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ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION		LOCATION	PERIOD COVERED	
S2/S3 1st Bn 8th Cav		LZ SHARON YD334495	FROM 250001 Mar 68	TO 252400 Mar 68
TIME	TYPE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC	REPORT FROM	INITIALS
1	0001	Journal Opened	J S	LS
2	0100	Negative Situation Report	J S Bde	LS
3	0200	Negative Situation Report	J S Bde	LS
4	0202	All elements OP/Con or under 1/8 have received New PO	J S	LS
5	0300	Negative Situation Report	J S Bde	LS
6	0334	C Co KT closed with negative findings.	J S	LS
7	0400	Negative Situation Report	J S Bde	LS
8	0401	Suspected movement was spotted 10 meters to the front of bunker 33 at LZ SHARON. Arty fired one round of illumination to south of SHARON. Marines who requested round have negative sightings.	J S Bde	LS
9	0500	Negative Situation Report	J S Bde	LS
10	0600	Negative Situation Report	J S Bde	LS
11	0658	All ambushes and killer team closed with negative findings.	J S	LS
12	0812	A Co 2/8 will send 2 squad size patrols out from LZ HUCKLEBERRY at 0830H to clear the area around LZs SHARON AND BETTY OF ALL VC in area. It will be a continuous patrol until 1/8 S3 indicates otherwise.	J S	SK
13	0830	C Co 16(-), 26(-), 36(+), 46 off the ground vic 334470.	J S Bde	SK
14	0845	C CO CP 16, 26 & 36 (remainder of elements) off the PZ vic 334470 (PZ Clear)	J S Bde	SK
15	0852	C Co initial elements on the ground LZs vic 387558 for 16 & CP, 26 ele vic 383557, 36 ele vic 386563, LZ Green	J S Bde	SK
16	0855	Final elements on the ground for C Co, 16 ele vic 387558; 26 elem vic 383557; 36 & 46 386563 LZ Green.	J S Bde	SK
17	0900	A Co off the PZ at LZ SHARON, 26 & 36(-) elements.	J S Bde	SK
18	0907	A Co CP, 46 and remainder of 36 elements off the PZ at LZ SHARON.	J S Bde	SK
19	0915	A Co 36, 46 and CP on the ground LZs vic CP & 46 elements vic 405549, 36 ele vic 404547 LZ Green.	J S Bde	SK
20	0918	A Co 26 & 36 ele on the ground at coord 26 405549, 36 at 404547, LZs Green.	J S Bde	SK
21	0920	A Co is in contact, 1/8 CC is engaging an unknown size VC element. 1/8 S3 has been wounded, will be evacuated by CC to 15th Med (405547).	J S Bde	SK
22	0930	Refer contact at A Co, they are receiving sporadic small arms around the entire perimeter. A Co has 1 US K, Z and 1 WIA. WIA was hit in the arm, Medevac requested - WIA by M79 frag.	J S Bde	SK
23	0937	Arty is being called in area, A Co vic 405547.	J S Bde	SK

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TIME	TIME IN	TIME OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC			ACTING SECTION	Int	
24	0940		The PRUs with A Co have 2 detainees believed to be PWs that state the contact is w/an NV A Company.			J S Bde	SK	
25	0945		A Co has at this time a total of 5 WIA, all hit by M79 frag.			J S Bde	SK	
26	0950		The PRU definitely have 2 PWs confirmed contact w/ NVA Company, they have also captured some 60MM mortar round a nd fuses.			J S Bde	SK	
27	1005		ARA took a burst of A/W fire in vic of A Co contact (405547), neg assessment this time.			J S Bde	SK	
28	1011		1/9 team of gun ships is on station w/A Co vic 405549.			J S Bde	SK	
29	1020		D Co 36 (RRF) has been lifted from LZ SHARON enroute to A Co vic 405549.			J S Bde	SK	
30	1025		1/9 gun team is going off station this time.			J S Bde	SK	
31	1030		D Co 36 (RRF) is on the ground at A Co Vic 405549.			J S Bde M	SK	
32	1029		Medevac complete at A Co			J S Bde	SK	
33	1035		A Co request medivac with an oxygen reseruator for 1 EM.			J S Bde	SK	
34	1045		They have found a quantity of commo wire in vic of A Co contact, believed to be possible CP area.			J S Bde	SK	
35	1049		EM at A Co (Refer 33) is now KIA.			J S Bde	SK	
36	1056		A Co 46 element is receiving s/a fire from all sides (360°)			J S Bde	SK	
37	1057		1/8 CO request 1/9 gun team in area of contact.			J S Bde	SK	
38	1010		At C Co loc vic 387558 have 1 male POW found in a hooch with a ChiCom grenade, will interrogate.			J S. Bde	SK	
39	1130		A Co CP & 36 & D36 have pulled back to area vic 400550. A Co 26 & 46 are still in the village vic 405455 pinned down by s/a, a/w and M79 fire from 360°, they have an FO and they are bringing gun ships and ARA runs at this time with artillery following.			J S Bde M	SK	
40	1142		A rty is being fired for support of A Co 26&46 vic 405455.			J S Bde M	SK	
41	1147		Ref item 38. Co Co the POW was male age 25, wearing khaki uniform, he had 4 ChiCom grenades and a NVA belt with star on the buckle, believed to be a Lt.			J S Bde	SK	
42	1150		C Co ordered to move from current location vic 338550 to a loc vic 397547. Report arrival to NCS.			J S C co. M	SK	
43	1205		A Co 16 off the ground at LZ SHARON			JS Bde	SK	
44	1211		A Co 16 element is on the ground vic 400550.			J S Bde M	sk	
45	1220		C Co complete is moving SW enroute to vic 397547.			J S Bde M	sk	
46	1224		D Co 16 & CP off the ground at LZ SHARON			J S Bde	sk	
47	1235		D Co 16 & CP on the ground vic 417555. LZ Green			J S Bde M	sk	
48	1240		D Co 26 & 46 ele off the ground at LZ SHARON.			JS Bde	sk	

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49	1248	D Co 26 & 46 elements on the ground vic 417555	J S Bde M	sk				
50	1248	A Co has received 2 B40 rockets & S/A vic 400550 as they began to move SE.	J S Bde	sk				
51	1254	C Co point element has reached destination vic 397547.	J S Bde M	sk				
52	1305	A Co request Medevac for 1 EM hit by s/a in the leg vic 400500.	J S Bde	sk				
53	1310	C Co has 1 POW that will be extracted by log ship (389552).	J S Bde	sk				
54	1315	D Co request medevac for EM WIA hit by ARA vic 400550.	J S Bde	jcj				
55	1318	A Co has received 3-4 incoming 60MM mortar rds vic 400550.	J S Bde	sk				
56	1327	POW has been extracted from C Co vic 389552.	J S Bde	sk				
57	1330	Medevac ship 453 received incoming rds, vic 400550 but medivac complete.	J S Bde	SK				
58	1337	C Co 26 ele has received sniper fire vic 389552, request gun ship.	J S Bde M	sk				
59	1350	C Co has received the gun ships they requested.	J S Bde	rw				
60	1405	A 2/8 16A patrol request medivac for 1 VC, ind was evading across rice paddy vic 358502, took under fire resulting in 1 VC WIA, wearing black PJs and 45 cal pistol concealed under clothing along with 2 M26 grenades, had documents and map.	J S Bde	sk				
61	1427	A 2/8 is OPCON to 2/8 at this time.	J S	sk				
62	1440	A 26&46 ele reports that when a log bird touched down vic 405544 405455 received 2 B40 rockets. The log bird took a hit in tail also picked up 1 US WIA, taking him to 15th Med.	J S Bde	rw				
63	1450	A Co log sent in 2 detainees from vic 400550. details to follow.	J S Bde	rw				
64	1515	(Ref item 24) the 2 detainees A Co sent in had on their persons 3x60MM motar rds, 1 satchel charge, rice and clothing, 1 pistol belt and a poncho.	J S Bde	rw				
65	1600	Requested gunships in contact area - A26/46 receiving aw fire.	J S Bde	dlw				
66	1600	Unit loc to bde.	J S Bde M	rw				
67	1605	Gunships on station w/A Co ele vic 405455	J S	rw				
68	1606	ARA is putting in CS gas at 405455	J S Bde	rw				
69	1608	After the ARA put in CS, there are gooks running in the open. Request gunships and ARA.	J S Bde	rw				
70	1610	A 1/9 is sending scout birds and gunships to A Co.	J S A Co	rw				
71	1615	A Co & C Co are moving east at this time.	J S Bde	rw				
72	1549	DELAYED ENTRY: Info taken from POW picked up by A Co - Unit 814th Bn (80% NVA, 20% VC), is a main force Bn, independent, well armed and have good communications						

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72	(Cont'd)	They do not depend on any reinforcement. They work in the general area of contact, mainly vic 406548.	J S	jf
73	1650	CO 1/8 request another scout team for A Co vic 398552/	J S Bde	rw
74	1655	A 1/9 gunship received 21 hits from aa. A pilot took some shrapnel in his neck, but is OK. Ship made it back to LZ.	J S Bde	rw
75	1720	A Co (-) & D36 while pushing toward pinned down A Co elements were also pinned down by S/A and A/W fire.	J S Bde	rw
76	1725	(Refer item 24, 26 & 71) Further info from POWs indicate unit in contact is 2d Co, 814th Bn with 175 personnel, 1 HMG, 3 or 4 60MM mortars, many SAs and individual	J S	dmw
77	1740	wms and plenty of ammo. D36 request medevac for 2 EM wounded by S/A fire, vic 405455.	BDEJ S Medevac	rw
78	1800	CO 1/8 has declared at TAC-E to keep log birds until darkness.	J S COs	rw
79	1806	Medevac complete for D36	J S Bde	rw
80	1830	A Co Vic 406557 reports 1 A1/9 scout ship shot down. A aircraft was destroyed. Neg report on casualties.	J S Bde	rw
81	1830	A Co medevac completed w/ 1 KIA, 3 WIA vic 398552.	J S	rw
82	1830	Bde S3 reports another scout team is inbound to the contact area.	J S A Co.	jh
83	1840	Bde S3 reports that at 1900H a flare ship will be on station until 1945, then another flare ship will replace that one to cover A Co, C Co & D Co.	J S all Cos.	rw
84	1900	BDE S3 reports SPOOKY will be on station 1900H, followed by MOONSHINE, Black BANDIT 712 flare ship will be on stand by.	J S All Cos	jh
85	1901	A Co 26 & 46 vic 405545 reports secondary explosion from ARA Run.	J S Bde	jh
86	1930	A Co vic 398552 received B40 rocket. Has wounded (5 or 6) Medevac requested.	J S Bde Med.	rw
87	1955	Negative situation report	J S Bde	jh
88	2010	Medevac complete for A Co 7 WIA, 1 KIA	J S Bde	rw
89	2050	Effective at this time flare ships will be controlled by FO on 1/8 Bn Freq 30.20	J S all Cos.	rw
90	2052	Bde reports that effective immediately all elements of 1st Bde, 1st ACD command will carry M17 protective masks.	J S All Cos	jh
91	2055	Negative Situation Report	J S Bde	jh
92	2015	Final locations: A Co (-) 398552, A26 & 46 405543; B Co OPCON 2/8 LZ BETTY; C Co 397552; D Co (-)		
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	IN	OUT			
92	(Cont'd)		413553, D36 398552. PDS A Co 86-4-8; B Co 122-5-8; C Co 124-4-8; D Co 122-3-7; HHC 131-10.	J S Bde	th
93	2135		D Co loc 413553 spotted 1 green star cluster fired from that loc at 3200 mils 800 meters.	J S	rw
94	2130		Bde advises APOC use approved. Bde S3 will coordinate first thing on 26th. If Bde C.O. orders APCs in the C.O or S3 of element (Bn) making contact will coordinate with APC Commander.	J S	dlw
95	2200		Negative Situation Report	J S Bde	rw
96	2255		Negative Situation Report	J S Bde	rw
97	2300		C Co vic 397552 has received 5 mortar rounds, C46 has spotted flashes to the north. Arty is being called at this time, neg casualties.	J S Bde	rw
98	2325		A Co FO spotted flashes vic 405556, believed to be the mortar round in item 97.	J S Bde	rw
99	2400		Negative situation report	J S Bde	rw
100	2400		Summary of friendly and enemy casualties and POWs: A Co had 8US KIA, 19US WIA, 2 MIA, 28 NVA KIA; C Co had 1 VC POW & 10 NVA KIA; D Co had 3 US KIA, 9 US WIA and 6 NVA KIA; HHC had 1 US KIA & 1 US WIA.	J S	dlw
101	2400		Journal Closed.	J S	rw
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