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S-2 S-3 1st Battalion 8th Cav LZ Tracy		0001 to 2400 16 March	
TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	IN
1. 0001	Journal opened.	JS	RV
2. 0025	Firefly airborne.	JS	RV
3. 0025	C/Co alerted personnel of POL pt. returnees.	JS	RV
4. 0030	C/Co reports negative sighting from 3-6 element.	JS	RV
5. 0045	Situation negative, Duc Hue.	JS	RV
6. 0045	MACV situation negative.	JS	RV
7. 0100	B 1/8 at 2345 800m to 1K from their position, that a observation plane received ground fire 270° due W of their pos.	JS	MG
8. 0100	The following (WIA's) at Cu Chi Braden, 196, Gutierrez 134, Miller 83, Snyder 153, Sperow 154, Finn 23, Otero 86, Srell 169. The following treated at Tracy Smith 193, FW back, Crean 131, Johnson 74, Thorton, Chris E/Co 36.	JS	MG
9. 0105	Situation negative.	JS Bde	RV
10. 0105	E/Co requested end of mission (granted)	JS	RV
11. 0115	Big ears reports target at 0540 mils-2410 meters at grid 453051.	JS	RV
12. 0120	Firefly inbound to LZ Tracy.	JS	RV
13. 0125	C/Co reports #16 spotted indiv standing and moving 25m and down-400m out at a 355° azimuth.	JS	RV
14. 0135	Duc Hue situation negative.	JS	RV
15. 0135	MACV reports situation negative.	JS	RV
16. 0145	Navy situation negative.	JS	RV
17. 0145	Tra Cu situation negative.	JS	RV
18. 0150	Situation negative.	JS Bde	RV
19. 0250	Situation negative.	JS Bde	RV
20. 0255	Situation negative Tra Cu.	JS	RV
21. 0255	Duc Hue situation negative.	JS	RV
22. 0255	MACV situation negative.	JS	RV
23. 0335	Firefly has negative results on mission.	JS	RV
24. 0340	MACV situation negative.	JS	RV
25. 0350	Situations negative.	JS Bde	RV
26. 0415	Navy reports 3 indiv approaching boats-fired on ind-indiv ran into bushes and returned fire with B-40 rocket, results neg casualties on either side-at 499963 2043 hrs.	JS	RV
27. 0435	MACV reports situation negative.	JS	RV
28. 0440	Duc Hue reports situation negative.	JS	RV
29. 0440	Tra Cu reports situation negative.	JS	RV
30. 0445	Situation negative.	JS Bde	RV
31. 0445	SLAR conducted from 2245 to 0100 410005 1 on River, 430065 1 on river, 435126 1 on river, 465115 2 in open.	JS	MG
32. 0515	Duc Hue reports situation negative.	JS	RV
33. 0515	Tra Cu reports situation negative.	JSg	RV
34. 0515	MACV reports situation negative.	JS	RV
35. 0520	Navy reports situation negative.	JS	RV
36. 0545	All units up for stand to.	JS	RV
37. 0645	A/Co reports OP's closed on night location.	JS	RV
38. 0655	Weather report: temp. 96°, visibility 7 miles with light fog, winds N-SW, percipataon, rain showers before 1800 hrs 14 chit. DA after 1900 hrs.	JS	RV

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39.	0655	C/Co reports OP's closed on night location Tracy.	JS	RV
40.	0715	E/Co reports moving out of night location to NW-will report later when in PZ posture.	JS	RV
41.	0720	Duke Charles reports inbound to Tracy.	JS	RV
42.	0720	E/Co reports will check out suspected enemy ville on the way to PZ.	JS	RV
43.	0720	Killer Spade 784a reports 5 minutes out of Tay Ninh (next stop Tracy)	JS	RV
44.	0730	Use of rifle range is OK for 17 March starting at 0900 hrs. Permission denied for today because of elections.	JS	RV
45.	0740	Duke Charles reports set down on VIP pad.	JS	RV
46.	0745	Killer spade 785a reports inbound for Tracy will and for briefing.	JS	RV
47.	0800	E/Co reports 1-5 element had neg findings at ville checked out on the way to PZ.	JS	RV
48.	0800	Unit locations; A/Co 397038, E/Co OP Con 2/5, C/Co Tracy, D/Co 415023, E/Co 434042.	JS	RV
49.	0820	E/Co 1-5 is in pick up posture at 428058 for the boats.	JS	RV
50.	0905	A/Co 2-6 CP off PZ 397038.	JS Bde	SH
51.	0917	A/Co 2-6, CP on LZ 355018 LZ green.	JS	SH
52.	0922	A/Co 3-6 off PZ 397038.	JS	SH
53.	0926	A/Co 3-6 on LZ 355018 Lift complete.	JS Bde	SH
54.	0927	E/Co 1-5 complete on boats at 0908 428058.	JS	TB
55.	0931	E/Co recon off boats at the sugar mill enroute to Tracy.	JS Bde	SH
56.	1000	Unit locations; A/Col(-) 397038, 2-6 3-6 CP 355018, E/Co OP Con 2/5, C/Co Tracy, D/Co 405023, E/Co Tracy.	JS Bde	SH
57.	1000	1/49 ARVN requests boundary extension from 170600 to 171800 470130 to 495097 to 450085 to 483105 to 435120.	JS	SH
58.	1004	Airstrike requests sent to Bde.	JS Bde	SH
59.	1010	Spot report from Brief Sector- 0815 434110 observed piles of straw, personal carrying poles & 6 ft ong cubular obj. at 433098 to 432104 at 0835 spotted fresh trails and several log bridges plus one submerged log bridge.	JS Bde	TB
60.	1045	At 0930 hrs at 317013 observed trails running to the W, fresh tracks on the trails, at 0945 hrs at 365024 observed heavily used trails running to the W, also 14 new fish trap also numerous trails coming from the NE into a main trail, at 0946 hrs at 358028, observed a 1px8 lean-to, destroyed also 2 tunnel entrances, trails running NW to SE, area shows signs of recent use; at 0950 hrs at 353017 spotted on bunker (with reinforced steel) 6x8, also AW positions, a submerged sampan, 17 to 25 bamboo poles 3 1/2 diameter also 10 fish traps, at 462015 spotted 1 indiv (dead) wearing blue jeans and brown shirt. Indiv. appears to be freshly washed out of the river. From A 1/9.	JS S-2	SH
61.	1100	Boundary extension requested by 1/49 ARVN, has been approved	JS	SH
62.	1105	D/Co at 353017 destroyed one sampan and a reinforced bunkers. These were discovered by A 1/9 aircraft.	JS	TB
63.	1108	1/49 ARVN requests that their boundary extension be granted day. Request approved. time span 170600 to	JS	SH

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ITEM NO.	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	IN
64.	1112	D/Co 2-6 found the following at 399024-10-107mm rockets sealed in a case, 1 case chi com grenades. Further readout to follow.	JS Bde	TB
65.	1130	Request boundary extension for 1/49 ARVN-470130 to 495097 to 450085 to 434120, from 170700 to 171900.	JS	SH
66.	1140	Requested a firefly from 0100 to 0300 17 March.	JS Bde	SH
67.	1142	6 Dufflebag sensing devices have been returned to the Navy at the sugar mill.	JS	SH
68.	1150	Plans were passed to Bde.	JS Bde	SH
69.	1200	D/Co found 3 107mm rockets at grid 370024. These were warheads in sealed container. Further readout will follow.	JS Bde	TB
70.	1230	Air requests for 17 March 69 sent to Bde.	JS Bde	SH
71.	1230	From sugar mill at 1200 hrs 10 VC vic 422060, will engage with 4.2 mortar.	JS S-2	PB
72.	1231	A/Co at 371024 found a bowl of rice still warm, 15 to 20 min old, also 1 wallet, 1 dairy, 12 cases B-40 rockets, 3 cases B-41 rockets and fresh camp site. Further readout will follow.	JS Bde	KG
73.	1234	Requested a combat tracker team, also a replacement gunship for the A 1/9 team (or another Apache team.)	JS Bde	SH
74.	1300	Unit locations: A/Co (-) 370024, 1-6 4-6 397038, B/Co Op Con 2/5, C/Co Tracy, D/Co (-) 405023, 2-6 3-6 4-6 387021, E/Co Tracy.	JS Bde	TB
75.	1400	Total findings today. D/Co at 399024 found 10 107mm rockets warheads, 1 case open (30) of chi com grenades. A/Co at 370024 found 3 107mm rocket warheads and at grid 371024 found 72 B-40 rocket rds and 18 B-41 rocket rds. Total captured ammo today is 13 107mm rds, 30 chi com grenades, 72 B-40 rds, and 18 B-41 rds.	JS Bde	PB
76.	1415	Weather report: 1530 to 2030 thunderstorms and heavy showers visibility 500 ft winds 10-20 knots.	JS	TB
77.	1420	Dufflebag sensory devices in position.	JS	KG
78.	1500	Unit locations: A/Co (-) 393030, 1-6 4-6 397038, B/Co OP Con 2/5, C/Co Tracy, D/Co (-) 405023 2-6 3-6 4-6 387021, E/Co Tracy.	JS Bde	SH
79.	1520	A/Co 2-6 3-6 CP closed on 1-6's location.	JS	KG
80.	1630	Slashing Talon 45 will be inserted at last light at 3403 (center of mass of AO) Slashing Talon 41 will be inserted at first light tomorrow at 3895 (center of mass)	JS	PB
81.	1640	Request boundary extension from Duc Hue S of the 05 grid line, E of the 30 grid line. ASAP til further notice. 1650 boundary granted by Duc Hue from 161930 to further notice.	JS	SH
82.	1600	Requested boats for tomorrow from Navy will inform later.	JS	HA
83.	1700	Unit locations: A/Co 397038, B/Co OP Con 2/5, C/Co Tracy, D/Co 405023, E/Co Tracy.	JS Bde	SH
84.	1815	One Battalion of the 82nd Abn. Div to replace 1/8 on Tracy.	JS	KG
85.	1835	A/Co D/Co E/Co locations sent to Navy, Duc Hue and Tra Cu.	JS	SH
86.	1925	At 1500 hrs grid 292245 Rash 13 observed 200 civilians on part to the village. They were listening to		

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		con'd what appeared to be speakers. There were also several large trucks in the immediate area.	JS	TB
87.	1940	Unit closing locations: A/Co 397038, O-1-la SE 100m, mass. 2-1a 397035, 3-1a 398040; B/Co OPCon 2/5, C/Co Tracy, OP's 1 E 100m, 2 S 100m, 3 W 100m, 4 N 100m; D/Co 405023 mass 3-1 402023, OP's 1 N 100m, 2 E 100m, 3 S 100m; E/Co Tracy 1-3 mass 450093.	JS Bde	SH
88.	1940	PZ's A/Co 397038 20 min 6 snips, D/Co 405023 30min, 6 ships	JS Bde	SH
89.	1940	Unit PDS: A/Co 88-2-10, B/Co OP Con 2/5, C/Co 83-4-6, D/Co 91-4-10, E/Co 61-2-2.	JS Bde	SH
90.	1940	Radar report: 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
91.	1940	Jim Bowie report sent to Bde.	JS Bde	SH
92.	2000	Organic clearances sent to A/Co 4000 to 1600 2Km, 1600-4000 500m. D/Co 0500 to 4800 2 Km 4800-0500, 500m.	JS	KG
93.	2005	MACV reports in position.	JS	RV
94.	2005	Big Ears reports in operation at sugar mill.	JS	RV
95.	2008	Duke 4E requests C/Co withdraw claymore mines on VIP pad bird inbound.	JS	RV
96.	2015	D/Co reports massive in position.	JS	RV
97.	2020	Duke 83 requests number of sorties needed to move D/Co, D/Co reports 17 sorties.	JS	RV
98.	2045	Duke 83 request for 3 Red hats to Bde.	JS Bde	HA
99.	2045	83 request for sorties for A/Co B/Co and D/Co CA's to Tracy sent to Bde.	JS Bde	HA
100.	2050	D/Co reports sighting red flashlight moving at 700 800 to 1000 meters from night location will coordinate with A/Co on firing recon into area of flashlight.	JS	RV
101.	2055	Plans for moving passed to Bde.	JS Bde	RV
102.	2055	83 requested 26 hook sorties 1 on call to start here at 0800 passed also total to be moved 500 pax.	JS Bde	HA
103.	2100	Situation negative.	JS Bde	RV
104.	2115	E/Co request clearance for firing result given clearance for box 3 only.	JS	RV
105.	2130	Request on pax changed to 550 sent to Bde. Also passed on would need 11 C130 and 1 on call.	JS Bde	HA
106.	2025	Night location for B 1/8 CP 359131 2-6 358128.	JS	MG
107.	2150	Situation negative.	JS Bde	MG
108.	2200	Duke 7-6 reports 3 to 5 indiv moving W to E moving off of trail reports arty has main grid and target is 150 meters E of main grid.	JS	RV
109.	2200	3 requests commo personnel pick up equipment on landed bird and checkfire arty and mortars.	JS	RV
110.	2215	Will receive 2 Red Hats tomorrow morning on log bird at 0730.	JS	MG
111.	2205	6 requests D/Co put arty on area of flashlight spotted earlier.	JS	RV
112.	2245	Request to know how connex will be moved from Sting Ray 3 moved by C130 6 will have use of C/G all day.	JS	MG

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113. 2240	MACV reports situation negative.	JS	RV
114. 2240	Duc Hue reports situation negative.	JS	RV
115. 2245	Tra Cu report fire arty on target spotted by radar at 309109 neg assessment.	JS	RV
116. 2250	Navy reports 2 PBR spotted 10 lights on beach at 468987, 2010 fired on lights observed indiv through infrared fired again on indiv with 60mm this time neg return fire at any time neg results.		
117. 2300	Situation negative.	JS Bde	RV
118. 2315	D/Co reports checking out lights spotted earlier.	JS	RV
119. 2330	Dufflebag reports movement 200 meters W of A/Co 2-1a mass information was relayed to A/Co.	JS	RV
120. 2345	Do not need weight of items that are to be moved by fix wing.	JS	MG
121. 2340	MACV Duc Hue Tra Cu Navy all report situation negative.	JS	RV
122. 2350	Situation negative.	J Bde	RV
123. 2350	Missions for tomorrow DI were passed on to Bright Lighting said if would depend on weather conditions if we get birds or not.	JS	MG
124. 2400	Journal closed.	JS	RV

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