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S-3 1st Battalion 8th Cavalry LZ Tracy			0001 to 2400 8 March	
ITEM NO.	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	IN
1.	0001	Journal Opened.	JS	CW
2.	0040	Negative Situation report, no further sighting of lights.	JS Bde	AG
3.	0040	From Duc Hue: locations; XT 316101, XT 309084, XT 333098, XT 332097.	JS	CW
4.	0100	Situation negative.	JS Bde	CW
5.	0153	Company locations were not passed to Navy, also did not receive Navy ambush locations.	JS	CW
6.	0200	Situation negative.	JS Bde	CW
7.	0030	Delayed: LZ Grant received incoming rounds, and ground attack by unknown size force. LZ Grant TOC took a direct hit from unknown size round. Resulting in 5 KIA's, one KIA known was 2/12 Bn. Co. 2/12 lost commo for about 05 minutes then, 2/22 commo officer began running the offensive attack from the commo center, until 2/12 S-3 could be located. Attack started slacking off at 0125 hrs. Bde. sent all possible help available. The attack started picking up at 0134 hrs. At 0145 ground attack slacked off again. 0200 last report enemy pulled back to a village in area.	JS	CW
8.	0105	Delayed: 2/5 LZ Terry received 20 60mm mortar rounds. Resulting in 6 known US WIA's, also at the same D/Co 2/5 at grid 339221 spotted 100 to 150 individuals in area 333213 to 339216, individuals were moving down a road. D/Co was engaged by individuals resulting in 5 US WIA's. Medevac was requested, area engaged with artillery. Blue Max worked out area. Contact broken at 0110. Also LZ Terry requested LZ Tracy to fire arty for them. Negative assessment at this time.	JS	CW
9.	0400	Situation negative.	JS Bde	CW
10.	0359	From Bde; request Duke C/O to report to LZ Terry, report to no later than 0630 Prescott Arizona.	JS	CW
11.	0500	Situation negative.	JS Bde	CW
12.	0515	D/Co 2/5 1-6 at 0110 spotted 100 to 150 indiv. walking in front of their position @341210 300 meters out traveling north. At 0115 spotted 35 to 40 indiv. passing in front of 1-6 element. At same grid 341210 engaged with M-16 and M-60 also arty. Contact broke at 0120 negative assessment 1-6 element moved to new location 343212. Blue Max came on station at 0120. The 2-6 element medevac at 0125 and medevac completed at 0235 had 2 litters 06 Amp. 1 KIA. The KIA still at D/Co 2/5 location. Also, times requested help, Blue Max 0102 on station 0120 requested for second Blue Max 0215. Requested Spooky 0105 on station 0140. Request Flair ship 0105 on station 0130 and 0324 and 0400. After contact broke 2-6 element moved back to FOB. Then went back to contact area and found 2 KIA's. Then moved back to FOB where present located at this time.	JS	CW
13.	0545	All 1/8 units up for stand to.	JS	CW
14.	0600	Situation negative.	JS Bde	CW
15.	0615	Sent operational plans to B/Co, C/Co, D/Co, E/ 1-6 & 4-6.	JS	AG

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16.	0620	Negative findings in our AO from Fire Fly mission.	JS	CW
17.	0625	Airstrike request for 8 March has been cancelled.	JS	CW
18.	0644	OP's closed on LZ Tracy.	JS	CW
19.	0650	A/Co took 15 rounds of 82mm neg casualties, at 0720-0730	JS Bde	AG
20.	0700	E/Co moving to the SW.	JS	CW
21.	0708	B/Co massive closed on night location.	JS	CW
22.	0708	2/12 at LZ Grant receiving sniper fire. Neg assessment.	JS	CW
23.	0730	B/Co complete moving west. E/Co @ 433038 moving SW.	JS	CW
24.	0745	Duke O/C at Tracy.	JS	CW
25.	0747	B/Co holding up at 437011.	JS	CW
26.	0825	Airstrike request: 455011, 411011, 453013, bunker complex and Navy contact area. Arms and weapons cache. Suspected rally point along major infiltration routes suspected AA/AW positions.	JS Bde	SA
28.	0850	From Bde: AS has been granted at grid 411011 for 1315 hrs. Requested that Bde push time up or back, so it won't interfere with B/Co CA.	JS	SA
29.	0850	Navy's locations 7 March 511968, 410150, 418113, 460045.	JS	SA
30.	0915	Airstrike at grid 439034 at 1700 hrs for ARVN forces.	JS	SA
31.	0935	Airstrike for 1315 has been diverted till 1600-1630 hrs. Awaiting further readout.	JS	SA
32.	0945	Requested from Bde. airstrike at 411011 be diverted to 458034.	JS Bde	SA
33.	0952	A 1/9 requested clearance to test fire. Clearance granted at 3700 to S-SW by Arty and Bn.	JS	SA
34.	0953	Airstrike request for change from grid 411011 to grid 458034 has been approved by Bde.	JS	RH
35.	0953	E/Co sniper team ready to start test firing at range.	JS	SA
36.	1000	Unit locations A/Co Op Con 2/5, B/Co 437011, C/Co 401047, D/Co Tracy, E/Co 433038 4-6 Tracy.	JS Bde	SA
37.	1022	25th ARVN informed of Division Commander coming to LZ Tracy Bn 3-6 will not be at their location till approx 1130 hrs code 3.	JS	SA
38.	1024	Report from Duc Hue, they had negative incoming rounds last night.	JS	SA
39.	1029	Airstrike at 458034 has been rescheduled 1200 hrs all napalm	JS	SA
40.	1032	Slar readout grid 305055 reports movement 0630 hrs. Sent to Duc Hue.	JS	SA
41.	1034	Requested to know from 25th ARVN if they have FAC working in our AO who could check out Slar reading. (Brief Sector) will have a FAC to check out Slar reading (1100 hrs)	JS	SA
42.	1100	E/Co sniper team on range informed to cease fire when birds are arriving and leaving area.	JS	SA
43.	1105	(Brief Sector) District Coordinator 25th ARVN reports VR readings numerous trails 378910, 382902, concentration of fighting positions 372893, also max snifer readings 372893. Grids worked 4695, 4696, 4495, (1011-1038 hrs)	JS	SA
44.	1113	E/Co sniper team coming in for chow.	JS	SA

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45.	1115	Bn 3 requests to know from Bn 4A situation on L-A-W weapons.	JS S-4	SA
46.	1124	Brief Sector 6 said the PAC will check out VR and max sniffer areas.	JS S-3	SA
47.	1136	Ref. Navy ambushes grid 411150 2 VC KIA's on E bank 2 VC probable at 408165 spotted 30 VC E bank 1 VC KIA 1 large secondary explosion. At 423100 2 VC KIA's 2 VC probable; at 443051 2 VC KIA's 2 VC probable near sampan crossing.	JS S-2	SA
48.	1137	B/Co 2-6 at 434009 found 1 smoke can type beobytrap trip wire detinator no recent use in area it was destroyed.	JS Bde	SA
49.	1141	Birds are not confirmed for CA because of other Battalion moves.	JS S-3	SA
50.	1155	Non Strap 1-3 out of Tra Cue reports recent trail use starting XSh30942 to 482951 3 trails running parrell at XSh461963 to 484953 1 trail large XSh401972 to 435896 also well used trail 381908 near Tra Cue extension to the beak.	JS	SA
51.	1157	Bn 3A has requested that Rash 34 check out vic 381908 numerous trail network.	JS	SH
52.	1158	A 1/9 aircraft at XT358077 spotted 1 6'x8' metal hooch, 1 ox cart, and 1 US type dufflegag. Engaged area with WP neg. assessment. Passed along to Brief Sector District coordinator to be sent to Due Hus.	JS	SH
53.	1200	Unit loc. A/Co OpCon 2/5; B/Co 427012; C/Co 401047; D/Co LZ Tracy; E/Co 433038 4-6 LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	SA
54.	1200	Rash 3-4 on station for Airstrike.	JS S-3	SA
55.	1207	Neg. birds for any Air lifts today.	JS S-3	SA
56.	1212	B/Co and D/Co informed of neg. Air moves.	JS	SA
57.	1228	Arty. informed no air moves.	JS	SA
58.	1228	Plans for 9 March sent to Bde.	JS	SH
59.	1230	Plans sent to E/Co. Move to 440052 pick up by boats at 1500. Return to LZ Tracy by way of Sugar Mill.	JS Bde	SH
60.	1235	Air strike scheduled for 1200 hrs. grid XT458034 has been diverted.	JS	SH
61.	1240	Navy can provide boats at 1500 to move E/Co.	JS	SH
62.	1245	VR readings: XSh30942 to 482951 trail network showing moderate recent use; XSh30942 muddy trail showing signs of recent use; XSh461963 to XSh484953 trail network running to XSh485954 showing no signs of recent use; XSh401972 to 435896 large foot trail running across the Tra Cu Canal signs of recent use in some area; XS377910 to 373893 possible US or ARVN fighting positions approx. 1 month old; XS382908 fresh trail crossing the Tra Cu extension; XT483016 2 bunker destroyed, used in the last 24 hrs.; XS527937 to XS538933 foot trail showing signs of recent use in some area.	JS S-2	SH
63.	1250	3A told B/Co to S&C to W NW about 1 to 1 1/2 KM. Est. FOB & conduct night ambushes and 1 roving night ambush. Also informed B/Co of C/Co direction of movement and location.	JS	SH
64.	1305	E/Co sniper team at range.	JS	SA
65.	1315	Navy reports receiving contact at 492983. 1 B-40 rocket hit broadside 2 WIA's. Arty. being put in estimated squad size.	JS	SA
		request sent to Bde.	JS Bde	SA

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67.	1324	A 1/9 has been released to 2/5th.	JS S-2	SA
68.	1346	Sugar Mill notified that water buffalo have been shot near rifle range. Trying to find out whether E/Co or ARVN's were on the range at that time. Report sent by D/Co 6n at 1335.	JS	SA
69.	1400	Requested Fire Fly 2300 hrs from Bde. Request also he be armed with Fleshit, HE quick HE proximity. Also want flight leader here for briefing at 1800 or 30 min before mission.	JS Bde	SA
70.	1400	Unit locations: A/Co OpCon 2/5; B/Co 425015; C/Co 401047; D/Co LZ Tracy; E/Co 433038 4-6 LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	SA
71.	1424	E/Co requested clearance to test fire SW of 437053 into mud bank. Clearance was not granted by Bn-3.	JS	SA
72.	1435	Navy gives 1500 as ETA on E/Co extraction by boats.	JS	SA
73.	1446	Navy reports delay of 10 min on to ETA of E/Co extraction.	JS	SA
74.	1447	49th ARVN REG requests boundry extension; 477150 to 4215 to 4211 to 492110. 100800 to 101800. Boundry extension granted by Bn 3-A. Western boundry to river has been approve also 1520 hrs.	JS Bde	SA
75.	1500	Further report on killing of buffalo. Investigation reveals that buffalo were in a rice pattie. N of the rifle range at a range of 250 meters. E/Co 4-6 was firing on the range at the time. A VN civilian ran up to the firing at 1314 hrs to state that a water buffalo was killed on the side of the berm E/Co immediately ceased fire. Request assistance from Bde. to establish cost of buffalo.	JS Bde	SA
76.	1536	E/Co recon complete on boats 437053.	JS Bde	SA
77.	1547	E/Co off boats at 438054.	JS Bde	SA
78.	1600	Unit locations: A/Co OpCon 2/5th; B/Co 425015; C/Co 401047; D/Co LZ Tracy; E/Co LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	SA
79.	1600	E/Co closed on LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	SA
80.	1630	There will be a tank trail in our AO S of our boundry. 3 1/2 to 4 clicks down the river at 0730 hrs.	JS Bde	RH
81.	1635	For fire fly mission these boxes have been cleared by arty. #1 350942-362955 420850-435865 #2 353908-417950-368887 4279-30 sent to BDe.	JS Bde	SA
82.	1704	Apache birds spotted NS trails vic 3892-3992. Recent movement last 12 hrs. Movement to S. (Delayed from 1630).	JS S-2	SA
83.	1710	From a usually reliable source; enemy element within 600 meters of XT 300007 later afternoon.	JS S-2	SA
84.	1715	From Bde: Neg. fire fly.	JS S-2	SA
85.	1746	Change in plans sent to Bde.	JS Bde	SA
86.	1800	Navy ambush locations 426095-395135.	JS	SA
87.	1815	Little people will be working in our AO at 3080 S to 3065; NE to 3767 N to 3779; W to 3579; N to 3580 W to 3080. For indefinite period of time. out of our AO AC.	JS Bde	RH
88.	1830	A 1/9 reported some trails as previous item 81 also destroyed a hooch. Will return to Tay Ninh.	JS S-2	SA
89.	1832	All elements up on malaria.	JS	SA
90.	1836	Locations received from MACV.	JS	SA
91.	1840	Navy will have 2 tango at Sugar Mill in the morning. ETA 0800	JS	JR

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92.	1850	Locations sent to Navy.	JS	SA
93.	1855	D/Co reports will be test firing 90mm in 10 min on range.	JS	SA
94.	1905	D/Co threw test firing on range.	JS	SA
95.	1913	Duc Hue sit rep neg. 1900 hrs.	JS	SA
96.	1914	Locations sent to Duc Hue & Tra Cu.	JS	SA
97.	1915	For future SLAR mission's aircraft will be kept on our radar until the mission is complete.	JS S-2	SA
98.	1915	Unit closing locations: A/Co OpCon 2/5; B/Co 422018 OP 1-3 N 100m, OP3-1 E 100m 2-6 roving ambush S to 421012 2100 hrs. C/Co 399039 2-6 mass 397036 1-6 roving ambush 2200 hrs 400043 400050 0200 hrs. 396046 0400 hrs. 395039 NL; D/Co LZ Tracy OP 2-6 E 100m 1-6 W 100m O 3-6 N 100m; E/Co LZ Tracy OP 1 S 100m OP 2 NE 100m.	JS Bde	SA
99.	1915	Unit PDS: A/Co OpCon 2/5; B/Co 73-3-9; C/Co 86-4-7; D/Co 100-4-5; E/Co 74-2-2.	JS Bde	SA
100.	1915	Jim Bowie turned into Bde.	JS Bde	SA
101.	1916	PZ times for B/Co 15 min C/Co 30 min.	JS Bde	SA
102.	1924	Organic Clearances B/Co 2 KM all around; C/Co 2 KM all around; E/Co 4-6 boxes 1-2-3.	JS	SA
103.	1925	Tra Cu reports no friendlies farther than 2 clicks of their camp.	JS	SA
104.	1935	Plans passed to companies; B/Co trail extraction secure to secure from vic 425015 to LZ Tracy at 0800 hrs. Base Defense C/Co S&C to vic 417043 est. FOB & conduct night massives. D/Co insertion secure to secure from LZ Tracy to vic 425015 during extraction of B/Co search and clear to vic 411010.	JS	SA
105.	1947	Locations for Duc Hue: 316101 309084 333098 332079.	JS	SA
106.	1955	Radar in operator Sugar Mill.	JS	SA
107.	2000	CO on station for night.	JS	SA
108.	2010	D/Co e/Co in OP's in night location.	JS	SA
109.	2027	B/Co in night location roving ambush moving out in 10 min. C/Co in night location roving ambush moving out at this time.	JS	CW
110.	2045	B/Co 2-6 roving patrol from night location 422012 at 2100 hrs. to night location 0500 hrs. C/Co 2-6 roving patrol to 396036 at 2100 hrs to 400043 at 2200 hrs. to 400050 at 2400 hrs. to 396046 at 0200 hrs 395039 at 0400 hrs. back to night location 0600 hrs.	JS	SA
111.	2100	Situation Negative.	JS Bde	CW
112.	2120	Sent intell. report concerning his province being hit tonight to B/Co C/Co D/Co & E/Co.	JS	AC
113.	2120	(Delayed from 2050) US A-2 from Bootral from interrogation of recent POW and documents VC will attack Hau Nghia province tonight.	JS Bde	CW
114.	2130	Navy @ 427099 has contact on E bank of river. Our arty. will fire for Navy (408131 6 ind.).	JS	CW
115.	2130	Sugar Mill will have a ball game in the following AO from 09 0730 to 09 1300 4513 to 4508 to 4809 to 4911.	JS MAP	CW
116.	2200	Situation Negative.	JS Bde	CW
117.	2205	Request we have our Liaison Officer visit sometime tomorrow	JS	CW

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Operations 8 March- A/Co engaged three individuals but with neg assessment.

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