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1.	0001		Bn NCS/JOURNAL OPENS.	JS	CC
2.	0600		All Units/Bn NCS: A Co, B Co, C Co, E Ron, 542 RCn from 2100-0600 all had negative situation reports.	JS	CC
3.	0700		Bn S3/Bde S3: Tentative Plans of 10 Nov. A Co will conduct a recon to YT 724953 to establish ambushes. B(-) will remain base defense at FSB Grunt. B-2 will conduct a recon to YT 704886 to establish ambush. B-3 will conduct a recon to YT 694886 to establish ambush. C Co will remain base defense at FSB Dragon Head. D Co will conduct a recon to YT 638980 to establish ambushes. E Ron will conduct a recon to YT 709909 to established ambushes. 542 Ron will conduct a recon to YT 670954 to establish ambushes.	JS	MD
4.	0820		D Co/Bn NCS: At YT 648979 D Co engaged heavy movement 50 meters south of their position. Received negative return fire. Bounced gunships, making sweep of the area and have negative findings.	JS	MD
5.	0830		Bn S3/Bde S3: Request a team of Black-Hats ^{Black-Hats} for FSB Grunt at YT 698898.	JS	MD
6.	0840		Bn S2 A/Bn NCS: Request clearance for Shadow Box #1. same as previous 2 days.	JS	MD
7.	0850		Bde S3 A/Bn NCS: On again, 1/8 has QRF responsibilities for a convoy from Sto Be to Phouc Vinh. ETA-0930 hrs.		

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7.	0850		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1: Bn CO will command ORF if necessary. 1/8 will be responsible only until the convoy reaches Dong Xoi. (Same information as 8 Nov except 2 new checkpoints: # 7 390029 and #2 304013.)		
8.	0900		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: B Co SEC/SEC. PZ-FSB Dragon Head, LZ-FSB Grunt. sorties 10, acft 5+2, pack 85. 1st PZ-0810 hrs. 1st LZ-0820 hrs. PZ clear at 0850 hrs. Lift completed at 0855 hrs.. PZ and LZ were green.	JS	MD
9.	0910		Bn Sig Off/Bde Sig Off: Request new test push for B Co. ARVN station cutting them out.	JS	MD
10.	0915		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: FX/SEC of 166th RF. PZ-YT 696990. LZ-FSB Dragon Head. 12 sorties, ACFT-5+2, 78 packs, ACL-7. 1st PZ-0904. 1st LZ-0910. PZ clear at 0918 hrs. PZ and LZ were green. Lift completed at 0921 hrs.	JS	DC
11.	0930		Bn Sig Off/Bde Sig Off: Request call sign change for B Co because Strider and Writer (B Co) sound too synonymous.	JS	MD
12.	1000		D Co/Bn NCS: At YT 648979 D Co found in contact area 2 trails, 1 EW 2 ft. wide with heavy recent use, and 1 NS 2 ft. wide with heavy recent use.	JS	DC
13.	1005		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: New push for B Co is 51.80.	JS	DC
14.	1015		Bde Sig Off/Bn NCS: New call sign for B Co will be Cranky Jumper, effective 0600 hrs. 10 Nov 70.	JS	MD
15.	1025		All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A Co YT 715964, B Co FSB		

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15.	1025		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2: Company H Co FSB Dragon Head. D Co YT 648979. E Rcn FSB Grunt. 166 RF-FSB Dragon Head.	JS	DC
16.	1040		D Co/Bn NCS: At YT 648979. D Co found in hootches that were reported yesterday. 1 grain bin in each hootch, 25 ft. long, 6 ft. wide and 7 ft. high. Last use 4 months ago. 10 hootches: 5 25 ft. x 15 ft. 7 ft. high. 5, 8x5 ft. 7 ft. high.	JS	DC
17.	1325		Bde S3 A/Bn NCS: 1/8 is released from ORF at this time.	JS	MD
18.	1400		All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A Co YT 715958. B Co FSB Grunt. C Co FSB Dragon Head. D Co moving from YT 648979. E Rcn FSB Grunt.	JS	DC
19.	1410		Bn S3/Bde S3: Request an up to date read out, reference the fix wing move to Boa Loc from Duc Phong for the DX of the 166 RF and the 542 Rcn, also sorties of water are late.	JS	MD
20.	1420		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team 27 on station to work with Bn S2 Bell along Dong Nai River with Detainees. TOS-1405 hrs. At 1550 hrs. went to work for D Co. At 648987 saw small trail EW 1 ft. wide with light recent use in 72 hrs. At 647976 saw a trail EW 6" wid with light recent use in the past 72 hrs. At YT 647975 saw a trail NESW 6" wide with light recent use in the last 72 hrs. TBS 1640 hrs.	JS	DC

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21.	1530		Bn S4 A/Bde S3 A: Requests 1 sortie of culvert from Song Be to FSB Grunt. 1 sortie of water and sandbags from Song Be to FSB Grunt. At 0900 hrs 1 sortie of ammo and packs and culvert from FSB Dragon Head to FSB Grunt. At 0930 hrs 1 sortie 81 packs, 81mm mortar and ammo from FSB Dragon Head to FSB Grunt.	JS	MD			
22.	1730		Bde S5/Bn NGS: Payapa Missions 8 Nov 70. YT 6091 3x3 15 minute tape, YT 6396 3x3 30 minute tape, negative missions 9 Nov because of negative aircraft.	JS	MD			
23.	1745		Bn S2/Bde S2: VR request for A Co, B Co, 542 RCn. Sniffer for 1/8 AO south of 00 EW grid line. IR for all of 1/8 AO. SLAR along the Dong Nai River west to 50 NS grid line. Payapa #1 4000 center mass at YT 7295 leaflet with Chien Hoi or Die. #2 4000 meters center mass at YU 6802 with same theme as #1.	JS	MD			
24.	1752		A Co/Bn NGS: A Co at YT 721955 spotted and engaged with small arms 5-7 individuals. Gunships were bounced. Time broke contact was 1833 hrs. Arty employed. Individuals were bare chested, 2 had on dark green fatigues. Confirmed sightings of 1 AK47 and 1 SKS. 1 possible KIA. Only took small arms fire. Negative friendly casualties. Enemy evaded to the ESE. Individuals 1st sighted to the S. they were crawling trying to probe the perimeter, within 50 meters.		MD			

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All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS NIGHT. A Co yt 721955.

B (-) FSB Grunt. B-2 YT 698897. B-3 YT 700894. C Co

FSB Dragon Head. D Co YT 646982. E Ren YT 712896.

542 Ren YT 679957. All units have green on malaria.

A Co has 4 AA. D Co has 2 AA. 542 Ren has 3AA. All other

units have negative AA. 542 Ren has 3 manned night

ambushes. all other have negative night manned ambushes.

D Co has 1 dog team. All other units have negative dog

teams. All units have negative snipers and sensors.

JS

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26.

1805

All Units/Bn NCS: PDS. A Co 4 eff. 15 nco. 58 em. 11

att. T-88. B Co 4 eff. 22 nco. 51 em. att 11. T-88. C Co

4 eff. 15 nco. 75 em. 13 att. T-107. D Co 4 eff. 21 nco.

53 em. 11 Att. T-89. Eren 1 eff. 6 nco. 16 em. 2 att. T-25.

542 Ren T-46. FSB PDS. Comme 1 eff. 2 nco. 19 em. T-22.

TOG 4 eff. 6 nco. 2 em. T-12. S4 2 eff. 2 nco. 9 em. T-13.

Mess Hall 1 nco. 9 em. T-10. Mortars 2 eff. 9 nco. 28 em

T-39. Radar 2 nco. 8 em. T-10. F Troop 1 nco. 15 em. T-16.

Black Hats 2 nco. T-2. 105's 4 eff. 7 nco. 52 em. T-63.

eng. 1 nco. 1 em. T-2.

JS

MD

27.

1810

Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Mortar report. Line 1 E-183/97. Line

2 E-2. G-3. Line 1 G-2/26.

JS

MD

28.

1840

Bn S3/Bde S3: Final Plans for 10 Nov 70. A Co will

conduct a recon to YT 723965 to establish ambushes.

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281	1840		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5: B(-) will secure FSB Grunt. B-2 will conduct a recon in the vicinity of FSB Grunt. B-3 will move to YT 706885 to establish ambushes. C Co will remain base defense at FSB Dragon Head and conduct local patrols. D Co will conduct recon to YT 639982. E Bcn will move to YT 719899 to conduct a recon and establish ambushes and check out garden plots. 542 Bcn will conduct a recon to YT 669955.	JS	RT
29.	1845		Bde S3/Bn S3: CC aircraft in bound ETA 15 minutes.	JS	RT
30.	1847		Bn S3/Bde S3 Air: Air Request for 10 Nov. 1 CC with left jump seat and extra Y-cord, gas mask for crew. To report to Song Be on FM 4410 at 0700 hrs. then to FSB Dragon Head on 4410 at 0730 hrs. 1 log aircraft same as above. Request hook sortie for a case of 450 from Phouc Vinh to FSB Grunt at 0900 hrs.	JS	RT
31.	1945		Bn CO/Bde CO: Request assistance to provide soonest tomorrow 2 scent dogs for A Co to continue activities in contact location with trick or treats. Strongly advise tracker dog be put on standby at Dragon Head or Song Be in the event A Co finds blood trails.	GS	CC
32.	2030		Bn S3/Bde S3: Time on jump CP and Arty is 1000 hrs.	JS	RT
33.	2040		Bde S2/Bn S2: Sensor Activation. FY at XU 592266 time activated was 2010 hrs. heavy reading.	JS	RG

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Bde S2/Bn S2: Pink Team Priority. Only 2 Pink Teams available 1/8 in morning. 2/12 same Pink Team in afternoon. ARVNS in morning and same team to 5/7 in afternoon.

JS

RT

35.

2230

E Co mortars/Bde NCS: Request EOD team as soon as possible tomorrow. We have an 81mm HE round lodged on a heetch. ETA of EOD is 0800 hrs.

JS

RT

36.

2359

DAILY JOURNAL: D Co at YT 648979 engaged heavy movement 50 meters to their south with negative findings. A Co at 1752 hrs. at YT 721955 spotted and engaged with small arms 5-7 individuals who were wearing dark green fatigues, and bare chested, trying to probe perimeter. Possible 01 KIA, no WS casualties. Gunships were bounced and will check out the area in the morning. Negative cache. Air Lifts: B Co SEC/SEC PZ-FSB Dragon Head, LZ-FSB Grunt. 166 RF FX/SEC PZ-YT 696990, LZ-FSB Dragon Head. Significant events: 1/8 was again on ORF for the return convey from Seng Be to Phouc Vinh. Negative happenings. Out side of contact no other significant events.

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