 545680, southeast to XT 560662 south to XT 560647, northeast along highway L13 to XT 600655 south to present boundary. Eff. 11 FEB 0600 Indefinate boundary extention, to 2nd Bde, overlay will follow:	JS		CW
30.	1130	A/Co @ grid 458688 found small bunker complex, 10 bunkers size 8x12x5, 3 poncho hooches, 2 kitchen areas, eating area, also 3 trails 1 running north had fresh Ho Chi Minh sandal tracks of 2 to 3 individuals. 1 running east swinging back to the north 1 good sized one with jeep tracks, bicycle tracks & motor cycle tracks. A/Co searching area now, bunkers had 2 to 3 ft overhead cover. A/Co will destroy before leaving	JS	Bde	CW
31.	1200	UNIT LOCATIONS: A/Co 458688, B/Co LZ White B 2-5 469638, B1-1 461624, D/Co 453692, E/Co LZ White	JS	Bde	CW
32.	1222	Change in plans sent to Bde	JS	Bde	CW
33.	1255	A/Co at grid 45964 are ready to except log for A/Co & D/Co	JS		CW

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ITEM NO	TIME	INCIDENT/ACTIVITY	PERIOD	PERIOD
34.	1330	MAX SNIFFER MISSION: TOT 11 1200 to 11 1230 XT 470678 to XT 470675 observed 1 bunker; XT 473679 to XT 473677 observed a used trail; XT 483672 XT 428612 observed one bunker.	JS	SA
35.	1350	(REF ITEM #6) correction on WIA roster # 3, c 135, E 37, 45) individuals wounded last night at LZ ELROD: (C 135) SP/4 RIVERA, ANGEL L. US 54832456; SP/4 CAWLEY, CHARLES R. US 51681157, (E-450 SP/4 EPPERSON, DALE G. US 56835672.	JS	Bde
36.	1352	Charlie Charlie released to 2/12	JS	SA
37.	1355	UNIT LOCATIONS: A/Co 459694, B/Co (-) LZ White 1-1 461624, 2-5 469638, D/Co (comp) 456695, E/Co LZ White.	JS	Bde
38.	1400	Bde: From Brigade reference use of AKA birds for next week there will be shortage of 2.75 rockets. Brigade requests battalions use artillery as much as possible Blue Max should be used only for troops in contact. especially at night.	JS	SA
39.	1415	E/Co 2/12 at grid 406642 found 2 bunkers containing 10 bicycles; 1 rice; tire tubes, bicycle frames; appears to be repair shop.	JS	S-2
40.	1420	Requested dog teams for A/Co and D/Co	JS	Bde
41.	1425	Bde: one hour extention granted on Charlie Charlie	JS	SA
42.	1430	Readout from (Rash 4-7) RDA of airstrike @ grid 482701, 3 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers uncovered, and one secondary fire	JS	Bde
43.	1445	Bde: at 1100 hrs, today Apache sighted 8 to 9 ammo boxes, grid 504659. Engaged with 7.62 mm	JS	S-2
44.	1450	Bde: On 8 February, @ 0730 hrs. Photo recon showed 15 foxholes in circular pattern grid 436660, at grid 438683 also spotted 17 foxholes and 1 bunker. At grid 473586 spotted 12 foxholes circular pattern	JS	S-2
45.	1502	Bde: Dog teams appraved by Bde for A/Co and D/Co for times requested	JS	SA
46.	1505	Bde: A 1/9 aircraft recon of area requested by A/Co Three ship LZ @ grid 470709 ambush sight 240 degrees 150 meters from LZ. At the ambush sight a bridge crossing the stream shows signs of 20 to 30 individuals crossing the stream within the last 24 hrs. There are bunkers in the area, and bicycle tracks on the road. Mission was flown at 1050 hrs today	JS	S-2
47.	1510	B/Co's 1-1 massive has closed on LZ White	JS	Bde
48.	1600	UNIT LOCATION: A/CO 459694, B/Co- LZ White, B 2-5 469638, D/Co 456696, E/Co 46 LZ White	JS	Bde
49.	1602	B/Co 2/12 @ 1600 hrs. recieving B-40 and 60mm rds. previous sighting of 4 individuals in area @ grid 350720. Awaiting further readout	JS	S-2

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50.	1606	D/Co 2/8 @ grid 316739 found 325 bags of rice 200 lbs each (delayed report 1435)	JS	S-2	SA
51.	1635	Delayed entry @ 1435. B/Co 2-5 while moving SE towards LZ White heard noises coming from a clump of bamboo. B2-5 set up a hasty ambush along the trail. After 30 min. with negative assessment B2-5 began to move toward LZ White. B2-5 then found 12 fresh footprints, and 1 AK 47 magazine with 27 rds. The magazine and ammo were in good condition and well greased. Grid @ 463635	JS	Bde	SA
52.	1645	NIGHT FINALS: A/Co 459694, 2-1A massive 457692, OP 1-1A NE 75m, OP 3-1A NW 75m. B/Co LZ White, 2-3 massive 453617, OP 1-1 E 100m, OP 1-2 S 100m, OP 3-1 W 100m, D/Co 456696, 2-6 massive 453693, OP 1-1 NE 100m, OP 3-1 W 100m, E/Co 46 LZ White, OP 1 N 100m.	JS	Bde	SA
53.	1645	UNIT PDS: A/Co 94-4-10, B/Co 83-4-8, D/Co 87-4-7, E/Co 46 18-0-0	JS	Bde	SA
54.	1645	Jim Bowie turned into Bde	JS	Bde	SA
55.	1700	Change in plans turned into Bde 12 Feb 69	JS	Bde	SA
56.	1730	Charlie Charlie released 1730	JS		SA
57.	1740	A 2/8 @ grid 318759 found 3 spider holes with recent use, also N-S trail with heavy recent use	JS	S-2	SA
58.	1825	ORGANIC CLEARENCE: A/Co 0200 to 3600 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ km. B/Co and E/Co 46 4800 to 2800 2 km, D/Co 4000 to 0400 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ km	JS		SA
59.	1936	En 3A requested boundry extention near grid 485614 where B/Co is making a CA tomorrow. Boundry extention north to grid 63; east to 50; south to 60; Awaiting further readout:	JS	Bde	SA
60.	1945	A/Co & D/Co massives and OP's are in position	JS		SA
61.	1958	B/Co & E/Co 46 massives and OP's are in position	JS		SA
62.	2000	A 2/8 @ grid 317758 reports sporadic AK fire and heavy movement to their south. Engaged with 81mm, heard moaning of 2 individuals.	JS	S-2	SA
63.	2001	Bde: has granted boundry extention (item # 59) in effect at 0800 to 1800 hrs 11 Feb 69	JS		SA
64.	2030	B/Co OP's to north and west are in LZ until quad 50 fires, OP's to return at completion of fire	JS		SA
65.	2045	AIRSTRIKE: for 12 Feb 69 @ grid 433743 500 lbs bomb, time: 1115 hrs.	JS	S-3	SA
66.	2050	B/Co and E/Co OP's are back out in position	JS		SA
67.	2051	Bde: change in password. JAG counter sign UNIT	JS	S-2	SA
68.	2100	Situation Negative	JS	Bde	SA
69.	2200	Situation Negative	JS	Bde	WA
70.	2300	Situation Negative	JS	Bde	WA
71.	2355	Situation Negative	JS	Bde	WA
72.	2400	Journal Closed for 11 Feb 69	JS		WA

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Operations for Feb. 11 1969. LZ Elrod received 10-15 rds. of B-40 rockets and unknown number of 60mm rds. 3 US WIA reported. Navy was ambushed at 130602 receiving small arms and B-40's. Also Duc Hue was mortared all three were attacked at the same time. B/Co 2/12 at 376695 received 1 B-40 rocket result 2 US MIA. They engaged with following results 2 NVA KIA, 1 B-40 rocket launcher (damaged), 1 AK-50, 10 chi com grenades, 3 AK-47 magazines with ammo 4 to 5 ind. evaded to E on trail also they found 1 sachel charge. A/Co at 458688 found a small bunker complex. E/Co 2/12 at 406642 found 2 bunkers, 10 bicycles, tire tubes, bicycle frames appears to be repair shop. D/Co 2/8 at 316739 found 325 (200 lb. bags of rice.)

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