

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

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0001 to 2400 24 Feb

ITEM NO.	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	IN WA
1.	0001	Journal opened	JS	WA
2.	0002	All company's on LZ Tracy up for 2400 to 0200 hrs. 100% alert	JS	WA
3.	0040	Negative commo with B/Co.	JS	WA
4.	0050	Commo complete with B/Co.	JS	WA
5.	0100	From LZ Elrod a trip flare was set off NW of LZ. It was believed to be set off by one of the LZ's recon 81 mortars, engaging area with small arms, organics, and artillery.	JS Bde	WA
6.	0100	Situation Negative	JS Bde	WA
7.	0200	Situation Negative, negative 100% alert at this time.	JS Bde	WA
8.	0300	Situation Negative	JS Bde	WA
9.	0400	Situation Negative	JS Bde	WA
10.	0430	(in reference item #114, 23 Feb.) LZ Barbara received 9 rds. of RPG's, 7 rds. of 82mm mortars from 39200 mills 1400 meters engaged with artillery and counter mortars. Neg casual. 2/8 at LZ Fence Post received 60 rds. of 82mm mortars SW of FOB but they fell short. Negative casualties engaged with artillery.	JS	WA
11.	0500	Situation Negative	JS Bde	WA
12.	0530	From Bde: Boundary extensions granted to 1/8 corr from ASAD to 05 March 1800. From present boundary on NXS grid line 36 to EXW grid line 18 to river at XT394180 S on W bank of river to 16 ExW grid line E to XT440111 S to present boundary.	JS	WA
13.	0535	A/Co, B/Co, C/Co, D/Co and E/Co up for stand to.	JS	WA
14.	0600	Situation Negative	JS Bde	WA
15.	0630	F B Jackson at 423168 received 30 to 35 82mm mortars. The results were 3 artillery WIA. FB Diamond had negative contact all night.	JS	WA
16.	0703	Bde A/Co OP's close on LZ Tracy.	JS	WA
17.	0710	CC / log aircrafts will arrive LZ @ 0730 hrs. Bde White aircraft will arrive approx 0740 hrs.	JS	WA
18.	0712	From Bde: Air strike for 24 Feb. has been diverted to 346-936 500 lb. Napalm at 0845 hrs.	JS MAP	WA
19.	0720	From Bde: Air strike for 24 Feb. has been canceled by Air Force.	JS	WA
20.	0730	C/Co OP's and mass. closed on LZ Elrod.	JS	WA
21.	0733	CC arrived LZ Tracy.	JS	WA
22.	0745	D/Co OP's and mass. close on FOB.	JS	WA
23.	0748	B/Co spotted 2 individuals 300 E of FOB also 300 N, 2 ind. loc 367149.	JS	WA
24.	0800	Friendly mines have been reported in these areas 353142, 368145.	JS	SA
25.	0845	Scout birds on station.	JS	SA
26.	0900	Air strike requests for 25 Feb. 317885 infiltration route, 338896 rally areas and previous contact points, 346935, 351915, and 390153 all infiltration routes rally areas and previous contact points.	JS Bde	SA
27.	0905	C/Co 1-6, 3-6 CP boarded boats at LZ Elrod.	JS	SA
28.	0945	B/Co 1-6, 2-6 CP moving WNW from night location.	JS	SA
29.	0945	C/Co 1-6, 3-6 CP off boats at grid 357873.	JS Bde	SH
30.	0945	D/Co 1-6, 4-6 CP boarded boats at grid 357873.	JS	SH
31.	0955	Lift birds on station for snatch mission.	JS	SH

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32.	1010	A/Co picked up male detainee he had no picture on his ID. They picked him up to SSW of LZ Tracy 800 meters out (moved out 0930 hrs.).	JS	SA
33.	1010	D/Co CP 1-6, 4-6 off boats at LZ Elrod.	JS Bde	SA
34.	1020	E/Co 1 & 2 up for snatch mission.	JS Bde	SA
35.	1040	E/Co 1 on the ground 443076 negative pick-up.	JS Bde	SA
36.	1045	E/Co 1 up at 1045 hrs.	JS Bde	SA
37.	1055	E/Co on ground grid has received fire from a hooch grid 437-117.	JS Bde	SA
38.	1117	A/Co 2-6 off PZ @ 435065 landed LZ.	JS Bde	SA
39.	1123	A/Co 2-6 on LZ @ grid vic 437117.	JS Bde	SA
40.	1140	A/Co 3-6 on LZ Tracy.	JS	SA
41.	1200	(Ref. E/Co contact) Civilians have been cleared of the village. Civilians report that there are 4 VC in the village: 1 is dead; 1 is possible wounded, he is hiding in a bunker in the NW corner of the village; the other 2 evaded from the village.	JS Bde	SA
42.	1215	Kit Carson is unfirmed KIA, reported from A/Co 2-6.	JS Bde	SA
43.	1220	Request for lift aircraft, for A/Co 2-6 and E/Co 1 & 2, sent into Bde. Requested 6 sorties at 1500 hrs. today.	JS Bde	SA
44.	1235	Requested Psyaps (Nor Flag 700) team from Brigade (delayed 1200 hrs.).	JS	SA
45.	1235	Psyaps bird at LZ Tracy.	JS	SA
46.	1315	(Delayed 1050 hrs.) D/Co 2-6, 3-6 boarded boats 357873.	JS Bde	SA
47.	1315	(Delayed 1120 hrs.) D/Co 2-6, 3-6 off boats at LZ Elrod.	JS Bde	SA
48.	1315	(Delayed 1010) C/Co 2-6, 4-6, boarded boats LZ Elrod.	JS Bde	SA
49.	1315	(Delayed 1050) C/Co 2-6, 4-6 off boats at 357873 C/Co complete.	JS Bde	SA
50.	1320	MAC-V request boundry extension for operations 25 Feb. 0600-1800 hrs. Grids 448154-425138-456077-495097.	JS	SA
51.	1330	(Delayed from 1230) Sting Ray white aircraft will not be able to make other missions Bde. had planned for them. Sting Ray White aircraft are still supporting us. (Message given to SR 65 to be passed along to SR 83 or 83M).	JS Bde	SH
52.	1335	Plans sent to Bde. (for 25 Feb. 69).	JS Bde	SH
53.	1340	From Bde: 1/8 CAV can keep Sting Ray White aircraft for today's extraction of A/Co 2-6.	JS S-3	SH
54.	1350	E/Co 1 & 2 off ground at grid 437117. (Delayed from 1105).	JS Bde	SH
55.	1355	E/Co 1 & 2 on LZ Tracy. (Delayed from 1110 hrs.).	JS Bde	SH
56.	1410	Aircraft requests for 25 Feb. sent to Bde.	JS Bde	SH
57.	1425	From Bde: Request 3rd Bde 9th Inf. boundry extension in southern section of 1/8 CAV AO be extended to 25 1500 hrs. BN. 3A approved request.	JS Bde	SH
58.	1430	Boundry extension requested by MAC-V has been approved by BN. 3A.	JS	SH
59.	1445	Birds of A/Co 2-6 lift to LZ Tracy ETA 1530 hrs.	JS	SH
60.	1455	A 1/9 aircraft at grid 345145 spotted 1 trail running south.	JS	SH
61.	1500	A/Co 2-6 has swept area of contact with negative findings except for 1 wounded civilian and 2 little people for questioning.	JS Bde	SH
62.	1515	B/Co Kit Carson scout- sent to 25th Evac Hospital. Brigade to notify 191 MI.	JS Bde	SH

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63.	1538	A/Co 2-6 off PZ (452094) (PZ CLEAR).	JS Bde	SH
64.	1543	A/Co 2-6 on LZ (LZ Tracy).	JS Bde	SH
65.	1605	From Bde: Fuel separator and generator will be at Cu Chi at 1630 hrs. today. If these items are critical to 1/8 they can be picked up today at Cu Chi at the ACROBAT PAD. Contact will be Gallon Fox 35B, on D21.	JS S-3	SH
66.	1625	From Brigade: Password for 24 Feb. 1200 hrs. till 25 Feb. 1200 is EXIT HAT.	JS	SH
67.	1625	Reference Kit Carson his weapon has been reported missing as a result of this mornings contact. After being shot a VC took his weapon and hurried from area #1031356.	JS Bde	SH
68.	1630	From Bde: Prior to releasing CC aircraft, contact Bde. 83 to see if he has a mission (pick up Bde 3) for CC aircraft.	JS	SH
69.	1705	Change in plans sent to Bde.	JS Bde	SH
70.	1730	A/Co 2-6 grid 437117 picked up 5 detainees for questioning; 4 males, 1 female military age. 1 male was wounded further transferred to Tay Ninh.	JS Bde	SH
71.	1750	Plans for 25 Feb. 69 sent to companies.	JS	SH
72.	1810	Scout birds at grid 379032 to grid 362044 spotted a trail used recently by a platoon (est.) of little people within the last 24 hrs. At grid 357047 scout birds spotted 3 re-enforced bunkers, concrete, 6'x8' used recently. At grid 328021 to grid 352018 scout birds spotted a trail which was used by a company (est) of little people used within the last 48 hrs. At grid 369953 scout birds spotted a trail used by 40 (est) little people within the last 40 hrs. (est). At grid 351141 the scout birds spotted a 10'x3' dock, negative recent use.	JS	WM
73.	1830	Received locations for little people.	JS	WM
74.	1900	Intelli. report sent to Navy: 24 1200 hrs. 300 NVA many heavy weapon's XT415100-XT406108 SF agent 3084 C-6.	JS	SH
75.	1930	Unit PDS: A/Co 104-3-7; B/Co 94-4-8; C/Co 91-4-4; D/Co 121-4-8; E/Co 67-1-2.	JS Bde	SH
76.	1930	Night Finals: A/Co LZ Tracy, OP's 1-1A N 100m, 2-1A E 100m, 3-1A W 100m; B/Co 368148, OP 2-2 E 150m, 3-2 mass 365151; C/Co 367899, mass 1-6 368906, mass 3-6 363887; D/Co LZ Elrod, OP's 1 NE 100m, 2 E 100m, 3 S 100m, mass 2-6 345852, mass 2-5 344845; E/Co 4-6 LZ Tracy, OP 1 S 100m; E/Co CP & 1-2 378148, mass 1-3 377148, Killer team 1-1 no farther south than 700m from CP location nor farther west than 376 NS grid line.	JS Bde	SH
77.	1930	Jim Bowie turned into Bde.	JS Bde	SA
78.	1930	Radar report sent into Bde.	JS Bde	SH
79.	1940	B/Co OP's and massives in position at this time.	JS	SH
80.	1950	E/Co 4-6 OP's in position.	JS	WM
81.	2000	A/Co OP's in position.	JS	WA
82.	2010	A/Co 6-9 & artillery FO observed automatic weapons fire at a 60 degree azimuth approx. 400 to 500 meters from LZ Tracy. Weapons fire was to East toward village fire continuing observed at 1945 hrs.	JS	WA
83.	2015	D/Co OP's and mass. in position at this time.	JS	WA
84.	2020	Radar at LZ Tracy picked up 3 to 4 ind. moving east at 0765 miles 2080 meters in observation at this time.	JS Bde	WA
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85.	2029	From tower negative observation of weapons fire at this time reference to item # 82.	JS	WA
86.	2030	From Sugar Mill, Intel reports at 1800 (F-3) report of 1 VC company at 444100 with 1 82mm mortar. Individuals have weapons, 80 men. @ 1900 report of (F-3) 1 NVA company at grids, 395104, 404108, 404115, size 150 men, mission attack Navy boat at 1900 (F-3) report of 3/4 platoon at 472033, 479032 size 52 men.	JS	WA
87.	2045	From Bde. 1/8 will secure for 2/5 LZ @ XT 436163, 200 meters NW of FB Jackson, 1/8 time in 25 Feb. 69 0745 hrs. extraction 1200 hrs.	JS	WA
88.	2120	Delayed entry: Plans sent to all companies (1700).	JS	WA
89.	2125	Situation Negative.	JS	DWN
90.	2200	Situation Negative.	JS Bde	WA
91.	2215	Organic clearance for LZ Tracy box 4003, 4008, 4303, 428055, 420055, 420080 for B/Co 2000 to 4000 2 KM, from 4000 to 6000 500 meters from 6000 to 0600 2 KM; C/Co 3 KM all around; LZ Elrod 2 1/2 KN all around. E 1-6 from 6000 to 4000 (mills) 1 1/2 KM only. Sent to companys.	JS	WA
92.	2235	From Bde.: 2nd field force commander Gen. Kirwin will be to these locations 25 Feb. 69 to brief. S-2, S-3 in that order. Times LZ Elrod at 0900, LZ Tracy @ 1030, LZ Grant @ 1300.	JS	WA
93.	2236	Confirmed at this time, from Bde 3 1/8 will secure to secure at grid 436163 on Feb. 25. Will walk off F B Jackson to above grid. E/Co 1-6 will move to B/Co night location at 368148 by 0730 hrs. B/Co to secure CA at 0745 hrs. (6 sorties), E/Co 1-6 to secure to secure to LZ Jackson at 0800 E/Co 1-6 to CA extract to LZ Tracy at 1200 after mission complete.	JS	WA
94.	2300	Situation Negative.	JS Bde	WA
95.	2330	LZ Elrod took 1 round estimated to be 122 rocket 30 meters NW of LZ. The rd. came from the south. No movement was seen.	JS Bde	DWN
96.	2345	From tower observed individual as reported last night. Came from village made circle and returned to village area under observation.	JS	DWN
97.	2355	LZ Elrod reports light 150 meters NW of LZ Arty. called in.	JS Bde	DWN
98.	2359	Situation Negative.	JS Bde	DWN
99.	2400	Journal closed.	JS	DWN

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Summary of 24 Feb - FB Jackson at 423168 received 30 to 35 82mm mortars. Results 3 WIA artillery. E/Co on snatch mission received fire at 437117. Reported 4 VC in village. E/Co had 1 WIA civilian and brought in 2 little people for questioning, negative findings except for above. L Kit Carson wounded, lost weapon in contact. He was medevaced. A/Co at 437117 picked up 5 detainees; 4 male, 1 female, 1 male was wounded. LZ Elrod took 1 rd. estimated to be 122 rocket. No movement seen.

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101. 2400 Journal closed.

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