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Bn NCS/Journal Opens.

JS

JB

2.

0100

542 Ren/Bn NCS: 542 Ren reports movement

5-700 meters to their east, engaging with Arty.

JS

RD

3.

0110

Bde S2/Bn NCS: In regard to the captured
personnel letter that was found by G Co on the
7 Dec 70, at YT 540951, Bde wants a further
read out on the finding of the letter. The
letter was not mentioned in the spot report
they received. They received the letter to-
day with knowledge of its finding. Bde was
notified and filled in as to when the letter
was found.

JS

JB

4.

0540

Bde NCS/Bn NCS: Log aircraft #665 ETA-0730
hrs.

JS

JB

5.

0600

All Units/Bn NCS: 2/A, D Co, 542 Ren, FSB
Rash from 0100-0600 hrs. gave negative site
uation reports.

JS

RD

6.

0610

Bde NCS/Bn NCS: Weather Report. Visibility
7 miles, ceiling scatters and broken. Max
temperature 88, Min temperature 72.

JS

JB

7.

0650

Bde NCS/Bn NCS: Boundary chang: MR2-MR3
boundary has been changed to the following:
YU 676237 northwest to YU 600300 north to

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7.	0650		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1: present boundary YU 600568. Boundary change effective immediately.	JS	JB
8.	0750		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Bde requested grid of E Ren SECL2(YU 540033).	JS	JB
9.	0755		Bn NCS/Bde S3: ORF for 9 Dec 1/A, RRF for 9 Dec A(-).	JS	JB
10.	0812		Bde S2 Asst/Bn S2: Would we like to request a Shadow Box in our AO? Boxes: YT 6788, 6793, 7388, 7393.	JS	MD
11.	0815		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: A/L frequency changed from 54.10 to 47.10 at 0801 hrs. 9 Dec 70.	JS	RD
12.	0840		Bn S3/Bde S3: Tentative Plans for 10 Dec 70. A(-) will be base defense at FSB Dragon Head. 3/A will conduct G/R(ground recon) to YT 525942. B(-) will conduct G/R to YT 518903. 1/B will be base defense at FSB Rash. 2/B will conduct G/R to YT 510910. C(-) will conduct G/R to YT 556967. 2/C will conduct G/R to YT 550968. 3/C will conduct G/R to YT 546974. D(-) will conduct G/R to YU 578013. 2/D will conduct G/R to YU 580008. 3/D will conduct G/R to YU 580014. E Ren will conduct G/R to YT 561029. E(-) has 2 mortar tubes at FSB Rash		

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12.	0840		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2: and 2 tubes opcon to 2nd Bde, 542 Rcn will conduct G/R to YT 694994.	JS	MD
13.	0920		Bde S3/Bn NCS: Bde S3 and Bde CO inbound to FSB Dragon Head, ETA-20 minutes. ADC-A asst to Bn NCS Div CO inbound to FSB Dragon Head, ETA-10 minutes, arrived 1040 hrs.	JS	CC
13.	0930		Bn Sig Off/Bde Sig Off: Use of secure radio for last 24 hrs. 8 Dec, B Co -NCS(air) 1641-1645 hrs. C Co secure need repairing, A Co base defense, E Rcn FSB Dragon Head, A/L(FWD)-A/L(rear) 1445-1500 hrs. 1645-1715 hrs. D Co to work. 9 Dec NCS-NCS(air) 0740-0750 hrs. D Co-NCS 065500700 hrs. NCS-NCS(air) 0815-0820 hrs.	JS	MD
14.	1000		All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A(-) FSB Dragon Head, 2/A FSB Rash, B(-) YT 530907, 2/B YT 524924, 1/B YT 616917, C(-) YT 549955, 3/C YT 552979, D(-) YU 596008, 3/D YU 586975, E Rcn Duc Phong, E(-) 2 tubes FSB Rash, 2 at Opcon to 2nd Bde, 542 Rcn YT 694999.	US	CC
15.	1015		Bde S2 Asst/Bn S2 Asst: Infrared Sensor Device for River use will arrive at 2nd Bde on 11 Dec and will be sent out to you ASAP.	JS	MD

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16.	1039		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: AIR LIFT. E Ren SEC/SEC 1 hook sortie from FSB Dragon Head to Duc Phong, 1st PZ-1024 hrs. lift complete 1038 hrs.	JS	MD
17.	1100		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: AIR LIFT. E Ren SEC/CA PZ-Duc Phong, LZ-YT 541051, sorties 6, AGL-5, packs 32, acft-4+2, 1st PZ-1105 hrs. 1st LZ-1116 hrs. PZ clear 1126 hrs. lift complete at 1138 hrs. PZ/LZ-green.	JS	CC
18.	1205		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: AIR LIFT. 1/B FX/SEC PZ-YT 615923, LZ-FSB Rash, sorties 4, packs 20, acft-4+2, 1st PZ-1141 hrs. 1st LZ-1154 hrs. PZ clear 1145 hrs. lift complete 1156 hrs. PZ/LZ-green.	JS	CC
19.	1215		E Ren/Bn NCS: E Ren at YT 541051 found 1 bunker 2x3 ft. negative OHC, 1 individuals HCM sandals prints moving SE from LZ about 24 hrs. old.	JS	CC
20.	1246		542 Ren/Bn NCS: CONTACT. 542 Ren at YT 715999, spotted 4 individuals wearing khaki trousers, negative headgear, carrying SKS's about 35 meters to the north. Enemy were moving down a NS 8" trail to the south and engaged the 542 Ren. 542 Ren returned fire and enemy evaded		

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20.	1246		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4: to the north down the trail, 542 Rcn found 1 pack and 1 change of clothes, 10 kilos of polished rice and 1 poncho. Will sweep the area. Negative friendly casualties. Negative Pink Team requested, Negative Arty, gunship required, sweep produced negative findings.	JS	CC
21.	1340		Bn S2/Bde S2: Mission request for 10 Dec. VR for E Rcn, 542 Rcn, B Co, SLAR for 1/8 AO. IR along Dong Nai River, Sniffer from 4886 to 4893 to 5093 to 5086 in sniffer box 71.	JS	WK
22.	1400		All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. PDS. A(-) FSB Dragon Head, 3/A FSB Rash, B(-) YT 530907, 2/B YT 524924, C(-) YT 549955, 3/C YT 553982, 1/B FSB Rash, D(-) YU 598008, 1/D YU 594007, 3/D YU 585014, E(-) 2 tubes at FSB Rash, 2 tubes opcon 2nd Bde, E Rcn YU 541051, 542 Rcn YT 715999, B Co ha 3 off, 14 neo, 39 em, 7 att, T-64, C Co 4 off, 14 neo, 55 em, 12 att, T-85, D Co 5 off, 16 neo, 43 em, 12 att, T-76, E Rcn 1 off, 6 neo, 24 em, 4 att, T-35, 542 Rcn 59+4 advisors, FSB Rash 7 off, 24 neo, 80 em, 9 att, T-120, FSB Dragon Head 15 off,	JS	WY

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22.	1400		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5: 47 neo, 131 em, T-193.	JS	CC
23.	1500		D Co/Bn NCS: D Co at YU 603005 found 800lbs.		
			of unpolished rice, will destroy, containers		
			unsuitable and negative LZ for back haul, found		
			in large bamboo baskets which were broken., inside		
			of hootch 16x20 ft. used in the last 2 weeks.		
			Trail next to hootch 18" wide NE-SW hard packed,		
			LRU in the last 3 days by 6-8 individuals, 1		
			cycle, 1 fish trap, 1 rice pounder, 20ft. of		
			claymore wire, 1 spool of trip wire, 1 NVA		
			canteen, all preceding items had been in place		
			about 1 week. 1 bunker 8x16 ft. 2 ft. OHC, MRU.		
			Trail EW 18" wide LRU in the last 12 hrs. in		
			negative direction, next to bunker was 1 cross-		
			bow with 6 arrows in place about 7 days. Trail		
			EW 3ft. wide leads up to top of ridge, heavy		
			recent use in the last 7 days to the east.		
			At YU 604007 found 1 hootch 16x20 ft. 6 months		
			old, good shape, platform 2 ft. off the ground,		
			10x20 ft. used in the last 30 days, 2 baskets		
			bamboo, 3ft. diameter, 3 ft. deep good shape,		
			3 fishing poles with 3 fishing lines 8-10 ft.		
			long, 1 pounder, 1 wood bowl, 8" in diameter		

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23.	1500		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6: 3" deep. 1 bunker 4x6 ft. 2 ft. OHC. 6 months old. IRU in the last 30 days.	JS	CC
24.	1540		2/B/Bn NCS: 2/B at YT 526925 found 1 hootch 14x20 ft. 1 ft. off the ground, a bamboo fence 3 ft. high with recent repair. 1 bunker 5x5 ft. 1 ft. OHC good shape, inside hootch 7 thrashing baskets for rice 3 ft. diameter. 1 crossbow, fresh rice husks, thrashed this morning. 2 bamboo baskets 3 ft. diameter empty. 4 sythes, 9 rice pounders. 2 small piles of charcoal use to build campfires. 1 rolling pin to mash rice Fresh fire place, used this morning. Area had recent use by 5-7 individuals in the last 8-10 hrs. Trail going out of area NS 2 ft. NRU, had bamboo sticks on trail to act as early warning system. At YT 522926 found 1 hootch 2x4 ft. with 2 ft. OHC used as animal hootch, had chicken dropping and feather inside. 1 trail NW-SW 1 ft. wide NRU, next to trail 8 holes 1 ft. diameter 4-8 ft. deep used for storage. 22 corn husks found.	JS	CC
25.	1630		542 Ren/Bn NCS: 542 Ren at YU 705004 found		

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25.	1630		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7: 1 hootch 10x10 ft. LHU in the last 48 hrs. inside found 1 gong, 8" in diameter, 1 bicycle wheel missing tire, and many spokes, 1 empty liquor bottle, 1 cooking pot 6" diameter 4" deep, destroyed all items and hootch, also 1 hootch 4x6 ft. very old, inside found 5 old bamboo baskets, 3ft. in diameter, 4 ft. deep, empty NHU destroyed and baskets and hootch, also 1 hootch 20x10 ft. very old, 1 bunker 4x6 ft. 2 ft. OHC caved in. 1 old pig pen 5x4 ft., 7 Montyard urns, 5 gal- lon, destroyed.	JS	CC
26.	1800		All Units/Bn MCS: CLOSING LOCATIONS. A(-) FSB Dragon Head, 3/A YT 528935, B(-) YT 522909, 2/B YT 522926, C(-) YT 549955, 3/C YT 552982, D(-) YU 597007, 1/D YU 590007, 3/D YU 583015, E(-) has 2 mortars tubes at FSB Rash and 2 opeon to 2nd Bde, E Ren YU 538044, 542 Ren YU 705004. All Units have gwee on malaria A Co has 1 AA(auto-ambush), B Co has 2 AA, C Co has 3 AA, D Co has 2 AA, E Ren has 3 AA, 542 Ren has negative AA. B Co has 1 scout dog team, C Co has 1 scout dog team, D Co has		

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26.	1800		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8: 1 scout dog team, all other units have negative scout dog teams. All units have negative snipers, sensors, day manned ambushes. C Co has 1 night manned ambush (YT 549958), all other units have negative night manned ambushes.	JS	CC
27.	1810		Bde S5/Bn M2: Negative Payons for 10 Dec because of unavailable assets. Mission run 8 Dec with following results: Center mass at YT 6997, 3x3 with 15 minute speaker time on theme how to Chieu Hoi to helicopters, also 172000 leaflets with rice denial by VC/NVA as theme run in 1/8 AO.	JS	MD
28.	1815		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Medivac Request, priority mission, contact will be FSB Rash control on 63.40, 1 patient with swollen mouth and tendency to swallow tongue, set down type, negative special equipment. Cancel because of bad weather and can't get through, medics will observe tonight.	JS	MD
29.	1813		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Air Request for 10 Dec 70, 1 UH1H CC/Log aircraft with left jump seat to report to Song Ba on FM 47.10 at		

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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9: 0700 hrs. to 33L (commo rear) and then to FSB Dragon Head on FM 44.05 to Farmer 9 (TOG RTO). 1 Log aircraft came as above. Request 5+2 for 1/B SEC/CA PZ-FSB Rash. LZ-YT 429938, 23 packs, 5 sorties, at 1000 hrs. Request 6+2 for RF plt. SEC/CA at 1045 hrs. PZ-Duc Phong, LZ-YT 429938, 30 packs, 6 sorties, lift frequency 47.60. Request 1 LOH at 1430 hrs. for trip to Bao Loc to coordinate the return of the 542 Bn and possible exchange with a RF Co by the S3.

JS

MD

30.

1830

Bn S3/Bde S3: Final Plans for 10 Dec 70. A(-) will be base defense at FSB Dragon Head. 3/A will conduct G/R to FSB Rash and assume base defense, B(-) will conduct G/R (ground recon) to YT 509908, 2/B will conduct G/R to YT 514920, 1/B will SEC/CA from FSB Rash to LZ-YT 429938 and conduct G/R to YT 435953 in search of 2 enemy pits as indicated by a Chieu Hoi. C(-) will conduct G/R to YT 549955, 2/C will conduct G/R to YT 545963, 3/C will conduct G/R to YT 547978, D(-) will conduct G/R to YU 588012, 2/D will conduct G/R to YU

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to YU 582012, E Ren will conduct G/R to YU
542038, E(-) has 2 mortar tubes at FSB Rash,
and 2 opcon to 2nd Bde, 542 Ren will conduct
G/R to YU 710010.

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Bn NCS/Bde NCS: EXPOSURE REPORT. C Co 1st
sortie 0920 hrs. last sortie 1640 hrs. in
PZ at 0905 hrs. PZ clear 1655 hrs. 5 sorties,
542 Ren 1st sortie 1415 hrs. last sorties 1415
hrs. In PZ at 1400 hrs. PZ clear at 1430 hrs.
1 sortie.

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2100

Bn NCS/Bde NCS: AMMO STATUS. FSB Dragon
Head, E-0/0, G-0/0, 0 fire mission, HE-893,
Illum 355, FSB Rash E-10/0, G-1/0, 1 E fire
mission, HE 124, Illum 59, WP 204.

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All Units/Bn NCS: 3/A, B Co, C Co, D Co, E
Ren, 542 Ren and FSB Rash and Duc Phong from
2000-2400 hrs. gave negative situation reports.

JS

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2359

DAILY SUMMARY: CONTACT: 542 Ren at 1246 hrs.
at YT 715999 engaged 4 individuals carrying
SKSs who evade to the north down a trail,
negative friendly casualties. Negative cache,
Air Lifts: E Ren SEC/SEC 1 hook sortie from

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Dragon Head to Duc Phong. E Ren SEC/CA PZ*

Duc Phong, LZ-YU 541051. 1/B FX/SEC PZ-YT

615923, LZ-FSB Rash. Negative significant events.

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