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FSB DRAGON HEAD

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0001 5 Nov 70

2400 5 Nov 70

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OUT

INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

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1.

0001

Bn NCS/JOURNAL OPENS

JS

DQ

2.

0600

All Units/Bn NCS: A Co, B Co, D Co, E Rcn, RF from

2100-0600 hrs. had negative situation reports.

JS

DC

3.

0710

166 RF/Bn NCS: At YT 717986 found hootch 10x15 ft. and

the following documents inside of it. Pictures, ID cards,

V204A, one account of supplies and rice allowance for

1 individual 10/69 to 7/70, next most recent date was 22/5/69.

One christmas Card with picture of Ho Chi Minh and the

national anthem. 166 RF doesn't want these picked up

today for fear of compromise. Will pick up 6 Nov on log.

JS

DC

4.

0730

Pink Team 29/Bn NCS: Pink Team 29 to work with RF's.

TOS-0730 hrs. Also given clearance for fire between 63 and

67 NS lines and the 95 and 96 EW grid lines. At 0802 hrs.

at YT 720988 saw 1 NESW trail 1 ft. wide unknown use. At

0810 hrs. at YT 721999 saw 1 EW trail 2 ft. wide with

heavy recent use by 20 individuals in the last 12 hrs.

negative direction and camp fire used in the last 12 hrs.

At 0814 hrs. at YT 724988 found footprints of 5 individuals

negative direction in the last 24 hrs. 5 OD containers

1 ft. long and 4" wide.

JS

DC

5.

0810

Bde Sig Off/Bn Sig off: Test push for A/L 44.75 effective

5 Nov(test only).

JS

MD

6.

0815

Bde S3/Bde S3: Tentative Plans for 6 Nov 70. A Co will

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6.	0815		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1: conduct a recon to YT 70996L to establish an ambush and blocking position for the 166 RF Co. B Co will be base defense and B-1 will conduct a mini-cav. C Co will remain opcon 2/12. D Co will conduct a recon to YT 648978. E Rcn will be FI/SEC to FSB Dragon Head for defensive operations. Extract is from YT 695985. 166 RF will conduct a recon to YT 714975 to exploit ground findings.	JS	MD
7.	1000		All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A Co YT 695965. B Co FSB Dragon Head. C Co opcon 2/12. D Co YT 656980. E Co FSB Dragon Head. E Rcn YT 675985. 166 RF YT 714984.	JS	MD
8.	1040		166 RF/Bn NCS: At YT 715987 reports finding 1 well, 10-5x10 ft. hootches with 10 bunkers with 2 ft. overhead cover. Light recent use in the last week. At YT 716987 found 1 NWSE 2 ft. wide trail well used, hardpacked and movement in both directions. Heavy.	JS	MD
9.	1100		Pink Team 29/Bn NCS: AT 1027 hrs. at YT 643952 found 4 root holes 1 ft. in diameter dug in the last 7 days. 1 3x5 ft. fighting position with negative recent use. 1 EW trail 1 ft. wide with light recent use in the last 72 hrs. At YT 642951 2 3x5 ft. fighting position with light use in the last 72 hrs. 1 3x5 ft. fighting position. Neg.		

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9.	1100		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2: recent use. At YT 643954 found 1 2x6 ft. bunker 4 ft. deep dug in the last 7 days. At YT 642952 found 1 2x4 ft. fighting position with light recent use, dug in the last 7 days. At YT 647954 saw 2 root holes 1 ft. in diameter dug in the last 5 days. At YT 652957 saw a dirt mound 5x2 ft. possible grave.	JS	MD
10.	1145		Pink Team 29/Bn NCS: At YT 658861 saw 1 individual in black pajamas run for tree line, engaged with organics with negative assessment. At YT 665872 saw 1 NWSE trail 1 ft. wide with light recent use in the 48 hrs. At YT 657860 saw 1 NS trail 1 ft. wide with light recent use in the last 24 hrs.	JS	MD
11.	1220		Bn S2/Bde S2: VR's A.D. 166 RF Co's. Sniffers #1 -6397, 6395, 6797, 6795. #2 6504, 6801, 7003, 6706. #3 6303, 6301, 6503, 6501. IR request, 1/8 AO south of Dong Nai River. SLAR Don Nai River in 1/8 AO and west to 50 NS grid line. Psyops request--evening fixed wing message to rally to searchlight in 5,000 meters radius of Dragon Head.	JS	MD
12.	1250		Bde S3 A/Bn S3: QRF mission. 1/8 is on QRF for convoy from DX to Song Be. 1 platoon is requested. Checkpoints and grids to follow: DX "16-YT 078757, #3-YT 72828, #8-YT 218856, #14-YT 255904, #9-YT 288977, #6-YT 246040, #5-YT 186036 Song BE-Legend 1st move and 2nd move.	JS	MD

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13.	1315		D Co/Bn NCS: Reports recon out 400 meters hears chopping and has movement to their north. They are reconning the area with Arty. Pink Team requested for vicinity VT 656980. JS LP					
14.	1345		166 RF/Bn NCS: 166 RF reports negative findings around objective #2. JS LP					
15.	1400		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Blues inserted and LZ green at VT 658861 at 1327 hrs. JS LP					
16.	1405		Bde S3 A/Bn S3: AO extension. VT 7500 east to 8000 south to VT 8096 west to VT 772960 north west to VT 7500. Ren by Bde. Bde RCn box (no Arty to be fired) effective 6 Nov at 1200 hrs. JS MD					
17.	1415		Blues/Bn CO: at VT 658861 we are in control of B-1 inserted in area of blues contact. Blues are extracted at 1415 hrs. LZ-green. JS LP					
18.	1420		All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A Co VT 698965. B Co FSB Dragon Head. C Co opcon 2/12. D Co VT 656980. E Co FSB Dragon Head. Ren VT 677985. 166 RF VT 714984. JS LP					
19.	1445		Bde CO/Bn CO: 1/8 released from convoy ORF at this time. JS MD					
20.	1455		Bn CO/Bn NCS: ORF on the ground. JS LP					
21.	1530		Bde S3 A/Bn S3: AO extension. Effective immediately until 8 Nov 2400 hrs. VT 6086 south to VT 6082 east to VT 849820 north west to VT 827860 west to VT 6086. JS MD					

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22.	1600		Bde NCS:/Bn NCS: VR at YT 780984 250 meters Early morning.	JS	MD
23.	1610		Bde 32/Bn NCS: Pavops-YT 7193 right t 4 and up 3 MONTANNARD.	JS	MD
24.	1645		Pink Team 29/Bn NCS: Pink Team 29 at YT 632904 saw a pile of grass 6 ft. long and 2 ft. high used for foot making. At YT 618907 saw 2 trail EW 2 ft. wide with light use in the last 24 hrs. and negative direction. 2nd trail was EW 6" wide with light use in the last 24 hrs. At YT 614908 saw 1 SENW trail 3 ft. wide with footprints by 50 individuals in both directions in the last 24 hrs. The trail is 6 ft. wide in some places.	JS	MA
25.	1715		B Co/Bn NCS: AIR MOVE. PZ-YT 658861. LZ-ESF Dragon Head. F ₂ and LZ were green. 1st PZ at and PZ clear at 1727 hrs. 1st LZ at 1725 hrs. and LZ clear at same time and lift complete also. Packs-18, Acft-4+2. ACL-5.	JS	MD
26.	1720		B Co/Bn NCS: B Co made survey of contact area and also swept hill to west with no significant happenings and will be extracted due to the fact of no commo with the LZ.	NS	MD
27.	1755		Pink Team 21/Bn NCS: AT yt 665873 saw 1 10x20 ft. hootch light recent use destroyed by organics and found in hootch bamboo mating use for sleeping and bundle of clothes. EBS-1750 hrs.	JS	MA
27.	1800		Bn NCS/Bde 32: At YT 658861 B Co found 1 hootch 15x10 ft/		

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27	1800		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5: destroyed, 1 4x6 ft. hootch destroyed, 1 bunker 6x3 ft. with 2 ft. overhead covering. 3 AK 47 magazines blown up. 3 machetes 2 US and 1 NVA. 5 pots, 2 pans, 6 NVA canteens, 3 US canteen cups, 3 C rations boxes, 1 tape player, 3 bags of corn (20 lbs), 10 dead chickens, 1 pig, 5 m16 magazines, 1 200x150 meter horn field freshly cultivated, 50 freshly cut sticks, 3" in diameter and 4 ft. long in a bundle, 3 EW trail 1 ft. wide running in a maze steps cut in the hill going up, 1 trail running to the south along the hill 1 ft. wide.	JS	MD
28	1830		All Units/Bn NCS: NIGHT LOCATIONS. A Co YT 700965, B Co and E Co FSB Dragon Head, C Co open 2/12. E Ren YT 679984, 166 RF YT 712976. D Co had 1 AA, E Ren had 2 AA, RF had 3 AA. All other units have negative AA. All units have green on malaria. D Co had 1 night manned ambush, RF had 3 night manned ambushes, All other units had negative night manned ambushes. D Co and RF have 1 dog apiece. All other units have negative dogs. All units have negative sniper and sensors.	JS	MD
29	1835		All Units/Bn NCS: PDS. A Co 4 eff, 14 nco, 65 em, att, T-92. B Co 4 eff, 18 nco, 48 em, 13 att, T-83. C Co open 2/12. D Co 5 eff, 21 nco, 69 em, T-95. E Ren 1 eff, 5 nco, 16 em, 4 att, T-26. RF-78. FSB PDS TOT 3 eff, 7 nco		

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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6: 2 em, T-12, 105's 4 eff, 7 nco,
52 em, T-63, 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, 9 nco,
21 em T-32, Radar 1 nco, 6 em T-7, F Troop 1 nco, 12 em,
T-15, Commo 1 off, 1 nco, 16 em T-15, SA 1 off, 2 nco, 9
em, T-12, Black Hats 2 em, T-2, TOT-178.

JS

MD

30.

1840

Pink Team 29/Bn NCS: Pink Team 29 TOS-1750 hrs, TBS-1835
hrs. At YT 611890 looked like small fire for cooking,
checked with negative findings. At YT 734899 saw a NESW
trail 20" with light recent use by 5 individuals. At YT
735897 saw a EW trail 1 ft. wide hard packed with light
use in the last 24 hrs.

JS

MA

32.

1845

Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Mortar Situation report. Line 1 E-100/0.
G 0/18, Line 2 E1, G2.

JS

MD

33.

1900

Bn S3/Bde S3: Final Plans for 6 Nov: A Co will conduct
a recon to YT 713960. B Co will be base defense and B-1
will conduct a mini cav to YT 784988 and conduct a recon to
YT 782968. C Co is opcon 2/12. D Co will conduct a recon
to YT 645983. and D-3 will conduct a recon to YT 648988.
E Ron will be FE/SEC PZ-YT 679984. LZ-FSB Dragon Head. 166
RF will conduct a recon to YT 704978. Air Request. 1 CC
from 227 to report to Song Be at 0700 hrs. on FM 44.75.
come to FSB Dragon Head if should have a left jump seat.

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33.	1900	CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7: gas mask and report FSB Dragon Head on Fm 44.75 at 0730 hrs. Log aircraft same as above. Air move request 5+2 for B Bn 8A of 26 packs, FE/SEC 82-YT 679924. LZ-FSB Dragon Head. Time of move is 0830 hrs. 5 sorties. Request 5+2 for B-1, 9 packs, SEC/GA PZ-FSB Dragon Head LZ-YT 725994. Time of move is 0830 hrs. 4 sorties.	JS MD	
34.	2020	Aircraft 29/Bn NCS: Aircraft 29 working along the Dong Nai River between FSB Arius and FSB Dragon Head TOS-2020 hrs.	JS MD	
35.	2300	Bde NCS/Bn NCS: Test push for A/L is 73.40.	JS CO	
36.	2320	Bn NCS/Bde NCS: UR late YT 279995 1800 meter radius early morning at 0330 hrs.	JS MA	
37.	2330	BNeS2/Bde S2: Psyops request. 1. a 4000 meter box center mass at YT 6687. Leaflets and tape message: Chieu Hoi or die. In Vietnamese and Montangard to support follow up of blues contact on 5 Nov. 2. a 4000 meter box center of mass YT 6191. Leaflets and tape message same as above. To follow up on sighting of recent activity 5 Nov and to support possible insertion of blues on 6 Nov. 3. a 5000 meter 360 degrees around FSB Dragon Head. Regular tape message: rally to searchlight on FSB Dragon Head. Fixed Wing aircraft, evening of 6 Nov.	JS MD	

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38.	2340	Bn S2/Bde S2: Recommend insertion of blues 1/9 in vicinity of VT 614908 on 6 Nov to follow up signs of enemy activity in Area found on 5 NOV.	JS		MD	
39.	2359	DAILY SUMMARY: The blues 1/9 hit contact around 1500 hrs. waiting for further work from Bde. they were not on our NGS. Negative cache. Air Moves. B-1 FZ-YT 63AS61. LZ-FSE Dragon Head. Significant events: 166 RP at 0710 hrs. found a 10x15 ft. hootch at VT 717986 and found the following documents: Pictures, Id Cards, a Christmas card, and one account of supplies and rice allowance for 1 individual. The blues hit contact and B-1 was inserted for ORF. Negative enemy assessment. For findings see #27.	JS		WL	
40.	2400	JOURNAL CLOSED.	JS		DQ	
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