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1.	0001	Bn NCS/Journal Opens.	JS		RT	
2.	0010	Nighthawk/Bn NCS: Nighthawk TOS-0010 hrs. will work Dong Hair River south of YT 4688. Not part of our AO so he broke station with us.	JS		CC	
3.	0515	Bde NCS/Bn NCS: At 0343 hrs. Song Be took 6-8 incoming rounds of 82mm mortars from SE at unknown range. Engaged with Arty. night hawk is checking out the area. Result: 6 US wounded. 2 men were medivaced. 5 rounds hit in AO of 1/8 and 1/9AVN. 2 line #2 were from D Co 1/8. 1 Line #2 was from E Co 1/8. he was a new man and was medivaced and was not even on the roster yet. 1 line #2 from D Co 1/8 was not medivaced because of minor wounds.	JS		RT	
4.	0600	All Units/Bn NCS: From 0100-0600 hrs. A Co, C Co, D Co, FSB Grunt, 542 Ron had negative situation reports.	JS		CC	
5.	0610	Bde S/Bn S3: Log Aircraft #775 ETA-0700 hrs. CG Aircraft #923 ETA-0700 hrs.	JS		RG	
6.	0630	Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Weather Report. Visibility was 4-7 miles, ceiling was scattered and broken. Max. temperature was 93 degrees. Min. Temperature was 70 degrees.	JS		MD	

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7.	0714		Bn S2/Bde S3: Recommend blues be inserted at YT 619923 to exploit garden plots under cultivation.	JS	JT
8.	0745		Bde S3 Asst/Bn NCS: 1/8 is responsible for ORF/RRF for the insertion of the blues at YT 508823. (Call sign) Blue India on FM 31.10.	JS	MD
9.	0800		Bn S3/Bde S3: Tentative Plans for 13 Nov 70. 1/A+CP will conduct a recon to YT 718953. 2/A will conduct a recon to YT 720958. 3/A will conduct a recon to YT 728961. 1/B+CP will be base defense at FSB Grunt. 2/B will SEC/CA to YT 631917 and recon and establish ambush. 3/B will conduct a ground recon to YT 710879. C Co will conduct defensive operation at FSB Dragon Head. 1/D+CP will conduct a ground recon to YT 632977. 2/D will conduct a ground recon to YT 634982. 3/D will conduct a ground recon to YT 636986. E Bn will conduct a ground recon to YT 713877 to exploit garden plots and establish an ambush. 542 Bn will conduct a ground recon to YT 640950 and establish an ambush.	JS	MD
10.	0810		Bn Sig Off/Bde Sig Off: Request new test frequency for E Co. ARVN's are on their station. New-FM 42.85.	JS	MD

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11.	0849		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: Blues inserted at YT 509821 at 0849 hrs. LZ-green.	JS	MD
12.	0900		Bde S2 Asst/Bn NCS: Request clearance for Shadow Box #2. Initials: FL.	JS	MD
13.	1000		All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A Co YT 723952. B(-) FSB Grunt. 3/B YT 712887. C(-) FSB Dragon Head. 2/C YT 656864. D Co moving to log site. E Ron YT 719899. 542 Ron YT 654954.	JS	OC
14.	1100		Bde LNO/Bn NCS: Bde CO unbound to FSB Dragon Head, approximately 5 minutes out.	JS	MD
15.	1130		Bn S2/Bde S2: 542 Ron at YT 655954 reports finding a bunker complex which may be a base area. Approximately 40-50 bunkers showing light use in the last 24 hrs. Awaiting further readout.	JS	CC
16.	1310		Bn S2/Bde S2: 1/B VR Request for A Co, 3/B, and C Co. Sniffer request for 1/B AO south of 90 EW grid line. IR request for all of 1/B AO. SLAR request for 1/B AO west of 50 NS grid line. Payops request #1 4000 meter box center of mass YT 6596, leaflets in a base area "Chieu Hoi or Die". #2 4000 meter box center of mass vic YT 6687 at garden plots, same theme as 1.	JS	MD
17.	1400		All Units/Bn NCS: Locations. A(-) YT 723952.		

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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3: 2/A YT 727956. B(-) FSB

Grunt. 3/B YT 712887. C Co FSB Dragon Head.

D Co YT 639977. E Ren YT 721898. 542 Ren

YT 655954.

JS

DC

18.

1455

2/C/Bn NCS: Air Lift. FX/SEC of 2/C. PZ-

YT 656864. LZ- FSB Dragon Head. acft: 4+2. ACL-

6. sorties: 5. 24 packs. 1st PZ-1455 hrs. 1st

LZ-1506 hrs. PZ clear at 1500 hrs. Lift complete

at 1507 hrs.

JS

DC

19.

1600

Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Request 1 scout dog team to work

with A Co 13 Nov 70.

JS

MD

20.

1644

Bde S3 Asst/Bn NCS: Blues extracted and 1/8

released from ORF/RRF.

JS

MD

21.

1700

542 Ren/Bn NCS: 542 Ren at YT 655954 found

2 6x10 ft. hootches 8 ft. high thatched roof

and sides; appeared to be class rooms of some

sort. 2 6x10 ft. hootches 8 ft. high thatched

roof and sides, earthen stoves. 1 medical

hootche 6x10 ft. 8 ft. high with numerous

bandages around and some had blood on them.

30-40 bunkers ranging from small fighting

positions 2x2 ft. to 2x12 ft. with no overhead

covering. 1 2x12 ft. bunker was 15 ft. deep

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21. 1700

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4: 4 VG ponchos, enough salt for a 1 yr. supply (amount unknown). 5 small cans condensed milk. 2 kilos of rice numerous cans of C-rations, 2 rolls of black cloth, 2 latrines with thatched roofs and 1 had fresh human excrement. 1 EW trail 16" wide hardpacked, 40 fighting positions 3x7 ft. 3 ft. deep, 1 NS trail running north to stream had steps going up a hill. Found 3lbs of documents, 1 AK 47 magazine with 30 rounds, 30 loose AK47 rounds, misc clothing and cloth to make clothing, all hootches were destroyed by 542 Rcn.

JS

DC

22. 1800

Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Mortar Situation Report.
Line 1 O/O E; G-O/10. Line 2 E-O, G-1.

JS

MD

23. 1825

Bde 33/Bn CO: 1/8 QRF/RRF is off at this time.
Blues were extracted at 1645 hrs. Msn from
Bde CO: We are allowed one company on base
defense per Battalion AO. At present you have
1 company on FSB Dragon Head, and 1 company
on FSB Grunt. One will have to be moved in
order to bring you back to authorized level.

JS

RD

24. 1840

E Rcn/Bn NCS: At IT 721898 E Rcn found 75

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1840

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5: north of their position.

1 garden plot 100x200 meters grain ready for harvest

1 EW trail 1 ft. wide light recent use by

2 individuals with negative direction.

JS DC

25.

1845

D Co/Bn NCS: D Co found 40 meters north of

YT 639979 1 bunker 3x10 ft. dug into side of

a hill, cav type, used by 3 individuals in the

last 6 hrs. 1 NS trail 2 ft. wide with light

recent use by 3 individuals, negative direction.

1 12x10 ft. bamboo hootch over animal pen same

size with thatch roof type covering.

JS DC

26.

1855

542 Bcn/Bn NCS: 542 Bcn at YT 652953 reports

movement and noise of undetermined individuals

400 meters to their north. Employed Arty and

movement has stopped at 1800 hrs.

JS DC

27.

1900

Bn S3/Bde S3 Air: Air Request for 1/8. 1 UH1H

CC/log aircraft with left jump seat, extra Y-cord

and gas masks for the crew. Report to Song Be

on FM 54.90 to Strider 04-I at 0700 hrs. and then

to FSB Dragon Head on FM 44.10 at 0730 hrs. to

Strider 26. 1 log aircraft same as above. Re-

quest 6+2 for C Co SEC/GA. PZ-FSB Dragon Head.

1Z-YT 749845.90 packs, 18 sorties at 1400 hrs.

JS DC

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28.	1947		All Units/Bn NCS: NIGHT LOCATIONS. A(-) YT 723952. 2/A YT 727956, 1/A YT 724955. B(-) FSB Grunt. 1/B YT 694898. 3/B YT 709887. C(-) FSB Dragon Head. 3/G YT 686971, D Co YT 639979. E Ron YT 721898. 542 Ron YT 652953.	JS	DC
29.	1950		All Units/Bn NCS: A Co has 6 AA(auto-ambushes) B Co has 2 AA, D Co has 2 AA, E Ron has 2 AA, 542 had 3 AA. C Co had negative AA. A Co had 1 scout dog team, all other units have negative dog teams. All units have green on malaria. All units have negative snipers and sensors. A Co had 1 day manned ambush at YT 727956. All other units have negative day manned ambushes. A Co had 1 manned night ambush at YT 727956. All other units have negative night manned mabushes.	JS	DC
30.	2025		3/B/Bn NCS: 3/B at YT 709887 150 meters on a 120 degrees azimuth has possible movement of 1 individual with a flashlight. Area monitoring movement with the possibility of blowing claymores. Movement is on a trail Flashlight went off after about 30 minutes and negative movement since.	JS	DC

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2030

Bn S3/Bde S3 Air: POL statics. On hand 800
request 2500 additional gallons.

JS HT

32.

2040

Bn S3/Bde S3: Final Plans for 13 Nov 70.

1/A+CP will conduct a ground recon to YT 719958.

2/A will conduct a recon to YT 724958. 3/A

will conduct a ground recon to YT 726960.

1/B+CP will be base defense and construct FSB

Grunt. 2/B will conduct a ground recon to YT

691903. 3/B will conduct a ground recon to

YT 711878. C Co will GA to YT 749845 and conduct

a ground recon to YT 758845. 1/D+CP will

conduct a ground recon to YT 638985. 2/D will

conduct a ground recon to YT 633982. 3/D will

conduct a ground recon to YT 629982. E Ren

will conduct a ground recon to YT 729899 to

exploit garden plots and establish an ambush.

542 Ren will conduct a ground recon to YT

649956 to establish an ambush.

JS RG

33.

2100

All Units/Bn NCS: FDS. A Co 5 off, 14 nco, 56 em,

13 att, T-88. B Co 4 off, 21 nco, 49 em, 11 att,

T-89. C Co 4 off, 12 nco, 69 em, 12 att, T-97.

D Co 4 off, 24 nco, 43 em, 12 att, T-83. E Ren

1 off, 6 nco, 16 em, 2 att, T-25. 542 Ren T-46.

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All Units/Bn NCS: FSB PDS. Commo 1 off, 2

nco, 14 em, T-17. Medics 1 off, 2 nco, 4 em,

T-7. SA 1 off, 2 nco, 9 em, T-12. Mess Hall

1 nco, 5 em, T-6. TOC 4 off, 7 nco, 2 em, T-13.

Moratrs 1 off, 4 nco, 15 em, T-20. Radar 2 nco,

3 em, T-5. 105's 2 off, 5 nco, 30 em, T-37.

Pathfinders 2 nco, T-2. Eng 1 nco, T-1. F Troop

3 nco, 15 em, T-18.

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35.

2320

Bde NCS/Bn NCS: Advise radio research to take

down antenna, be prepared to move as soon as

possible after daylight. A Major from the 1st

BDe will pick them up. Picked up at 0615 hrs.

687.

JS

RT

36.

2358

All Units/Bn NCS: COMMO CHECKS. A Co, B Co,

D Co, 542 Ren, FSB Grunt, from 2100-2400 hrs.

have negative situation reports.

JS

DC

37.

2359

DAILY SUMMARY: Negative contact, negative

cache, Air Lifts: FX/SEC of 2/C PZ-YT 656804.

LZ-FSB Dragon Head. Significant Events: At

0343 hrs. Song Ba took 6-8 incoming rounds

of 82mm mortars from SE at unknown range.

Engaged with Arty, and nighthawk is checking

out area. 6 US wounded, 2 medivaced.

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