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S-2 S-3 1st Battalion 8th Cav LZ Tracy			0001 to 2400 15 March	
ITEM NO.	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	IN
1.	0001	Journal opened.	JS	RV
2.	0035	Quick Courier call sign has been changed to Trail Spike.	JS	MG
3.	0100	Situation negative.	JS Bde	RV
4.	0200	Situation negative.	JS Bde	RV
5.	0200	Duke 6 requests D/Co get situation report from "Big Ears" and call back, results situation negative.	JS	RV
6.	0200	Raider 2-7 reports firefly at check pt Hotel #3.	JS	RV
7.	0210	C/Co reports firefly Raider 2-7 flying very close to positions and firing- Raider 2-7 was notified and is aware of C/Co location.	JS	RV
8.	0215	Raider 2-7 reports reconning boxes at grid 398048.	JS	RV
9.	0230	C/Co reports firefly shining light 100m from position. Raider 2-7 contacted. Situation corrected.	JS	RV
10.	0300	Situation negative.	JS Bde	RV
11.	0300	Duc Hue reports situation negative.	JS	RV
12.	0300	MACV reports situation negative.	JS	RV
13.	0400	Situation negative.	JS Bde	RV
14.	0400	MACV reports situation negative.	JS	RV
15.	0400	Duc Hue reports situation negative.	JS	RV
16.	0430	D/Co reports incoming small arms fire.	JS Bde	RV
17.	0445	D/Co reports negative incoming.	JS Bde	RV
18.	0430	C/Co reports trip flare tripped.	JS	RV
19.	0435	E/Co requests grid for D/Co - Duke 6 instructs shoot old known mortar positions. Box to south.	JS	RV
20.	0440	Big Ears reports negative findings to SW.	JS	RV
21.	0445	Duke 6 shoot arty to S around known cache sights.	JS	RV
22.	0445	C/Co reports movement; hears voices-assumes redleg hit ind.	JS	RV
23.	0445	D/Co requests medevac on standby. Neg readout at this time.	JS	RV
24.	0445	Duke 50 medevac alerted.	JS	RV
25.	0450	A/Co go up on 50% alertness.	JS	RV
26.	0455	D/Co reports type of incoming B-40 rockets and small arms.	JS Bde	RV
27.	0455	Dufflebag reports movement 300m W of C/Co 2-6 element.	JS Bde	RV
28.	0500	D/Co reports neg knowledge on direction of enemy approach enemy reported retreated to the W.	JS Bde	RV
29.	0505	C/Co requests medevac.	JS Bde	RV
30.	0505	Duke 6 requests section of Blue Max alerted.	JS	RV
31.	0510	C/Co reports 2 US WIA, 1 serious wound in back- 2 less serious wounds in legs and sides.	JS Bde	RV
32.	0515	D/Co reports several WIA-neg precise number as yet, 1 KIA	JS Bde	RV
33.	0520	C/Co reports 1 KIA US.	JS Bde	RV
34.	0525	Duke 6 requests C/Co put out illumination rounds.	JS	RV
35.	0540	C/Co reports the seriously wounded indiv reported earlier is the 1 KIA reported.	JS Bde	RV
36.	0540	C/Co reports neg incoming.	JS Bde	RV
37.	0530	Negative contact with medevac on C/Co internal-medevac push and dustoff push.	JS	RV
38.	0545	D/Co reports 6 WIA.	JS Bde	RV
39.	0545	C/Co reports hearing medevac bird grounds lights out.	JS	RV

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40.	0550	Duke 3 requests D/o coordinate with C/o on internal push so medevac bird will stop at D/Co night location after stopping at C/o location.	JS	RV
41.	0600	C/Co medevac complete.	JS Bde	RV
42.	0605	Duke 3 requested Stingray Whites or Apache birds at first light for C/o and D/o.	JS	MG
43.	0607	Request C/C at Tracy at 0700 hrs.	JS Bde	MG
44.	0615	Request Apache birds or White Birds to D&C 1/8 1st light.	JS Bde	HA
45.	0610	D/o reports negative contact with medevac bird on C/o ph.	JS	RV
46.	0610	Bn. 3, requests E/co. checkfire for Medivac bird.	JS	RM
47.	0615	D/co. reports communication established with Medivac bird.	JS	RM
48.	0625	Brigade reports Medivac requested on standby 0445, 0513 Medivac requested, 0515 Medivac 22 notified, 0535 Medivac lifted off pad.	JS	RM
49.	0625	Brigade says Charlie Charlie will lift off pad at 0630.	JS	RM
50.	0615	D/co. reports 2 litter WIA's (back & leg injuries) and 1 ambulatory WIA (leg wound).	JS	RM
51.	0627	Brigade 3A says we will have one team of A 1/9th birds will try to get two.	JS	RM
52.	0625	D/co. Medivac bird landed.	JS	RM
53.	0630	D/co reports Medivac complete with two litter. In need of another Medivac at first light.	JS	RM
54.	0630	Navy reports on 14 March at 2350 hrs. 4 VC swimming in water and 2 VC on beach at XS 521961. Results, 5 VC KIA actual body count, 1 VC KIA probable.	JS Bde	RM
55.	0635	D/co. reports 3 litter, 6 ambulatory-3 WIA (less seriously) 1 KIA.	JS	RM
56.	0640	C/co. reports 2 KIA and 2 WIA.	JS	RM
57.	0645	D/co. reports 6 WIA (light wounded) 1-69er WIA included in WIA count.	JS	RM
58.	0650	Bn. 6 requested C/co. "move out" and search area for traces of enemy movement.	JS	RM
59.	0655	Charlie Charlie reports 10 minutes out of L.Z. Tracy.	JS	RM
60.	0700	A 1/9th reports inbound to L.Z. Tracy.	JS	RM
61.	0700	Navy reports on 15 March at 0245 hours, contact with small arms fire, engaged fire with negative results, at XS 515968	JS Bde	RV
62.	0700	Bn. 83 requested A 1/9th contact C/co. and work area to the west of them on trails.	JS	RV
63.	0705	Charlie Charlie reports on station.	JS	RV
64.	0715	D/co requests tracking team.	JS Bde	RV
65.	0715	Bn. 3 requests Bn. 3A get tracking team from Brigade immediately.	JS	RV
66.	0720	E/co. reports will recon area northeast of high location grid 443085, one click will call in hawkeyes at appropriate intervals.	JS	RV
67.	0725	Bn. 6 requests C/co. recon immediate area then move to East	JS	RV
68.	0725	Bn. 3 requests readout on B-40 rocket and launcher found by D/co.	JS	RV

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69.	0720	C/co. reports 2 KIA's 2 WIA's as follows-KIA Sp/4 James Dollard, US53612776. KIA Pfc. Donald R. Bledsoe, US51949869 WIA Sp/4 Thomas W. Rankin US56960617. WIA Pfc. Jorge Pagan Reinaldo A. US50190722. (Grid 398038 Time 0500hrs.)	JS Bde	MW
70.	0730	D/co. reports Medivac complete, picked up 7 WIA's.	JS Bde	RV
71.	0740	Brigade can give us a dog team if we supply transportation.	JS	MW
72.	0745	E/co. 1-3 at grid 447088.	JS Bde	HA
73.	0745	Bn. 3A passed plans to all companies.	JS	RV
74.	0745	E/co. reports 1-5 element moving southeast out of nigh loc.	JS	RV
75.	0745	D/co reports Medivac 22 at location and taking ambulatory and 1 KIA that is remaining.	JS	RV
76.	0745	C/co. requests ETA on Log Bird to pick up 1 KIA.	JS	RV
77.	0755	Change in plans sent to brigade.	JS Bde	RV
78.	0750	MAC-V requests relay to Bn. 3A that rifle range won't be available 15 March but possibly tomorrow and next day.	JS	RV
79.	0750	A 1/9th reports approaching C/co. and D/co. contact area.	JS	RV
80.	0755	E/co. reports 1-3 element current location 4550092.	JS	RV
81.	0800	(Brief Sector) requests clearance for Airstrikes at following grids: 401972, 406948, 375925, 420860. Grids cleared by 1/8th.	JS	RV
82.	0830	Airstrikes scheduled for 1130 hrs. today will be put in ASAP.	JS S-3	SH
83.	0830	E/co. 1-3 reports that they are starting to move back to L.Z. Tracy. A/co. alerted.	JS	TB
84.	0840	Airstrikes scheduled for 1130 hrs will go in as scheduled.	JS S-3	SH
85.	0903	Reference to D/co. contact, their 1-6 element found a 107 rocket 150 meters from their night location in a NW direction. This rocket was on Bipods and had already been fired but did not go off. It will be destroyed.	JS Bde	TB
86.	0915	Airstrike requested have been called to brigade.	JS	TB
87.	0925	E/co. 1-3 closed on L.Z. Tracy.	JS	TB
88.	0940	Tracking team inserted at D/co. location XT 401024.	JS	TB
89.	1000	Unit Locations, A/co. L.Z. Tracy, B/co. Op Con 2/5th, C/co. 412042, D/co. (-) 401024, 2-6 4-6 387021, 1-6 408026. E/co. 4-6 L.Z. Tracy, 1-5 435041.	JS Bde	TB
90.	1000	A/co. 1-6, CP off PZ (L.Z. Tracy)	JS Bde	SH
91.	1006	A/co. 1-6, CP on LZ grid 412042, LZ Green.	JS	SH
92.	1010	A/co. 2-6, 4-6 off PZ (L.Z. Tracy)	JS	SH
93.	1014	A/co. 2-6, 4-6 on LZ 412042.	JS	SH
94.	1017	A/co. 3-6 off PZ (L.Z. Tracy)	JS	SH
95.	1020	A/co. 3-6 on LZ 412042, A/co. complete.	JS Bde	SH
96.	1058	Plans for 16 March sent to Brigade: A/co. 0900 to vic. 341022 S & C immediate area. Final extraction 1600 hrs. to vic. 410024. Establish FOB vic. 398038. B/co. Op Con 2/5th. C/co. Base Defense and Training. D/co. Continue to search cache area along canal vic. 400010. Establish FOB 410024. E/co. 1-6 move to vic. 428058 by boat to Sugar Mill and then to Tracy and stand down. E/co. 4-6 Base Defense L.Z. Tracy.	JS Bde	TB

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97.	1107	Intelligence report from MAC-V: one enemy squad reported at XT 459062. They are sending one squad of ARVN's on a snatch mission to this grid.	JS	TB
98.	1108	En. 3 requested two mine sweep teams be permanently stationed at L.Z. Tracy.	JS Bde	TB
99.	1135	Concerning the report given earlier on the intelligence report from MAC-V, the enemy squad reported may be E/co. 1-5 element or may be an enemy squad approximately 1 km. from E/co. E/co. has been notified.	JS	TB
100.	1150	D/co. has been enformed that their lift birds are on call. They are to continue working as they were.	JS	TB
101.	1230	Reference D/co. WIA's: The following EM is KIA, was evacuated to Cu Chi-Pvt. Paul Bonaport US67193590. The following EM's are WIA's evacuated to Cu Chi. Sp/4 Harry W. Taylor US56840874, Pfc. Edward Wright RA67089302, Sp/4 Allan D. Musch US56464249, Sp/4 John C. Whitaker RA18953922, Sgt. James E. Wise RA15753931, The following Em's were brought to L.Z. Tracy by log bird and Charlie Charlie and treated at L.Z. Tracy-Pfc. Stephen L. Smith US52895703, Sp/4 James ToGreen US54831915, Sp/4 Charles E. Thomson RA12892394, Sp/4 James T. Caren US53705161. The following Em's were not seriously wounded and were treated in the field-Sp/4 Raymond Snell US548351181, Pfc Joseph O. Braden RA68023458, Sp/4 Jose F. Gutierrez RA15962806, Sp/4 Clarence G. Miller US53758700, Sp/4 Robert P. Snyder US 51779583, Sp/4 Michael Sperou RA18926948, Sp/4 Donald R. Johnston US53455789, Sgt. Harold W. Finn US52723833, Sp/4 Ariel Otero US67192279.	JS	SH
102.	1230	Reference D/co. WIA's: 5 WIA'S were medivaced to Cu Chi 4 WIA's were brought to L.Z. Tracy by the Charlie Charlie aircraft and log bird. 1 KIA was brought to Cu Chi by log bird and 9 WIA'S were treated in the field, total of 18 WIA'S (5 medivaced) and 1 KIA.	JS	SH
103.	1305	Aircraft requests have been sent to Brigade.		
104.	1310	Unit Locations: A/co. 399036. B/co. Op Con 2/5th. C/co. 420043. D/co. (-) 401024, 1-6 415040, 2-6 4-6 393014	JS	SH
105.	1352	C/co. 2-6, 3-6 off PZ grid 420043.	JS Bde	SH
106.	1356	C/co. 2-6, 3-6 on L.Z. Tracy.	JS	SH
107.	1400	C/co. 4-6 off PZ 420043.	JS	SH
108.	1404	C/co. 4-6 on L.Z. Tracy.	JS	SH
109.	1407	C/co. 1-6, CP off PZ 420043 PZ Clear.	JS	SH
110.	1410	C/co. 1-6, CP on L.Z. Tracy C/co. Complete.	JS Bde	SH
111.	1410	The following grids have been passed to Brigade in request of LRP Boxes: XT 343026, XT 375093.	JS Bde	TR
112.	1422	TOT for C/S mission in grid 3102 is 1615 hrs. Brigade 23 will put in. (Reference log 14 March 2100hrs)	JS	TB
113.	1435	Brief Sector requested our clearance to fire up a sanpan at grid XT 509965. Permission granted.	JS	TB

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114	1500	Unit locations; A/Co (-) 399036, 1-6 394042, 26 392036, B/Co OpCpn 2/5, C/Co Tracy, D/Co (-) 401024, 26 46 393014, E/Co Tracy, 15 435041, 46 Tracy.	JS Bde	TB
115	1500	Requested boats for E/Co move tomorrow.	JS	MB
116	1615	D/Co found at grid 405028 one booby trap with the trip wire burned out. It was impossible to tell what type of booby trap this was because area was burned so badly. It was larger than normal and also it was homemade type booby trap. It was impossible to determine how recent the area had been used because of fire.	JS Bde	TB
117	1630	Additional ammo evacuated for D/Co position. Found yesterday at grid 393014. 1 box B-41 w/charges (6rds w/ch); 5 box (large) and 2 boxes (small) 82mm mortar rds (36 82mm mortar rounds)	JS	PB
118	1645	D/Co spot report: D/Co 26, 46 element found at grid 393014 time 1610-19 75mm RR rds, 6 cans of small arms ammo.	JS Bde	TB
119	1640	Weather report from 1530 -2000 isolated thunderstorms, visibility 1/2 mile, winds gusting from 10 to 20 knots.	JS Bde	KG
120	1700	Unit locations; A/Co 397038, B/Co op con 2/5, C/Co Tracy, D/Co 405023 2-6 387021 4-6 393015, E/Co (-) Tracy 15 435041	JS Bde	TB
121	1717	VR reading; 1650 hrs 318024, and Air Force FAC spotted 5 50 cal positions and numerous bunker & tunnel entrances. 155mm firing on target.	JS	SH
122	1800	D/Co found the following at 385021- 444 chi com grenades, 5760 7.62, 38 anti tank mines, 234 82mm rds, 21 75mm RR (long), 8 75mm RR (short), 5 107 warheads, 82mm Bipod. + 1 plate, 86 shovels. Est 5 tons.	JS Bde	TB
123	1833	From a usually reliable source: Massing of troops in the Angels Wing area. Considered dangerous tonight through tom.	JS	SH
124	1835	From sugar mill; elections are tomorrow their will be numerous security Co and plts at the location of the immed hamlets W of river.	JS	HA
125	1850	E/Co 1-5 at grid 435041 spotted 4 to 5 indiv entering ville at 427045, All indiv were carrying weapon's. MACV at the sugar mill has cleared this grid for Arty (JB) Further readout will follow.	JS Bde	SH
126	1900	Request Apache for first light recon at 0645 hrs.	JS Bde	SH
127	1905	Change in plans for A/Co CA called in to Bde. A/Co CA change to 0900 hrs and now LZ 373024.	JS Bde	HA
128	1910	A/Co D/Co E/Co locations passed to Navy, Duc Hue, Tra Cue. Received a 2 KM clearance from Tra Cu. Situation negative for Navy, Duc Hue and Tra Cu.	JS	SH
129	1920	Aircraft request change sent to Bde 83.	JS Bde	HA
130	1915	Plans were called to D/Co A/Co E/Co.	JS	TB
131	1924	Boats for tomorrow confirmed.	JS	PB
132	1925	A 1/9 aircraft will be at Tracy at 0700 hrs tomorrow.	JS	SH
133	1926	Received a 2 KM clearance around Tra Cu.	JS	SH
134	1928	Received following locations from Navy; 460039, 469995, 495960.	JS	TB
			JS Bde	HA

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A firefly at 2300 hrs tonight.

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136	1940	E/Co 1-5 change of location to 434042. Reported to sugar mill and to the 1/8 companies.	JS	HA
137	1945	Unit locations; A/Co 397038, OP's 1-1a-SE 100m, 2-1a SW 100m, 3-1a NNW 100m; B/Co Op Con 2/5; C/Co Tracy, OP 1-E OP 2-S, OP 3-W, OP 4-NNW, all 100 meters. D/Co 405023, OP 1-2-S, OP 1-3 W, OP 2-1 N, OP 1-1 E. E/Co 4-6 Tracy, 1-5 434042.	JS Bde	SH
138	1945	Spot report: E/Co 1-5 reported spotting 5 VC carrying weapons moving from the W to E at grid 434042. E/Co 1-5 was too far away to engage with small arms. These VC moved into a ville and shortly after moved back to the W. They were wearing white shirts and black pants-one was carrying a pack. E/Co engaged with arty. Neg assessment.	JS Bde	EB
139	1945	Unit PDS; A/Co 84-2-9, B/Co OP Con 2/5, C/Co 89-5-3, D/Co 78-4-8, E/Co 70-2-2.	JS Bde	SH
140	1945	Radar reports; 1 PPS-5 Duc Hue operational, 1-PPS-5 sugar mill operational, 1-PPS-5 Tracy no operators, 1-GCA Tracy operational.	JS Bde	SH
141	1945	PZ's: A/Co 397038 20 min 6 ships; D/Co 405023 30 min 6 ships E/Co recon 433041 30 min 5 ships.	JS Bde	SH
142	1945	Jim Bowie report sent to Bde.	JS Bde	SH
143	2000	C/Co reports they have four claymores on each position, and has briefed C/Co on Base Defense SOP's.	JS	SH
144	2015	E/Co reports 1-5 moving to night location.	JS	RV
145	2010	Bn sent in change of plans for A/Co 2 oaks & CP will CA 1 oak and 4-6 remain at Night location.	JS Bde	AC
146	2020	Organic clearances: A/Co 4000 to 1600- 2 clicks; D/Co 4800 to 0500- 500 meters.	JS	RV
147	2025	Big Ears reports now in operation scanning SW.	JS	RV
148	2025	Sting Ray 3a requested to know if an O2 would be sent to his location in the morning to replace 3A.	JS	MG
149	2040	All units up on malaria.	JS	RV
150	2040	C/Co reports claymore mines in place with the exception of of bunker #18 (after arrival of firefly at 2300 hrs., bunker #18 claymore will be in position.	JS	RV
151	2040	C/Co reports OP in position.	JS	RV
152	2100	Situation negative.	JS Bde	RV
153	2100	MACV situation negative.	JS	RV
154	2115	E/Co reports in new night location at grid 435043 requests relay to arty and E/Co 4-6 .	JS	RV
155	2115	Big Ears PPS-5 reports movement of unknown size at 0900 mile 2530 meters distance grid 450088.	JS Bde	RV
156	2010	Locations 2/5 A/Co 359189, B/Co 359192, C/Co Terry, D/Co 360162, E/Co Terry, 1/8 B/Co 358143.	JS	MG
157	2015	Arizona 85, E-16 time 1930 received small arms fire from 4 to 5 personnel at grid 414151 they were moving to ambush site, when received fire were at grid 413155 engaged with auto weapons, M-79, 82mm, reconed area negative WIA or KIA moved to new ambush site at 421155.	JS	MG
		observation posts in position.	JS	RV

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159 2130	Duc Hue reports situation negative.	JS	RV
160 2150	AS TOT 0815 at 448034, 750 lbs. low drag .025 delay TOT 1515 at 455015 750 high drag. Charlie Charlie will be at our location at 0730 from Brigade.	JS	AC
161 2140	Intelligence report from MAC-V: VN evaluation, B-3-US-F3 1 VC platoon at 458053, strength 25 men armed with small arms.	JS	RV
162 2140	Intelligence report: VN evaluation C2-US-F3- 1 VC platoon at XT 458042 to 463039, strength 40 men.	JS Bde	RV
163 2140	Intelligence report from MAC-V: VN evaluation C2-US-F3 1 VC team at XT 432047 strength 6 men.	JS Bde	RV
164 2200	Situation negative.	JS Bde	RV
165 2220	Bn. 50 requests E/co. checkfire on firefly birds landing on VIP pad.	JS	RV
166 2220	E/co. 1-6 spotted light at XT 421155, 500 meters from their position engaged with 82mm direction 5050 mills, negative assessment. (2/5th 65)	JS	MW
167 2220	D/co. reports their radar picked up 3 personnel moving South to north 364165 direction 4800, engaged with artillery, negative assessment. (2/5th 65)	JS	MW
168 2235	Radar reports target at 470 meters-0610 mills, assume that it is 5 individuals.	JS Bde	RV
169 2235	Bn. 3 requests C/co. take claymores close to birds landing point out.	JS	RV
170 2235	C/co. reports claymore mines withdrawn as directed.	JS	RV
171 2235	Nor Flag 340 reports inbound for briefing at L.Z. Tracy.	JS	RV
172 2235	Duc Hue reports situation negative.		
173 2245	Radar at Tracy reports targets at 0420 mills-2149 meters, assumed number 35 individuals.	JS	RV
174 2250	Bn. 3 requests C/co. get starlight on observation posts operational.	JS	RV
175 2250	C/co. reports negative assessment from observation posts in regards to targets spotted by radar-negative starlights reported on OP's.	JS	RV
176 2255	Radar reports steady movement at 0320 mills 2159 meters assumed 8 or 9 individuals.	JS	RV
177 2305	C/co. reports 3-6 element to the north spotted a moving mass, requests illumination, assumes 14 individuals.	JS	RV
178 2315	Bn. 3 requests C/co. assist in immediate removal of birds on VIP pad.	JS	RV
179 2320	Radar reports current target at 0540 mills, 2740 meters information passed on to artillery for grid coordinate.	JS	RV
180 2325	Bn. 3A reports: Airborne north of Sugar Mill.	JS	RV
181 2325	Bn. 3 requests Bn. 3A go west of Sugar Mill.	JS	RV
182 2330	MAC-V reports situation negative.	JS	RV
183 2345	Duc Hue reports situation negative.	JS	RV
184 2350	Bn. 3 requests firefly to check out grids 459089, 451089 and 456093.	JS	RV

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Operation for 15 March: D/co. and C/co. both received incoming rounds while in their night locations. They suffered 3 KIA's and 20 WIA's Significant findings for the day included.

444	Chi Com grenades
5,760	Small Arms Ammunition
38	anti tank mines
270	82 mm rounds
21	75 mm recoilless rounds (long)
9	75 mm recoilless rounds (short)
5	107 warheads
	An 82 mm bipod and plate
	86 shovels

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