

ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION LOCATION

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

PERIOD COVERED 1969

0001 to 2400 21 March

NO.	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	IN
1.	0001	Journal opened.	JS	TB
2.	0015	From Bde-usually reliable source that at 2400 hrs approx 750m from 458579 EE-suspected enemy location. Could not engage with arty because of friendly element in 2/12 AO.	JS	TB
3.	0100	Situation negative.	JS Bde	TB
4.	0200	Situation negative.	JS Bde	TB
5.	0300	Receiving incoming at White- 82mm, 60mm, B-40 rockets.	JS Bde	TB
6.	0305	Bunker 13 reported it took a direct hit-1 KIA reported.	JS Bde	TB
7.	0305	Requested Blue Max and Spooky.	JS Bde	TB
8.	0320	Negative commo with E/Co.	JS	TB
9.	0325	Commo reports all 292 down except one.	JS	TB
10.	0329	Medevac requested-WIA and KIA (friendly) unknown amount.	JS Bde	TB
11.	0327	Incoming reportedly stopped.	JS Bde	TB
12.	0330	Requested additional 2 to 3 medevacs on stand-by.	JS Bde	TB
13.	0338	E/Co OP4 spotted 20 man force moving S away from LZ.	JS Bde	TB
14.	0340	Spooky 72 on station.	JS Bde	TB
15.	0342	2nd session of Blue Max on the way-have another Spooky ready need a 30 min warning.	JS	TB
16.	0345	All OP closed.	JS Bde	TB
17.	0350	Incoming started again.	JS Bde	TB
18.	0352	Air observer control 4 enroute.	JS	TB
19.	0353	D/Co FO radio took hit-non operational.	JS	TB
20.	0407	Medevac 76 on station.	JS	TB
21.	0411	Indiv reported on west side of perimiter.	JS Bde	TB
22.	0415	2 enemy KIA reported in front of Bunker 13.	JS Bde	TB
23.	0417	Requested flare ships.	JS Bde	TB
24.	0422	Suspected movement on east side of LZ.	JS Bde	TB
25.	0430	D/Co reports 1 NVA POW wounded.	JS Bde	TB
26.	0437	Requested IPW for POW.	JS Bde	TB
27.	0446	Requested additional Medivac's.	JS Bde	TB
28.	0505	Flare Ship (Spade 806) on station.	JS	TB
29.	0505	First Medivac complete, 4 WIA's.	JS Bde	TB
30.	0520	Receiving small arms fire from northeast.	JS Bde	TB
31.	0524	Requested more flare ships.	JS Bde	TB
32.	0525	Second Medivac complete, 6 WIA's.	JS Bde	TB
33.	0532	Bn. CO requested combat tracker team at this location at first light.	JS Bde	TB
34.	0534	D/Co advised that WP will be fired on northeast side of LZ	JS Bde	TB
35.	0545	A/Co & C/Co report situation negative.	JS Bde	TB
36.	0545	Third Medivac complete, 8 WIA's.	JS Bde	TB
37.	0550	Reported that C/S gas was being used. None of friendly elements using it.	JS Bde	TB
38.	0554	Flare ship (Spade 806) breaking station, he has expended full load.	JS Bde	TB
39.	0559	POW died-Brigade informed to disregard IPW team.	JS Bde	TB
40.	0601	C/S gas coming in stronger on northeast side of LZ.	JS Bde	TB
41.	0608	Spooky 73 on station.	JS Bde	TB
42.	0610	Fourth Medivac complete, 7 WIA's.	JS Bde	TB
43.	0620	Change of plans sent to Brigade; C/Co move of 0730 to north to vic. AT 454637.		

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	cont.	E/co 1-6 search 360 degrees on LZ White from perimeter to 450 meters out. D/co repair defensive perimeter.	JS Bde	TB
44. 0625	Plans passed to C/co, D/co and E/co.		JS	TB
45. 0629	2 additional NVA KIA reported. Total of 5 NVA KIA's.		JS Bde	TB
46. 0635	Incoming reportedly started again.		JS Bde	TB
47. 0638	Receiving small arms fire from northeast along with C/S.		JS Bde	TB
48. 0641	Reported 3 Artillery WIA'S.		JS Bde	TB
49. 0647	C/co moving toward LZ White.		JS Bde	TB
50. 0651	Scout birds requested at first light.		JS Bde	TB
51. 0654	Log bird (killer Spade 569) and Charlie Charlie inbound.		JS	TB
52. 0725	Cavalier 17 on Station.		JS	TB
53. 0730	Charlie Charlie on station.		JS	TB
54. 0735	Last report on friendly element: 11 KIA's, 6 from E/co 4 from D/co, 1 from engineer. Total 25 WIA's.		JS	TB
55. 0738	Blue Max received ground to air fire from XT 453638.		JS Bde	TB
56. 0740	Brigade 3 informed us that Rash 21 was on station and we could put airstrike on grid Blue Max received fire from.		JS	KG
57. 0807	Cavalier birds reported numerous trails to the east of LZ White with heavy recent use.		JS	KG
58. 0812	C 1/9th aircraft reported seeing 3 sets of what appears to be aqua-lungs, 100 meters south of the log pad. Possible they were used for C/S. Further readout will follow.		JS Bde	KG
59. 0815	Reference item 57. Grids for trails, 489606, 459625. Also at 453626 reported 3-50 cal. positions, 10 fighting positions, heavy recent use. Also one bunker had direct hit from artillery. Blood trails around area.		JS	KG
60. 0830	C 1/9th aircraft spotted 10-12 individuals approx. 1 1/2 Km. west of LZ White. Aircraft expended and airstrike diverted to this area. Further readout will follow. C/co will deploy into this area. Spotting took place vic. of 445627.		JS Bde	KG
61. 0850	Bn. 3A requested immediate airstrike vic. 445627. C 1/9th aircraft has additional troops spotted in this area.		JS Bde	SH
62. 0925	2/8th has bird down with negative commo 3 Km. from their location.		JS	RV
63. 0930	Scout birds breaking station for maintenance on ships.		JS	RV
64. 0937	Rash reports working fighters into position of target 0943 airstrike going in, in 45 seconds.		JS	RV
65. 0943	Cavalier birds breaking station for fuel.		JS	RV
66. 0950	Cavalier birds back on station.		JS	RV
67. 0953	Airstrike complete at 1000 hrs. Reports fighters received ground fire at 453626. Another airstrike planned TOT 1035 hrs.		JS	RV
68. 1010	Brigade assuming 2/8th Charlie-Charlie bird shot down 2 WIA's and 4 KIA's. Believed.		JS	RV
69. 1015	BDA of airstrike-4 KB (2 by airstrike and 2 by artillery) vicinity of airstrike at 453626.		JS Bde	RV
70. 1020	Scout birds reports 2 additional 2 KBA spotted and killed by scout birds at 453626		JS Bde	RV

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ITEM NO.	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, INFO.	ACTION TAKEN	IN
71.	1026	Airstrike going in.	JS	RV
72.	1042	Charlie Charlie on station at LZ White.	JS	RV
73.	1040	D/co 1-6 element returned to LZ White.	JS	RV
74.	1100	Bn. 3A requested airstrike (W/more 750 lb. bombs) from brigade, after report from airstrike birds that 750 lb. were needed and 2 Or 3 gooks also spotted running in bushes in area (Reference item 45 and 62)	JS	RV
75.	1105	Scout bird in bound from LZ Grant with BDA.	JS	RV
76.	1108	Scout bird reports BDA complete, inbound to LZ White.	JS	RV
77.	1110	Rash 24 releasing Rash 25.	JS	RV
78.	1110	Bn. 3A reports to brigade findings of D/co: With dog team on west side of LZ White found blood strails running north from LZ. At 454634 found water on trail and dog team lost tracking ability on previous scent. Also blood trails running south from LZ, this trail crossed stream at 455624, dog team again lost scent. There were a large number of bandages (bloody) outside perimeter on west side.	JS Bde	RV
79.	1130	Rash 24 reports airstrike going in at 1200 hours. Light drag, 500 lbs. and napalm. Grid 453626 vic.	JS	RV
80.	1145	Scout birds reports spotting bunker compiled with partially destroyed bunkers (by artillery) at XT 435620. Airstrike will go in on this grid.	JS Bde	RV
81.	1158	Scout birds report 1 more KBA.	JS Bde	RV
82.	1140	Bn 3A change in plans sent to C/co: Move out along trail to west, staying east of trails and establish FOB. Vic. of 443636.	JS Bde	RV
83.	1200	C/co complete moving north.	JS	RV
84.	1225	Rash 24 XT 425650 estimated 4 bunkers were destroyed by airstrike.	JS	RV
85.	1303	C/co complete on LZ White.	JS	RV
86.	1307	Scout bird on station at A/co "AO" 513558.	JS	RV
87.	1318	Bn. 3A sent to Brigade plans for 22 March: A/co continue mission of blocking enemy across razerbacks-conduct day and night ambushes along trails in vicinity of 513559.		
		Continuation of plans: B/co Op Con 1/5th. C/co conduct day and night ambushes in vicinity 443637. D/co base defense LZ White. E/co base defense LZ White. A/co 2/8th conduct day and night ambushes vicinity 483639.	JS Bde	RV
88.	1323	Scout birds spotted 5 sandpans at 472568.	JS Bde	RV
89.	1334	Scout birds spotted 10 recently built bunkers at 472568 and 7 sandpans. Request permission to follow up findings.	JS Bde	RV
90.	1342	Bn. 3A contacted 2/12 on grid requested, by them cleared already by scout birds.	JS Bde	RV
91.	1345	EOD reports blowing ammunition found on or near enemy KIA's. Total findings were 37 Chi Com hand grenades 3 RPG's 1 claymore, 43 rounds Russian 7.62 small arms rds.	JS	RV
92.	1400	C/co minus 3-6 element leaving LZ White going west.	JS	RV
93.	1405	Bn. 3A requests B-52 strike BDA from Brigade.	JS Bde	RV
94.	1405	2/12 reports CA of his element will be on our Bn. command push. Also as soon as CA is complete A/co will be Op Con.	JS	RV

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95.	1415	Air requests sent to Brigade.	JS Bde	RV
96.	1300	(delayed entry) Brigade scouts report BDA for B-52 strike; 200 bunkers (16' x 20') destroyed, 110 bunkers uncovered, 400 meters of trench line uncovered, 1 kitchen, 4 100 lb. bags of rice. Scouts engaged with C/S, negative assessment. NVA clothing scattered throughout the area. 1 KBA at 49-69 area center mass.		
97.	1425	C/co reports working in area of airstrike. Silver birds reported negative findings.	JS	RV
98.	1430	Scout birds at 423619 report approximately 15 bunkers destroyed. 30 bunkers undestroyed. 40 meters trenchline with bunkers in the sides. 12 urban jars, possibly containing cooking supplies, 4 ammo boxes, recommend further reconning of area, some of the roofs on the bunkers were corrugated.	JS Bde	RV
99.	1430	Item #98 relayed to 2/12 and Brigade.	JS	RV
100.	1510	Scout birds breaking station.	JS	RV
101.	1600	Bn. 3A requests scout birds from brigade 3A to cover A/co 2/8th movement from LZ White.		
102.	1610	Scout birds on station: At 1625 hrs reported at 483613 2 tunnels (possibly wells) to the east. Numerous holes along the surface. At 478620 east to west trail, heavy traffic to east. North of this location 2 AW positions possibly 51 cal.	JS Bde	RV
103.	1640	Scout bird reports on station for LZ White last light recon told to follow A/co 2/8th out of LZ White.	JS	RV
104.	1645	Scout bird reports 3 bunkers at 465624 old american FOB altered (possible) by gooks, grid 456618.	JS Bde	RV
105.	1708	A/co 2/8th reports firing 1 box of AK rounds and 1 box of 60mm mortar rounds 500 meters east of LZ White.	JS Bde	RV
106.	1710	Airstrike request sent to Brigade.	JS Bde	RV
107.	1740	Tacee requested for log bird.	JS Bde	RV
108.	1745	Bn 3A says Charlie Charlie has been released.	JS	RV
109.	1750	Scout birds on station, performing last light recon around LZ White.	JS	RV
110.	1700	(Delayed Entry) unit locations sent to Brigade: A/co 513558. B/co Op Con 1/5th. C/co 452628. D/co LZ White E/co LZ White. A/co 2/8th 568628.	JS Bde	RV
111.	1758	Tacee bird cancelled by 3A.	JS	RV
112.	1815	Scout birds reports at 442639, 18" wide trail east to west assumed 15 individuals traveled on it within 24 hrs. 300 meters of trenchline at 445642. 6 x 10 bridge on previously reported east west trail. 12 bunkers 4' x 6' 3 with overhead at 449642. 3 bunkers 6' x 8' w/overhead cover. 2 fresh 82MM mortar positions, 6 spider holes freshly dug, w/entrenching tool still in one and 2 chicken running around area, same location.	JS Bde	RV
113.	1825	Scout bird reports at 451608, 1 line-to houch, 250 meters of circular trench, 6 88 by 10 bunkers w/heavy logs overhead	JS Bde	RV

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114	1848	The following EM's are KIA's & WIA's result of 21 March Total 12 KIA's and 55 WIA's. <u>KIA's</u> -Lopez, Ricardo E/co Riggins, Robert E-3 E/co. Eustaquito, Joseph E-5 D/co. Johnson, Donald D/co. Colson, Ronald D/co. Kerr, Wesley Sp/4 HHC 1/8th. Blair, Patrick Sp/4 E/co. Jones, Louis Sgt. E/co. Egging, Jerry Sp/4 E/co. Marschall, Alan Sp/4 E/co. Sherman, William Sp/4 E/co. Mose Engineer. <u>WIA's</u> -Ciancio, Joe E-4 E/co US 54824095. Fleming, Phil E-4 Engineer RA 11884418. Gilesandero, Charles E-4 1st Inf Div US 501884418. Alexander, Dennis E-4 D/co US 51776480. Scott, James E-4 D/co US 54670059. Breck, William E-4 E/co RA 11803738. Dowdy, William E-4 D/co US 52941612. Cowley, Charles E-4 E/co. Speight, Amos E-3 E/co RA 12986620. Saxon, Antonio E-5 E/co. Parson HHC 1/8th. Jordannais 1LT. HHC 1/8th. Russell Arty. Rosario D/co. Hetrick D/co. Triplett D/co. Andrews, Marion E/5 C 2/19th RA 16957413. Basseri, John E-4 C 2/19 RA 18921181. Davis, Bennie E-4 C 2/19th RA 12784239. O'Brien, Paul E-3 C 2/19th US 51919106. Willets. McCullough. Melvin. Augutt. Doom E-4 D/co. Kroner. Vanderbrink, Edward Engineer. Seneriz, Agustin E/co. Fleming, Phillip E-4 Engineer. Andrews, Jesse Engineer. Gentry Engineer. Arnold, Troy Engineer. Wilson, Dennis Engineer. Aaron, Jim E-4 D/co US 5338496. Brown E-7 HHC 1/8th. Maddie, John E-4 D/co. Minotti E-5 HHC 1/8th US 51776383. Louie Engineer US 68035559. Helko, William E-4 Engineer RA 16847123. Law, James E-5 D/co. Daseke, Richard E-4 E/co. Ramieret, Frank Jr. E-4 C 2/19th RA 15960499. McSwain, Oscar E-5 D/co US 53456445. Meredith, Gary E-5 C 2/19th US 51945970. Paulowitz, Thomas E-4 D/co US 52815494. Smeal, Brant E-4 D/co US 51984540. Digum, Albert E-4 Engineer RA 19773270. Burgara, Tamiro E-5 Engineer US 56911210. Jarvis, Stephen E-4 E/co US 51948426. Campos, James E-4 HHC 1/8th US 51984022. Smith, Keith E-4 E/co US 54984200. Lappe, David E-4 E/co US 51918639. Pawelczyk, Edward E-4 E/co US 56545391. Leslie, James E-4 E/co US 55948366. Allender, Dlemer E-4 E/co US 51801287. JS			
115	1930	Night Locations sent to Brigade: A/co 511556, Edia Massive 514557, 2-1A OP South 100 meters, 3-1A OP West southwest 100 meters. B/co Op con 2/5th. C/co 446637, OP 1 west 50 meters. D/co and C/co 3-6 platoon-Base defense LZ White, OP 1 north 50 meters OP 2 Northeast 50 Meters. E/co base defense LZ White, OP 3 Southeast 50 meters, OP 4 south 50 meters, OP 5 Southwest 50 meters, OP 6 Northwest 50 meters. A/co 2/8th 471628, OP 1 Southwest 100 meters, OP 2 Southeast 100 meters, OP 3 North 100 meters.			RV
116	1950	Division requests boundry extension into 1/8th Cav. A0 from 483525 north to 5055 east to present boundry. From 22 0600 to 23 1800.		JS Bde	RV
		1st Bde & C/co report OP's and Massives in place.		JS	SH
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118	2015	Bunker #1 reports movement to the north. Bunker #1 will put out hand flare to try and detect something.				
119	2017	All OP's are closed on LZ.			JS Bde	KG
120	2022	50 Caliber moved to northern side of LZ to fire on movement			JS Bde	KG
121	2030	Air request sent to Brigade both Charlie Charlie and log bird to be here at LZ White at 0730. If Charlie Charlie doesn't have a console, stop at Stingray pad in Tay Ninh and pick one up.			JS	KG
122	2032	Scout birds requested at first light.			JS Bde	KG
123	2035	Reference item #116: Boundary extension requested by Div. has been granted by Bn. S-3.			JS Bde	KG
124	2100	Organic clearance sent to A/co 3200-1600 1 Km. 1600-3200 500 meters. C/co 6400-1600 1½ Km. 1600-6400 500 meters. A/co 2/8th 6400-3200 2 Km. 3200-6400 500 meters.			JS Bde	SH
125	2105	All units report situation negative.			JS	KG
126	2110	From a usually reliable source-enemy location with 2500 meters of XT 447574, late afternoon. Enemy location within 250 meters of XT 506547 as of late afternoon. Passed on to Artillery, Second report passed on to A/co.			JS Bde	KG
127	2200	All units report situation negative.			JS	SH
128	2215	Charlie Charlie will be here at 0800 with a console.			JS Bde	KG
129	2255	D/co reports movement on east side of perimeter, further readout will follow.			JS	HA
130	2350	D/co reports all OP's in position.			JS Bde	KG
131	2400	All units report situation negative.			JS	KG
132	2400	Journal Closed.			JS	KG

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21 March- Significant actions for today include LZ White hit by 82mm B-40 and 107 rockets. Had total of 12 KIA and 51 WIA. Total 5 NVA KIA. Estimated 400 NVA hit White. Findings were 37 chi com grenades, 3 gas masks and 3 RPG with launcher 1 box 60mm rds.

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