

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

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0001 00 2400 21 Feb 1969

ITEM NO.	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	IN
1.	0001	Journal opened	JS	SA
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.	0500	Situation negative	JS Bde	WA
7.	0530	All companies up for stand to.	JS Bde	WA
8.	0600	Situation negative	JS Bde	WA
9.	0640	E/Co massive closing on Tracy.	JS	WA
10.	0715	A/Co OP's closing on Tracy.	JS	WA
11.	0720	E/Co OP-1 closing on Tracy.	JS	WA
12.	0730	B/Co OP's closed on FOB also sent squad to NW (S-6). 1-6 massive while closing on FOB found 1 NVA helmet, 1 AK 47, (11040402) in good condition. 1 NVA pack, 4 AK-47 magazines containing total of 120 rounds. These were found 100 meters SW of 1-6 night massive location (436033). Items brought in on Charlie Charlie.	JS Bde	WA
13.	0741	C/Co massive closed on F.O.B.	JS Bde	WA
14.	0745	D/Co OP's and massives closed on LZ Elrod	JS Bde	WA
15.	0755	B/Co massives closed on F.O.B.	JS Bde	SA
16.	0800	Navy informs us boats won't be available for A/Co Nav-Cav. A/Co will walk instead. Change in plans sent to Bde	JS Bde	SA
17.	0845	AIRSTRIKE requests; 357005, rally point & infiltration route, 341037, suspected anti-aircraft and bunkers, 362023, ammo and food cache, 378956 infiltration route, 356066 automatic weapon positions, bunkers and trench lines	JS Bde	SA
18.	0900	A/Co 3-6 2-6 CP moving South	JS Bde	SA
19.	0905	Suspected booby trap grids passed on to D/Co 357948, 375931.	JS	SA
20.	0910	Sniffer mission requested for 22 Feb. 3400 S to 3404 E to 4104 N 4100. 3497 S to 3491 E to 3991 N to 3997.	JS Bde	SA
21.	0915	E/Co 1-6 moving NW from LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	SA
22.	0945	Unit locations: A/Co (-) 432070, 1-6 4-6 Tracy; B/Co 437024; C/Co 397999; D/Co LZ Elrod; E/Co 1-6 441081, 4-6 Tracy.	JS Bde	SA
23.	1015	E/Co 1-5 at grid 441081 found a homemade part (butterfly) manufactured booby trap with trip wire device set up on trail. There were signs in the trail marking the area believed to be more. Markings consisted a stick pointers. Area showed no recent use.	JS Bde	SA
24.	1030	E/Co at same grid 441081 found another booby trap. This one a Russian grenade with handle taken off and a pen in it. Trip wire detonated. Will be destroyed. Also along trail.	JS Bde	SA
25.	1040	Birds on station for C/Co move.	JS	SA
26.	1055	E/Co at 441081 found a third booby trap. Same as second. A Russian grenade modified with trip wire. Will be destroyed.	JS Bde	SA
27.	1120	E/Co 1-5 at 441083 found a 4th booby trap. The previous 2 were not Russian grenades as reported but homemade anti personnel mines with trip wire device. All have been destroyed.	JS Bde	SA
28.	1125	C/Co off PZ 397999 1-6, 4-6	JS Bde	SA

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29.	1136	C/Co 1-6 4-6 landed LZ Elrod	JS Bde	SH
30.	1044	C/Co 2-6 off PZ	JS Bde	SA
31.	1150	C/Co 2-6 landed LZ Elrod.	JS	SA
32.	1202	C/Co 3-6 CP off PZ. PZ clear.	JS Bde	SA
33.	1211	C/Co comp landed LZ Elrod.	JS Bde	SA
34.	1230	(Delayed from 1135) D/Co 1-6, 2-6, CP on boats at LZ Elrod, headed NE.	JS Bde	SA
35.	1230	E/Co at grid 436080 found another booby trap. Concussion type anti personnel mine. Trip wire device.	JS Bde	SA
36.	1230	Unit locations: A/Co (-) 448054, 4-6 1-6 LZ tracy; B/Co 428022; C/Co LZ Elrod; D/Co 356878; E/Co (-) LZ Tracy, 1-5 436080.	JS Bde	SA
37.	1230	E/Co 1-5 at grid 436080 found another (total of 6) booby traps. Homeade anti personnel mine with trip wire. Will be destroyed.	JS Bde	SH
38.	1230	(delayed from 1150) D/Co 1-6, 4-6 on boats at LZ Elrod.	JS Bde	SH
39.	1230	(delayed from 1210) D/Co 1-6 2-6 CP off boats at 356878.	JS Bde	SH
40.	1230	(delayed from 1215) D/Co 3-6, 4-6 off boats at 356878.	JS Bde	SH
41.	1231	B/Co at grid 426020 found 18 graves. They dug the most recent one up with negative findings. They were all approx. 3 months old. One more grave will be dug up.	JS	SA
42.	1240	BDA on airstrike at grid 373907, from Bde Scout Aircraft, spotted 1 old bunker destroyed; 2 old fighting positions destroyed; 1 frame structure 3x3x4, appeared to a chicken coup structure; fairly fresh trails in area.	JS Bde	SH
43.	1248	E/Co 1-5 @ 436080 found 1 (total 7) booby trap anti personnel mine with trip wire. Trap will be destroyed in place.	JS Bde	CG
44.	1252	A/Co closed on LZ Tracy	JS Bde	SA
45.	1252	Plans for 22 Feb into Bde.	JS Bde	CG
46.	1259	Z/Co 1-5 at 436080 found 1 (total 8) booby trap, anti personnel mine with trip wire, will be destroyed.	JS Bde	SH
47.	1301	B/Co dug up 1 additional grave with negative findings.	JS	SH
48.	1303	B/Co at 428022 found 1 bunker 5x10x4, no overhead cover, shows no signs of recent use; 1 fighting position and 1 well, grass was trampled down around fighting position and well, possible use within last 2 or 3 days, Well was about 3' diameter, had clear water. Two trails; 1 running N, 1 running W, showed signs of recent use. Was destroyed.	JS Bde	SH
49.	1310	E/Co 1-5 at grid 436080 found 1 (total 9) booby trap. Anti personnel mine with trip wire. Will be destroyed.	JS Bde	SH
50.	1310	Requested C/S mission for 1130 hrs 22 Feb at 411875.	JS Bde	SH
51.	1315	E/Co 1-5 grid 436080 found 1 (total 10) booby trap same readout. It was dis-armed and will be brought in.	JS Bde	SA
52.	1317	Station at Elrod reports Scout bird sighting of 3 VC grid vic 370875. Believed 2 were KIA's due to scout bird fire. awaiting further readout.	JS Bde	SA
53.	1320	Station at Elrod reports now total 6-7 KIA's awaiting further readout.	JS Bde	SA
54.	1329	E/Co 1-5 at grid 436080 found 1 booby trap (total 11) will be destroyed.	JS Bde	SH

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55.	1331	Bde. scouts claim 6 NVA KIA at grid 370875. D/Co is approx. 500 meters from this area, they will give a further readout.	JS Bde	SH
56.	1359	D/Co spots 2 more VC to the E of their location. Approx. grid of D/Co 356079.	JS Bde	SH
57.	1400	E/Co 1-6 returning LZ Tracy	JS Bde	SH
58.	1401	(Delayed from 1254) Requested boundary extension from 380855 south to 380820 east of 390820 south to 390779, from 220600 to 221800.	JS Bde	SH
59.	1410	D/Co reports 1 WIA/NVA captured at grid 380870. Awaiting further readout.	JS Bde	SA
60.	1430	POW has been brought to LZ Tracy for questioning and treatment.	JS Bde	SA
61.	1435	(Delayed from 1415) Sources at sugar mill report ARVN's in contact with between 100-300 NVA at grid 425146.	JS Bde	SA
62.	1445	(Delayed from 1420) E/Co closed LZ Tracy.	JS	SA
63.	1445	D/Co reports 3 KIA, 1 WIA at this grid 380870. Scout birds claim 6 more in area total 9 KIA's.	JS Bde	SA
64.	1450	B/Co at grid 412022 found 1 lb salt 10 lbs rice $\frac{1}{2}$ bns squash 1water jug, 2 cooking pots, Area shows recent use.	JS Bde	SA
65.	1455	D/Co reports 1 more KIA in same area 380870.	JS Bde	SA
66.	1500	Readout from POW At 0600 150 NVA departed Cambodian Border in groups of 50 they have not yet determined were they would rendevous.	JS Bde	SA
67.	1500	Requested POW interrogating team re-submitted request.	JS Bde	SA
68.	1510	D/Co captured 1 additional POW total 2.	JS Bde	SA
69.	1515	Requested from Bde extension into 9th Inf. Division for Airstrikes due to contact in area 2KM or more.	JS Bde	SA
70.	1600	Bde. has granted us 3 AS in our AO Col. Graham will decide locations from air.	JS	SA
71.	1610	Unit locations; A/Co Tracy; B/Co 411021; C/Co Elrod; D/Co 368881; E/Co LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	SA
72.	1625	D/Co found so far 1 AK 47 S.N. 12111815 grid 380870	JS S-2	SH
73.	1630	Unit locations: A/Co Tracy; B/Co 411021; C/Co Elrod; D/Co 368881; E/Co Tracy.	JS Bde	SA
74.	1650	Change in plans sent to Bde for D/Co	JS Bde	SA
75.	1650	POW's have been extracted.	JS Bde	SA
76.	1715	(Reference D/Co findings) D/Co has 4 NVA KIA, 1 NVA POW; Bde Scouts have 5 NVA KIA 1 NVA POW; D/Co has 3 AK-47 (# 12111815, 11068077, 12108628) 1 SKS-44 #10081962, 1 Chi Com AK-47 #12045464, 2PG-70 rockets, 1 51 cal machine gun, with sights and tripod, missing one part to be complete; 50 rounds 51 cal ammo; 17 chi com grenades; 9 banana clips w/approx 25 rds per clip; total of 600 rds AK-47 ammo; miscellaneous items of clothing.	JS Bde	SH
77.	1720	B/Co 2-2 massive in position at this time.	JS Bde	SH
78.	1845	E/Co 1-1 massive LZ Tracy at this time	JS Bde	SA
79.	1850	B/Co 2-2 massive reported receiving small arms fire from the SW estimated 3-5 individuals. Awaiting further readout. Contact broken 1855.	JS Bde	SA

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80. 1910	(Delayed entry 1450) D/Co medevac one EM Sp/4 Deal, Michael L. US 53531334 1510 medevac complete. He was shot in arm during contact.			JS Bde SA
81. 1915	B/Co requests emergency sling of ammo be taken into their area. Denied.			JS SA
82. 1930	Station at Elrod reports 2 trip flares going off 400 m to SW of Elrod. Engaging with Redleg.			JS SA
83. 1945	B/Co 2-2 massive at CP location, 1-3 3-3 massives in position at this time.			JS Bde SA
84. 1955	B/Co 2-2 massive not going out will send out 1 OP 2-2 to the NE 100 m. Massive 2-2 heard screaming sounds from area where organics were fired.			JS SA
85. 2000	Radar unit LZ Tracy picked up 6-8 individuals moving in a N direction from approx grid 457083 negative friendly's. Artillery requested.			JS Bde WA
86. 2020	Radar unit further readout, individuals now moving east.			JS Bde WA
87. 2021	D/Co OP's and massives in position			JS WA
88. 2030	From Elrod (Bn 50) radar unit picked up 6-8 individuals closing on LZ, individuals at grid 35148582, engaging with Artillery at this time.			JS Bde WA
89. 2100	Bn 3A informed thru 50 D/Co about friendly booby traps at grids 375931 also 357948.			JS CW
90. 2100	From Bde, Airstrikes for 22 Feb 69 @ 373908, time 0845, 500 lbs. napalm.			JS Bde WA
91. 2100	Situation negative			JS Bde CW
92. 2200	Situation negative			JS Bde CW
93. 2200	Bn 2 requested, infra red, SLAR, Fire Flies for 22 Feb (night) also people sniffer for day of 22 Feb			JS Bde WA
94. 2220	Change in plans sent to Bde, D/Co notified of change.			JS Bde WA
95. 2230	Organic and artillery clearance from LZ Elrod, from 40 <sup>00</sup> mills to 64 <sup>00</sup> mills 1KM Direct Fire, Clearance for C/Co LZ Elrod from 40 <sup>00</sup> mills to 02 <sup>00</sup> mills, not less than 1.5 KM no more than 3.5 KM, from 02 <sup>00</sup> mills to 13 <sup>00</sup> mills, not less than 2KM, from 13 <sup>00</sup> to 32 <sup>00</sup> , 2KM, from 32 <sup>00</sup> to 40 <sup>00</sup> neg. clearance. Clearance on massives, 3-5 mass. from 48 <sup>00</sup> to 30 <sup>00</sup> mills 1.5 KM from 30 <sup>00</sup> to 48 <sup>00</sup> neg. clearance, for 36 MACS 75 <sup>00</sup> mills to 60 <sup>00</sup> mills 1.5 KM neg. clearance LZ Tracy, E/4-6 clearance in box, 390050, 390090, 415050, 415090, in box 434086, 428109, 440109, 450086. B/Co from 64 <sup>00</sup> mills to 20 <sup>00</sup> mills 3KM, from 20 <sup>00</sup> mills to 64 <sup>00</sup> neg clearance. D/Co 22A from 64 <sup>00</sup> mills to 32 <sup>00</sup> mills 3.5 KM, from 32 <sup>00</sup> mills to 64 <sup>00</sup> no more than 3.5 KM and no less than 2.5 KM, 2-6 mass from 40 <sup>00</sup> mills to 16 <sup>00</sup> mills 3.5 KM, from 16 <sup>00</sup> mills to 40 <sup>00</sup> mills neg clearance. 2-5 mass from 32 <sup>00</sup> mills to 55 <sup>00</sup> mills 3.5 KM from 55 <sup>00</sup> to 32 <sup>00</sup> neg clearance. 1-1 massive from 20 <sup>00</sup> to 48 <sup>00</sup> 3.5 KM, from 48 <sup>00</sup> to 20 <sup>00</sup> neg clearance. Sent to Comp.			JS Bde WA
96. 2315	(Delay from 1400) D/Co made contact at 370875 with 4-5 ind. results 1US WIA, ind. roster #117 was medevac from Elrod. Name Sp/4 Deal, Michael L. US 53531334 Ind. had a arm wound.			JS Bde WA
97. 2400	Journal closed			JS CW

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Summary of 21 Feb - B/Co 1-6 while closing on FOB, found 1 NVA helmet, 1 AK-47, 1 NVA pack, 4 AK-47 magazines (120 rds) at 436033. E/Co found 11 booby traps at 436030. D/Co has 4 NVA KIA, 1 NVA POW. Bde Scouts have 5 KIA & 1 POW. D/Co 3 AK-47, 1 chi com AK-47, 2 PG-70 rockets, 1 51 cal machine gun, sights and tripod. 50 rds 51 cal ammo, 17 chi com grenades, 9 banana clips w/approx 25 rds per clip, 600 rds AK-47 ammo. B/Co 2-2 massive received small arms fire while going to position. Called in Reg Leg and heard screaming where organics where fired. D/Co had medevac, Sp4 Deal who was shot during contact during day.

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99. 2400 Journal closed.

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