

ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION LOCATION			PERIOD COVERED 1969	
S-2 S-3 1st Battalion 8th CAV LZ Tracy			0001 to 2400 20 Feb	
ITEM NO	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	IN
1.	0001	Journal opened	JS	WA
2.	0100	Situation negative.	JS Bde	WA
3.	0200	Situation negative.	JS Bde	WA
4.	0300	Situation negative.	JS Bde	WA
5.	0305	From Bde 2MB: A/Co 2/8 @ 1655, XT 348675 made contact with unknown size enemy force, negative enemy assessment, 4 US WIA, 3 US KIA. C/Co 2/12 @ 337634 engaged 3 individuals, results 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK 47. B/Co 2/12 @ 1945, XT 402682, contact with unknown size enemy force, 5 US WIA, 3 NVA KIA, 1 NVA POW, 1 B-40 rocket launcher, 1 AK 47. D/Co 2/12 @ XT 403682 contact with unknown size enemy force, negative enemy assessment, 1 US KIA, 5 US WIA. E/Co 2/12 @ 1530 XT 408639, 600lbs of rice.	JS S-2	WA
6.	0400	Situation negative	JS Bde	WA
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8.	0530	A/Co, B/Co, C/Co, D/Co, E/Co up for stand to.	JS	WA
9.	0600	Situation negative	JS Bde	WA
10.	0615	C&S mission for 20 Feb 69 canceled.	JS	WA
11.	0700	D/Co OP's and massives closed.	JS	WA
12.	0701	A/Co request clearance to fire organics on 445035, 446047, 448075, organics cleared.	JS	WA
13.	0705	A/Co, B/Co, E/Co OP's and massives closed.	JS	WA
14.	0710	CC and Log aircraft ETA 0730 to LZ Tracy.	JS	WA
15.	0725	In reference to item #10, C-S mission has been delayed to 1200, 20 Feb. Using our log aircraft.	JS Bde	WA
16.	0735	From LZ Elrod, Artillery is being fired in area of E/Co's contact area of 19 Feb at 0830.	JS	SA
17.	0740	E/Co leaving FOB, to recon area of last night's contact.	JS	SA
18.	0815	B/Co moving to sugar mill.	JS Bde	SA
19.	0825	D/Co 2-6, 3-6, CP boarded boats at Elrod.	JS Bde	SA
20.	0840	Airstrike requests grid 345955, 342958, 347953 Enemy rally point, weapon, ammo caches. 353964, 355966 food and weapons caches.	JS Bde	SA
21.	0843	B/Co at sugar mill awaiting boats	JS Bde	SA
22.	0845	Lift birds on station for ARVN CA.	JS	SA
23.	0900	Log bird down at C/Co location with oil pressure problem	JS Bde	SA
24.	0915	( Intelligence Report), at grid @ 276128 9 VC in green uniforms & black evaded into Cambodia, engaged with arty with negative assessment.	JS S-2	SA
25.	0916	Log bird up at 0911	JS Bde	SA
26.	0919	( Intelligence Report) from 25th ARVN's at 1430 hrs. at grid @ 335120 reported east to west trail running into tree square	JS S-2	SA
27.	0920	ARVN's inserted by boat at grid @ 468030 to 469034	JS	SA
28.	0930	B/Co boarding boats at sugar mill	JS Bde	SA
29.	0935	( Intelligence Report) From Bde: at grid @ 272108 at 1500 hrs. spotted 1 sanpan, at grid @ 275101 2 anti aircraft & automatic weapons positions 1510 hrs., at grid @ 384021 at 1530 hrs. 1 sanpan, at grid @ 395015 at 1540 hrs. 3 sanpans.	JS S-2	SA
30.	0940	E/Co searched area they engaged last night negative assessment	JS Bde	SA
31.	0945	Bde passed new Bravo-3 push to Bn RTO	JS	SA
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32.	0955	( Intelligence Report) from Bde; II Field Forces report elements of the 9th NVA Division in vic; Due Hue Grid @ 3207	JS S-2	SA
33.	1000	( delayed from 0925) 5 sorties off PZ 0925, LZ @ 250930, LZ Green 0932, 2 sorties ARVN's off PZ, PZ clear 0940, LZ complete at 0945	JS Bde	SA
34.	1005	AIRSTRIKES approved grids @ 355962, 385055	JS S-2	SA
35.	1010	B/Co off boats at grid @ 435054	JS Bde	SA
36.	1017	B/Co at grid @ 361897 found one bunker <del>xxxx</del> with 12 ft over head cover ( delayed 0830 hrs.) bunker was destroyed awaiting further readout	JS Bde	SA
37.	1025	UNIT LOCATIONS: A/Co 442028, 1-6 455021, 2-6 447025, B/Co 435054 moving SW, C/Co 400979, D/Co- 319785, 1-6 LZ Elrod, E/Co 1-6 368898, 4-6 LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	SA
38.	1030	E/Co off PZ grid @ 368898 complete	JS Bde	SA
39.	1037	E/Co complete LZ Tracy	JS Bde	SA
40.	1040	( Intelligence Report from MAC-V) bird recieved AK and automatic weapons fire at grid @ 3312 center mass. Bird took 4 hits, also reported many NVA in area.	JS S-2	SA
41.	1045	Bde requests boundry delation; XS 487967 to XS 474956 to XS 501920 to XS 525936 to river on east boundry, AO LINDA time 0600 to 1800 21 FEB 1969	JS	SA
42.	1100	( delayed from 1035) D/Co 2-6 off boats at grid @ 348791	JS Bde	SA
43.	1102	Bde requests boundry delation XS 4700 south to 5393 to 2 KM west. For the 25th INF effective 1200 to 0600 ( 21 FEB to 25 FEB) awaiting readout	JS Bde	SA
44.	1105	B/Co boarded boats at grid 435054 moving south	JS Bde	SA
45.	1110	(Reference item 40) MACV also reports seeing 20-30 individuals in that area with AK 47's.	JS S-2	SA
46.	1115	B/Co off boats at 445047.	JS Bde	SA
47.	1125	(Reference item 43) Boundary delation approved	JS	SA
48.	1126	BDA of airstrike at grid 385055. One (L) bunker, 1 50 cal position and 50 meters trench line all destroyed also a secondary fire. Reported by Rash.	JS	SA
49.	1145	B/Co requested Medevac for 2 EM hit by booby trap. Awaiting further readout. Doctor requested.	JS Bde	SA
50.	1155	(Further readout) EM's were at grid 445047 when they hit either a 60mm or grenade type booby-trap, trip wire detonated. They are being taken to sugar mill where a slick ship (Buffalo 2-6) will pick them up. (Dustoff and Medevac were cancelled) They will taken to Cu Chi.	JS Bde	SA
51.	1205	(Further readout) Victims were R-45 Esaw Willis, E-5, US 67087083 who hit the boobytrap and most seriously wounded. R-125, John V. Casino E-3 US 52774375 was wounded by schrapnel from a distance.	JS Bde	SA
52.	1230	(Further readout) Medevac complete. They were not seriously wounded as previously reported. They suffered minor leg wounds.	JS Bde	SA
53.	1250	D/Co 2-6 boarded boats 348791	JS Bde	SA
54.	1257	D/Co 3-6 got off boats at 344800.	JS Bde	SA
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55.	1305	Unit locations: A/Co 442028; B/Co 445047; C/Co 400979; D/Co CP, 2-6 378791, 1-6 Elrod, 3-6 344800; E/Co Tracy.	JS Bde	SA
56.	1315	D/Co 3-6 at grid 344800 found Ammo can with documents lying on the ground documents will be brought in tonight to Elrod.	JS Bde	SA
57.	1340	Plans for 21 Feb sent to Bde; relayed thru 1/5th.	JS	SA
58.	1355	Airstrikes granted: 2 to Battalion requested grids 335124 and 325950.	JS	SA
59.	1400	Birds on station for C/S mission	JS	SA
60.	1410	ARVN's at grid 344805 found 2 claymores (Chinese), 1 bang-alor torpedo, 1 land mine (Chinese), 12 Chi Com grenades, 2 packs of rice, 5 ammo belts without ammo, 11 homemade booby-traps (in cans with powder)	JS Bde	SA
61.	1420	Airstrike missions for this afternoon cancelled by Bde.	JS Bde	SA
62.	1425	B/Co at grid 437034 found 1 bunker, 6'x3' with 2' overhead cover negative recent use; 3 very old bamboo stakes in a bomb crater; 100m south found an EW trail, showing heavy recent use.	JS Bde	SA
63.	1440	ARVN's also found 100 sticks TNT, 1 cooking vessel, 3 home-made grenades at grid 341802.		
64.	1445	ARVN's at grid 343795 found a by station. Looked like stopping area. Small hooch behind with sleeping quarters.	JS S-2	SA
65.	1450	D/Co 3-6 boarded boats at 352810.	JS Bde	SA
66.	1505	BDA on airstrike at grid 356963. One bunker destroyed by bombs, 3 bunkers uncovered by fire.	JS S-2	SA
67.	1515	From Bde: We can apply non-persistent C/S anywhere in our AO without permission from Bde.	JS	SA
68.	1525	A/Co on boats at 444050, heading for Sugar Mill.	JS	SA
69.	1540	Division Commander and Bde. Commander inbound LZ Tracy.	JS	SA
70.	1545	E/Co 1-5 at grid 481061 found a booby-traped anti-personal mine, was destroyed.	JS Bde	SA
71.	1546	E/Co 1-5 also found another anti-personnel mine ten feet away from the other. It was destroyed.	JS Bde	SA
72.	1548	Division Commander landed LZ Tracy	JS	SA
73.	1600	A/Co CP, 4-6 landed sugar mill.	JS Bde	SA
74.	1605	A/Co 1-6, 2-6, 3-6 landed sugar mill.	JS Bde	SA
75.	1610	(Photo report) From Bde. at grid 275030 1 possible mortar position 3AA/AW position possible underground storage areas. 14 sampans.	JS S-2	SA
76.	1612	(Delayed from 1450) E/Co 1-5 also found another anti-personnel 10 feet from last was destroyed.	JS Bde	SA
77.	1615	D/Co <del>355870</del> 3-6 off boats at LZ Elrod 1-6, 2-6 on boats moving NE.	JS Bde	SA
78.	1617	A/Co complete at LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	SA
79.	1640	D/Co 1-6, CP 355870 got off boats.	JS Bde	SA
80.	1645	Scout birds spotted 4 or 8 bodies north of 355870. Awaiting further readout.	JS Bde	SA
81.	1710	From Bde: At 1045 at XT 3312, a LOH received heavy ground fire. LOH took 5 hits. Spotted 10 hooches, 2-3 individuals	JS S-2	SA

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82.	1705	(Delayed from 1620) Division Commander left LZ Tracy.	JS	SA
83.	1715	C/Co at grid 398998 found 1 cement bunker 4x8x4 2' overhead cover. Also in the bunker they found clothing mats and a G.I. claymore with device, cooking utensils, numerous C-Rations and fish cans. Baskets and pottery. Looked to be 20- 30 people in the area recently. Recent use by 2 or 3 individuals in last 24-48 hrs. Also a helicopter sling.	JS	SA
84.	1730	B/Co at grid 437024 found 3 booby-traps grenade type with trip wire, will be destroyed.	JS	SA
85.	1745	(Delayed from 1715) A Chinook aircraft sighted movement vic XT 400125. Bn S-3 requested scout aircraft recon the area.	JS S-2	SA
86.	1750	D/Co 1-6 @ 358896 found a trail running to the N. The trail had been used in the past 24 hrs.	JS S-2	SA
87.	1600	Unit locations: A/Co LZ Tracy; B/Co 437024; C/Co 398998; D/Co (-) 355870, 3-6 4-6 Elrod; E/Co LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	SA
88.	1630	D/Co 1-6, CP boarding boats 355870.	JS	SA
89.	1840	CC aircraft sunk 1 sampan at XT 393014. Also spotted 1 large fish trap in the area.	JS Bde	SH
90.	1840	D/Co 1-6 boarded boats at 358876. D/Co 1-6, 2-6, CP headed for LZ Elrod.	JS Bde	SH
91.	1855	CIDG working with D/Co, will have night location at 244890.	JS Bde	SH
92.	1906	From Bde: 1/8th CAV will receive a 524 on CC aircraft tomorrow morning, to be used for B-3.	JS	SH
93.	1911	Plans called to companies. (Delayed entry) D/Co 1-6 at grid 355870 found 7 NVA KIA. Individuals believed killed by Sting Ray White aircraft, have been dead approx. 6 hrs. Further readout follows.	JS	SH
94.	1915	Readout for D/Co findings. 1 30 cal machine gun, 1 AK 47 with 20 rounds, 5 60mm mortar rounds, 1 B-40 rocket, 3 rockets undetermined size. Further readout follows.	JS Bde	SH
95.	1935	B/Co at grid 437024 receiving incoming. Receiving small arms	JS Bde	SH
96.	1940	B/Co not redeiving fire at this time. Engaging with organics B/Co had received approx. three magazines of small arms fire. Organics used were M-79 and Artillery. 2 or 3 individuals firing into the perimeter. Direction of fire NNE.	JS Bde	SH
97.	1945	B/Co 1-6 massive in position at this time.	JS	SH
98.	1950	B/Co had negative friendly casualties, negative assessment.	JS Bde	SH
99.	1955	C/Co 1-6 at grid 396994, requests medevac for 1 EM who set off a trip flare in his face. EM can not see at this time, possible permanent eye damage. Medevac requested through Cu Chi Dustoff.	JS Bde	SH
100.	2000	A/Co OP's in position.	JS	SH
101.	2001	Dustoff 155 inbound 15-20 minutes, to C/Co location.	JS	SH
102.	2008	From Bde: Not safe for any aircraft to fly under 500 feet, in AO. KEEP OUT	JS	SH
103.	2010	D/Co OP's and massives in position. 3-6 @343850, 3-5 @ 344845, OP-1 NE-100m, OP-2 E-100m, OP-3 S-100m.	JS Bde	SH
104.	2010	C/Co massives in position at this time.	JS	WA
105.	2025	E/Co 1-2 massive in position @444075	JS	WA
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106.	2025	B/Co additional, OP 2-2 SW-75m.	JS Bde	WA
107.	2115	Organic clearance, B/Co 1 1/2 KM all around; C/Co 2KM all around; D/Co 32 <sup>00</sup> mills to 64 <sup>00</sup> mills 1 1/2 KM (Delayed) 2040 Medevac for C/Co complete. Roster #158, with facial burns taken to Cu Chi 12th EVAC.	JS Bde	WA
108.	2045	From Elrod, radar picked up squad size force @332871, engaging with artillery.	JS Bde	WA
109.	2105	Organic clearance, delayed.	JS	WA
110.	2115	B/Co notified of change of plans.	JS	WA
111.	2100	(Delayed) Bde. notified of change in plans.	JS Bde	CW
112.	2155	Situation negative.	JS Bde	WA
113.	2200	Airstrikes from Bde., airstrikes diverted to 373908 (0930-500lbs napalm), 379901 (1045-750 lbs napalm), requested of diversion by Bn 8-3.	JS Bde	WA
114.	2300	Situation negative.	JS Bde	WA
115.	2305	In reference to item #97, D/Co additional finds, at grid 355870, found 7 NVA KIA. by aircraft, 2 drums of 30 cal ammo 1-30 cal belt with rounds, 500 AK 47 loose rounds, 3 bannana clips AK 47, 4 sticks of C-3 (1/3 lb size), 1 box of demo devices, 1 box of NVA cooking utensils, clothes, pans and medicines.	JS Bde	WA
116.	2330	Dog teams for D/Co and B/Co will come out on log bird in morning.	JS Bde	WA
117.	2355	Jim Bowie into Bde.	JS Bde	WA
118.	2400	Situation negative.	JS Bde	WA
119.	2400	Journal closed.	JS	WA

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120. 2400 Summary of 20 Feb. - B/Co 2 EM injured when tripped 60mm booby trap, medevaced. ARVN's at grid 344805 found 2 claymores (Chinese) 1 bangalore torpedo, 1 land mine (Chinese), 12 chi com grenades, 2 packs of rice, 5 ammo belts w/out ammo, 11 homemade booby traps. B/Co found trail at 437034 that showed heavy recent use. ARVN's also found 100 sticks TNT, 1 cooking vessel, 3 homemade grenades. C/Co at grid 398998 found 1 cement bunker. In bunker found clothing mats, 1 GI claymore w/device, cooking utensils, numerous C-rations and fish cans. Looked to be 20-30 individuals in area. 2 or 3 in past 24 hrs. D/Co 1-6 at 355870 found 7 NVA-KIA. Killed by Sting Ray White aircraft. Found 1 30 cal machine gun, 1 AK-47 with 20 rds, 5 60mm mortar rds, 1 B-40 rocket, 3 rockets undetermined size. B/Co received enemy small arms fire from 3-4 individuals. Neg friendly casualties. Enemy was engaged with organics- m-79 and arty. D/Co also found 2 drums of 30 cal ammo, 1-30 cal belt with rds, 500 AK-47 loose rds, 3 barmana clips AK-47, 4 sticks of C-3 (1/3 lb size) 1 box demo device, 1 box of NVA cooking utensils, clothes, and medicine.

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121. 2400 Journal closed.

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