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S-2 S-3 1st Battalion 8th CAV LZ Tracy			0000 to 2400 18 Feb	
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1.	0001	Journal opened	JS	WA
2.	0100	Situation negative	JS Bde	WA
3.	0200	Situation negative	JS Bde	WA
4.	0230	From sugar mill @ 2030 hrs, 25th ARVN engaged and killed 1 VC, documents stated as follows; TRANG BANG local gorillas escort by sampan; BA DU secretary District Party Committee, west on oriental river to PHUOC CHI. PHUOC CHI is at grid XT 320150. Last night 17 Feb 69 25th ARVN Fire Flies spotted sampans and received small arms fire from this area. 25th ARVN Div. will have further information if needed.	JS S-2	WA
5.	0300	Situation negative	JS Bde	WA
6.	0339	From Bde, C/Co 2/8 @ 0310 hrs XT 271739 engaged unknown size enemy force, 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK 47, D/Co 2/8 @ 1130 XT 353767 engaged 3 individuals, 1NVA KIA, 1 AK 47, Brigade Scouts engaged @ XT 402686, 5 individuals, 2 NVA KIA	JS S-2	WA
7.	0400	Situation negative	JS Bde	WA
8.	0500	Situation negative	JS Bde	WA
9.	0530	All 1/8 units up for stand to.	JS	CW
10.	0600	Situation negative	JS Bde	CW
11.	0659	D/Co's OP's and massive closed LZ Elrod	JS	CW
12.	0708	B/Co's OP's closed LZ Tracy	JS	CW
13.	0721	D/Co's Co requested instead of 2 platoons S&C he send one, he feels he can accomplish more and do it faster.	JS	CW
14.	0731	Charlie Charlie at LZ Tracy	JS	CW
15.	0736	A/Co's massive's and OP's closed night FOB.	JS	CW
16.	0800	Unit locations remain the same as last nights FOB	JS Bde	CW
17.	0818	C/Co massives closed FOB. All 1/8 OP's and massives closed	JS	CW
18.	0819	Air strike request for 19 Feb 69; 301965; bunkers, anti-aircraft positions. 301976; 3 anti aircraft positions and bunkers. 278095; Auto/weapons positions enemy rally point fresh trails. 413128; Navy contact area bunkers, river crossing point. 468037; Navy contact area river crossing infiltration point.	JS Bde	CW
19.	0835	D/Co 1-6 left LZ Elrod working NNW. D/Co 2-6 aboard boats going to vic 357876.	JS Bde	CW
20.	0842	B/Co 2-6 at sugar mill awaiting boats.	JS	CW
21.	0905	Navy at XS 510968 has 2 PBR boats in contact received heavy auto/weapons and b/40's, request cobras	JS Bde	CW
22.	0915	B/Co's 2-6 aboard boats at this time	JS Bde	CW
23.	1000	Unit Locations; A/Co 413039, B/Co LZ Tracy B/Co 2-6 407114, C/Co 377942, D/Co 1-6 339868 NW, 2-6 350875 W, 3-6 & 4-6 LZ Elrod, E/Co 1-6 LZ Elrod, E/Co 4-6 LZ Tracy	JS Bde	CW
24.	1010	D/Co 2-6 @ 350875 off boats moving west.	JS Bde	CW
25.	1015	B/Co at LZ Tracy spotted a man rolling a barrel. B/Co sent a squad out to check it out. Individual claims he stole the barrel from the sugar mill and was taking it home to put wood in. Neg. action taken.	JS	CW

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26.	1105	B/Co requested permission to test fire weapons to the west of there night location. Permission granted. *Note (Navel requirement Army personnel must wear flack jackets when working with the boats)	JS	CW
27.	1118	B/Co 2-6 off boats @ 395131 will S&C vic.	JS Bde	CW
28.	1125	Bn Commo, was down net was keyed by unknown source, Bn. Commo Officer checking out now.	JS	CW
29.	1134	Commo repaired	JS	CW
30.	1130	Delayed FAC; BDA 5 bunkers destroyed	JS	CW
31.	1140	D/Co 2-6 at grid 345873 found 3 sleeping positions neg. recent use. Also found 6 trails, 4 ran W to E showed recent water buffalo tracks, 2 ran E to S neg recent use.	JS BDE	CW
32.	1145	D/Co 2-6 at grid 338874 found trail running S to N also found 1 chi com grenade, trail showed recent use.	JS Bde	CW
33.	1150	Assistant division Commander enroute to LZ Tracy ETA 10 to 15 also Arty Col inbounds.	JS	CW
34.	1156	B/G Co 2-6 @ 395151 found 1 punji stake pit 2'x3'x3' about 40 stakes, 1 month old.	JS Bde	CW
35.	1200	A/Co 415037, B/Co LZ Tracy B/Co 2-6 395131, C/Co 377942, D/Co 3-6 4-6 LZ Elrod, D/Co CP 1-6 328873 D/Co 2-6 338874 E/Co 1-6 LZ Elrod E/Co 4-6 LZ Tracy	JS BDE	CW
36.	1201	B/Co 2-6 aboard boats moving E	JS Bde	CW
37.	1210	B/Co 2-6 getting off boats at grid 410128 working vic now	JS Bde	CW
38.	1245	Requests for C/S at grids 4202 to 4502, 4403 to 4503	JS Bde	CW
39.	1255	B/Co 2-6 at grid 410128 found 10' trench line; 3' wide 4' deep half full water, age 2 months. Boarding boats at this time.	JS Bde	SA
40.	1300	D/Co CP 1-6 2-6 grid 328875	JS	SA
41.	1307	B/Co 2-6 off boats at grid 413127 found 1 bunker 4x3x4, 2 foot overhead cover about 2 months old. Also a trail which the are checking out at this time. The bunker will be destroyed	JS Bde	SA
42.	1345	B/Co 2-6 back aboard the boats.	JS Bde	SA
43.	1346	Requested spray (insecticide) mission for Tracy	JS	SA
44.	1350	A/Co at grid 433027 found 3 heavily used trails; 2 running W to E the other N to E. Estimated a battalion on these trails within the last 24 hrs.	JS Bde	SA
45.	1355	Unit locations: A/Co 433027, B/Co Tracy 2-6 413127, C/Co 377942, D/Co 335868, E/Co Elrod 4-6 Tracy	JS Bde	SA
46.	1400	B/Co 2-6 off boats at 404128	JS Bde	SA
47.	1415	Plans for 19 Feb sent to Bde	JS Bde	SA
48.	1420	B/Co 2-6 at grid 404128 found 2 old bunkers with 1 1/2' overhead cover. 2 bipods for 82mm 400 RPD 30 cal ammo. 2lbs. wet documents which were translated to be receipts for weapons. These were found in the bunkers and will be brought back to Tracy. 4x3x4	JS Bde	SA

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49.	1440 Clearance was requested from 1/49th ARVN'S for B/Co's 2-6 to move further inland on the east bank at grid 404128 to further check out area. Permission was granted.	JS SA
50.	1455 Requested 2 scout dog teams from brigade.	JS Bde SA
51.	1455 D/Co C 1-6 2-6 has closed on LZ Elrod	JS Bde SA
52.	1515 Requested dustoff from Farmdale (Navy) to Elrod for EM suffering from heat stroke. Awaiting further read back.	JS Bde SA
53.	1530 Scout dogs will be at Battalion pad 19 Feb D/Co B/Co	JS SA
54.	1531 B/Co 2-6 bearded boats	JS SA
55.	1532 INDividual to be medevac roster number 134 from D/Co initials JFG. He was taken to Farmdale by Charlie Charlie from there dustoff will pick him up/. PFC Gutierrez, JOse F. RA 15962806	JS Bde SA
56.	1540 Dustoff complete	JS Bde SA
57.	1545 From Bde extension to II Field Forces in AO keep out XT 293060 to NE to 322130 to Cambodian border.	JS SA
58.	1546 Plans sent to all companies	JS SA
59.	1549 B/Co 2-6 off boats requests Medevac at grid 414123 for EM-Navy victim of a booby-trap awaiting further readout	JS SA
60.	1556 Log bird has been diverted to Medevac location. Patient is litter will be taken to Cu Chi. Medevac request cancelled	JS SA
61.	1605 Medevac complete (by log bird)	JS SA
62.	1615 B/Co on boats at 414123 at this grid found 5 crates for 122mm rockets (empty), 2 B-40's 2 Chi Com grenades.	JS BDE SA
63.	1615 Reference booby-traps victim he was hit by undetermined (back)	JS Bde SA
64.	1618 B/Co 2-6 aboard the boats	JS Bde SA
65.	1630 Chemical officer running spray mission over Bde AO.	JS SA
66.	1650 Unit Locations: A/Co 433027, B/Co Tracy 2-6 aboard boats, C/Co 377942, D/Co LZ Elrod, E/Co LZ Elrod 4-6 Tracy	JS BDE SA
67.	1710 B/Co 2-6 landed Sugar Mill	JS Bde SA
68.	1750 B/Co 2-6 closed on LZ Tracy at this time	JS Bde SA
69.	1800 Unit Locations passed to MACV	JS SA
70.	1810 Serial numbers for 82mm bipod captured by B/Co 2-6, 61142 50227.	JS Bde SA
71.	1811 Unit Closing: A/Co 433027, 1-1a massive 433029, 2-1a massive 432024, 3-1a massive 430027; B/Co LZ Tracy OP1-1 W-100m OP 2-1 N-100m, OP 3-1 E-100m; C/Co 365946, 1-6 massive 360946, 3-6 massive 366940; D/Co LZ Elrod OP 2-1 NE-100m, OP 2-2 SE-100m, 2-6 massive 343850; E/Co LZ Elrod 4-6 Tracy	JS Bde SA
72.	1811 Unit PDS: A/Co 86-3-8; B/Co 92-3-8; C/Co 77-4-8; D/Co 77-4-8 E/Co 53-1-2	JS Bde SA
73.	1811 Jim Bowi turned into Brigade	JS Bde SA
74.	1825 Received locations from MACV	JS SA
75.	1830 Naval requests 19 F b: 2 Tango boats, 2 fast boats	JS SA
76.	1900 Navy requests clearance on grid 455042 suspected Battalion (VC) location, grid was not cleared by Artillery	JS S-2 SA
77.	1930 A/Co OP's and massives in position	JS SA
78.	1932 C/Co massives in position	JS SA
79.	1940 D/Co changed grid on night massive; 2-6 343850 Why? Maj. LeClere	JS Bde SA

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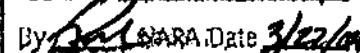
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80.	1955	B/Co and E/Co OP's in Place	JS	SA
81.	1956	Organic clearances A/Co 1 Km all around, C/Co 1½ Km all around, D/Co 1½ Km around.	JS	SA
82.	2000	Iron Brigade: Boundary delineation from 405160 south to 405147 east to present boundary. The I-6 east west grid line is our northern boundary.	JS	SA
83.	2015	Navy ambush sight 470005	JS	SA
84.	2045	Situation Negative	JS Bde	SA
85.	2105	D/Co OP's and massives in position.	JS	SA
86.	2110	Bde negative AS for 19 Feb	JS	SA
87.	2135	En 65A off push on push 2140	JS	WA
88.	2155	From LZ Elrod (BM50) PPS5 picked up at grid 306822, movement 7-12 individuals @ 299816, 7-12 individuals @ 301818 5 individuals, individuals moving toward LZ Elrod. Individuals are in "No Fire Box" When individuals move far enough to north, out of fire box they will be engaged with artillery.	JS S-2	WA
89.	2205	In reference to item #88, individuals are friendly's of ARVN Div.	JS	WA
90.	2210	Situation negative	JS Bde	WA
91.	2300	Situation negative	JS Bde	WA
92.	2345	From Bde 8-3, there will be negative C-S missions for 19 Feb 69, reason being, there will be no dog aircraft available from Bde for mission. All log aircraft will have a 40% stand down for next 2 days.	JS	WA
93.	2355	Situation negative	JS Bde	WA
94.	2400	Journal closed.	JS	WA

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96. 2400 Journal closed.

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