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			0001	4 Nov 70	2400 4 Nov 70
ITEM NO.	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN		INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
1.	0001	Bn NCS/Journal Opens.	JS		DQ
2.	0600	Ranger Team 75/Bn NCS: Ranger Team 75 from 1800-0600 hrs. gave a negative situation report.	JS		MA
3.	0600	All Units/Bn NCS: From 2000-0600 hr. gave a negative situation report.	JS		MA
4.	0610	Bde S3/Bn NCS: CC #083 and Log aircraft #856 negative ETA's.	JS		DC
5.	0700	B Co/Bn NCS: B Co found air vents to a possible tunnel complex at YT 659978. Vents appear to be holes leading into a tunnel. Overhead cover of tunnel is supported by branches. The tunnel appeared to lead into a bigger opening. It was new made within a month, and the vents were about 2-3 inches in diameter.	JS		MD
6.	0735	Ranger Team 75/Bn NCS: Ranger Team 75 at this time has a negative situation report.	JS		MD
7.	0745	Pink Team 24/Bn NCS: Pink Team 24 on station to work with RF company 166. TOS-0745 hrs. TBS-0758 hrs. Winds made AO unworkable. D4 will cover extraction of Ranger Team 75.	JS		MD
8.	0850	Bn CO/Bde S3: Request EOD Team to blow 5 white phosphorus rounds.	JS		MD
9.	0910	Bde S2 A/Bn NCS: Ranger Team 75 was extracted at 0859 hrs. from YT 606036. PZ was green.	JS		MD
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10.	0930		Bn S3/Bde S3: Tentative plans for 5 Nov 70. A Co will conduct a recon to YT 706964. B Co will be base defense. C Co will be opcon to 2/12. D Co will conduct a recon to YT 648979. E Bn will conduct a recon to YT 680985. 166 RF will conduct a recon to YT 724985. JS MD		
11.	1030		All Units/Bn NCS: A Current Locations. A Co is at Duc Phong. B Co is at YT 654977. C Co is opcon 2/12. D Co is at FSB Dragon's Head and E Co is also there. E Bn is at YT 672984. 166 RF is at YT 717990. JS MD		
12.	1100		Bde S3/Bn S3: Concerning hooks from Duc Phong to FSB Dragon's Head-mission commander gave mission complete before it was completed. Are checking this out. JS CC		
13.	1110		166 RF/Bn NCS: At YT 717986 they found 15 5x10 ft. hootches with bunkers that had 2 ft. overhead covering. Also 2 aerosol cans, GI type, 6 batteries for flashlights, 3 NVA canteens. Several trails: 1 EW, 1 NS, 1 WE, all 1 ft. wide with heavy use. AT YT 721989 found 25 hootches. AT 1130 hrs. they spotted and engaged 2 individuals who had weapons and uniforms and no head gear. Reports finding possible 2 cache sites. At 1215 hrs. at YT 716986 they received small arms fire from unknown individuals and returned fire. The small arms fire came from the SE. Worked gunship and Arty in area. Will search area out. JS MA		

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1200

Bde S3 A/Bn S3: AO extension effective until 11 Nov
at 2400 hrs.

JS

MD

15.

1220

Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Medivac Request. Mission-urgent. 1
individual with 102 degrees temperature and rising.
Contact on 34.05 at Duc Phong, negative enemy situation

Medivac 19 ETA-45 minutes. Medivac complete at 1313 hrs.

JS

MD

16.

1215

Bde S2 A/Bn NCS: VR Reading. XU 861226 1200 meters.
late morning.

JS

MD

17.

1250

Bde S3 A/Bn NCS: Bn prepared to insert 1 ORF plt. or
1 RRF company for the blues insertion at YU 3787. Blues
call sign - Blues India on 30.80 at 1300 hrs. 4 Nov.

JS

MD

18.

1330

Bn NCS/Bde NCS: 1. VR request for 166 RF. A Co. D Co.
Saiffer request for 6502, 6505, 7005, 7002. IR request
for all of 1/8 AO north of Dong Nai River. SLAR request
for 1/8 AO and west to 50 NS grid line. Psyops request
immediate center of mass 7299.

JS

MD

19.

1425

Bde S3 A/Bn NCS: Blues insertion at YT 361919 at 1450
hrs. LZ-green.

JS

MD

20.

1430

E Rcn/Bn NCS: At YT 672984 E Rcn reports finding 1
hooch 8x10 ft. 4 ft. off the ground, 2 pairs of pants
in good condition, camouflage shirt in poor condition, 1
pair of cotton blue shorts, 1 section of 30 gal links.
1 metal bowl, 2 wooden pestle, 2x24 ft. hollow for crushing

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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3: grain, 1 2 gallon can of Soy Bean oil written on can "Donated by the people of the USA".

Inside of heotch they found 1 scythe for cutting grain,

3 bamboo traps, 3 bamboo baskets. Also 2 pair of Hei

Chi Minh slicks, several bundles of fire wood no real recent use in this area. Although people have been thru the area,

and heotch is in good condition. Also found soda can,

1 3x10 ft. bunker, 1 chicken coop 3x4 ft., 1 GI canteen

cover. 100meter field of grain ready for harvest in about

2 weeks. Cannot tell how long items have been in place. JS

BQ

21.

1500

Bde S2 A/Bn S2: 1. Reporting or request time for dogs

at 1500 hrs. 2. Ranger Team 75 found 1 round at YT 601035

with negative recent use in sparse cover. At YT 606086 found 1

NESW trail 2 ft. wide and hard packed. 3. 20 air drop

sensors to be placed in 1/8 AO.

JS

MD

22.

1545

Bde NCS/Bn NCS: FY YU 250350 time activated was 1452 hrs.

Heavy sensor activation, engaged with Arty 13 round of HE

155 rounds.

JS

DQ

23.

1547

B Co and D Co/Bn NCS: B CO SEC/SEC DX with D Co. B Co-

lift start 1542 hrs. 1st Pz-1542 hrs. 1st LZ-1547 hrs.

PZclear at 1604 and lift complete at 1606 hrs. PZ- YT

655977, LZ-FSB Dragon Head. PZ and LZ is green. 17 sor-

ties. AGI-5, packs 85. D Co lift start and 1st PZ*1530 hrs.

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23	1547		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4: 1st LZ-1540 hrs. PZ clear at 1600 hrs. Lift completed at 1606 hrs. LZ* YT 655977. PZ-FSB Dragon Head. PZ and LZ were green. 2 sorties. ACL-5, 102 packs.	JS	DQ
24	1630		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Request 1 dog team for C Co. report to RVN at 0700 hrs. and take log aircraft to FSB Dragon Head and carry 4 days rations.	JS	CC
25	1655		E Rcn/Bn NCS: E Rcn reports at YT 672984 saw 1 EW trail 1 ft. wide with light recent use. AT YT 675984 saw 1 NWSE trail intersecting the EW trail 2 ft. wide with moderate recent use. Both trails are hard packed and can't tell how recent use is.	JS	MA
26	1700		166 RF/Bn NCS: At YT 717986 survey of contact area found 30 to 50 hootches, 5x10 ft. wall fortified. Threw hand grenades in and wouldn't blow hootches apart. each hootch has a bunker under it. 3x5 ft. with 2 ft. overhead covering. Signs of use for today in area with food and fresh cut bamboo. In one bunker found 6 M16 magazines, 2 AK magazines full sorts of documents. There were no kills on either side, and enemy evaded to east. RF think they hit a company size unit of approximately 60 individuals. All engagements were with small arms. Enemy wore green fatigues similar to ours, only lighter, with no head gear.	JS	MA

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27.	1810		Bn S2/Bde S5: Psyops Request for mission to be flown incenter mass of YT 7299 with same 20 minute tape and leaflets.	JS	DO
28.	1820		Bde S5/Bn NCS: Psyops Report. At YT 7094 20 minute Montagnard oriented tape also 36,000 leaflets also Montagnard type. On 3 Nov Night Mission Fixed Wing played 20 minute Montagnard type tape at YT 6697.	JS	DO
29.	1830		All Units/Bn NCS: A Co at YT 695965. B Co base defense. C Co opcon 2/12. D Co at YT 656980. E Co base defense. E Rcn at YT 673984. 166 RF at YT 718989. D Co has 1 AA. E Rcn has 2 AA. RF has 3 AA. All other units have negative AA. All units have green on malaria. RF has 3 manned night ambushes. all other units have negative manned night ambushes. All units have negative snipers and sensors. D Co has 1 dog and E Rcn has 1 dog. All other units have negative dogs.	JS	DO
30.	1840		All Units/Bn NCS: FDS. A Co 4 off, 13 nco, 65 em, 9 att, TOT-91. B Co 4 off, 21 nco, 53 em, 14 Att, TOT 92. D Co 5 off, 21 nco, 69 em, TOT-95. E Rcn 1 off, 5 nco, 16 e, 4 att, TOT-26, RF-78. FSB TOC-3 off, 6 nco, 2 em, T-11. 105's-4 off, 7 nco, 51 em, T-62. Eng- 1 nco, 2 em, T-3. Mess Hall 1 nco, 9 em, T-10. Medics- 1 off, 3 nco, 3 em, T-7. Mortars 2 off, 10 nco, 21 em T-33.		

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30.	1840		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6: Radar 1 nco, 7 em, T-8. F T roop 4 nco, 12 em, T-16. Commo 1 off, 1 nco, 16 em, T-18. Bl. Hats - 2 nco T-2. S4 1 off, 2 nco, 9 em, T-12. TOT* 12 off, 38 em, 132 em, T-182.		JS DQ
31.	1900		Bde S3/Bde S3: Final Plans for 5 Nov. A Co will conduct a recon to YT 705964. B Co will be base defense. C Co will be open 2/12. D Co will conduct a recon to YT 648977. Rcn will conduct a recon to YT 680983. 166 RF will conduct a recon to YT 714977. Air Request. 1 CO from the 227 to report to Song Be at 0730 hrs. FM 46.55. Air craft to come to FSB Dragon Head should have a left jump seat, gas masks and report on FM 53.60 at 0800 hrs. Log aircraft same as above.		JS DQ
32.	1920		Bde Commo Officer/Bn Commo Officer: Test push for A/L is 64.80.		JS GC
33/	2005		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: The test push for A/L is heavily over- riding CMD push and Arty LNO's push. Request a new test push tonight.		JS DQ
34.	2040		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: The new test push for A/L is 33.10 Constant bursts of morse on push sound likes a squelch b breaks.		JS DQ
35.	2300		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: SOI Changes, effective 05 Nov 0001 hrs. Item 45H-12 1/12 C Co from 30.60 to 39.45. 1/12 D Co from		

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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7: 35.55 to 40.25. Item 46-12.

2/19 Arty GP 56.85 to 46.50, 1/77 Arty F3 55.30 to 51.05.

USMAC 2 809 m in distribution should be held in reserve

until further ordered.

JS

GC

36.

2359

DAILY SUMMARY: CONTACT-At 1130 hrs. 166 RF at YT 721989

spotted and engaged 2 individuals who had weapons and

light green uniforms and no head gear. No casualties

and negative enemy assessments. At 1215 hrs. at YT

716988 they again received small arms fire from unknown

individuals and returned fire. The small arms fire came

from the SE. Worked gunship and Arty in area. Negative

casualties and negative enemy assessments. Negative cache.

Air Moves: Blues were inserted at YT 361919. at 1450 hrs.

B Co and D Co DX LZ-FSB Dragon Head. PZ-YT 655977 for B Co.

vice versa for D Co. Significant Events Psyops mission

at YT 7094. No reaction as of yet. Soi changes for

details see #35.

JS

WL

37.

2400

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