

ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION LOCATION			PERIOD COVERED 1969	
S-2 S-3 1st Battalion 8th Cav LZ Tracy			0001 to 2400 12 March	
ITEM NO	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	IN
1.	0001	Journal opened.	JS	MG
2.	0010	C/Co notified 50% alert from 0030 to 0330 also D/Co	JS	MG
3.	0020	Navies ambush positions: XT 429070, XT 472013	JS	MG
4.	0100	Situation negative.	JS Bde	MG
5.	0200	Situation negative.	JS Bde	MG
6.	0200	D/Co roving massive at check pt #2.	JS	MG
7.	0200	C/Co roving massive at check pt #2.	JS	MG
8.	0300	A/Co 1/8 1-6 element at XT 373143 reported movement 5 to 6 indiv in tree line at XT 373146. engaging with arty further readout to follow.	JS Bde	AG
9.	0300	Situation negative.	JS Bde	MG
10.	0330	C/Co at 402044 rounds landing 200m to S of C/Co CP negative knowledge were rounds were coming from Rounds landing 200m to E of C/Co CP about 1 to 1.5 K's away can hear tube pop. Engaged with arty neg assessment.	JS Bde	MG
11.	0400	Situation negative.	JS Bde	MG
12.	0400	E/Co mortars fired SW of Tracy on suspected enemy positions. 6 HE were fired.	JS	MG
13.	0500	A/Co 1/8 plans RIF to 343137 est night FOB 369143.	JS	AG
14.	0500	Situation negative.	JS Bde	MG
15.	0500	EOD has another priority mission (500 lb bomb) but they will try to get them out to our location.	JS	AC
16.	0510	E/Co 2/5 11 element spotted 02 lights 200m E of LZ Terry engaged area with M-79 lights went out Negative assessment.	JS	AF
17.	0510	D/Co 2/5 had unknown size element at XT 484149 picked up by radar. Engaged area with arty. Requested Blue Max at 2213 Blue Max on station 2315. Requested flare ship 2220 flare ship on station 2300 Contact broke 2400. Neg assessment.	JS	AF
18.	0530	Sting Ray line B-2 went down, negative commo.	JS	MG
19.	0545	All 1/8 units up for stand to.	JS Bde	CW
20.	0600	Situation negative.	JS Bde	CW
21.	0655	C/Co massives and OP's now closed on CP.	JS	MG
22.	0655	E/Co 1-5 reports 3 to 4 indiv at 423100 engaging with arty neg assessment at this time. Spotted SW of their location moving NE.	JS Bde	CW
23.	0700	Duc Hue received incoming rounds 15 to 16 at 0500 82mm and 120mm from 390 mills neg personnel injured and no damage.	JS Bde	MG
24.	0717	C/Co moving to SE at this time.	JS Bde	MG
25.	0721	Duke C/C on station at this time.	JS	MG
26.	0725	E/Co moving from night position moving to NE.	JS	MG
27.	0728	D/Co moving NW at this time.	JS	MG
28.	0735	From Bde time on CA for A/Co and B/Co are subject to change because of Leathernecks 3 Division is checking this out.	JS	CW

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29.	0745	Black Bandit Yellow-1 on station.	JS	MG
30.	0802	The following grids are clear for airstrikes: XT 4009, XT 3809.	JS	TB
31.	0828	Unit locations; A/Co OP Con 2/5, B/Co LZ Tracy, C/Co XT 416023, D/Co XT 416023, E/Co 434012 moving NE	JS Bde	TB
32.	0828	Slashing Talon will be extracted from our AO at 1800 hrs today.	JS	RH
33.	0834	EOD team not available but as soon as they are available they will come here. We possibly will have to provide transportation.	JS	RH
34.	0835	A/Co 2-6, 4-6 off PZ (XT 372137)	JS Bde	SH
35.	0843	A/Co 2-6, 4-6 on LZ Tracy.	JS	SH
36.	0843	B/Co 1-6, 2-6 off PZ (LZ Tracy)	JS Bde	SH
37.	0850	B/Co 1-6, 2-6 on LZ (XT 372137)	JS	SH
38.	0850	A/Co 3-6, CP off PZ (XT 372137)	JS Bde	SH
39.	0859	A/Co 3-6, CP on LZ Tracy.	JS	SH
40.	0859	B/Co 4-6, CP off PZ (L Tracy)	JS Bde	SH
41.	0905	B/Co 4-6, CP on LZ (XT 372137)	JS	SH
42.	0905	A/Co 1-6 off PZ (XT 372137) PZ clear.	JS Bde	SH
43.	0912	A/Co 1-6 on LZ Tracy (A/Co complete)	JS Bde	SH
44.	0912	B/Co 3-6 off PZ (LZ Tracy) PZ clear.	JS Bde	SH
45.	0920	B/Co 3-6 on LZ (XT 372137) B/Co complete. Daisy chain complete.	JS Bde	SH
46.	0925	Navy contact areas, major infiltration routes, new bunkers in area: XT 453041, XT 459031, XT 459013, XT 462005.	JS Bde	SH
47.	0925	Airstrike requests sent to Brief sector; 386914, 420866, 420877.	JS	SH
48.	0945	(Photo from Bde) 10 March at 326082 trail network to old French Fort. At 319085 16 foxholes along road at 323111 4 foxholes 3-3man fighting position.	JS S-2	SA
49.	1000	Plans for 13 March sent to Bde.	JS Bde	TB
50.	1015	Unit locations: A/Co LZ Tracy, B/Co OP Con 2/5, C/Co 416023, D/Co 416023, E/Co 437106.	JS Bde	TB
51.	1022	Aircraft requests sent to Bde.	JS Bde	TB
52.	1020	D/Co 2-6, CP off PZ (416023)	JS Bde	SH
53.	1030	D/Co 2-6, CP on LZ (378980 LZ Green)	JS Bde	SH
54.	1035	D/Co 1-6, 4-6 off PZ (416023)	JS Bde	SH
55.	1044	D/Co 1-6, 4-6 on LZ (378980)	JS	SH
56.	1048	D/Co 3-6 off PZ (416023 PZ clear)	JS Bde	SH
57.	1055	D/Co 3-6 on LZ (378980 D/Co complete)	JS Bde	SH
58.	1055	Request to use the range from 0900 hrs to 1700 hrs 13 March.	JS	SH
59.	1125	D/Co found the following at XS 378981: Fish head, cigarette wrappers, cooked rice in a bowl, 2 live fish in small pond, 5 to 10 sleeping postions, 5 lbs of human waste approximately 2 day old, 15 bam boo poles 10' long which could have been used for		

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59.	1125	(continued) bipods on a rocket launcher.	JS Bde	TB
60.	1230	Requested Slashing Talon 36 be extracted from our AO. Informed Bde D/Co was moving into that area now and would set up and FOB there tonight. Requested at LRRP team be inserted closer to border. (vic 3402)	JS Bde	SA
61.	1230	Informed Slashing Talon X-Ray of movement of D/Co into their 36's location from SW. He will relay to 36. Also informed him that we had requested 36 be extracted today and another team inserted to the W about OK along canal trail network.	JS	SA
62.	1245	C/Co & D/Co informed of new night location (411010) C/Co. D/Co advised of Slashing Talon 36 location (403000). Will call in 20 min and advise D/Co of new night location.	JS	SA
63.	1300	Unit locations; A/Co LZ Tracy, B/Co OPCon 2/5, C/Co (-) 416023 2-6 415043, D/Co 378981, E/Co 437106	JS Bde	SA
64.	1305	C/Co at grid 415043 found 1 South Vietnamese flag.	JS	TB
65.	1322	D/Co has been informed of the plans for their night location.	JS	TB
66.	1325	B/Co 1-6 (OP Con 2/5) found at XT 363135 the following: 1 Nva pack, 7 B-40 rockets, 8 charges for B-40, 1 shovel NVA, 1 trail with heavy use. Running N-NW	JS S-2	HA
67.	1326	A 1/9 aircraft reports finding from airstrikes. On grid XT 4009 there were negative findings. On XT 3809 there was one 4x4 bunker destroyed, 30 meters of trenchline destroyed, and scattered pottery dest.	JS	TB
68.	1335	Intell report from 25 ARVN Division. time 1310 grid KS 488992 there were 25 personnel spotted engaged with arty 4 KIA it is possible that there may be 100 enemy in the area.	JS Bde	SH
69.	1412	Request boundary extension from present boundary at 404020 east to 5102 south to 5198 west to present boundary at 489980. ASAP to 140700 also requested to insert troops into this area.	JS Bde	SH
70.	1428	LRRP extracted from 1/8 Cav area.	JS	SH
71.	1440	MOD team enroute to LZ Tracy.	JS	SH
72.	1455	Unit locations; A/Co LZ Tracy, B/Co OP Con 2/5, C/Co 416023, D/Co 395999, E/Co 437106.	JS Bde	SH
73.	1520	Have informed Bde that our two airstrikes have been diverted to Tra Cu area. We have coordination with CIDG at Tra Cu to insert troops into this area by boat.	JS Bde	SH
74.	1600	A 1/9 aircraft checked area where bird was suppose ly down. They had negative findings.	JS Bde	TB

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75.	1620	At 1620 hrs airstrikes and artillery are complete. The ground troops are moving in by boat. VDA reports 2 KIA and several bunkers exposed. A further readout will follow when CIDG reach the area.	JS Bde	TB
76.	1620	E/Co 1-6 element at 1525 hrs at XT 437106 engaged 4 indiv with small arms. Indiv traveling SE to NW along trail. There was 1 VC KIA The other 3 evaded SE. Captured 4 AK magazines with 100 rounds of ammunitions, a diary, a wallet with 2 ID papers, 1 civilian belt, 1 key, set of chi com web gear GI boonie hat with CIB on it. All findings will be brought to LZ Tracy.	JS Bde	TB
77.	1700	Unit locations; A/Co LZ Tracy, B/Co OP Con 2/5, C/Co 416023, D/Co 395999, E/Co 437106.	JS Bde	TB
78.	1750	Log bird released at 1750.	JS	TB
79.	1815	C/C helicopter released.	JS	TB
80.	1920	Plans for 13 March sent to D/Co.	JS	TB
81.	1930	Received Navy ambush locations: 525945, 539930, 518967.	JS	SH
82.	1940	Plans for 13 March sent to C/Co.	JS	TB
83.	1959	Apache on last light via 498992 sighted pistol belts, Ho Chi Minh sandals, and trail running 485015 to 472050. CIDG inserted one platoon at 488992 at 1620 hrs. This element has been withdrawn across river at this time.	JS Bde	RH
84.	2015	All elements not called in previously are within 2 KM of Shady-Favor camp.	JS	RV
85.	2020	C/Co observation points 1 and 2 in position.	JS	RV
86.	2000	C/Co D/Co E/Co locations sent to Duc Hue, Tra Cu, and Navy. Situation negative for Duc Hue Tra Cu and Navy. 1 KM clearance around Duc Hue.	JS	SH
87.	2025	C/Co has new night location as follows 416011.	JS Bde	RV
88.	2130	D/Co minus night location.	JS	RV
89.	2043	Intel report: on 8 March time 1600 hrs. 120 indiv C 2/5 recon 9 VC Division at XT 301196. These troops were to link up with other troops to lead way to Saigon (F-3)-525 MI group and 272 recon group was identified in area. This info is what a POW said.	JS S-2	RV
90.	2035	A/Co OP in position.	JS	RV
91.	2040	MACV ambush position as follows 444065,	JS	RV
92.	2045	The E/Co snatch mission Bde was suppose to support at 0830 is delayed can support around 1400 1430 hrs.	JS	AC
93.	2100	A3 411098 at 1130 hrs 500 lbs naplam, 415085 500lbs drag.	JS	AC
94.	2100	Situation negative.	JSBde	RV
95.	2115	Night locations for C/Co D/Co E/Co sent to Navy.	JS	AC
96.	2105	E/Co new location for 1-1 as follows 439098.	JS Bde	RV
97.	2110	3-6 massive in position D/Co, OP 1 15°, OP 2 115° OP 3 210° OP 4 290° all 75 meters out.	JS Bde	RV
98.	2120	A/Co spotted lights 45° 50 meters out of LZ Tracy.	JS	RV
99.	2125	Report follows time 1730 12 March- evaluation as follows- B-3 US F-3 2 VC platoons unknown intentions, location as follows 455100 50 men strength M-9 & 82mm& MG neg results	JS Bde	RV

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100	2125	Big Ears scanning 6100 mills- 600 each side.	JS	RV
101	2150	Bde to send engineer out here to fix 10KM generator.	JS	RH
102	2200	Situation negative.	JS Bde	RV
103	2015	Brandy 22 reports 6 indiv moving N at XT 36432005. Arty clearing at this time.	JS	RH
104	2215	MACV requests coordinates for flashing lights spotted by A/Co 452080 sent.	JS	RV
105	2220	Mortar clearances sent to C/Co 4800 to 3200 2K, 3200 to 4800 1K; D/Co 1600 to 0400 2K, 0400 to 1600 1K.	JS	MV
106	2220	Report negative clearance on lights spotted by A/Co.	JS Bde	RV
107	2220	MACV in reference to item #94- 50 indiv spotted were carrying M-79 82mm 30 cal machine gun.	JS Bde	RV
108	2235	Jim Bowie into Bde.	JS Bde	CW
109	2235	Night locations for 2/5 B/Co 1/8 FOB 348129, 2/5 A/Co 362147 1-6 element 363152, B/Co FOB 365176 3-6 365178 C/Co LZ Terry, D/Co FOB 361217 1-6 362219, E/Co LZ Terry.	JS	AF
110	2250	Reports locations moved new locations as follows- #1- 512967 #2 466010 #3 525945.	JS	RV
111	2300	Situation negative.	JS Bde	RV
112	2305	Intelligence report 7 March 1500 hrs 3000 NVA of 769 NVA reg at XT 290001 NVA reinforced local unit. In prep for second offenses 10 to 12 March 10 tanks, 1 US APC type, rating C-2 525 MI OB on 769 reg 1-2 units of armor angle wing area.	JS	AG
113	2330	Radar picked up movement at XT 270070 movement believed to be convoy. Cannot engage out of range.	JS Bde	MG
114	2345	PPS-5 at Duc Hue picked up movement at 317176, 319163, 315168, 392122.	JS	AC
115	2350	C/Co and D/Co must have 50% alert between hours 0030 and 0330.	JS	RV
116	2400	Situation negative.	JS Bde	RV
117	2400	Journal closed	JS	RV

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Summary- E/Co made contact with 4 indiv. resulting in 1 VC KIA.
Weapons captured 4 AK-47 magazines with 100 rds of ammunition.

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