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1.	0001		Bn NCS/Journal Opens.	JS	JB JB
2.	0550		Bde S5/Bn NCS: Times and locals of bombing mission: at 0600 hrs. at YT 54908400, at 0034 hrs. at YT 53908540, at 0012 hrs. at YT 56108700, at 0152 hrs. at YT 54508370, all locals has 6 500lbs. bombs dropped.	JS	JB
3.	0600		All Units/Bn NCS: A Co, B Co, C Co, D Co, E Bcn, 995 RF, LRRP 71, 21st and Lam Dong Intell elts. from 0100-0600 hrs. gave negative situation reports.	JS	EH
4.	0610		Bde S3/Bn NCS: Log aircraft #671 ETA-0800 hrs. CC aircraft #158 ETA-0730 hrs.	JS	JB
5.	0735		LRRP 71/Bn NCS: LRRP 71 at YU 645016 at 1830 hrs. last night heard 2 shots, one to the east, one to the north, believed to be a signal shots. Will be moving out this morning to check out the area, shots were 600-700 meters out.	JS	EH
6.	0740		Bde S2/Bn NCS: Negative readout on Red Haze TOT-0445 hrs. to 0515 hrs.	JS	JB
7.	0812		Bn S3/Bde S3: Tentative Plans for 14 Dec 70. A Co depending upon insertion point will move in 3 elements upon the commo cache found in vic of YT 565855. B(-) will conduct G/R to		

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493901, 2/B will conduct G/R to YT 494912, 1/B

will conduct G/R to YT 450986, C(-) will conduct

G/R to vic YT 537975, 1/C will conduct G/R to

YT 529981, 3/C will be base defense at FSB Rash,

D(-) will conduct G/R to YT 579998, 1/D will

conduct G/R to YU 573004, 3/D will conduct G/R

to YU 575002, E Ren will FX/CA PZ-YU 546021,

LZ-TBA, E(-) has 2 mortar tubes at FSB Rash,

1 at FSB Thomas, 1 opcon 2nd Bde. LRRP had

a night location at YU 632006, 995 RF will

conduct G/R to YT 427990, 21st and Lam Dong

Intell plts. will conduct G/R to YU 720040.

JS

MD

8.

0905

LRRP 71/Bn NCS: LRRP 71 reports Black Jack 315.

JS

SP

9.

1000

All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A(-) FSB Dragon

Head, 1/A FSB Rash, B(-) YT 514906, 2/B YT

514914, 1/B YT 444974, C (-) YT 548982, 1/C

YT 537975, 3/C YT 539991, D(-) YT 589997, 1/D

YU 585006, 2/D YU 589997, E Ren YU 548029,

E(-) has 2 mortar tubes at FSB Rash, 1 at FSB

Thomas, 1 opcon 2nd Bde, 995 RF YT 427976,

21st and Lam Dong Intell plt. YU 716018,

JS

RD

10.

1010

Bn Sig Off/Bde Sig Off: Use of secure radior

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10. 1010

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A Co-NCS 183501840 hrs. B Co -key punch inoperable.

C Co-NCS 1125-1130 hrs. 1715-1730 hrs. D Co-NCS

1420-1430 hrs. 1715-1730 hrs.

JS

MD

11. 1100

Bn NCS/Bde NCS: AIR LIFT. SEC/SEC of A(-)

from FSB Dragon Head to FSB Rash by hook. 1st

PZ-1030 hrs. 1st LZ-1040 hrs. last PZ-1050 hrs.

lift complete 1058 hrs.

JS

MD

12. 1145

Bn NCS/LRRPS-3: LRRP 71 request Black Jack
ten-15.

JS

MD

13. 1150

21st and Lam Dong Intell plts/Bn NCS: Intell
plts at YU 705019 found 1 hootch 5x5 ft. 1,200

lbs of rice, unpolished, 75 meters to the east

saw 3 VC with black clothes and evaded to the

east, in same area found 3 old garden plots,

already been harvested, engaged the individuals

with small arms and missed it was too thick to

get a good look at them. Results of sweep:

sweep of area found at YU 710033 1 20x40 ft.

hootch with floor built 1 ft. off the ground,

with 1000 lbs. of unpolished rice lying on floor.

At YU 706034 found another 20x40 ft. hootch with

floor and 1000 lbs. of rice on floor, destroyed

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13.	1150		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3: all hootches and rice by fire.	JS	RD
14.	1159		Bn S2/Bde S2: Mission requests for 14 Dec 70. VR for A Co, B Co, D Co, SLAR for 1/8 AO, IR along Dong Nai River. Sniffer in area of YT 4886, 4893, 5180, 5193 thats in Sniffer box 7.	JS	MD
15.	1200		Bn S2/Bde S5: We do not have any Payops leaf lets on hand, we do need some ASAP, Order some for last 2 days and have not received them yet. Also disreguard all old missions from our S5 and accept only those sent daily. Payops mission request for 14 Dec, Center of mass YT 6696, 4x4, YT 6298 3x3 ft. Montyard forced labor theme.	JS	MD
16.	1241		A Co/Bn NCS: A Co AIR LIFT. SEC/CA PZ-FSB Rash, LZ-YT 563959, sorties 13, ACL-5, acft-4+2, 68 packs, 1st LZ-1204 hrs. 1st PZ-1140 hrs. PZ clear 1236 hrs. lift complete at 1240 hrs. PZ/ LZ-green.	JS	MD
17.	1300		3/C/Bn NCS: AIR LIFT. 3/C FX/SEC. PZ-YT 531991, LZ-FSB Rash, 4 sorties. 5 ACL, acft 4+2, 20 packs, 1st LZ-1255 hrs. 1st PZ-1247 hrs. PZ clear 1254 hrs. lift complete 1258 hrs. PZ/LZ green.	JS	MD

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18.

1315

Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Request information on EGT.

Major meeting in Phouc Vinh, will Bde provide

transportation and what time?, Bn CSM will not

attend due to lack of aircraft for transportation. JS

ND

19.

1345

21st and Lam Dong Intell plts./Bn NCS: Intell

plts. at YU 715023 spotted and engaged with small

arms 4 individuals in a 12x20 ft. hootch processing

rice, individuals returned fire with small arms,

3 individuals were female and 1 male, 1 individual

had black pajamas, other had black and kahki

mixture, 1 had an SKS, area engage with Arty,

making sweep of area at this time, contact

broke at 1355 hrs. Individuals were 75 meters away. JS

RD

20.

1400

All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A Co YT 560860

B(-) YT 514906, 2/B YT 511910, 1/B YT 444975,

C(-) YT 532975, 1/C YT 537975, D(-) YT 587994,

1/D YU 583002, 2/D YT 594995, E Ren YU 548029,

E(-) has 2 tubes at FSB Rash, 1 tube opcon 2nd

Bde, 1 tube FSB Thomas. 995 RF YT 427976, 21st

and Lam Dong Intell plts. YU 715023. JS

RD

21.

1405

All Units/Bn NCS: PDS. A Co 3 off, 4 nco, 36

em, 12 att, T-65, B Co 4 off, 45 nco, 50 em,

10 att, T-79, C Co 5 off, 12 nco, 54 em, 13 att

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1405

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neo, 43 em, 12 att, T-76, E Rcn 1 off, 5 neo,

22 em, 4 att, T-33, 995 RF 30, 21st Intell 63.

JS

RD

22.

FSB Bash 5 off, 20 neo, 62 em, T-87 FSB Dragon

Head 11 Off, 36 neo, 92 em, T-128.

JS

RD

22.

1445

Bde S2 Asst/Bn NCS: IR will be run tonight

TOT-0400 hrs. Night Hawk also TOT-2200 hrs.

JS

MD

23.

1450

Psyops aircraft/Bn NCS: Psyops aircraft at YU

707031 spotted 1 campfire, as he flew over the

camp fire it went out.

JS

RD

24.

1515

D Co/Bn NCS: D Co at YT 590991 spotted 2 ind-

ividuals and fired them up with small arms, in-

dividuals were wearing green uniforms, D Co

took about 20 rounds, SKS, return fire, indiv-

iduals evaded to the south east, swept contact

area and found 1 SKS, 20 rounds of 7.62 linked

together, believed to be following 6-7 individuals.

JS

RD

25.

1530

Bde Sig Off/Bn Sig Off: A/L is to go secure;

also when will we be able to accept MARS team.

JS

MD

26.

1605

Bn CO/Bn NCS: Bn CO reports 1 downed aircraft

at YT 571899 due to mechanical difficulties.

request urgent medivac mission for individuals

in the aircraft, 1616 hrs. cancel urgent medivac

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26.	1605		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6: mission, 1820 hrs. from Bde S3 Asst. report 1 LOH tood ground to air fire from AK47 and crashed with 1 US line 1 and 2 line 2. E 1/9 blues inserted at 1635 hrs. and 2 LOH aircraft retrieved line1 and line 2, blues extracted 1745 hrs. 1835 hrs. Bde reports we will never know whether it was ground to air or mechanical trohble, Bde is trying to further readout.	JS	MD
27.	1700		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: From LRRP 71, Vermont 23035 monitoring general area; proximity Full House, Black Jack 6 MR-type.	JS	RD
28.	1710		Bde S5 Asst/Bn NCS: Psyops run 12 Dec 70. 1. YT 7197, 7397, 7194, 7394, 16 minute tape, 18000 leaflets, 2. YT 6096 15 minute tape, 18000 leaflets, 3. YT 6395 15 minute tape, 18000 leaflets, Mission proposed for 14 Dec. 1. YT 6696 4x4, 2. YT 6298 3x3, also ask CO if he would like to consider running in area of contact 13 Dec.	JS	MD
29.	1720		A Co/Bn NCS: A Co at YT 562860 found 2 trails 2 EW 18" wide and direction west. NRU, 1 hootch 8x15 ft. 6 months old. NRU. at YT 561859 found		

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OHC. 1 hootch 8x15 ft. 6 months old, NRU. 1

trail NE-SW 1 ft. wide NRU. At YT 561860 found

1 hootch 8x20 ft. good condition, 3 months

old, LRU in the last 48 hrs., bamboo bridge 8"

wide with dam to catch fish, 2 prints(foot) on

both sides of river. At YT 560857 found 3 hootches,

6x10 ft. poor condition, 6 months old, found 7

baskets with unpolished rice ablut 750 lb. also

50 to 100lbs of corn destroyed by fire. At YT

562862 found 2 hootches 8x15 ft. 1 bunker 5x8 ft.

3 NVA canteens, 2 radios(transistor type, destroy-

ed by fire), 1 WP grenade, 1 shovel, 5 AK47

magazine in poor condition, 2 carbine magazine

in poor condition, 1 ft. length of woman's hair

(black and tied on a stick hanging in hootch),

1 ball point pen(BIC), 6 cooking pans, 20 C

size batteries, 1 fish trap, 3 tin cans, 4 hoses,

2 sickles for cutting grass, 2 grenade(MK3A2)

US made in Aug 70, 1 2qt. canteen cover, GI

type. 1 first aid pack.

JS

JB

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1725

Bn Sig Off/Bde Sig Off: This unit has the

facilities to accept a MARS team of 3 personnel

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know the date of arrival.

JS

MD

31.

1730

D Co/Bn NCS: D Co at YT 585995 found 1 old bunker
4x10 ft. deep Negative OHC, NRU, 1 punji pit
3x7 ft. 3 ft. deep, old covered with grass,
about 30 stakes, 1 trail SW-NE 1 1/2 ft. hardpacked
NRU at one time but NRU now. 1 EW trail 2 ft.
wide, LRU by unknown of individuals in the last
12 hrs. moving west, 1 garden plot 250x200 meters
with very heavy potato crop partly harvested,
some recent use by unknown number of individuals
Plot had a bamboo fence around it, fence was
4 ft. high and old, at YT 585993 found 1 hootch
frame 5x9 ft. with 5x8 ft. bunker under with 18"
OHC, both 5 months old with possible use in the
last 2 weeks, 1 3x6 sleeping platform 6 months
old NRU, 3 8x10 ft. hootches 6 months old, NRU.
2 4x10 ft. bunkers OHC fallen in NRU, 1 6x10
ft. platform with 12 bundles of potato stalks
about 1 week old, platform built about 1-2
weeks ago, 1 NS trail 3 ft. wide, NRU. At YT
592998 found 2 hootches 4x6 ft. 6 months old,
1 EW trail 2 ft. wide last used by 2 individuals

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1 ft. wide NRU, 1 hootch 6x10 ft. with 3x6 ft.
bunker underneath, both were built in the last
2-4 weeks but NRU. At YT 589990 found 1 hootch
8x12 ft. 2 ft. platform 3x4 ft. both new with
recent use by unknown individuals, 1 campfire
still smoking, 1 SKS Chinese made very good
condition, 1 pair of GI scissors, 2 pair NVA
pants, good condition, 1 GI shirt no name tag
with Cav patch, 1 pair green nylon shorts, 1
piece of mosquito net 4x6 ft. 4 NVA green
rucksacks, good condition, in ruck sacks found
1 GI wool blanket gray 4x6 ft. 1 GI pistol belt,
1 GI canteen with cup and cover, 2 GI ammo pouches
good condition 4 rubber pouches made with old
air mattresses, 2 NVA hammocks good condition,
1 piece of rubber tire 3x1 ft. 1 bottom of mess
kit, good condition, 1 round M60 ammo, 23 rounds
linked 7.62 rounds, 20 loose rounds of 7.62, 1
NVA OD belt, 1 20mm round, 1 Montyard knife with
sheath, 2 religious scarfs 10 ft. long, 3 rolls
of fishing line, 2 GI pens, 1 pen holder, 6
non-electric blasting caps (4 US, 2 NVA), 3

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32.	1751		Bn SGT Major/Bde XO: Can you tell me if trans- portation has been arranged to Phouc Vinh tomor- row for the CSM conference. Reply transportation will be arranged TBA.	JS	JB
33.	1800		All Units/Bn NCS: A(-) night locations, YT 560860, 3/A squad ambush YT 565857, B(-) YT 512905, 2/B YT 511910, 1/B YT 443975, C(-) YT 537975, 2/C FSB Rash, D(-) YT 584998, 2/D YT 585990, E Ren YU 548023, E(-) 2 tubes at FSB Rash, 1 at FSB Thomas, 1 tube opcon 2nd Bde. 995 RF YT 430980, ambush YT 431982, 21st Intell plts. YU 710040. All units have green on malaria, A Co has 1 AA(auto-ambush), B Co has 2 AA, C Co has 1 AA, D Co has 4 AA, E Ren has 2 AA, all		

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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11: other units have negative
AA, A Co, C Co, D Co each have 1 scout dog team,
all other units have negative dogs. All units
have negative snipers, sensors, day manned am-
bushes. A Co and 995 RF each have 1 night
manned ambush, mentioned above.

JS

MD

34.

1840

Bn Sig Off/Bde Sig Off: Usage of KY-38(secure)
A/L 1430-1435 hrs. 1540-1610 hrs.

JS

MD

35.

1900

Bn CO/Bde S3: Understand that the blues blew
an extraction pad in the vic of the downed
LOH aircraft what size is this LZ and is it
useable for an insertion if we decide to go
into the area? Blues were extracted by LOH
aircraft and pad is not large enough for
anything bigger.

JS

MD

36.

1910

Bde S5/Bn NCS: Bde S5 has been advised by
Bde CO to start a large Psyops program in the
vic of the downed aircraft, S5 would like to
know if Bn CO agrees with Bde CO, all missions
will be controlled by Bde HQ.

JS

MD

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1915

E Rcn/Bn NCS: E Rcn request engineers or chain
saw or 2 demolition kits to make pad.

JS

DC

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Bde S3 Asst/Bn S3 Asst: Request clearance on

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38.

1930

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12: following grids for
 Skyspots: YT 564902, YT 563896, Clear(DMM), also
 Bn CO request skyspot on YT 572899, grid of
 downed aircraft.

JS

DM

39.

2015

Bn CO/B Co CO: Notification for possible FX
 to CA of B(-) for interdiction near A Co, PZ-
 0900 hrs.

JS

DC

40.

2030

Bde CO/Bn CO : Run down on Plans for 14 Dec
 70. Recommend 2 forces(E Ren+B(-)) in vic
 of downed aircraft. Bn C) was informed of 2
 Sky spots, recommends 3rd sky spot in vic of
 downed aircraft. also recommend and LZ construct
 immediately. 2 forces to go in after LZ con-
 struct and sweep plateau, then block various
 corridors, then employ A Co to the west and
 they will start north, LRRP in vic YT 5988,
 B(-) will be in PZ posture at 0900 hrs. E Ren
 will be in posture at 1300 hrs. due to terrain,
 Must go on assumption that the aircraft was
 shot down, believed small caliber weapons.

JS

MD

41.

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Bn CO/A Co: Mission for A Co to move north
 to stream then follow stream to the west in
 vic of YT 555870 then continued west to stream

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YT 545866, B Co and E Ren to CA vic YT 5791 for
blocking purposes, A Co to make thorough search of
both sides of blue to find any indication of
movement to the north.5

JS

DC

42.

2100

Bde CO/Bn CO: Be sure that maximum day and
night ambush effort on radio site from now on,
th VC will be in the area. Also see what both
Bde CO and Bn CO can do about another RF co.
from Lam Dong, to be placed 10000 meters west
of FSB Dragon Head, inside Lam Dong province,
helpfull to area of FSB Rash.

JS

JB

43.

2135

Bn S3/Bde S3: Final Plans for 14 Dec 70.
A (-) will conduct G/R (ground recon) to YT 565863.
1/A will conduct G/R to YT 563865, 2/A will
conduct G/R to YT 567860, B(-) will FX/CA
PZ-YT 515906, LZ-YT 572899, 1/B will conduct
G/R to YT 445984, C(-) will conduct G/R to YT
537975, 2/C will conduct G/R to YT 528975, 3/C
will be base defense at FSB Rash, D(-) will
conduct G/R to YT 577994, 1/D will conduct
G/R to YU 572001, 2/D will conduct G/R to
YT 578989, E Ren will FX/SEC PZ-YU 548023, LZ-

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43.	2135		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14: YT 572899, E(-) has 2 tubes at FSB Rash, 1 FSB Thomas, 1 opcon 2nd Bde. 995 RF will conduct G/R to YT 436989. Intell plts will conduct G/R to YU 719048.	JS	JB
44.	2145		Bde S5/Bn S2: Those 6 ARVN NCO's will be coming to our local tomorrow for 6 days of OJT. we must pick them up at Song Be around 1400 hrs.	JS	JB
45.	2215		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Air request for 14 Dec. 1 UH1H CC/Log aircraft with left jump seat to report to Song Be on FM 47.10 at 0700 hrs. to 33Z (commo rear) and then to FSB Dragon Head on FM 44.05 at 0730 hrs. to Farmer 9(TOC BTO) 1 log aircraft same as above. Request 6+2 for B(-) FX/CA LZ-YT 572899, B(-) has 32 packs, 7 sorties, 2/B has 28 packs 6 sorties, PZ-at YT 511910. Also E Ren will be FX/CA from PZ-YU 548023, LZ-YT 572899, 33 packs, 7 sorties.	JS	JB
46.	2230		Bde S3/Bn NCS: LOH aircraft was laid on for 1430 hrs. 14 Dec for S3 to fly to Bao Loc for a conference with Province Chief.	JS	JB
47.	2245		Bde S2/Bn S2: LRRP team will not be coming to us 14 Dec it was diverted to 5/7 Cav, next available LRRP team will be 16 Dec 70.	JS	JB

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48.	2358		All Units/Bn NCS: A Co, C Co, Intell plts, LRRP 71, FSB Rash, Duc Phong relay from 2000-2400 hrs. gave negative situation reports.	JS	DC
49.	2359		DAILY SUMMARY: 21st and Lam Dong Intell plts. at 1150 hrs. at YU 705019 spotted and engaged 3 VC in black clothes who evaded to the east. Negative enemy assessments. 21st and Lam Dong plts. at YU 715023 at 1345 hrs. spotted and engaged 4 individuals(3 female), in a hootch processing rice, had return fire, individuals evaded. D Co at YT 590991 spotted and engaged 2 individuals in green uniforms and received return fire, individuals evaded to the south east, sweep of area produced 1 SKS and 20 rounds of ammo for it. Negative cache, Air Lifts: A(-) SEC/SEC from FSB Dragon Head to FSB Rash by hook, A Co SEC/CA PZ-FSB Rash, LZ-YT 563959, 3/C FX/SEC PZ-YT 531991, LZ-FSB Rash. Negative significant events.	JS	WL
50.	2400		JOURNAL CLOSED.	JS	JB

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