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S-2 S-3 1st Battalion 8th Cav LZ Tracy			0001 to 2400 4 March 69	
LINE NO.	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	IN
1.	0001	Journal opened.	JS	CW
2.	0100	Situation Negative.	JS Bde	CW
3.	0200	Situation Negative.	JS Bde	CW
4.	0300	Situation Negative.	JS Bde	CW
5.	0400	Situation Negative.	JS Bde	CW
6.	0500	Situation Negative.	JS Bde	CW
7.	0541	E/Co 1-5 at 435042 engaging 3 to 4 individuals with small arms, claymores and grenades. E/Co recieved 4 to 5 rds. of small arms return fire. Individuals are about 25 meters E away from E/Co's location. Will give further read out at first light.	JS Bde	CW
8.	0600	Situation Negative.	JS Bde	CW
9.	0600	(Delayed from 0100) Airstrike for today cancelled by Bde.	JS	CW
10.	0600	Plans called to companies.	JS	CW
11.	0640	E/Co 1-5 moving to check area of engagement at this time.	JS Bde	CW
12.	0650	C/Co's OP's closed on LZ Tracy at this time.	JS	CW
13.	0708	Admit log push is now 47.60.	JS	CW
14.	0806	E/Co 1-5 at 435042 found 1 KIA VC white shirt tanned pants a US type grenade, 1 US canteen cup, 1 blue shirt, 1 pair green shorts, 1 pair blue pants, 1 dairy, 1 mosquito net, 1 boonie hat. VC was killed by E/Co SA fire.	JS Bde	CW
15.	0850	Airstrike requests sent to Bde. 396038, 399996, 459031 and 380000 all major infiltration routes, rally points, bunkers, fighting positions caches numerous in area.	JS Bde	CW
16.	0930	Flight leader for Mini-Cav on station for briefing.	JS	SA
17.	0955	A 1/9 aircraft has checked out pre-planned LZ neg. findings.	JS	SA
18.	1013	B/Co 2-6 off PZ 422017.	JS Bde	SA
19.	1020	B/Co 2-6 on LZ (435020 (LZ GREEN)).	JS Bde	SA
20.	1032	B/Co 1-6 off PZ 422017.	JS Bde	SA
21.	1034	B/Co 1-6 on LZ (422017).	JS Bde	SA
22.	1035	E/Co 1-5 off PZ @ 438039 (PZ CLEAR).	JS Bde	SA
23.	1037	E/Co 1-5 on LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	SA
24.	1055	Request AO ext. from Blue to highway 7A to highway 10.	JS Bde	SA
25.	1100	B/Co at 423019 reports finding an old cart 6'x4' in good shape was destroyed. Also 100 NE to that grid 1 concrete bunker 4'x3'x3' 2' overhead cover-destroyed. Neither item shows recent use.	JS Bde	SA
26.	1115	C/Co 2-6 off PZ (LZ Tracy).	JS Bde	SA
27.	1121	C/Co 2-6 on LZ (449094) (LZ GREEN).	JS Bde	SA
28.	1124	C/Co 3-6, CP off PZ (LZ Tracy).	JS Bde	SA
29.	1129	C/Co 3-6 CP on LZ 449090 (LZ GREEN).	JS Bde	SA
30.	1155	E/Co at 425026 found 3 well used trails 1 NE-SW, 2 E-W.	JS	SA
31.	1200	Assistant Div. commander ETA LZ Tracy 15-20 min.	JS	SA
32.	1202	B/Co at 425026 found 1 fresh bunker 3'x3'x5' with 2' overhead cover. Showed signs of recent use-Destroyed.	JS Bde	SA
33.	1220	Unit loc. A/Co 375126; B/Co (-) 425026, 1-6 421035; C/Co 1-6 4-6 LZ Tracy CP, 3-6 449090, 2-6 449094; D/Co 433018.	JS Bde	SA
34.	1220	Assistant Div. commander arrived on LZ Tracy.	JS	SA
35.	1223	A/Co requests organic clearance on XT361127 for recon by fire	JS	SH
36.	1227	Clearance for fire on XT361127 granted.	JS	SH

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37.	1355	B/Co 3-6 427028 found 1 bunker 5'x6'x11' with 1' of overhead cover. Numerous pots and plates around area. Also 5 lb. bags of salt & Sugar. Magazines and a bandalere of AK rds. approx 120 rds., also 1 flashlight. These will be destroyed along with the bunkers. Area has been used in last 2 days.	JS Bde	SA
38.	1410	Unit locations A/Co 361127; B/Co 425026; C/Co CP, 3-6 452-095, 2-6 453097, 1-6, 4-6 LZ Tracy; D/Co 441030; E/Co LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	SA
39.	1430	MAC-V at Sugar Mill reports a VC surrendered at 1300 hrs. at their location this morning. He was wounded in the back from contact last night with E/Co 1-5. He is being brought to LZ Tracy for questioning and then will be sent to Tay Ninh at 1500 hrs by log bird.	JS Bde	SA
40.	1440	Aircraft requests sent to Bde.	JS	SA
41.	1515	(Reference 39) The POW Chieu-Hoi surrendered 1300 hrs. wearing tan pants he had 1 grenade-released to 1/8 @ 1430 hrs.	JS	SA
42.	1555	POW on his way to Tay Ninh.	JS Bde	SA
43.	1600	Unit locations A/Co 361127; B/Co 428027; C/Co CP, 3-6, 2-6 449091, 1-6, 4-6 LZ Tracy; D/Co 441025; E/Co LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	SA
44.	1630	B/Co @ 428027 found 7 booby traps, home made with trip wire. Area shows fresh recent use. Booby traps were destroyed.	JS Bde	SA
45.	1653	C/Co 2-6, 3-6 CP closed on LZ Tracy.	JS	SH
46.	1655	Request boundry extension from present boundry at grid 4511 N to 4513 W to present boundry. Effective 05 0600 to 05 1800. Plans sent to Bde.	JS Bde	SH
47.	1715	Unit closing locations: A/Co 361127, mass 1-1A 364127, 2-1 A 359126, 3-1A 360129; B/Co 428027, mass 1-2 425028, 3-3 428025, OP 2-2 N 150m; C/Co LZ Tracy, OP's 2 N 100m, 3 W 100m, 4 E 100m; D/Co 441025, mass 2-A 440019, OP 1-1A N 100m E/Co LZ Tracy, OP 1 S 100m.	JS Bde	SH
48.	1715	Unit PDS: A/Co 105-3-9; B/Co 82-3-10; C/Co 86-5-7; D/Co 98-4-7; E/Co 63-2-2.	JS Bde	SH
49.	1715	Jim Bowie report sent to Bde.	JS Bde	SH
50.	1750	A 1/9 reports the canal starting at 365940 to 388416 shows heavy use numerous trails in the area heading SE, real recent use. Approx EN, size. He reported being tracked by radar 2 clicks from Cambodian border. Also other trails to the W recent use.	JS Bde	SH
51.	1800	(Delayed from 1500) A 1/9 reported negative findings as EDA for A/S.	JS	SA
52.	1802	Locations sent to Navy Tra Cu and Duc Hue.	JS	SA
53.	1812	Organce clearance A/Co 1 KM all around B/Co 3200-0400 2 KM. D/Co 64-32 1 KM their location being 441030.	JS	SA
54.	1830	All elements upon malaria.	JS	SA
55.	1850	B/Co at 428027 found 1 more homemade trip wire boobytrap total 8 all were destroyed.	JS	SA
56.	1910	Location passes to MAC-V.	JS	SA
57.	1925	(Intell report) 1730 4 March 1 VC platoon 434093 strength 25 men armed with 2 B-40 launchers 1 M-60. At 1000 hrs 1 VC unit 454124 strength 40 men 1 82mm 2 M-60 rating VN B3	JS	SA

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58.	1920	(From Bn 3) Bde. informed that White 41 refused direct order from Bn 3 to return to Tay Ninh. Bde reports all LOH aircraft should be back home by dark.	JS Bde	SA
59.	1925	Request boundary extension for tomorrow operations. From present boundary at grid 4311 N to 4312 E to 4512 S to present boundary at 4511. Effective from 05 0600 to 05 1800. Sent to MAC-V at the Sugar Mill.	JS	SH
60.	1935	MAC-V at the Sugar Mill approved boundary extension for 1/8 Cav operations tomorrow.	JS	SH
61.	1945	Change in PDS: A/Co 108-3-9; C/Co 87-5-7; D/Co 108-4-8.	JS Bde	SH
62.	1945	A/Co massives in position.	JS	SA
63.	1950	B/Co massives and OP's in position.	JS	SA
64.	2010	C/Co OP's in position.	JS	SA
65.	2020	D/Co OP's and massives in position.	JS	CW
66.	2044	AO extension approved by a/5 till 06 0700.	JS	CW
67.	2046	A/Co 1-1A massive at 364127 has 4 to 5 individuals moving E engaged with grenades & claymore massive has pulled back to CP location engaging area with artillery. Further read out with first light recon of area. Massive will return to position after artillery is complete.	JS Bde	CW
68.	2055	A/Co engaging area with organics.	JS Bde	CW
69.	2145	Aircraft for Fire Fly on station at LZ Tracy for briefing and mission.	JS Bde	CW
70.	2145	BLAR readings 1930 hrs. XT2603 2 50 cal. anti aircraft positions also engaging air craft. 1920 XT315027 1 sampan, 2020 hrs. XS 302972 4 sampans.	JS S-2	CW
71.	2200	Situation Negative.	JS Bde	CW
72.	2210	A/Co 1-1A massive now an OP also back in position.	JS Bde	CW
73.	2235	A/Co OP 1-1A had movement at same area, engaging area with artillery.	JS Bde	CW
74.	2245	Airstrike for 5 March at 396038 500 lb. bombs TOT 0900 hrs.	JS	CW
75.	2246	Fire Fly mission airborne at this time.	JS Bde	CW
76.	2255	From Bde. Airstrike cancelled.	JS	CW
77.	2300	Bn 3A while reconing area of A/Co radar picked up beeps on FM indicator leaving area at this time.	JS Bde	CW
78.	2310	From Bde. Airstrike for 5 March at grid 396038 TOT 0945 750 lb. bombs.	JS	CW
79.	2322	A/Co has ceased fire with artillery. A/Co OP 1-1A will be going back into position.	JS	CW
80.	2340	A/Co 1-1 back in position at this time.	JS	AG
81.	2400	Situation Negative.	JS Bde	AG
82.	2400	Journal closed.	JS	AG

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Operation for 4 March 69: E/Co successfully executed an ambush in which resulted in 1 POW and 1 NVN KIA.

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