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1st Bn 8th Cav

FSB DRAGON HEAD

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0001 6 Nov 70

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1.

0001

Bn NCS/JOURNAL OPENS.

JS DC

2.

0600

All Units/Bn NCS: A Co, B Co, C Co, D Co, E Bn, RF.

from 2100-0600 hrs. had negative situation reports. JS DC

3.

0605

Bn S3/Bn NCS: GC #083 ETA-0800 hrs. Log #048 ETA-0800
hrs.

JS DC

4.

0645

Bde S3/Bn S3: 1/9 Cav will send a Pink Team to Sky
Spot at 1st light.

JS CC

5.

0730

Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team 25 TOS-0730 hrs. 1 gunship
went down with mechanical failure and crew extracted.
the gunship is completely submerged in swamp at YT 607865.
Pink Team 25 is over this grid to extract or destroyed
gunship. He went down at 0800 hrs.

JS MA

6.

0800

Bn S2/Bde S2: Request Pink Team for D Co in vicinity
of YT 656980. Have had sounds of movement, chopping sounds
500 meters to the north. To use Pink Team 24 now in our
AO.

JS CC

7.

0800

Bde S3/Bn S3: Be prepared mission. Downed gunship in
vicinity. At 0505 hrs. aircraft downed by engine failure
in swamp, submerged and un salvagable. Low aircraft picked
up crew. Relieved of ORF status. at YT 620840.

JS CC

8.

0845

Bn S3/Bde S3: Tentative Plans for 7 Nov 70. A Co will
conduct a recon to YT 713958. B (-) will remain base
defense. B-1 will be extracted. PZ-YT 725994. IZ-FSB

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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1: Dragon Head. B-2 will be SEC/Ca
to LZ-YT 719987. PZ-FSB Dragon Head. C Co is opcon 2/12.
D Co (-) will conduct a recon to YT 640983. D-2 will
conduct a recon to YT 640986. E Rcn will remain base
defence. 166 RF will conduct a recon to YT 700984. JS MA

9.

0900

Bde S2/Bn NCS: Blues cannot go to grid 6191 to comply
with our suggestion. They will go to downed gunship to
try and salvage it, and will bring assault boat, if they
cannot salvage they will blow in place. JS MA

10.

0900

Bn NCS/Bde Commo: Request test push for A/L. Old test
push given has another unit on it. Test push for A/L is
35.55. JS MA

11.

0940

Aircraft 27/Bn NCS: Aircraft 27 TOS-0940 with organies.
TBS-0950. Went to work with 5/7 Cav. JS MA

12.

1020

Bde S3/Bn S3: Request 1 plt. QRF for blues who will re-
cover gunship at YT 607865. Blues M 30.30. JS MA

13.

1025

Bde S2/Bn NCS: IR last night. Mission passed was run
with negative readout, no flow run, will run this even-
ing for Aircraft(Night Hawk). IR to 5/7 tonight will
request a long run and road. IR run 501-10, 7010, 5080,
coursed with negative findings. JS MA

14.

1030

All Units/Bn NCS: Locations. A Co at YT 700965. B Co
FSB Dragon Head. C Co opcon 2/12. D Co at YT 655982.

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14.	1030		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2: E Ren at YT 678983, 166 RF at YT 707972.	JS	DC
15.	1115		Bde/Bn NCS: Blues inserted at YT 621838 at 1057 hrs.	JS	LP
16.	1156		B-1/Bn NCS: SEC/GA of B-1, PZ-FSB Dragon Head, LZ-YT 727999. 1st PZ at 1156 hrs. 1st LZ at 1200 hrs. Last PZ at 1156 hrs. Last LZ at 1205 hrs. 4 sorties, ACFT-4+ 2.	JS	MD
17.	1210		E Ren/Bn NCS: E Ren FE/SEC PZ-YT 678983, LZ-FSB Dragon Head. 1st PZ at 1210 hrs. 1st LZ at 1215 hrs. Last PZ at 1220 hrs. Last LZ at 1220 hrs. sorties 5. Acft. 5 +2.	JS	MD
18.	1300		A Co/Bn NCS: A Co at YT 709973 reports one EV trail 2 ft. wide, hard packed with negative recent use running from above grid to YT 702965.	JS	MD
19.	1315		D Co/Bn NCS: D Co 3rd plt. reports that element hears chopping at 3 different location. 300-350 meters NE of YT 655982.	JS	DC
20.	1350		A Co/Bn NCS: A Co reports hearing chopping noises on a 110 degrees azimuth and 150 meters from YT 709963. Are sending an element to check area out.	JS	DC
21.	1415		All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A Co at YT 709963. B Co FSB Dragon Head. B-1 YT 727994. C Co opcon 2/12. D Co at YT 655982. B-3 300 meters NE of YT 655982. E Ren at		

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21.	1415		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3: FSB Dragon Head. E Co at FSB Dragon Head.	JS	MD
22.	1429		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Dog request for D Co to be at Song Be log pad at 0700 hrs. and have 4 days rations with them.	JS	MD
23.	1450		166 RF/Bn NCS: 166 RF reports at YT 706972 one NWSE trail 2 ft. wide used by 5 individuals moving to the SE in the last 12 hrs.	JS	DC
24.	1500		Bn S2/Bde S2: VR request for A. D. 166 RF Company. IR request for all of 1/4 AO south of FSB Dragon Head. Snif-fer request at YT 7089, 7085, 7389, 7385, 6490, 6485, 6790, 6785, 6397, 6395, 6797, 6795. SLAR request along th Dong Nai River west to 50 NS grid line. Psyops Request: 1 evening tape by fixed wing in a 5000 meters of FSB Dragon Head to rally to searchlight. 2. In a 4000 meters radius center of mass at YT 6698; tape and leaflets with Chieu Hoi or Die as theme. 3. Tape and leaflet in a 4000 meters radius of YT 7295 with Chieu Hoi or Die as the theme.	JS	MD
25.	1515		B-1/Bn NCS: B-1 reports hearing light chopping 150 meters NE of YT 727994. They are sending an element out to check out the area.	JS	DC
26.	1520		Bde S2 A/Bn NCS: Downed gunship is out of the mud on a dry LZ for re-rigging to be slung out.	JS	MD
27.	1550		B-1/Bn NCS: B-1 found one trail running on a 200 degrees.		

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27.

1550

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4: azimuth, 2 ft. wide, hardpacked.

with last recent use by 3 individual in the last 24 hrs.

The trail is 150 meters East of YT 727994.

JS

DC

28.

1600

D Co/Bn NCS: D Co found 300 meters NE of YT 655982 one

trail running NS 2 ft. wide with one branch running off

to the west also 2 ft. wide. Light use in the last 48

hrs. by 8 individuals.

JS

DC

29.

1600

A Co/Bn NCS: A Co at YT 712965 found 2 spider holes 2 ft.

wide sand 6 months old, negative recent use. Negative

findings in area of hearing chopping.

JS

DC

30.

1610

D Co/Bn NCS: At Yt 656986 D Co found one field 150x75

meters with some type of grain. Most of it had been har-

vested. Appeared to be fresh cuttings around of edge of

field which was what D Co heard earlier. Found one lean to

6x4 ft. old but in good condition also one grain platform

4x4 ft. also old but in good condition.

JS

DC

31.

1635

166 RF/Bn NCS: 166 RF had and automatic ambush go off

at 1625 hrs. in vicinity of night location. Read out is

a limb fell on the wire.

JS

MA

32.

1700

Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Fuels report for FOL. Type JP4 and used

500 gallons and fuel on hand is 3000 gallons none request-

ed for tomorrow.

JS

GH

33.

1800

B-1/Bn NCS: B-1 saw 1 individuals footprints on EW trail

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33.	1800	CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5: 2 ft. wide at YT 726992 moving east to blue.			JS	MD
34.	1815	Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Mortar Situation Report. Line 1 B-84/154. G-0/22. Line 2 B-2. G-1.			JS	MD
35.	1820	Flank Team 29/Bn NCS: TBS-1815 hrs. Working with D Co. At YT 652988 they found 1 EN trail 1 ft. wide with light recent use. At YT 663994 saw 2 10x15 ft. box type hootch with negative recent use, burned. AT YT 665998 saw 1 SENE 1 ft. trail with light recent use in 24 hrs. TBS-1820 hrs.			JS	MD
36.	1825	Bde S3 A/Bn NCS: 1/8 is relieved of ORF responsibilities as of 1822 hrs. when the extration of the engineers was completed. PZ-green.			JS	MD
37.	1830	All Units/Bn NCS: NIGHT LOCATIONS. A Co YT 709963. B-1 YT 726992 B Co ESB Dragon Head. C Co opcon 2/12. D Co YT 655982. E Co ESB Dragon Head and E Rcn also. RF 166 YT 698974. All units have green on malaria. A Co has 5 AA. D Co has 1 AA. RF has 3 AA. All other units have negative AA. RF has 3 night manned ambushes. All other units have negative night manned ambushes. All units have negative snipers and sensors. D Co has 1 dog. All other units have negative dogs.			JS	MD
38.	1835	All Units/Bn NCS: PDS. A Co 4 off, 14 nco, 65 em 9 att. T-92. B-1 1 off, 4 nco, 13 em, 3 att. T-21. B(-) 3 off.				

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38.	1830	CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6: 16 nco, 44 em, 6 att, T-69. C Co open 2/12. D Co 5 off, 21 nco, 69 em, T-95. Bn 1 off, 6 nco, 17 em, 4 att, T-28. 166 RF T-78. FSB FDS, TOC 3 off, 7 nco, 1 em, T-11. Commo 1 off, 1 nco, 16 em T-18. Mess Hall 1 nco, 8 em T-9. S4 1 off, 3 nco, 9 em T-12. Medics 1 off, 3 nco, 4 em, T-8. Morhars 2 off, 9 nco, 21 em T-22. Radar 1 nco, 6 em T-7. Eng 1 nco, 2 em, T-3. 105 's 3 off, 7 nco, 52 em T-62. F Troop 3 nco, 19 em T-22 Black Hats 2 em T-2.	JS		MD		
39.	1840	Bde Sig off/Bn NCS: Individuals using the radios for communication will use correct radio procedure. For example, when first contacting the other station, full call signs will be used and after the initial contact is made shortened call signs can be used at the individuals discretion.	JS		MD		
40.	1855	D Co/Bn NCS: D Co requests a 81mm mortar for log day.	JS		CC		
41.	1900	Bn NCS/All Units: New A/L push effective immediately is 47.45.	JS		MD		
42.	1935	166 RF/Bn NCS: 166 RF reports at YT 697977 movement to the north of perimeter, 100 meters engaged with small arms Arty and mortars being employed. Saw 3 individuals one with flashlight. Believed he evaded to the north.	JS		CC		
43.	1940	A Co/Bn NCS: A Co at YT 709963 reports movement on 85					
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43.	1940		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7: degrees azimuth 2-300 meters near the river. Employed mortars. 2100 hrs. fire mission completed and movement has ceased.	JS	CC
44.	1945		Bn CO/ADC-A/B CO: Reference our ORF of 1000 hrs. 6 Nov 1/8 was released at 1822 hrs. The blues were not inserted and B-1 was on stand by all day. 1/8 would like some assistance in this matter. 1/8 had no commo with Bde in regard to extraction of the downed gunship and the expect further help from higher in regard to these matters. Request assistance for communication in B Co mini Cav 7 Nov Bde will make every attempt to help us in this matter. Request an airborne relay for help.	JS	MD
45.	2000		Bn S3/Bde S3: Final Plans for 7 Nov. A Co will conduct a recon to YT 715962. B-1 FE/SEC 1600 hrs. FZ- YT 718985. LZ-FSB Dragon Head. B-2 SEC/Ca at 0900 hrs. from FSB Dragon Head to YT 616925. B(-) will be Base Defense. B-2 FE/Sec at 1600 hrs. from YT 616925 to FSB Dragon Head. C Co opcon 2/12. D Co will conduct a recon to YT 642980. E Rcn base defense. 166 RF will conduct a recon to YT 698985. ALE REQUEST. 1 CC left jump seat, extra Y-cord, gas masks for crew. Report to Song Be on 44.75 and to FSB Dragon Head on 53.60 to Song be at 0700 hrs. to FSB Dragon Head at 0730 hrs. 1 log bird same as CC.)		

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45.	2000		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8: Request 5+2 for B-2 SEC/CA, 28 packs, 5 sorties. PZ-FSB Dragon Head. LZ-YT 702907 at 0900 hrs. Request 5+2 for B-1 FE/SEC, 21 packs, 5 sorties. PZ-YT 718985 LZ-FSB Dragon Head. Request 5+2 for B-2 FE/SEC from YT 616925 at 1600 hrs. 28 packs, 5 sorties. Request hook sortie for 1 2½ ton truck from Song Be to Duc Phong at 0800 hrs.	JS	MD
46.	2100		BDE ADC-A/DCO/Bn CO: An official request has been forward- ed to Division for aircraft to support your proposed Mini- CAV. The aircraft has been requested for the period 1100 hrs. to 1450 hrs. We will keep you informed as to whether or not the request will be honored.	JS	MD
47.	2132		Bde S2 A/Bn NCS: Negative Red Haze 6 Nov 1 sniffer today, but the high aircraft went down in the mud. 5 Nov-In BDe Rcn Bos? 5 Nov-Boxes 40-41 Sniffer TOT-1100 hrs. to 1155 hrs. YU 279105, UY 366105, WU 259117, WU 274156. Boxes 29 through 32 TOT-1200 hrs. to 1240 hrs. YU 340165, YU 186 165, YU 195166, YU 205165, YU 363165, YU 383165, YU 371195, YU 311195, YU 309208.	JS	MD
48.	2140		Bde S2 A/Bn NCS: UR Reading. YU 554790 3500 meters in mid afternoon.	JS	MD
49.	2200		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: New test for A/L is 33.45.	JS	MD
50.	2205		Aircraft 29(Night Hawk)/Bn NCS: TOS-2205 hrs, clearance		

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Dong Nai River. TAB YT 5700 saw a sampan, cultivated

area 1 acre, destroyed sampan. TBS-2315 hrs.

JS

CC

51.

2215

Bn S2/Bde S2: Request blues insertion at YT 614908 to

follow up signs of enemy activity in area found on 5

Nov 70.

JS

MD

52.

2230

Bn XO/Bn S3: A Division VIP and Bde CO will be at our

location 7 Nov at 1520 hrs. to 1540 hrs.

JS

CC

53.

2358

Bn S2/Bde S2: Cancel previous Psyops requests for the

following: request Psyops mission to be run 4000 meters

center mass, vicinity of YT 6192.

JS

MD

54.

2359

DAILY SUMMARY. Negative contact and negative caches.

Air moves: B-1 SEC/CA PZ-FSB Dragon Head. LZ*YT 727999.

E Ren FE/SEC PZ- YT 678983. LZ-FSB Dragon Head. Significant

events. At 0505 hrs. a gunship went down due to engine

failure, at 1520 after blues were inserted there down gun-

ship is out of the mud on a dry LZ re re-rigging to be

laung out. The gunship went down in a swamp at grid YT

607865.

JS

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