

ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION LOCATION

S-2 S-3 1st Battalion 8th Cav LZ Tracy

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0001 to 2400 19 March 69

LINE NO	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	IN CW
1.	0001	Journal opened.	JS	CW
2.	0015	Negative Citrap from Duc Hue.	JS	CW
3.	0030	Situation Negative.	JS	CW
4.	0030	All 1/8 unit on 50% alert.	JS	CW
5.	0100	Situation Negative same for Duc Hue.	JS Bde	CW
6.	0110	While conducting a recon by 81mm at a 30° azimuth about 500 meters NNE had a secondary explosion. (Large white flash) Will recon area at first light.	JS Bde	CW
7.	0200	LZ Terry receiving incoming rds. (unknown size) total 01. Neg. assessment further readout LZ Terry took 1 to 2 rocket and 10 to 12 60mm mortar rds. 3 WIA's Negative medevac. Incoming stopped 0205 engaging area with arty.	JS	CW
8.	0200	Situation Negative.	JS Bde	CW
9.	0200	ARVN's at 465090 received 2 B-40 at 0030 hrs. Neg. assess.	JS	CW
10.	0300	Situation Negative.	JS Bde	CW
11.	0300	B/Co 2/5 has a company size enemy force 500m to there W. B/Co location is 335155 neg. assessment. Got 100 ind. in the open requested Cobra and Flairship also requested spook. JS	CW	
12.	0315	2/5 request we scramble 2/5 CC to LZ Terry they have there B/Co at 333155 in contact with 100 ind. At this time claymores and trip flares being removed from pad by D/Co. To be returned after bird lifts off. (Aircraft left Tracy at 0330. E/Co 4-6 given check fire until aircraft cleared area.	JS	CW
13.	0400	Situation Negative.	JS Bde	CW
14.	0500	Situation Negative.	JS Bde	CW
15.	0500	B/Co 2/5 in contact at this time. Receiving small arm fire. 2/5 to move companies in area to act as blocking forces. 2/5 CC coming to LZ Tracy to refuel. D/Co pulling claymores and trip flares.	JS	CW
16.	0500	Situation Negative.	JS	CW
17.	0510	Situation Negative.	JS	CW
18.	0524	Bde 3 wants QRF on alert at this time. D/Co 00 advised by Bn 3.	JS Bde	CW
19.	0540	2/5 Bn Co reported to Bde that his B/Co 2-6 platoon has 100 % WIA's. Medevac on stand by until area cools off.	JS	CW
20.	0545	All 1/8 units up for stand to.	JS	CW
21.	0605	LRP team will be going in sometime today probably afternoon	JS	CW
22.	0615	From Brief Sector 1 sampan at XS571952 destroyed.	JS	CW
23.	0633	2/5 25 WIA's 7 Amp 18 litter so far.	JS	CW
24.	0645	Navy activity for last night: XT427099-2110 hrs engaged 3 VC - 3 VC KIA XT408131 -2129 hrs engaged 6 VC 1 VC KIA XT409114-2345 hrs engaged 1 VC 1 VC KIA XT393135 2352 hrs engaged 5 VC 1 VC KIA. Neg casualties for Navy.	JS	CW
25.	0700	2/5 latest casualties 55 WIA.	JS	CW
26.	0702	B/Co 2/5 contact broken at this time.	JS	CW
27.	0709	Bn Co estimates enemy force size to be Bn to Reg size.	JS	CW
28.	0710	OP's and massives closed at this time.	JS	CW
29.	0715	C/Co 1/8 roving ambush closed.	JS	CW
30.	0716	B/Co 2/5 has a POW will evacuate ASAP.	JS	CW

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31.	0800	All Bn elements placed on 30 min standby alert for 2/5.	JS	SA
32.	0810	Unit locations: A/Co OpCon 2/5th; B/Co 422018; C/Co 399039 2-6 397036; D/Co LZ Tracy; E/Co LZ Tracy.	JS	SA
33.	0835	Lift birds on station for B/Co, D/Co Daisy Chain.	JS	SA
34.	0835	B/Co D/Co notified that RF birds on station.	JS	SA
35.	0840	E/Co notified that a snatch will go immed. after Daisy Chain	JS	SA
36.	0852	D/Co 2-6 CP off PZ LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	SA
37.	0901	D/Co 2-6 CP on LZ grid 422018.	JS	SA
38.	0904	B/Co 2-6 4-6 off PZ grid 422018.	JS	SA
39.	0905	B/Co 2-6 4-6 on LZ LZ Tracy.	JS	SA
40.	0911	D/Co 3-6 4-6 off PZ LZ Tracy.	JS	SA
41.	0912	D/Co 3-6 4-6 on LZ grid 422018.	JS	SA
42.	0914	B/Co 3-6 1-6 off PZ grid 422018.	JS	SA
43.	0915	B/Co 3-6 1-6 on LZ Tracy.	JS	SA
44.	0921	D/Co 1-6 off PZ LZ Tracy comple.	JS	SA
45.	0922	D/Co 1-6 on LZ grid 422018 (complete).	JS	SA
46.	0924	B/Co CP off PZ Grid 422018.	JS	SA
47.	0925	B/Co CP on LZ LZ Tracy (Comp.).	JS Bde	SA
48.	0930	C/Co reports finding 11 122 rockets, 5 rocket boxes 1 B-40 rocket 7 canvas carrying cases for 122. All were destroyed. They were destroyed by either heavy artillery or airstrike. They were all destroyed at 399037. No recent use in area in last month or 2. There were 2 75 rocket canisters in area, evidence of Cobra expending in area. Delayed from 0915	JS Bde	SA
49.	0930	Cobra reports sighting an old hand cart in vic 422008 it is reported in good condition. B/Co will check it out.	JS Bde	SA
50.	0931	A/Co made CA 0757 hrs. off PZ 354124 0826 on LZ 324145 LZ GREEN.	JS	SA
51.	0930	E/Co move scheduled for 0830 hrs been set back to 1830 hrs.	JS	SA
52.	0934	(Delayed from 0845) Airstrike requests 454034-Known bunker KBA's last A/S. Arms weapons caches. Navy contact area. 455011 weapons caches rally points. 411098- Navy contact area bunkers and fighting positions. 415085-Navy contact area.	JS Bde	SA
53.	0940	E/Co informed that snatch is on hold. (delayed from 0915).	JS	SA
54.	0943	49th ARVN's and 23th ARVN's advisors sent operation schedule for 11 March. Due to heavy enemy activity as of 0300 hrs this AM vic 3415, Bn 1/8 will not be available. Will you on or about 11 March coord. for future operation date. This message acknowledged by both parties.	JS	SA
55.	1000	Navy says boats will be able for 1830 move of E/Co.	JS	SA
56.	1005	Unit loc.: A/Co OPCON 2/5th; B/Co LZ Tracy; C/Co 399039; D/Co 422018; E/Co LZ Tracy.	JS	SA
57.	1017	E/Co informed snatch will go in 30 min. also B/Co notified to have 1 platoon RF on pad.	JS	SA
58.	1030	E/Co requests to test fire on range awaiting answer from Bn 3A.	JS	SA
59.	1038	E/Co snatch being delayed awaiting scout birds.	JS	SA
60.	1039	E/Co denied permission to test fire.	JS	SA
61.	1041	E/Co securing ox cart awaiting word it will be extracted	JS	SA

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ITEM NO.	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	0001 to 2400 9 March 69		IN ACTION TAKEN
62.	1046	Requested from Bde. that we be given operation control of A 1/9 team at LZ Tracy for snatch mission.		JS Bde	SA
63.	1051	D/Co to search area around ox cart till Bn 6 can visit area and decide whether it will be extracted or destroyed.		JS	SA
64.	1055	D/Co report area around ox cart burned and can't tell which direction or by what means hauled.		JS	SA
65.	1059	Requested to know from D/Co if they still have training schedule Bn 3 gave them yesterday if so send it back soon as possible. Further readout D/Co 1-6 has it.		JS	SA
66.	1102	From Bde: A 1/9 team at LZ Tracy are working for 2/5th. We may use them if we get contact otherwise they are to remain here for 2/5th use only. No Bde Whites avail.		JS	SA
67.	1103	229th Ava CO gave us 3 additional hrs. on CC.		JS	SA
68.	1106	E/Co informed rifle range will be open 1400 hrs. today and at 0900 hrs tomorrow. Also informed to have E/Co CO coord. with BN 3-4 before going on to range.		JS	SA
69.	1111	Snatch mission has been cancelled due to lack of scout birds Also Bde 3 informed. E/Co 4-6 informed and B/Co informed to have RF platoon released.		JS Bde	SA
70.	1137	VR from Non-Step 1/8 404054 2 sampans 7 ind no weapons, 414064 1 sampan docked, 410074 9 ind black PJ's white helmet. 2 were carrying something but not believed to be weapons. 414075 1 sampan docked under bank.		JS	SA
71.	1142	A 1/9 notified to go to C/Co 2/5th 335157 to search area for 7 ind. spotted.		JS	SA
72.	1144	C/Co notified they are off alert.		JS	SA
73.	1146	Bn 6 wants D/Co to destroy ox cart and set up and rest, move out to NL after dark. C/Co to do same get rest this afternoon scout area of possible NL then after dark move in		JS	SA
74.	1152	Unit loc: A/Co OpCon 2/5; B/Co LZ Tracy; C/Co 399039; D/Co (-) 418015 1-6 422013 3-6 414024; E/Co LZ Tracy.		JS	SA
75.	1202	Requested to know status on RF birds at out location. Bde. says they will stay here and wait for mission to be sent.		JS Bde	SA
76.	1215	Readout on POW captured by 2/5. POW is a PFC was critically wounded, evacuated to Long Binh. POW is part of the 1st Bn 272nd Reg. 9th NVA Div. Mission was to attack a US Fire Base around Tra Gia 3618. The 1st Bn has been identified in 2/5 Cav contact last night.		JS S-2	SA
77.	1220	C/Co 2-6 moving N at this time.		JS	SH
78.	1221	1/8 log aircraft down at LZ Terry for maintenance.		JS	SH
79.	1247	RF birds have received mission from Bde. to go to LZ Barbra for flight leaders briefing and mission.		JS	SA
80.	1257	Plans sent to Bde. A/Co OpCon 2/5; B/Co 1 platoon base defense 2 platoons test fire of weapons, ambush techniques & skills; C/Co from night loc. search to SW est. FOB vic 413041 NLT 1200 hrs. Relocate FOB to NE vic 425045 after dark. Max ambushes in area with 1 roving ambush (at least 3); D/Co from night location search to NW est. FOB after dark. Est night massive with 1 roving massive (2). E/Co 1-6 from night killer team location search generally in SE & S back		JS Bde	SA

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		S-2 S-3 1st Battalion 8th Cav LZ Tracy	0001 to 2400 9 March 69	
81.	1306	2/5 CO advised of 1/8 CO coming to his location 1330 requests conference.	JS	SA
82.	1310	1/8 CO & 2/5 CO will meet with Bde CO at LZ Terry at 1430 hrs today.	JS	SH
83.	1313	Aircraft requests sent to Bde CO log bird.	JS	SA
84.	1345	D/Co 1-6 & 3-6 closed on CP location 418015.	JS Bde	SA
85.	1400	Unit loc.: A/Co OpCon 2/5; B/Co LZ Tracy; C/Co 399039; D/Co 418015; E/Co LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	SA
86.	1409	From Bde.: We can keep our log bird, 2/5th has their own.	JS	SA
87.	1429	Rash 1-3 on station for A/S at 455010 at 1445 hrs. Requests to know if Bn 6 is going to be airborne.	JS	SA
88.	1431	Informed Rash 1-3 our 6 will not be present for A/S. He's to go ahead and put it in himself.	JS	SA
89.	1510	A 1/9 aircraft at 405056 spotted some ind. by a canal. Ind. did not look suspicious were not carrying weapon's. Passed to C/Co.	JS	SH
90.	1515	Ref. item #88; MACV at the Sugar Mill has civilians working in this area during the day. Passed on to C/Co.	JS	SH
91.	1611	C/Co 412040 found boobytrap signs also some VC leaflets with VN writting on back. These leaflets will be sent in tomorrow. The boobytrap signs were the ordinary board signs none found in area though.	JS Bde	SA
92.	1611	Unit locations: A/Co OpCon 2/5; B/Co LZ Tracy; C/Co 412040; D/Co 418015; E/Co LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	SA
93.	1615	LRRP team Slashing Talent 3-6 was inserted at XT401000 at 1513 hrs. LZ was Green. LRRP box follows; XT3901 E to XT 4101 S to XS 4199 W to XS3999 N to XT3901. There will be a 1 KM buffer zone around the LRRP box. Call sign Slashing Talent will be used on any 1/8 Cav radio's push 48.50.	JS	SH
94.	1625	All elements informed on proper use of strobe lights.	JS	SA
95.	1655	Brief Sector 6 would like for us to submit additional A/S to him in our AO that have not been requested throuw our channels so he can submit to this highers prior to 1000 hrs. each morning.	JS	SA
96.	1655	Brief Sector requests clearance on grids XS488960 and XS515P52 for A/S. Grids cleared by Bn 3A passed on to Brief Sector. Brief Sector also informed that these grids must be cleared by Navy and Tra Cu before Air Strike can be put in.	JS	SH
97.	1705	From Bde: From usually reliable sources positions are red between night of 9 march to 15 March. All subordinate units must take proper precautions must be acknowledged by Bn 3 and 6.	JS	SH
98.	1752	Tack E declared on 2 sorties A 1/8.	JS	SA
99.	1800	Received locations from MACV.	JS	SA

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100	1826	A 1/9 BDA of airstrike 1 6'x6' bunker destroyed.	JS	SA
101	1830	E/Co 1-6 at sugar mill for pick up.	JS	SA
102	1835	E/Co 1-6 boarding boats at this time.	JS Bde	SA
103	1844	All elements up on malaria.	JS	SA
104	1850	C/Co D/Co locations sent to Navy.	JS	SA
105	1858	Due Hue negative situation report.	JS	SA
106	1859	C/Co D/Co locations sent to Duc Hue and Tra Cu. Duc Hue gave 2 Km clearance for tonight.	JS	SA
107	1905	A 1/9 aircraft, on last light recon; Around Duc Hue moderate recent use on trails, probably friendlies working out of Duc Hue; XT 3001 small fresh trails coming from Cambodia, no signs of use in the last day or so; between 02&03 grid line from Cambodia, shows signs of heavy recent use, none today.	JS S-2	SA
108	1910	E/Co 1-6 off boats at XT 423098.	JS	SA
109	1929	Planes sent to companies.	JS Bde	SA
110	1930	C/Co D/Co E/Co organic clearances; C/Co 4800-2400 1KM 2400 4800 500m, D/Co 1000-5400 1KM 5400-1000 500m, E/Co Boxes 1-2-3.	JS	SA
111	1936	MACV A/S for 10 March 447068 444064 Request clearance.	JS	SA
112	1940	CIDG at Tra Cu requests boundary extension into our AO, to be used between 10 March and 12 March; 4092 to 4003 to 468030 to 478984.	JS	SA
113	1942	(Ref item #112) Extension has been granted to Tra Cu, with one modification, western boundary will be the 42 NS grid line due to the fact that the LRRP box is in the original boundary extension. Passed on to Tra Cu. Tra Cu would like us to coordinate tomorrow on the reason for Western boundary change, also to coordinate on KAC code and possible commo problems.	JS S-3	SA
114	1953	B/0 has 4 claymores at each bunker.	JS	SA
115	1956	(Ref to item #96) Bn 6&3 have acknowledged this message.	JS	SA
116	2010	Duc Hue negative situation report.	JS Bde	MG
117	2025	Pig Iron OP's now in position.	JS	MG
118	2025	(Ref 111) sent in error will be sent again.	JS Bde	MG
119	2030	Delta-D-point element had gooks yell at their point, at this time movement to their left flank.	JS Bde	MG
120	2035	OP Nam Rod had movement, two gooks in white shirts.	JS Bde	MG
121	2040	Ram Rod 1-6 moved 700 meters to NE from last position.	JS Bde	MG
122	2040	Bright Knight 3-6 massive now in position.	JS	MG
123	2045	Rain Cloud spotted 15 to 20 personnel E from their position moving S, personnel had weapons.	JS Bde	MG
124	2050	Slashing tallent 3-6 at 402000.	JS	AC
125	2050	Rain Cloud spotted 50 gooks with machine guns and rockets.	JS Bde	MG
126	2100	Rain Cloud reported contact.	JS Bde	MG
127	2125	B/0 OP 4 has movement.	JS Bde	MG
128	2100	Rain Cloud spotted movement to their front, set up hasty perimeter received rounds from their rear, small arms AK-47	JS Bde	MG
129	2056	Rain Cloud movement was in groups first spotted 15-20 gooks then spotted 50 gooks to the S.	JS Bde	MG

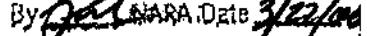
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130	2056	Requested Blue Max and Spooky.	JS Bde	MG
131	2057	C/C requested.	JS	MG
132	2115	Blue Max giving support to Rain Cloud.	JS Bde	MG
133	2118	Tra Cu has movement.	JS	MG
134	2130	OP 4 negative movement at this time.	JS	MG
135	2133	Echo Co 1-6 night position L30100.	JS Bde	MG
136	2134	Request Big Ears to sweep SW.	JS	MG
137	2135	LRP team in contact Slicing Tallent.	JS	MG
138	2136	Spooky coming on station for Rain Cloud.	JS	MG
139	2145	Big Ears working SW at this time.	JS	MG
140	2146	(Ref to 123) Rain Cloud heard firing in area were gooks were spotted.	JS Bde	MG
141	2155	North Flight 570 on station (Flare Bird)	JS	MG
142	2205	C/C on station.	JS	MG
143	2151	E/Co locations sent to Navy.	JS	MG
144	2200	C/Co situation negative.	JS Bde	MG
145	2205	B/Co situation negative.	JS Bde	MG
146	2215	Sugar mill request airstrike: 446068, 606330, 448023.	JS Bde	MG
147	2220	Lancing N-P/M-F: 505965, 472005, 395135, 465037.	JS Bde	MG
148	2235	Estimated number of gooks 50 well armed.	JS Bde	MG
149	2300	Situation negative.	JS Bde	MG
150	2315	B/Co made radio contact with OP 2-2.	JS	MG
151	2248	Airstrike for 10 March: XT45L034, TOT 0900.	JS Bde	MG
152	2305	All unit plans must be called into Bde no later than 1000hrs All unit locations must be called in no later than 1300 hrs and 1600 hrs all night closing locations must be into Bde 1900 hrs.	JS	MG
153	2330	Duc Hue situation negative.	JS Bde	MG
154	2340	Request made for Sting Ray Whites or Apache birds to search Rain Cloud area at dawn.	JS Bde	MG
155	2337	LRP team 36 extracted.	JS	MG
156	2342	Rounds on the way to LRP teams. Area 5 min after extraction	JS Bde	MG
157	2032	A 1/8 received automatic weapons fire at 2032 hrs. Fire came from 200 meters SE of their FOB Engaged area with arty and Blue Max enemy force unknown negative assessment contact broken 2045 hrs.	JS Bde	MG
158	2355	Incoming round LZ Tracy from NE 40° 1 round B-40.	JS Bde	MG
159	2356	Passed to Bde.	JS	MG
160	2400	B/Co medevac requested.	JS Bde	MG
161	2400	C/Co, D/Co, E/Co, B/Co, situation negative.	JS Bde	MG
162	2400	Journal closed.	JS	MG

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