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ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION		LOCATION	SERVICE CENTER	
S2/S3 1st Bn 8th Cav		LZ SHARON YD 334495	HOUR DATE	HOUR DATE
			260001 Mar 68	262400 Mar 68
TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC		ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT		
1	0001	Journal Opened	J S	rw
2	0045	Negative situation report	J S Bde	rw
3	0100	A Co vic 398552 heard s/a firing to the NW about 1000 meters.	J S Bde	rw
4	0110	2/8 Cav base defense reports LZ SHARON is receiving mortar rounds approx 12-15 rds. Neg assessment at this time.	J S	rw
5	0200	Negative situation report this time.	J S bde	sk
6	0300	Negative situation report.	J S Bde	sk
7	0310	An Tu air strip is receiving a mortar and rocket attack at this time. Tricu Phoung 320556 was hit by mortar attack at 0100H and LZ SHARON was hit at 0110 w/mortar attack - report from Bde S2.	J S	sk
8	0400	Negative situation report.	J S Bde	sk
9	0500	Negative situation report.	J S Bde	sk
10	0600	Negative situation report.	J S Bde	sk
11	0655	A Co 26 & 46 elements report enemy in the open, they are engaging at this time with S/A and Arty.	J S Bde	sk
12	0715	1/9 Scout Team is on station with A Co vic 398552 for general recon of the Area.	J S Bde	sk
13	0747	D Co backlog complete.	J S Bde	sk
14	0752	1/8CC took 1 enemy under fire resulting in 1 NVA WIA vic area of contact.	J S Bde	sk
15	0753	D Co is moving SW in a column from vic 413553	J S Bde	sk
16	0814	Readout from Bde S2, ref detainee captured by C Co at 387558 individual was classified as PW, said he was captured 15 days ago and taken to a place called PAO DAU and was made to stand guard there for 2 leaders and 9 guerillas at this place.	J S	sk
17	0840	A Co and C Co are spread out in line along NW of the ville and contact area, D Co 36 and A Co 36 will move in to area where they believe their MIAs are east of 398552.	J S Bde	sk
18	0845	D Co has reached turning point due south of the area of contact, they are making a flanking movement and will move on line sweeping through the village.	J S Bde	sk
19	0902	We have changed our command freq to 63.10 the alternate freq.	J S Bde	sk
20	0910	D Co has reached the A co 26/46 location in the center of ville vic 405545, 1/8 elements are proceeding to make a thorough police of the area, so far they have found an amount of documents and 6 B40 rockets. Neg enemy contact.	J S Bde	sk
21	0900	1/8 S4 checked mortar craters and dud 81MM rds on S4 pad and determined rds were fired from an azimuth of 85°, 95° & 103° - azimuth taken from point of impact.	J S Bde	dlw

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S2/S3 1st Bn 8th Cav		LZ SHARON YD334495	FROM	TO
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TIME	TYPE OF OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC	INITIALS	INITIALS
40	1208	A Co vic 398552 has 1 NVA KIA and SKS in green unif. more to follow.	J S Bde	jh
41	1209	C Co vic 397552 found 3 bodies male, mil age, in green uniform killed by arty. Also some mortar rds nearby. Will send in equipment.	J S	jh
42	1230	C Co found one more body, past recognition.	J S	jh
43	1235	C Co just had an ind come out of a hole and take them under fire. The ind was dressed in green unif w/SKS. Results C Co vic 403548 has 1 VC PW and one SKS. Neg US Casualties.	J S Bde	jh
44	1310	(Ref item 43) The VC PW was captured by A Cos Kit Carson (A & C Co were on line in a sweep).	J S Bde	jh
45	1340	A & C Cos moving N from vic 403548.	J S	jh
46	1345	D Co vic 398552 request extraction of IPW Team.	J S Bde	jh
47	1400	(Ref item 39) D Co states they do not want the 2 PWs at this time.	J S Bde	rw
48	1405	Unit locations to bde.	J S Bde	rw
49	1407	The IPW Tm has been extracted from D Co vic 398552.	J S Bde	jh
50	1434	A Co first ele off PZ Vic 395556 enroute LZ vic 318467.	J S Bde	jh
51	1450	A Co final ele of PZ 395556.	J S Bde	jh
52	1458	A Co 26 & CP on LZ vic 319469. LZ Green	J S Bde	jh
53	1500	(Refer item 14) 1/8 CC observed 2 VN civilians carrying 1 WIA on litter. 1/8CC did not take under fire.	J S Bde	rw
54	1503	A Co complete on LZ vic 319469.	J S Bde	jh
55	1530	A Co is now OPCOM 2/8 Cav.	J S Bde	jh
56	1535	(Ref item 40 & 43) SKS MW7062452 and 10100810. Also D Co findings: misc equip, 1 sandbag w/US maps, 3 sketches of defense village and anti-gas medical kit, sent in w/IPW Tm. D Co also has two 9MM pistols SN 7582314 & 11001816, a flare pistol SN249705.	J S Bde	jh
57	1600	Unit locations to Bde	J S Bde	rw
58	1605	DELAYED ENTRY: 251730 D Co had an ambush vic 412552 that had 6 NVA KIAs in green uniform, confirmed by 1/8C.O. this AM.	J S Bde	rw
59	1620	(Ref item 43) A Co interrogated the Pw further gaining the following info: There were 300-400 NVA in the area w/17 B40 rocket sites, several MGs and everyone equipped with either an AK or AKA.	J S	jh
60	1600	anti-malaria steps taken	J S	rw
61	1801	Bde S3 report boundary extension on the 1st Bde, 1st ACD recon zone from YD290390 E to 315390 S from 290390 to 290370 then E to 312572. Effective 161800 to 282400 Mar 68.	J S M	jh
62	1855	Bde advises that Prdst at Church SE of SHARON advised bde that 20 VC with 2 mortar rds each - mission to		

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62	(Cont'd)	mortar SHARON. A vietnamese child told a trooper of the 2/0 that SHARON would be mortared tonight.	J S	dlw
63	1910	Final locations: A Co 320468 OPCON 2/8 Cav; B Co LZ BETTY OPCON 2/8 Cav; C Co 395556, 31 amb 388556, 3 OPs NW, W and SE within 100m; D Co 408546, 2 amb 413541 and 403547, 4 OPs N, NE, SW, W within 100m. PDS A Co 81-4-7; B Co 126-4-8; C Co 123-4-9; D Co 118-3-7; HHC 134-9.	J S Bde	jh
64	1955	Negative situation report	J S Bde	jh
65	2055	Neg situation report	J S Bde	jh
66	2120	(Refer item 44) Bde S2 report Le Van Hanh, Pvt, rifleman 1st sqd, 1st plt, 3d Co, 14th Bn, moves every two days. Current mission: Atk sm US or ARVN forces. 12 Off, 178 FM, SKSs and Acs, HMs, 60 & 82MM Mortars. Future mission unk. PW joined by 2 months ago. Unit had been in area for 2 days. No replacements. Morale good. Afraid of choppers and Arty. Get food from friendly villagers. Never been hit by air strikes. They hide in bunkers when they see choppers. Unit has 1 radio, 3 phones w/wire. Bn CO Ha, XO Kuog, PO Lond. NOTE: D 1/12 findings in A, C, D Co area of contact 25 Mar; Personal letter, school books, birth recocds for ARVN soldier, ARVN ID card, maps (neg tactical info), NVA orders for award for heroism (ind killed 5 GIs) signed by Recon C CO, transfer orders for PO in 814th NVA Regt, ARVN death notice, recocd of campaigns of 814th NVA Regt, record of wpns and ammo for 814th.	J S	jh
67	2155	Negative situation report	J S Bde	JH
68	2255	Negative situation report	J S Bde	jh
69	2355	Negative situation report	J S Bde	jh
70	2400	Summary of friendly and enemy casualties and POWs: A Co had 7 NVA KIAs and 1 VC PW; C Co had 1 NVA KIA D Co had 9 NVA KIAs - A Co had 1 C/S wpn and 2 ind wpns captured and D Co had 2 ind wpns captured.	J S	dlw
71	2400	Journal Closed.	J S	jh

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