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1.	0001		Bn NCS/Journal Opens.	JS	DC
2.	0545		Bde S3/Bn NCS: Log aircraft #642 ETA-0800 hrs.		
			CG aircraft #132 ETA-0730 hrs.	JS	JB
3.	0550		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: Weather Report. Visibility 7 miles, ceiling scattered and broken, Max temperature 90, Min temperature 70.	JS	BT
4.	0600		All Units/Bn NCS: A Co, 3/B, C Co, 543, FSB Grunt from 0100-0600 hrs. gave negative situation reports.	JS	JS
5.	0740		Pink Team 24/Bn NCS: Pink Team 24 request clearance for YT 464925, clearance given by EW.	JS	JS
6.	0750		Flight Leader/Bn NCS: Flight leader on station at 0740 hrs. ETA-0820 hrs.	JS	JS
7.	0757		Bde S3/Bn S3: Blues to be inserted in same grid as yesterday (YT 5492), ORF 2/D until 0930 hrs. then 2/B, Blues inserted at 0905 hrs. at YT 548958.	JS	RG
8.	0800		Bde S2/Bde S2: Shadow boxes clearance YT 7492-7992, S2 EW gave clearance.	JS	RG
9.	0800		CG/Log aircrafts/Bn NCS: CG AND Log aircraft on station at 0800 hrs.	JS	JS
10.	0819		Bde S2/Bn S2: Tracker dog team PLT LDR and scout dog team plt ldr, will be in area some time today.	JS	RG
11.	0820		Bde S3/Bn S3: 1st squad of 1/D was turned over		

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11.	0820		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1: to our rear, effective last night.	JS	RG
12.	0850		Bn S3/Bde S3: Tentative Plans for 20 Nov 70. A(-) will conduct G/R(ground recon) to vic YT 699969, 1/A will conduct G/R to vic YT 699975. R(-) will base defense at F3B Dragon Head, 2/R will conduct defensive operations at F3B Grunt. 3/B will conduct G/R to vic YT 700975. C Co will continue training at Bien Hoa. D Co will conduct G/R to vic YU 590008, E Rcn will conduct G/R to vic YT 626939, 543 RF will conduct G/R to vic YT 715955.	JS	RT
13.	0855		Pink Team 24/Bn NCS: Pink Team 24 request clearance for YT 590958, Request given DMM.	JS	JS
14.	9005		Bde S2/Bn S2: TOT 0445-0645 hrs. at YT 558952 had 1 individual in open. at YT 560955 had 1 individual in open. at YT 514888 had 1 individual near a stream.	JS	RT
15.	0910		Bde S2/Bn S2: Readout on blues: at YT 558958 they found 2 tones of rice, 1 SKS rifle in good condition, 1 30 cal submachinegun old and rusty in poor condition, a couple of heathes and bunkers, destroyed the rice.	JS	RT

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16.	0915		Pink Team 24/Bn S2: 1/9 blues inserted at YT 558958 at 0901 hrs.	JS	JS
17.	1005		Rash 19/Bn NCS: Rash(FAG) en station at 1005 hrs. to work YT 662955. TOS-1005 hrs. FOS-1010 hrs. TOT-1030 hrs. FOT-1020 hrs. Ordinance 4 750 PDS, 2 napalm.	JS	JS
18.	1037		Bde S3/Bn S8: One blues aircraft will be pulled for mission in the north. One is rigged for repel, blues will have our leg aircraft for ORF until blues aircraft returns.	JS	RT
19.	1105		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Request priority medivac for Arty. possible fracture from recoil of 105. Medivac 11 ETA-45 minutes. Medivac completed at 1209 hrs.	JS	RT
20.	1110		Rash 25(FAC)/Bn NCS: Rash 25 en station at 1055 hrs. to work YT 662955, TOS-1055 hrs. FOS-1058, TOT-1100 hrs. FOT-1100 hrs. TBS-1105 hrs. Ordinance 6 750 PDS.	JS	RT
21.	1115		Pink Team 24/Bn NCS: Blues 1/9 at YT 558958 report 1 KIA NVA/VC black pants, black shirt, wearing a ruck sac and carrying AK47, negative further reported.	JS	JS
22.	1130		Bn S2/Bde S2: Psyops pilot didn't check in with		

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22.	1130		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3: mission for 28 Nov.	JS	RG
23.	1135		Bn S3/Bde NCS: SEC/CA of D Co. PZ-FSB Dragon Head, and FSB Grunt, LZ-YT 594995. sorties 13 3 heavy, acrf-5+2, AGL-5, Packs 68, 1st PZ-1050 hrs., 1st LZ-1100 hrs. PZ clear at 1125 hrs. Lift completed at 1130 hrs. PZ/LZ was green.	JS	JS
24.	1240		Bn S3/Bde NCS: FX/SEC of B(-) PZ-YT 653855, LZ-FSB Dragon Head, and FSB Grunt, sorties 10 acrf-5+2, AGL-5, 1st PZ-1207 hrs. 1st LZ-1216 hrs. PZ clear 1233 hrs. Lift completed 1240 hrs. PZ/LZ-green.	JS	RT
25.	1300		Bn S2/Bde S2: VR request for D Co, E Rcn, 543 RF, Sniffer for 1/8 AO west of NS grid line 58 and north of EW grid line 90. IR for 1/8 AO along Dong Nai River, SLAR for 1/8 AO.	JS	RT
26.	1430		All Units/Bn NCS: A Co YT 671970, B(-) FSB Dragon Head, 1/8 FSB Grunt, 3/B YT 706980, C Co Bien Hoa, D Co YT 598998, E Rcn YT 630941, 543 RF YT 725901.	JS	DC
27.	1435		Pink Team 29/Bn NCS: Blues extracted from YT 553972 at 1430 hrs. PZ green, at YT 554982 they found 2 garden plots 50x50 meters one has negative		

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bath have 5 ft. fence around it one is new and
one is old. LRU in the last 7 days. 1 EW trail
2 ft. wide, LRU in the last 24 hrs. 1 NS trail
1 ft. wide LRU in the last 24 hrs. At YT 553986
found 1 NS trail 2 ft. wide hard packed used
by 15 individuals in the last 48 hrs. At YT
536007 found 15 bunkers with heavy OHC. 15 air
holes. NRU.

JS

DC

28.

1500

Rash 28(PAC)/Bn NCS: Rash 28 on station with
2 LZ construct. TOT-1330 hrs. Ordinance 8 500lb.
air strike completed at 1400 hrs. At YT 537935.
BDA-1 shipper; TBS-1500 hrs.

JS

DC

29.

1538

Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team at YT 471868 engaged
1 individual in black pajama with no shirt.
result 1 KBH, negativ weapon observed.

JB

DC

30.

1550

Pink Team 29/Bn NCS: Pink Team 29 on station
work west of 57 grid line. At YT 504882 found
1 bamboo platform 6x6 ft. 4 ft. off the ground.
At YT 501883 saw 3 garden plots 50x50 meters
of rice worked within the last week. 1 well
worn grass trail, NS 6" wide LRU in the last
24 hrs. bath directions, 1 platform 6x6 of bamboo.

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30.	1550		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5: At YT 641938 saw a garden plot 50x50 meters with highland rice and corn use in the last 12 hrs. 15 bunkers 3x5 ft. 5 x 10 ft. 1 trench line 30 ft. long, 1 trench line 20 ft. neither with OHC. Light use in the last 40 hrs. BDA of airstrike 20 bunkers 7x7 ft. heavy OHC partially destroyed.	JS	DC
31.	1710		Bn S3/Bde S3: Released log aircraft to pick up packs at Duc Phong for Bde.	JS	RG
32.	1730		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Air Request for 30 Nov. 1 UH1H CG/Log aircraft to report to Seng Be		
	6		NLT 0700 hrs. contact Farmer 72L (comme rear) on FM 54.10. Pick up sortie for FSB Dragon Head contact Farmer 39 (TOC RTO) on FM 44.05, request that aircraft have left jump seat, extra Y cord, and protective masks for crew. 1 UH1H for log aircraft same as CC. CH47 moves from FSB Grunt to FSB Dragon Head. will be called as soon as possible, these moves are required as FSB Grunt will closed on 30 Nov. Add 5 heck sorties to move FSB Grunt at 1300 hrs.	JS	RJ
33.	1735		Rash 27 (FAC)/Bn NCS: Rash 27 on station with LZ construction at YT 537938. Ordinance F-100		

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34.	1800		Bn S3/Bde S3: Final Plans for 30 Nov 70. A Co will conduct G/R to vic YT 671979, B(-) will be base defensive at FSB Dragon Head, 1/B will conduct defensive operations at FSB Grunt. 3/B will conduct G/R to vic YT 705975, C Co will be in Bien Hoa, D Co will conduct G/R to vic YU 593008. E Ron will conduct G/R to vic YT 627938, E Co(-) 2 squads of mortars on base defense FSB Dragon Head, 2 squads of mortars on base defense FSB Grunt to FSB Dragon Head at 1600 hrs. 543 RF will conduct G/R to vic YT 725951.	JS	WK
35.	1840		Bde S3 Air/Bn NCS: FRAG YT 506894 at 1400 hrs.	JS	JS
36.	1940		All Units/Bn NCS: A(-) YT 671970, 1/A YT 669967, 3/A YT 670974, B(-) FSB Dragon Head, 1/B FSB Grunt, 3/B YT 706988, C Co Bien Hoa, D Co YT 602999, E Ron YT 628938, 543 RF YT 725961. A Co has 5 AA(auto-ambush), 3/B 2 AA, D Co 3 AA, E Ron 2 AA, 543 RF 3 AA. A Co, D Co, E Ron each had 1 scout dog team, all other units have negative		

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36.	1940		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7: scout dog teams. All units have negative snipers, sensors, day manned ambush. All units have green on malaria. A Co E Ron. 543 RF each have 1 night manned ambushes. (YT 670974, YT 628938, YT 726963)	JS	DC
37.	2045		Bde S3/Bn S2: Psyops report for 29 Nov 70. 1. YT 9869 4 right, 4 up, broadcast 40 minutes. Chieu Hai instructions and wandering soul. 2. YT 3387 3 right 3 up 36000 leaflets. Chieu Hai. 3. YT 2988 right 5 up 5 72000 leaflets Chieu Hai benefits. Psyops missions for 30 Nov 70. 1. YT 3387 3 right 3 up General rally-Chieu Hai. 2. YU 3805 Chieu Hai benefits 3. YT 5393 3 right 3 up general rally theme.	JS	JB
38.	2110		Bde S3/Bn S3: Notification of 24 hr. delay on closing FSB Grunt, BDE CO to come to FSB Dragon Head 30 Nov to discuss it.	JS	DC
39.	2130		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: SMMOSTATUS. E-0, G-16. T-HE 1013, Illum-496.	JS	JB
40.	2135		Bde S3/Bn S3: Case 450 laid on for 0730 hrs. 30 Nov to FSB Grunt and to be taken out 1600 hrs.	JS	DC
41.	2227		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: SOI Changes: 30/0001 Nov 70.		

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41.	2227		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8: 45I-14 2/12 change A/L to 53.30. 46-14 2/20 change retrans to 75.20 also change 2/20 Air frequency to 122.8. 45E-14 5/7 c change GMD(A) to 56.45 also change A/L to 60.60. 1st Air Cav Div Gak cadas series 809M will go into effect 0001 hrs. 1 Dec 70, series 809N presently is in disuse will be held as a reserve. 49B-13 25th Inf Div Net and 49C-10 11th ACR Nets effective 0001 hrs. 1 Dec 70. 49A-11 2nd FFU Nets will be effective 1700 hrs. 1 Dec 70.	JS	JB
42.	2230		Bde S2/Bn S2: UR at YT 588882, radius 1800 meters late afternoon. also need list of LZ and PZ and sizes in AO.	JS	JB
43.	2355		All Units/Bn NCS: A Co, 3/B, D Co, 543 RF. FSB Grunt from 2000-2400 hrs. gave negative situation reports.	JS	DC
44.	2359		DAILY SUMMARY: Contact: blues 1/9 at YT 558958 spotted and engaged 1 individual. results: 1 KIA VC/NVA with AK47 and rucksack and in black outfit. Pink Team at YT 471868 engaged 1 individual in black pajamas with no shirt. results: 1 KBH, negative weapon observed.		

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found 2 tons of rice, 1 SKS carbine in good

condition, 1 30 cal submachinegun, old and rusty

in poor condition. Air lifts: D Co SEC/CA

PZ-FSB Dragon Head and FSB Grunt. LZ-YT 594995.

B Co FX/SEC PZ-YT 653855, LZ-FSB Dragon Head

and FSB Grunt. Negative significant events.

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