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6.	0620	CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1: to 42.50. 2. Cav Div effective 09/0001 Nov 70. A. 40 B-13 Delta Two. B. 47-13 11th AVN call sign from stable fiser to Kingly trophy.	JS		RT			
7.	0645	Bde NCS/Bn NCS: Tentative Plans for 9 Nov 70. A Co will move to YT 725952 to establish platoon size ambushes. B-1 will conduct defensive operation in the vicinity of FSB Dragon Head. B-2 and B(-) will be located at YT 696898 as FSB Grunt base control. B-3 will move to YT 701885 to establish an ambush. C Co will be on FSB Dragon Head to conduct defensive operations. D Co will conduct a recon to YT 639979 to establish platoon size ambushes. 166 RF will FX/SEC at 0930 hrs. PZ-YT 698990. LZ-FSB Dragon Head for return to Bao Loc. On 10 Nov Engineers and Arty will be moved to FSB Grunt.	JS		MD			
8.	0815	Bde S2 A/Bn NCS: Request clearance on #3 same as 7 Nov for 5001,6001,5096,6096.	JS		MB			
9.	0900	Aircraft 26/Bn NCS: AT 0900 hrs. at YU 518638 aircraft spotted a trail complex at YU 518638 heavily used for crossing border for main infiltration route.	JS		DC			
10.	0928	Bn S3/Bde S3 A/Please cancel CTM with dog because too much time has elapsed and element has to begin moving in the field.	JS		MD			
11.	0931	Bde S3 A/Bn S3: 1/8 will responsible for ORF for a donvoy						

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0931

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2: from Phouc Vinh to Song Be (40 vehicles). We will be notified when ORF begins. If any trouble arises Bn CO will be in charge.

JS MD

12.

0945

166 RF/Bn NCS: At YT 697989 166 RF found one bamboo hootch 6x14 ft. with thatched roof. Area around the hootch had numerous pungi sticks stuck in the ground. Also had a location of an old rice cache. All the rice has been removed. 2 months in place.

JS DC

13.

1000

All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A Co YT 713962. B(=) FSB Dragon Head, B-1 moving. C Co opcon 2/12. D Co moving. E Rcn FSB Dragon Head. 166 RF YT 692977, YT 694984, YT 702997, YT 700993, YT 694985, YT 690980, YT 695980.

JS DC

14.

1006

Bde S3 A/Bn NCS: Checkpoints for convoy from Long Binh to Song Be (we are only responsible for Phouc Vinh to Song Be) #16 YT 078757, #3 YT 172828, #8 YT 218856, #4 YT 255904, #9 YT 288977, #6 YU 246040, #5 YU 186036, #2 YU 303011. Push 49.70: all Arty through Song Be Arty. 40 vehicles.

JS MD

15.

1020

B-1/Bn NCS: B-1 found one old hootch frame 10x15 ft. with negative recent use in the area.

JS DC

16.

1040

166 RF/Bn NCS: At YT 697989 166 RF found possible PZ for 9 Nov size is 10 shipper.

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17.

1050

Bn S3/Bde S3: Request a read out as to the missions that

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1050

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3: were conduct by the 6 individuals from this unit and the National Police. That are conducting air mobile check points for 7 Nov 70.

JS

MD

18.

1055

B-1 found one EW trail 2 ft. wide crossing a stream. The trail had light recent use. (KC) says some individual used the trail and crossed stream today.

JS

DC

19.

1110

166 RF/Bn NCS: 166 RF found at YT 697989 one hootch 6x14 ft. and inside 4 sets old black pajamas, 1 knife, 1 VC axe, 1 onl metal cooking pot, 1 pick, 1 piece of paper with the following information C110 HQ-5 men, C103 HQ-5 men, C14 HQ-4 men, C15 HQ-4 men, 15 Rear-52 men, Dispensary-24 men, Engineers-7 men, RTO-10 men, Bed rest-29 men, dated 30 March to 20 April no year given.

JS

MD

20.

1120

Aircraft 26/Bn NCS: At YT 65200675 aircraft 26 on station with CV for ground and Arty clearance given. TOS-1120 hrs. TOT-1200 hrs. BDA-1 shipper.

JS

DC

21.

1130

166 RF/Bn NCS: At YT 697989 found 30 to 40 transistors, resistors, and capacitors, found some papers which appear to be biographical sketches of individuals men. Most recent dat is 1960. Found 20 rounds 7.62 pistol. Also assorted types homemade reload and russain issue.

JS

DC

22.

1128

Bn S2/Bde S2: Request blues insertion at YT 614908 to follow up signs of enemy activity in area on 5 Nov 70.

JS

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1150

Bde S2 A/Bn NCS: At XU 793297 FY heavy activation from
1122-1125 hrs.

JS

VD

24.

1235

B-1/Bn NCS: B-1 at YT 721987 found 3 hootch 10x20 ft.
with negative recent use. 2 bunkers 5x3 ft. with 2ft.
overhead covering. Bunkers had been freshly camouflaged
but show negative recent use. At YT 720986 found 1
bunker 3x5 ft. with 2 ft. overhead cover recently constructed
2 hootch frame 15x15 ft. recently constructed. 1 hole 4x4x8
ft. . 2 EW trail hard packed showed heavy use by bicycle.
Could not tell when last used. At YT 729984 saw 3 OP stands
approximately 10 ft. above the ground along the edge of
a field, 1 on the north, 1 NW and 1 to the south. 1 30x30
hootch with a loft in it. Thatched with bamboo walls.
Showed negative recent use and was burned by recon. 1
bunker 6x3 ft. with overhead covering showing negative
recent use.

JS

BG

25.

1350

A Co/Bn NCS: A Co requests 100 to 1500 ft. length of rope
for crossing of river. To be kicked out anytime, but would
like it right away.

JS

DC

26.

1400

All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A Co YT 714965 B(-)
FSB Dragon Head, B-1 moving from YT 722987. C Co FSB
Dragon Head. D Co YT 652980, E Rcn FSB Dragon Head.
166 RE YT, 698977, YT 694984, YT 702997, YT 700993, YT 694985.

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26.	1400		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5: YT 698980, YT 695980.		JS		DC	
27.	1450		D-1/Bn NCS: At vicinity of YT 652980 D-1 engaged enemy force of approximately 12 individuals, received AK47 re-turn fire. Individuals were wearing green fatigues and were carrying packs. AK47's were observed. Contact broke at 1515 hrs. During contact saw 2 individuals, 1 a woman keel over from suspected intestinal wounds. Found blood spot at that location. No blood trail. During contact also heard a 30 caliber machine gun from the NE. In contact area found 6 hootches, 20x10 ft., 4 hootches, 8x5 ft. all in good shape. Also 6 bunkers 8x5 ft. with 2 ft. overhead covering, 8 pig pens 10x15 ft., 6.5 gallon ceramic jars, 4 large rice baskets, 6 small metal 12x15 inches, 2 cooking sites all with light recent use in the last 3-5 months.		JS		DC	
28.	1500		B-3/Bn NCS: At YT 684968 to YT 684970 B-3 found punji stakes 2 ft. long and 2 meters wide 2 months old, facing east. At YT 685969 found 1 bunker 3x5 ft. with 2 entrances with 1 ft. overhead covering. Several 2" <u>diam</u> trees chopped down in the last 2 weeks, the bunkers had negative recent use. At YT 683967 found 1 box of C-rations open and eaten in the last 24 hrs. At YT 689969 south of punji sticks found NVA hot sauce bottle old in place 2 months.		JS		DC	

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29.	1512		Aircraft 28/Bn NCS: Aircraft 28 on station at 1513 hrs. gs carrying only 7.62 will work in the area of D Co at YT 982980. Air strike TOT-1600 hrs. ordinance high drag and napalm. Air strike complete at 1600 hrs. Working 20mm in area. TBS-1515 hrs.						JS	DC
30.	1520		Fink Team/Bn NCS: Fink Team 33 on station at YT 652980 to work contact area with D Co. At YT 649958 1 heotch 6x8 ft. old negative recent use destroyed. Several trails in the area. TBS-1740 hrs.						JS	DC
31.	1545		Bn S2/Bde S2: VR request- D.A Co Dong Nai River 1/8 AO. Sniffer Request 1/8 AO south of 90 EW grid line. SLAR request along Dong Nai River in 1/8 AO west to 50 NS line. Psyops request #1 Leaflets in Vietnamese and Montanyard in a 4000 meters center mass grid YT 7296 with rally or die as the theme. #2 in a 4000 meters center mass grid YT 7987 leaflets in Vietnamese and Montanyard with rally or die as the theme. #3 in a 4000 meter center mass grid YT 6803 leaflets showing NVA taxing the people.						JS	MD
32.	1550		Psyops aircraft/Bn NCS: Psyops aircraft 35 to work vicinity of YT 7297. Alternate mission to work with D Co on their internal in contact area.						JS	DC

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1620

Aircraft 27/Bn NCS: AIRCRAFT 27 on station at 1620 hrs. will orbit D Co area with organics. At YT 647980 spotted and engaged 2 individuals with 20mm at 1640 hrs. individuals evaded to the west. TBS-1750 hrs.

JS

DC

34.

1700

166 RF/Bn NCS: At YT 696990 166 RF found 1 hootch 4x8 ft. in area of hootch found 4 ducks and 1 persian cat. Light recent use in the last 24 hrs. Also 1 bunker 4x8 ft. with 2 ft. overhead covering. Arice field 100x100 meters for harvest with 3 ft. bamboo fence. 3 large rice baskets, 2 axes, 1 cooking pot used today.

JS

CG

35.

1715

Bn NCS/Bde NCS: At YU 335134 Ranger Team 75 monitoring general area in night location.

JS

MD

36.

1730

Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Exposure report. D Co 1st sortie 1550 hrs. last sortie at 1550 hrs. In PZ at 1535 hrs. PZ clear at 1605 hrs. 1 sortie.

JS

MD

37.

1730

Bn NCS/Bde NCS: POL report. JP4 used 800 gallons, and have 500 gallons on hand. Required for 9 Nov 4000 gal.

JS

MD

38.

1750

Bn CO/D Co: We would like some assistance in our lift today. D Co will send a bde. lift aircraft.

JS

MD

39.

1756

Bde NCS/Bn NCS: 1/8 is released from QRF from the convey. Negative significant happenings along the route.

JS

MD

40.

1810

Bn NCS/Bde NCS: B-1 EX/SEC. PZ-YT 716985. LZ-FSB Drag- on Head. 1st PZ-1814 hrs. 1st LZ-1819 hrs. PZ clear at

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40.	1810	CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8: 1824 hrs. Lift complete at 1829 hrs. PZ and LZ were green. Sorties 5, ACFT-3+2, packs 25 hrs.		JS RT		
41.	1820	Bde S3/Bn S3: Aircraft in bound to FSB Dragon Head #477.	JS	RT		
42.	1838	Bn S3/Bde S3: Aircrafts tail number 083 and 466, are still in use and will be for approximately another 13 minutes.	JS	RT		
43.	1840	Bn NCS/Bde NCS: E Ren SEC/CA. PZ-FSB Dragon Head. LZ-FSB Grunt. sorties 5, packs 25, acft. 3+2. 1st PZ-1845 hrs. 1st LZ-1852 hrs. PZ clear at 1905 hrs. Lift complete at 1911 hrs. PZ and LZ were green.	JS	CC		
44.	1915	Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: All aircraft released at 1915 hrs.	JS	RT		
45.	1930	Bde S3/Bde S3: Final plans for 9 Nov 1970. A Co will conduct a recon to YT 725953 to establish ambushes. B Co at 0800 hrs. will SEC/SEC from FSB Dragon Head to FSB Grunt. C Co will be base defense for FSB Dragon Head. D Co will move to YT 642980 to exploit contact area. E Ren will be base defense for FSB Grunt. 542 Ren will arrive FSB Dragon Head approximetly 1300 hrs. and will walk off the FSB to conduct a recon to YT 679955.	JS	RT		
46.	1945	Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Mortar Situation report. Line 1 E-183/97. G-0/26. Line 2 E-2, G-1.	JS	RT		
47.	2000	All Units/Bn NCS: Night Locations. A Co YT 715964.				

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47.	2000	CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9: B Co YT 685985, C Co FSB Dragon Head, D Co YT 648979, E Rcn YT 697899, 166 RF YT 696990. All units have green on malaria. A Co has 4 AA, B Co has 2 AA, D Co has 3 AA, 166 RF have 4 AA, E Rcn and C Co have negative AA. All units have negative day manned ambushes. A Co has 2 manned ambushes (YT 713962, YT 715963), 166 RF has 3 manned night ambushes (YT 694988, YT 690994, YT 696994). All other units have negative manned night ambushes. D Co has 1 dog team, all other units have negative dog teams. All units have negative snipers and sensors.	JS		RT	
48.	2030	Bde S2/Bn S2: Request that the 20 RE load rounds found by the 166 RF be back hauled.	JS		RT	
49.	2035	Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Comfirm fixed wing move from Duc Phong to Boa Loc. For DX of 166 RF with 542 Rcn. Confirmer by TT. 2230 hrs.	JS		RG	
50.	2106	Bn S2/Bde S2: Reference to D Co having 30 cal. fire. It was from Machine guns	JS		RT	
51.	2230	Bde S2/Bn S2: Pink Team priority for 9 Nov 70. 2/12 Cav from 1/9 Cav. 1/8 Cav fro 3/17 Cav ETA-0900 hrs. 5/7 initials PH.	JS		RT	
52.	2235	Bn S2/Bde S2: Request 1 PPS-5 radar for FSB Grunt with 1 battery charger and 2 batteries for 10 Nov 70. When				

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52	2205		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10: FSB Jeannie was closed 2/12 took 3 batteries that our radar section chief had signed for in Phouc Vinh. We bring this to your attention so that he won't be held accountable for those batteries in the future.	JS	CC			
53	2210		All Units/Bn NCS: PDS. A Co 4 off, 15 nco, 58 em, 11 att, T-88. B-1 1 off, 4 nco, 13 em, 3 att, T-21. B(-) 3 off, 15 nco, 38 em, 8 att, T-64. C Co 4 off, 15 nco, 75 em, 13 att, T-107. D Co 4 off, 21 nco, 53 em, 11 att, T-89. E Rcn 1 off, 5 nco, 17 em, 2 att, T-25. 166 RF T-78. FSB PDS. TOC 3 off, 6 nco, 1 em, T-10. Commo 1 off, 2 nco, 20 em, T-23. S4 1 off, 2 nco, 9 em, T-12. Medics 2 off, 3 nco, 4 em, T-9. Mess Hall 1 nco, 9 em, T-10. Mortars 2 off, 9 nco, 28 em, T-39. Radar 1 nco, 9 em, T-10. F Troop 1 nco, 11 em, T-12. Eng. 1 nco, 1 em, T-2. 105's 4 off, 7 nco, 52 em, T-63. 2 Black Hats.	JS	RT			
54	2320		Bn S2/Bde S2: Request flame drop on hootch and bunker complex for 10 Nov 70 at YT 721989.	JS	RT			
55	2359		DAILY SUMMARY. Contact- D-1 in vicinity of YT 652980 engaged enemy force of 12 individuals, and received AK47 return fire and individuals were wearing green fatigues and carrying packs. During contact they saw 2 individuals 1 a woman fall over from suspected intestinal wounds.					

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