

ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION LOCATION

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

PERIOD COVERED 1969
0001 to 2400 23 March

TIME NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	IN
1. 0001	Journal opened.	JS	TB
2. 0055	HHC reports all bunkers on guard except bunker 1-6. They had 2 men awake, one of which were lying down. Corrective means were taken.	JS	TB
3. 0100	All units report situation negative.	JS Bde	TB
4. 0150	HHC reports all bunkers are on guard except bunker 1-7 who had one man asleep who was suppose to be on guard inside the bunker. Corrective measures taken.	JS	TB
5. 0200	All units report situation negative.	JS Bde	TB
6. 0240	IR reading from Brigade: TOT 1900 to 2140 hrs., 477618-1 474670-3, 475680-1, 483691-1, 498687-2, 496685-1, 491683-2, 492681-1, 485693-1, 486686-4, 486683-2, 490635-10, 483627-7 489615-3, 480637-1.	JS	TB
7. 0300	All units report situation negative.	JS Bde	TB
8. 0352	HHC reports 3 AM radio's on bunkers, one man moving around perimeter without proper equipment, corrective means taken.	JS	TB
9. 0400	All units report situation negative.	JS Bde	TB
10. 0420	Photoreport from Brigade: 468594-2 bunkers. 467567-2 revet. 471575-2 Anti aircraft positions. 471572-2 Anti aircraft positions. 468572-well traveled trail. 472572-well traveled trail. 473573-Anti aircraft position. 473518-1 hut. 474509-Fresh tracks, 472509-1 hut. 473503-fresh trails. 467504-2 huts. 474509-fresh tracks. 472509-1 hut. 473503-Fresh tracks. 467504-2 huts. 466523 Fresh trails from river to road. 464554-Fresh tracks in trail. 463563-Fresh trail. 467568-Fresh tracks on trail. 463504-trail. 471566-5 bunkers, 2 Anti aircraft positions. 470599-1 hut. 470557-trails. 454546-Trail. 463533-5 Bunkers. 463504-Trails. 456568-6 bunkers.	JS	KG
11. 0500	All units report situation negative.	JS Bde	KG
12. 0530	All units up for Stand-To.	JS	TB
13. 0545	Perimeter inspection completed, 3 men corrected for sleeping without cover.	JS	TB
14. 0655	Photo readout from Brigade TOT 22 1220. XT 551477 14 individuals circular defensive area, 50 foxholes, 20 fighting positions, 3 AW positions. XT 553572 20 individuals, 35 foxholes, 20 bunkers. XT 562073 86 individuals, 21 foxholes 15.2 men foxholes, 11 bunkers, 1 AW position, 4 craters. XT 558753 trails on a ridge showing signs of recent use. XT 560756 trails showing signs of recent use. XT 569738 4 large bunkers. XT 571734 6 bunkers. XT 573709 trails showing signs of recent use, 6 bunkers.	JS	SH
15. 0715	D/co and E/co OP's closed on LZ White at this time.	JS Bde	RV
16. 0835	Scout birds reports at 499582, 2 houches while working B/co area.	JS Bde	RV
17. 0840	Charlie Charlie on station.	JS	RV
18. 0844	B/co reports at 498582, bunker complex (10 bunkers) heard pigs and chickens in area will further check area.	JS Bde	RV
19. 0853	B/co will stay at night location (501587) to accept log 1200 hrs. 1-6 element will be moving to east.	JS Bde	RV

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	cont.	2-6 element will be moving to the southwest. 3-6 element will be moving to the northwest.	JS	RV
20.	0910	A/co reports 2-6 element moving north of night location.	JS	RV
21.	0921	B/co reports 4 daytime OP's. OP#1 northwest. OP#2 northeast. OP#3 southeast. OP#4 southwest. All will go out approximately 300 meters from LZ.	JS	RV
22.	0936	E/co 1-2 element moving southeast.	JS	RV
23.	0943	B/co reports 1-6 element found trail running east to west. Are following it east. 2-6 element found 7 bunkers, 5' x 10'-3' deep and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' overhead cover. At 499586 also found trail running northeast to southwest, no recent use.	JS Bde	RV
24.	0956	Brigade requests targets for 1000 lb. daisy cutters in northern AO and recon zone. Request must include terrain description, height of trees and diameter. Need ASAP. Missions will not be flown before 1 April.	JS	PB
25.	0958	B/co reports 3-6 element at 493593.	JS	RV
26.	0955	B/co reports 2-6 element at 500583.	JS	RV
27.	1003	B/co reports 1-6 element at 507589.	JS	RV
28.	1005	E/co 1-2 found 1 set of bare foot prints running northeast at 461628. 1 to 2 days old.	JS	RV
29.	1016	B/co requests demolition team on afternoon log bird. Reason to destroy large bunker complex found at 500583.	JS	RV
30.	1030	Bn. 3A requested boundry Extension from 1/5th. ams as follows East from present boundry on 60 grid East West line to South 51 grid line down to present boundry.	JS	CW
31.	1035	E/co 1-2 element day ambush at 468624.	JS	RV
32.	1050	From Brigade, Red Ace TOT 23 1900 to 23 2200. 31-A box #1 4625, 4965, 4221, 4563. 31-O box #2 4053, 4725, 5043, 5665.	JS	RV
33.	1100	B/co found 4 complete bicycle tires at 500583.	JS Bde	RV
34.	1140	C/co present location 444640.	JS	RV
35.	1151	C/co reports finding 7 sleeping positions 5' x 3' with 1' overhead cover, 50 meters north of 444640.	JS	RV
36.	1210	Plans for 24 March sent to Brigade. A/co day and night ambushes along trails in immediate area, establish FOB in vicinity of 511567. B/co day and night ambushes along trails to west, establish FOB in vicinity 491581. C/co search to southeast to vicinity 459638, continue to search south to LZ White, one element search from 459638 to east vicinity of 413638, then work south and enter LZ White from east side. Base defense LZ White. D/co at 0900 hrs. move west to vicinity 454626 search and clear to north to vicinity 454659, establish FOB. Establish enroute day time massives at 454637. E/co 4-6 element base defense LZ White 1-6 element patrol area from southeast to southwest of LZ White for a depth of 500 meters.	JS Bde	RV
37.	1255	Rash requests clearence for airstrike on grids 490703, 479712, clearence granted by Bn. 83.	JS Bde	RV

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38. 1255	B/co reports findings at 500583: Assumed storage and classroom area for TET offensive. Last use about 2 weeks. 22 bunkers 10' x 8' x 3' 3' overhead cover. 2 wells with water, numerous trails leading out of area. Classroom with 10' long bleachers made of bamboo. 2 bicycles complete. Various documents, 1 letter to G.I. with Vietnamese writing on back. 1 grenade assumed used for training found emptied of powder with stick stuck in the end. 2 handmade shovels and a pick. Oil for weapons. 2 ovens 5' x 5'. 10 AK-47 rounds. 1 U.S. 60 mm mortar round new.	JS Bde	RV
39. 1221	C/co reports firing at 444640 1 bunker 5' x 3' with 2 feet overhead cover.	JS	RV
40. 1340	Rash 2-5 reports airstrike at 479712 complete requests scout birds in area because of over-turned bunkers spotted	JS	RV
41. 1400	Bn. 3A informed Brigade as Requested: A/co PZ posture time 30 minutes, PZ will take 3 sorties. A/co complete number lift birds required is 19 sorties. With ACL of 6.	JS	RV
42. 1408	2/12 reports at 458605 scout birds spotted 4 trucks with 4 individuals around them. (Enemy type)	JS	RV
43. 1410	2/12 reports at XT 153581 scout birds spotted bunker complex recently used.	JS	RV
44. 1420	Scout birds reports more accurate grid on enemy trucks spotted earlier. As follows, 455575. Breaking station for fuel, will return and direct artillery.	JS	RV
45. 1420	Bn. 3A requested immediate airstrike on grid 455575. Passed on to 2/12 and Brigade then requested our previously scheduled airstrike be diverted to this grid for 2/12. (this grid is in 2/12 AO)	JS Bde	RV
46. 1440	C/co reports at 449643 finding 6 bunkers 5' x 3' and 4' x 8', all with 3 feet overhead cover. No recent use.	JS	RV
47. 1529	E/co 1-2 element reports entering perimeter of LZ White on east side.	JS	RV
48. 1531	Bn. 3A requested scout birds from Brigade.	JS Bde	RV
49. 1556	B/co complete moving southwest.	JS	RV
50. 1600	From Division: Confidential: Soldiers of an enemy unit who have attacked a fire base and been defeated are particularly vulnerable to surrender and Choi-Hoi appeals. If given immediately a specific way to give up, they are very likely to do so. Commanders will make plans for each fire base for bringing in PWS/Ralliers. Plans should designate at least one pre-planned safe area, lane or approach for reception of PWS/Ralliers. Approach should offer safe entry to a surrendering enemy soldier during daylight hours. One purpose of the plans is to allow the rapid coordinated use of airborne or ground loud speakers in support of fire bases. Safe lanes or Rallying points should be in open areas, land marks, such as roads or trails should be easily recognizable to the potential rallier. Approaches should offer good fields of fire for the U.S. order to defeat enemy rushes. The plans		

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		should consider the coordinated use of first light sweeps of areas outside of the firebases. Perimeter guards and other troops will be oriented on procedures for allowing the entry of PWS or Ralliers without endangering the defensive areas of the fire base. Plans will be completed for all fire bases ASAP. The plans should include basic surrender instructions that will be given PWS/Ralliers.			
51.	1600	From Bn. 3: We have had communications with Brigade all day on our secure net (B-1). We have had communications on non-secure (B-2) with all other Battalions but not with Brigade. All other Battalions report negative communication with Brigade at 1600 hrs. We also have communication on (on B-2) with Brigade relay but they report negative communication with Brigade.		JS	RV
52.	1615	C/co 2/12 at XT 447856 heard heavy movement 50 to 75 meters west of their location, called in artillery; negative assessment. Time 1440 hrs.		JS	RV
53.	1615	C/co 2/12 made contact at 447569. 100 meters west of their location, results 2 litter 1 amputatory U.S. 4 NVA KIA's		JS	RV
54.	1620	Bn. 3A informed 2/12 if AO extension in the southwest portion of our AO is needed in reference to contact. Let us know, it would be no problem.		JS	RV
55.	1652	Scout birds will perform last light around LZ White.		JS	RV
56.	1725	CA of A/co from PZ grid 514557 to LZ 505655 number of birds, 19 sorties (8-3-8). 1st lift on LZ at 1653 hrs. LZ green. 2nd lift on LZ at 1705 hrs. PZ clear at 1715 lift complete at 1725 hrs.		JS Bde	RV
57.	1747	B/co reports finding 20 AK-47 rounds and a notebook in area of bunker complex-500583.		JS	RV
58.	1850	From Brigade, heavy artillery boxes. TN 2726: XT 531661, XT 542682, XT 546652, XT 535651, TOT 24 March 1640 hrs.		JS	RV
59.	1920	Company PZ information: PZ posture time A/co 45 minutes, B/co 30 minutes, C/co 45 minutes, D/co Base defense, E/co Base defense. A/co has 4 ship LZ need 19 sorties. B/co has 1 ship LZ need 16 sorties. C/co has 3 ship LZ needs 12 sorties.		JS Bde	RV
60.	1926	Unit location sent to Brigade: A/co FOB 507655, OP#1-1A northwest 100 meters, OP#2-1A south 100 meters, 3-1A massive at 509655. B/co FOB 499584, 1-6 massive at 497582 C/co FOB 454639, OP#1 north 50 meters, OP#2 west 50 meters D/co Base defense White, OP#1 north 50 meters, OP#2 northeast 50 meters. E/co Base Defense White OP#3 southeast 50 meters, OP#4 south 50 meters OP#5 southwest 50 meters, OP#6 northwest 50 meters.		JS Bde	RV
61.	1927	Organic clearances sent to companies: A/co 2500 to 3600 300 meters, 3600 to 1000 1 Km. C/co 5800 to 1600 1 Km. 1000 to 4800 400meters.		JS	RV
62.	1938	C/co reports observation posts in position. 1-6 massive in position.		JS	RV

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64.	2045	Airstrike and air craft requests sent to Brigade.	JS	KG
65.	2125	All OP's pulled back into LZ White, D/co reports movement on west, southwest and north side of perimeter. Artillery engaging areas at this time. Mortars will engage to the north. D/co will engage with M-79er's.	JS Bde	SH
66.	2135	OP's 3 & 4 located northwest and southwest reported seeing approximately 3-4 individuals 60 meters west, outside the outer wire. Could not determine if Ind. had weapons. They were not wearing headgear. Negative knowledge as to which direction they went.	JS Bde	KG
67.	2215	2 airstrikes for 24 March. Grid XT 476708 at 0830. and XT 446607 at 1315.	JS	HA
68.	2215	Daisy Cutter grids sent to Brigade: 473687, 478679, 466681	JS	KG
69.	2240	General Kerwin will visit LZ White tomorrow, March 24, at 1310 hrs. He will be expecting a full briefing from Battalion CO.	JS	TB
70.	2300	All units report situation negative.	JS Bde	KG
71.	2350	Perimeter condition from 2200 to 2400 very good. One spot correction made on individual sleeping without overhead cover.	JS	KG
72.	2400	All units report situation negative.	JS	KG
73.	2400	Journal Closed.	JS	KG

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23 March - Negative contact, significant findings include 22 bunkers, classrooms, various documents, oil for weapons, 30 AK-47 rds.

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