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S-2 S-3 1st Battalion 8th Cav LZ White			0000 to 2400 22 March	
NO	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	IN
1.	0000	Journal opened.	JS	KG
2.	0015	D/Co reports seeing lights out in front of Bunker 17, Arty will be directed to the area. Lights 100-150m N-NW.	JS Bde	KG
3.	0045	Airstrike, C 2102, 448698, time on target 1515 Mark 117, 025 delay fuse; C 2105, 525695, TOT 0815, Mark 117.	JS	KG
4.	0045	Spot report for 21 March: Total KIA-19, 1 POW NVA; 2/8 CC 0915 hrs 258653 received small arms (ground to air) and crashed, results 5 US KIA, 2 US WIA; C/Co 2/8 0845 hrs XT 445565 engaged 2 NVA, neg results; unknown friendlies at 1510 hrs 500595 engaged 2 NVA results 3 NVA KIA, 1 POW NVA 2 AK-47, 1 B-40 rocket launcher; at 1820 560595 while med-evacuating the POW, received 6-82mm rds, result 3 US WIA; C 1/5 1030 hrs 553573 found 4000 rds of AK-47 ammo; A 1/5 who is op con for the 11th Cav 1100 hrs grid unknown killed 70 NVA KIA, 24 AK-47, 5 AK-50, 28 SKS; LRRP 1900 hrs XT 559758 observed 30-40 heavy-armed indiv moving to the NE.	JS	TB
5.	0055	Neg commo with A/Co 2/8 Cav, 1/8 relay station at LZ Dolly, C/Co and D/Co report situation negative.	JS	SH
6.	0100	Situation negative.	JS Bde	KG
7.	0200	Reestablished commo with all 1/8 units. Situation negative.	JS Bde	SH
8.	0235	Situation negative.	JS Bde	SH
9.	0300	Situation negative.	JS Bde	KG
10.	0330	Situation negative.	JS Bde	KG
11.	0345	Bunker 11 reportedly saw moving lights to the S-SW of the LZ 200m out. Engaged with small arms with neg assessment. D/Co FO fired DT C on grid 446618 neg Assessment.	JS Bde	KG
12.	0400	Situation negative.	JS Bde	KG
13.	0430	Situation negative.	JS Bde	KG
14.	0500	Situation negative.	JS Bde	KG
15.	0515	OP5 spotted 5 individuals 500m to the W moving from S to N. Area will be engaged with Arty. Neg assessment.	JS Bde	KG
16.	0530	Situation negative.	JS Bde	TB
17.	0545	All units report troops up for stand to.	JS	KG
18.	0630	Situation negative.	JS Bde	TB
19.	0640	D/Co reports all OP's closed on LZ.	JS	TB
20.	0645	Call sign for log bird Killer Spade 698, Call sign for C/C bird, Big Stud 809.	JS	TB
21.	0703	Boundary extension requested by division, in southern section of 1/8 AO, has been disapproved by Bde.	JS	SH
22.	0705	A/Co E/Co OP and masses are closed.	JS	TB
23.	0710	IR readings: TOT 211900 to 212150, 468687 1 indiv, 486686 4 indiv, 486684 2 indiv, 493683 2 indiv, 502659 6 indiv, 515665 4 indiv, 522671 4 indiv, 518669 3 indiv, 506667 1 indiv, 455683 4 indiv, 525672 1 indiv, 534677 1 indiv, 540678 6 indiv.	JS	SH
24.	0715	Plans passed to A/Co, C/Co, A/Co 2/8.	JS	TB
25.	0800	C 1/9 aircraft reportedly saw numerous truck tracks on road and numerous bunkers at 476708. Suspected storage area. Numerous 15'x20' with 4'x4' entrances.	JS	KG

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26. 0015	A/Co 2/8 reports need 16 sorties for lift, instructed by Bn 3A to get in PZ posture.	JS	RV
27. 0825	B/Co will be working in this area 495582.	JS	MG
28. 0835	Bde informed Bn 3A: A/Co 2/8 lift will be a final extraction to secure LZ St Barbara (we relayed to A/Co 2/8)	JS	RV
29. 0850	Scout birds on station in LZ White AO.	JS	RV
30. 0858	Scout bird Cav 1-2 on station will work in airstrike area and also S and SW of LZ White.	JS	RV
31. 0908	Scout birds reports 3 substantial fires in airstrike area poles arranged in train track fashion, believed to be bicycle repair area: 10 bicycle tires, various holes (10x15 ft) in area at 476708.	JS Bde	RV
32. 0911	Scout birds at 465598 200m of trenchline only 1/2 useable, 1 10x15 bunker (no recent use) one lightly used E to W trail (no recent use) breaking station.	JS Bde	RV
33. 0916	E/Co 1-5 will be performing 360° recon around LZ White then moving south.	JS	RV
34. 0-35	Scout birds at 446607 old bunker complex trails and bunkers in the area suggest recent occupancy (this information also passed to E/Co 1-5 element going south)	JS Bde	RV
35. 0942	Bn 3 reports will leave Dolly with B/Co 6 for recon in one minute.	JS	RV
36. 0947	Scout birds at 515665 15-8x10 bunkers fresh trails in area indicate recent use, also clothes, sampan, and sampan dock, also reports bicycle repair shop reported earlier destroyed with M-79 on ship, requests 515665 area for next airstrike scheduled for 1515 hrs.	JS Bde	RV
37. 1020	Bn 3 lift is a go, 1/8 Bn will control word was not passed, until first lift was off the ground, Bn 3 going airborne to control lift.	JS	CW
38. 1030	Bde reports enemy within 1000m of 452244 at early morning usual reliable source.	JS	CW
39. 1005	Final extraction of A/Co 2/8 as follows: 1st lift off at 1005 hrs, 6 sorties, 1-6 element; 2nd lift off at 1031 hrs 4 sorties, 2-6; 3rd lift off at 1053 hrs, 6 sorties 3-6 & CP, lift complete at 1104 hrs, PZ clear at 1054 hrs.	JS	RV
40. 1035	C/Co 2-6 moving W of night location 200m.	JS	RV
41. 1037	B/Co complete moving W of Dolly approx 400m.	JS	RV
42. 1040	UR 554223 enemy within 1000m early morning.	JS	CW
43. 1050	Bn 3 to A/Co 2/8 final extraction lift birds air advisory, final extraction PZ fire will be coming from LZ Dolly at 309° range 6.5 Km max ordinance 4500ft.	JS	RV
44. 1100	Request scout birds to screen B/Co movement.	JS	MG
45. 1140	Bde Silver 21 time 1130 458555 spotted 30m of trench line running N to S.	JS	MG
46. 1140	Silver 21 time 1125 451542 spotted 4 strands of commo wire running across the river.	JS	MG
47. 1140	Company locations sent to Bde.	JS	MG
48. 1200	Plans for 23 March sent to Bde.	JS Bde	MG

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49.	1310	D/Co reports 2 daytime OP moving out of White, OP1 NW 200m OP2 N 200m (in position at 1336 hrs)	JS	RV
50.	1315	B/Co reports at 507585 moving SW.	JS	RV
51.	1258	From Bde Cav 1-2 at grid 568667 where AS was brought in they had 5 kills by arty and 5 KBA.	JS	MG
52.	1400	A/Co reports approx 1 Km S of his location unit in contact unit in FF contacted and told of A/Co position (as blocking unit) in relation to their location.	JS Bde	RV
53.	1426	Air requests and AS sent to Bde. at 476708 (suspected storage area) at 446607 bunker complex with recent use.	JS	RV
54.	1453	B/Co reports at 504580 found 1 bunker 15'x5' 3'deep, 1 1/2' overhead cover (possible recent use)	JS	RV
55.	1500	UR early morning grid 570170 no radius.	JS	MG
56.	1410	E/Co 1-2 reported movement 50m to NW of their position. Indiv were moving through heavy brush. Indiv were moving from NE to SW E/Co was trying to get to them, but were also being hampered by heavy brush from glimpses through the brush it appeared to be 2 to 3 individuals rather than lose them E/Co engaged with hand grenades, neg assessment.	JS Bde	MG
57.	1515	Rash reports; approx 2 Km SW of Grant they report indiv in the open, so, fighters will be diverted to that location. At 1530 hrs back on station for airstrikes as planned, false sighting at Grant.	JS	RV
58.	1520	A/Co reports 50 cal firing their direction unit firing was contacted about it and they assured us they were aware of A/Co position and were firing accordingly.	JS	RV
59.	1535	B/Co reports finding 8 bunkers 15'x5' 3'deep 1 1/2' overhead cover, usage estimated 4 days old at 498581. Destroyed.	JS Bde	RV
60.	1548	Rash reports AS complete on grid 51-66.	JS Bde	RV
61.	1600	Request clearance for grid 51706689 for AS- 3 tunnels entrances and trails runnin into brush were spotted here. Clearance granted by Bn 3A.	JS Bde	RV
62.	1600	A/Co complete moving N.	JS	RV
63.	1612	B/Co present location 504556 location for log.	JS	RV
64.	1619	E/Co 1-5 inside perimeter of White.	JS	RV
65.	1620	A/Co 1-6 200m E of last location, looking for ambush site.	JS	RV
66.	1630	BDA reports 1 bunker 15'x20' 3 bunkers 4'x8' 3 fighting positions, 3 tunnel entrances partially caved in suggests scout birds check out this area and H&I fire at 517668.	JS Bde	RVQ
67.	1810	Cav 1-2 grid 453619 4 to 5 freshly dug fighting positions no overhead cover.	JS	MG
68.	1815	BDA of 1st AS 22 March at 515665 3 15x20 bunkers uncovered 4 8x10 bunkers destroyed, heavy odor of C/S in area.	JS	RV
69.	1830	Organic clearances sent to companies: A/Co 3200 to 1600 1 Km 1600 to 3200 500m 3200 to 6400 300m.	JS	RV
70.	1915	Plans passes to companies.	JS	RV
71.	1925	C/Co reports ambush and OP in position.	JS	RV
72.	1920	E/Co reports trip flare to SW of White set off.	JS	RV

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73.	1925	E/Co reports another trip flare set off in same vicinity as reported in item 72.	JS	RV
74.	1925	Order given for all personnel in E/Co D/Co and engineer unit to return inside the perimeter-D/Co reports inside at 1940 hrs E/Co inside at 1930 hrs, eng reports inside at 1945 hrs	JS	RV
75.	1948	A/Co reports OP and ambush in position.	JS	RV
76.	1949	B/Co reports OP's in position.	JS	RV
77.	1950	C/Co OP's and ambushes in position.	JS	RV
78.	1950	At 1310 hrs and E-8 GS dispensers at LZ White was detonated by a CH 47 landing at LZ White. The CH 47 was struck by the GS rockets damaging 2 blades and causing a hole in the tail section of the aircraft. E-8's on perimeter were rigged by Gary Owen 23 personnel. E-8's were properly grounded out and were not connected to any batteries or firing devices. This is the second incident of t is spontaneous detonation of these devices. Request this be brought to the attention of Gary Owen 23.	JS Bde	MG
79.	2005	Rash 27 reported spotting a N-S trail recently made with in the last 24 hours at 356690 trail made by 3- to 40 indiv at 413650 trail interdicts with a main trail leading towards LZ Grant.	JS	CW
80.	2005	Night locations sent to Bde. A/Co 514557; C/Co 444637; D/Co LZ White; E/Co LZ White.	JS Bde	RV
81.	2022	C 2/19 personnel spotted a flashlight about 100m on a 450 azimuth engaging with mortars at this time.	JS Bde	CW
82.	2130	B/Co reports that their OP had movement of an unknown enemy force. They engaged with grenades and claymores, pulled their OP into the CP location and now are engaging with Arty. Neg assessment at this time further readout will follow.	JS Bde	CW
83.	2135	Spot report for Arty: arial photo mission had picture of indiv at 478587. This pt is believed to be a sampan loading pt. Arty engaging at this time.	JS	TB
84.	2150	Situation negative.	JS Bde	TB
85.	2300	Situation negative.	JS Bde	TB
86.	2305	Inspected the complete bunker line and also reinforcements from 1015 to 1100 hrs. Everything was in good shape with the exception of D/Co 2-6 who had 10 people sleeping on the grd without overhead cover. D/Co 2-6 and D/Co 6 were informed of this. Corrective action was taken. There were incidents where personnel were improperly uniformed and were not properly alert on the bunker line.	JS	TB
87.	2307	AS for 23 March C 2202 490703, TOT 1315hrs. M117-01 to 025 fuse.	JS	KG
88.	2326	Bde IR reports TOT 1935 22nd, 498681-2, 491544-1. The LRRP team that was to be inserted into our AO on the 23 March will not go in. Possibly the 24 March but not for sure.	JS	KG
89.	2345	OP are back in position.	JS	TB
90.	2400	Situation negative.	JS Bde	TB
91.	2400	Journal closed.	JS	TB

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22 March - A 2/8 released back to their parent unit. Significant findings include 8 bunkers with recent use. Neg contact.

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