

ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION LOCATION
S-2 S-3 1st Battalion 8th CAV LZ Tracy

PERIOD COVERED 1969
0001 to 2400 19 Feb

ITEM NO	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	IN
1. 0001		Journal opened for 19 Feb	JS	WA
2. 0200		A/Co at 433027 receiving B-40 rockets, mortars and AK-47 fire. Flareships and Blue Max gunships have been requested.	JS Bde	WA
3. 0205		A/Co reports negative enemy fire from 360° around A/Co location. CP location and the 1-6 ambush, 3-6 ambush were all hit within 10 seconds of each other. A/Co estimated company size element hit them.		
4. 0210		A/Co 1-6 and 3-6 ambush closed on CP location at 433027	JS Bde	WA
5. 0210		A/Co requests medivac for 4 WIA's. 2 litter, 2 ambulatory. Have requested medevac from Cu Chi thru Bde.	JS Bde	WA
6. 0225		Blue Max on station	JS Bde	WA
7. 0245		From Bde Medevac will come out of Tay Ninh. Bde could not get aircraft from Cu Chi.	JS	WA
8. 0250		Blue Max has spotted what is believed to be mortar flashes on the east of river across from A/Co. Did not engage area because its out of our AO.		
9. 0255		Medevac on station	JS Bde	WA
10. 0308		Flareship (Spooky) in station with A/Co	JS Bde	WA
11. 0321		Medevac complete for A/Co Roster #50, 82, 121, one EM who did not have number.	JS Bde	WA
12. 0335		A/CO Requests another medevac for EM who ran a stick in his ear during contact.	JS Bde	WA
13. 0345		A/Co first medevac patients were taken to 12th EVAC Hosp. in Cu Chi.	JS Bde	WA
14. 0346		Blue Max broke station	JS Bde	WA
15. 0402		A/Co medevac complete. Roster #126. Medevac was dustoff from Cu Chi and was requested by 1/8 direct to dustoff on 56.00	JS Bde	WA
16. 0415		Flareship (Spooky) has broke station.	JS Bde	WA
17. 0420		Complete readout to A/Co contact; A/Co believes a company size element hit them. They received rounds from all sides of their perimeter and the CP location and both ambushes were taken under fire simultaneously. They could detect a Chinese burp gun firing from the NE. They believe the mortar rounds came from the south, approx. 800-1000 meters out. Suspected position was engaged with organic and artillery fire. The small arms fire and B-40's came from approx. 200 meters out. The heaviest fire came from the N. Spooky has expended in that area with negative sightings. A/Co had negative sightings or indication of any movement prior to being hit. A/Co received 24, 82mm rounds, 12 B-40 rockets and unknown number of small arms.	JS Bde	WA
18. 0430		Situation Negative	JS Bde	WA
19. 0500		Situation Negative	JS Bde	WA
20. 0530		All 1/8 units up for stand to.	JS Bde	WA
21. 0600		Situation Negative	JS Bde	WA
22. 0702		B/Co OP's on LZ Tracy	JS	WA
23. 0744		Bde; Stingray Whites will do a first light recon of entire AO will not be working for any special company.	JS	CW

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24.	0800	Unit locations remain the same.	JS Bde	CW
25.	0800	D/Co OP's and massive closed LZ Elrod. C/Co OP's and massives closed on night FJB.	JS	CW
26.	0828	B/Co 1-6, CP, 3-6 leaving LZ Tracy going to sugar mill.	JS	CW
27.	0830	D/Co 1-6, CP, 3-6 aboard boats starting NAV-CAV (LZ Elrod)	JS Bde	CW
28.	0845	Last nights action from 25 INF: 8 body count, KIA, NVA. 18 poss. by arty KIA, NVA. 5AK-47 - 1 POW - Documents & Web gear. Grid 335204.	JS S-2	CW
29.	0851	B/Co 1-6, CP, 3-6 at sugar mill.	JS	CW
30.	0902	B/Co 1-6, 3-6 aboard boats at sugar mill, awaiting another boat for CP.	JS	CW
31.	0910	Airstrike request for 20 Feb: 408156, 409150 cache area, bunkers; 408025 rally area; 355962 enemy locations; 460039 bunkers, cache area, rally area.	JS Bde	CW
32.	0935	D/Co 1-6, CP, 3-6 off boats at 295832 working west.	JS Bde	CW
33.	0948	B/Co 1-6, CP, 3-6 on boats moving north at this time picked up at sugar mill.	JS Bde	CW
34.	1000	Unit locations: A/Co 433027; B/Co 2-6 and 4-6 LZ Tracy, B/Co 1-6, CP, 3-6 aboard boats; C/Co 365946; D/Co CP, 1-6, 3-6 295832, D/Co 2-6 and 4-6 LZ Elrod; E/Co 1-6 LZ Elrod, E/Co 4-6 LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	CW
35.	1005	D/Co 1-6, CP, 3-6 will cross river to the north side and work instead of south. D/Co CO requested this change. (Detainee captured by Navy said there were VC on other side)	JS Bde	CW
36.	1030	Navy called and requested permission to fire 50 cal. between grids 422097 to 413403, also reminded us of carrying range is 5 to 6 kicks. Permission granted by Bn 3.	JS	CW
37.	1038	D/Co crossed river checked area had negative findings. Recrossing back to original area, cont. with operation as previously planned.	JS Bde	CW
38.	1045	Intell. report from Bde. at XT 239058 25th ARVN spotted 4 vehicles moving south into Cambodia.	JS S-2	CW
39.	1128	B/Co 1-6, 3-6 off beats at 418100 will search and clear vic.	JS Bde	CW
40.	1200	A/Co 433027; B/Co CP, 1-6, 3-6 vic 418100, 2-6 & 4-6 LZ Tracy; C/Co 365946 NE C/Co 2-6 365946; D/Co CP, 1-6, 3-6 283826, D/Co 2-6, 4-6 LZ Elrod; E/Co 1-6 LZ Elrod, E/Co LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	CW
41.	1250	At grid 418100 B/Co found a trail running N to SE, freshly cut trees in area. Trail used in the last 3 or 4 days.	JS	SA
42.	1315	Medevacs for A/Co: Sp4 Betha, Thomas L. US 56730065 Sp4 Suleski, Richard US 51779665- Sp4 Jackson, Lennie P. US 54828787- PFC Sauche, Santiago- Sp4 VanWhye, Marvin US 56565419	JS S-1	SA
43.	1315	Plans sent to Bde.	JS Bde	SA
44.	1330	B/Co 1-6 3-6 breaking for dinner at 419088.	JS Bde	SA
45.	1345	Unit locations: A/Co 433027; B/Co Tracy 1-6, 3-6, CP 418100; C/Co (-)377957, 2-6 365947; D/Co CP, 1-6 283876, 2-6 Elrod, 3-6 283826; E/Co Elrod (4-6) Tracy.	JS Bde	SA

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46.	1407	B/Co CP, 1-6, 3-6, at grid 429087 found 3 trails showing recent use; 1 running east, 1 running N to S along the river 1 running south from the canal. also at the canal, found 3 bamboo stakes sticking up in the water, also found a cut out area in the bank, used to hide a sampan. Found a sign nailed to a tree. Sign will be brought into LZ Tracy tonight		JS Bde SA
47.	1408	Plans for tomorrow relayed to station at Elrod to be passed on to C/Co, D/Co, E/Co. Also plans for Pinto Stager sent.		JS SA
48.	1410	A/Co received plans for 20 Feb.		JS SA
49.	1411	A/Co requests organic clearance on grid 442032.		JS SA
50.	1415	A/Co clearance granted		JS SA
51.	1417	From Bde.: VR 17 Feb. XT 315129 4 AA/AW, 15 foxholes in rice paddies. XT 320147 6 AA/AW, 20 L-shaped foxholes in rice paddies. G-2		JS S-2 SA
52.	1420	Requested 2 LRP teams ASAP #1 3615; 3815; 3813; 3613. #2 3811; 4011; 4009; 3809.		JS SA
53.	1430	LZ Elrod requests AC generator for Radar device.		JS SA
54.	1455	B/Co 1-6 429087 found an old hooch 5x5x7. Possibility people in the area recently although hooch shows no recent use. Will be destroyed.		JS S-2 SA
55.	1500	Aircraft on station for snatch mission.		JS SA
56.	1507	Scout birds enroute-LZ Tracy for snatch.		JS SA
57.	1528	A/Co complete moving E		JS Bde SA
58.	1532	B/Co boarding boats at 429087 heading back to sugar mill.		JS Bde SA
59.	1544	Intell Report: from 25th, Political cadre of 6th local force PRAN VAN XAND stated 2nd Battalion 271st Reg. in vic XT 530020 other elements of 9th around 3008 will attack Saigon 22-24 Feb.		JS S-2 SA
60.	1550	B/Co 1-6 3-6 CP at sugar mill		JS Bde SA
61.	1600	(Delayed from 1520) D/Co CP 1-6, 3-6 aboard the boats grid 268808.		JS Bde SA
62.	1600	Unit locations: A/Co 442028; B/Co Tracy; C/Co 377957; D/Co LZ Elrod; E/Co Elrod 1-6 Tracy RR 1-2 Snatch.		JS Bde SA
63.	1608	Ram Rod 1&2 in the air for snatch mission		JS SA
64.	1605	B/Co complete LZ Tracy		JS SA
65.	1625	E/Co 1-picked up 2 military age males grid 458098 back up at 1628		JS Bde SA
66.	1630	E/Co at grid 441107 - 1 military age male up at 1632.		JS Bde SA
67.	1635	E/Co 2 at grid 423122 - 1 military age male up at 1637		JS BDE SA
68.	1642	E/Co 2 at grid 433137 - 1 military age male and small child up at 1644.		JS Bde SA
69.	1645	E/Co 1 at grid 447129 1 military age male up 1646		JS Bde SA
70.	1647	E/Co 1 at grid 442143 1 military age male up at 1650		JS Bde SA
71.	1700	E/Co snatch mission landed LZ Tracy total 4 males and 1 child. Birds released to Bde.		JS Bde SA
72.	1705	(Delayed from 1545) D/Co complete back on LZ Elrod		JS Bde SA
73.	1710	Delayed from 1410 C/S mission was requested thru Bde. grid at 1710 mission was approved for 0800 20 Feb.		JS SA

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74.	1745	From Bde: Boundary extension granted to 3 Bde 9th Inf due to terminate 191800 has been extended to 242400	JS Bde	SA
75.	1815	Requested dustoff direct from Cu Chi for A/Co EM Sgt James Spriggs US 54821243 here at LZ Tracy. Awaiting readout on cause.	JS Bde	SA
76.	1820	E/Co 1-6 boarding boats LZ Elrod heading to night massive location 368909.	JS Bde	SA
77.	1840	(Delayed from earlier) S-2 requested Fire Fly mission for PM of 19 Feb was approved 1705	JS	SA
78.	1845	(Reference item 76) EM was wounded past night (18Feb) by shrapnel, wasn't believed to be that serious at the time. He has lacerated eyeball.	JS Bde	SA
79.	1900	Unit Closing Locations: A/Co 442028, 1-1a 443029, 2-1a 444027, OP 3-1a NNW 75 meters; B/Co LZ Tracy OPI-2 W-100m, OP 2-2 N-100m, OP 3-2 E-100m; C/Co 400979 2-6 massive 404980, 3-6 massive 401977; D/Co LZ Elrod 1-6 massive 345852, 1-5 massive 349844, OP-1 NE 100m, OP-2 E-100m OP-3 S-100m; E/Co 1-6 368909, E/Co 4-6 LZ Tracy OP-1 S-100m	JS Bde	SA
80.	1900	Unit PDS: A/Co 88-4-9; B/Co 92-4-8; C/Co 64-4-8; D/Co 88-3-7; E/Co 64-1-2	JS Bds	SA
81.	1900	Jim Bowi turned into Bde.	JS Bde	SA
82.	1910	(Delayed entry) Dustoff complete 1835	JS Bde	SA
83.	1915	Locations passed to MACV	JS Bde	SA
84.	1920	E/Co at grid 358876 engaging two individuals at this time. W/Co spotted these individuals shortly after unloading boats. Individuals at grid 365903. Apache aircraft has been requested. Engaging with Arty. Further readout follows.	JS Bde	SA
85.	1945	E/Co reported spotting 5 individuals evading to NNW grid 356883	JS Bde	SA
86.	1945	Fire Fly team on station	JS	SA
87.	1950	Received locations of ARVN's	JS	SA
88.	2000	(Delayed from 1940) Boundary extension requested from Bde. grid 360844 south 360780 W to 330780. Awaiting approval. To be effective 0600 to 1800 on the 20th February.	JS Bde	SA
89.	2005	Navy ambush at 09 grid line E-W	JS	SA
90.	2006	A/Co, B/Co, C/Co massives and OP's in place.	JS	SA
91.	2010	Correction on E/Co contact. E/Co at grid 352889, spotted 5 individuals at grid 362893. Engaging with Arty at this time. Individual included to the N. E/Co received negative fire.	JS S-2	SA
92.	2012	Correction made on E/Co PDS 57-2-2	JS Bde	SA
93.	2015	Organic clearance: A/Co from 48 ⁰⁰ mills to 16 ⁰⁰ mills, 1 KM from 16 ⁰⁰ mills to 48 ⁰⁰ mills 2KM LZ Tracy grid squares 410040 and 410050. C/Co 2 KM all around LZ Elrod 28 ⁰⁰ mills to 46 ⁰⁰ mills 1 KM.	JS	WA
94.	2025	D/Co OP's and massive in position.	JS	WA
95.	2030	Request from MACV from their ARVN unit received Intell. report that 1 NVA company is working in this area. Grid 440091 to 448093. MACV requests us to put Arty in this area, standing by for Artillery clearance at this time.	JS S-2	WA

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96.	2037	Airstrike from Bde for 20 Feb 69 @ 408150, TOT 0930, 500lb N.P.		JS	WA
97.	2038	Boundary Extension Bn-3a OKed for 2/27 from 322132 along EW TINH HAU boundary to river, up river, W bank to present boundary.		JS Bde	WA
98.	2110	HUNTER KILLER TEAM enroute at this time.		JS	WA
99.	2125	From Bde; 10 to Bn 10 request that he set up a b-3 by 1000 hrs. this will be a 524 - Push will be 4 up 5 down- this is minimize traffic on B-2. Need conformation. Bn 10A has been notified. Is calling Bde 10 says we don't have the equipment to set this up.		JS	CW
100.	2148	Ref. to item 95 grid was cleared. Arty engaging at this time. Permission to fire granted by K.M.M.		JS	CW
101.	2200	Situation negative.		JS Bde	CW
102.	2200	From Elrod a trip flare went off on SW side of Elrod, engaged with 50 cal.		JS Bde	CW
103.	2205	Further item 102 D/Co 6 said 2 flares went off on SW side of Elrod, apparently whatever it was that set off first trip flare ran to get out of light and set off second trip flare. Engaging with organics at this time.		JS Bde	CW
104.	2215	From MACV ARVN unit reports 2 VC squads infiltrating HEP HOA village south of LZ Tracy. ARVN's firing illumination at this time LZ Tracy perimeter has been alerted.		JS Bde	WA
105.	2243	Hunter Killer team arrive LZ Elrod Aircraft released.		JS Bde	WA
106.	2245	Further readout item #103 D/Co engaged trip flares with M-79's, organics, artillery engaged area with direct fire. Hunter Killer Team dropped illumination near area. Positive identification of one individual stooped over running low to the ground, evading to the south.		JS Bde	WA
107.	2300	Situation negative.		JS Bde	WA
108.	2340	From Bde 99-83A, Request from Div-3 questions on, - specialized training in sniper weapons and intensifying devices, to be sent into Bde by 2400 21 Feb 69. Questions: 1) Is any Sniper training given in Battalion? 2) Do you recommend this training as an important skill of value in your present combat situation? 3) Are sniper rifles carried in any of your companies? If so, how many and how often used? 4) Are starlight scopes used in your companies? If so how many and are they used on weapons, of what value are starlight considering terrain of present location?		JS	WA
109.	2359	Situation negative		JS Bde	WA
110.	2400	Journal Closed.		JS	WA

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111. 2400

Summary for 19 Feb. - A/Co at 433027 receiving B-40 rockets, and AK-47, and mortar fire. All sides of perimeter hit at approx. same time. Estimated company. Had 4 WIA's. Received 24-82mm rds, 12 B-40 rockets and undetermined small rds. Negative knowledge of enemy casualties. D/ o at Elrod had trip flares set off. Engaged with organics and arty.

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112. 2400 Journal closed.

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