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1.	0001		Bn NCS/Journal Opens.	JS	JB
2.	0530		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: Log aircraft #368 ETA-0800 hrs. CC aircraft #155 ETA-0700 hrs.	JS	JB
3.	0600		All Units/Bn NCS: B Co, E Rcn, FSB Rash, Duc Phong relay, 21st and Lam Dong Intell plts. from 0100-0600 hrs. gave negative situation reports.	JS	EH
4.	0630		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: Weather Report. Visiability 7 miles, ceiling scattered and broken Max temperature 90, Min temperature 70.	JS	JB
5.	0635		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: QRF for FSB Rash is 3/C, RRF is C(-), QRF for FSB Dragon Head is HHC.	JS	JB
6.	0750		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Was given clearance in priority number 1 box, east of FSB Rash.	JS	EH
7.	0755		D Co/Bn NCS: D Co at YT 586995 found 1 trail hard packed, 1 ft. wide, EW used in the last 12hrs. by 2-3 individuals, also 1 junction to the south 300 meters to the stream HRU in the last 12 hrs. at YT 586993 found 1 trail NE-SW 4 ft. wide HRU, also 1 trail 1 ft. wide NS LRU, also 5 campfires 2 weeks old, at YT 586992 found 3 bunkers 8x4x3 with 2 ft. OHC, 4 months old. NRU at YT 592995 found 1 hootch 8x6 ft.		

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1 1/2 ft. good condition. NRU. At YT 592995 found
1 trail NE-SW 6" wide NRU. 2 fish traps.

JS

EH

8.

0800

Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team 24 check in at
0800 hrs. has a good fix on friendly locations.
will call in any heavy spot reports.

JS

EH

9.

0809

Bn S3/Bde S3: Tentative Plans for 16 Dec 70.
A(-) will conduct G/R(ground recon) to YT 565882.
1/A will conduct G/R to YT 576874, 3/A will
conduct G/R to YT 556882, B(-) will conduct
G/R to YT 568894, 2/B will conduct G/R to YT
560893, 3/B will conduct G/R to YT 574896,
C(-) will conduct G/R to YT 536957, 2/C will
conduct G/R to YT 522969, 3/C will be base
defense at FSB Rash. D(-) will conduct G/R
to YT 581981, 1/D will conduct G/R to YT 572982,
3/D will conduct G/R to YT 598988, E Ren will
conduct G/R to YT 548963, E(-) has 2 mortar
tubes at FSB Rash, 1 at FSB Thomas, 1 opcon
2nd Bde, 21st and Lam Dong Intell plts. will
conduct G/R to YU 730011.

JS

VM

10.

0815

Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team checked in 0815
hrs. as hunter killer team and Hwy to pole

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10.	0815		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2: LRRP 71, extract LRRP 71 at 0839 hrs. PZ-green.	JS	EH
11.	0850		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team reports at 0740 hrs. at YT 606905 saw 1 hootch 10x15 ft. with fresh diggings near hootch in the last 24 hrs. Engaged and destroyed, at 0815 hrs. at YT 609918 saw 1 garden plot 50x50 meters, also a few chickens in vicinity; 1 8x10 ft. hootch NRU in the area. At 0830 hrs. at YT 616923 saw 1 orchard with 8 ft. bamboo fence around it about 100x50 meters; 1 bunker 8x10 ft. with a 2x3 ft. entrance in the center, 1 NS trail, follow 300 meters to the north and was 1 plot 100x50 meters, AO had recent use of about 7 days.	JS	MD
12.	0945		Bn NCS/Bde S2 Asst: Request from Bde for Air Strike on suspected or known enemy locations: YT 661954, with 16 bunkers, 6 hootches, 1 mess hall, YT 662954 with 20 hootches, YT 655954 with 50 bunkers, 6 hootches, LRU.	JS	MD
13.	1000		All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A(-) YT 559871, 1/A(ambushes at YT 560860, YT 561862, YT 558868), 3/A YT 557870, B(-) YT 570899, 3/B YT 570899 moving south, 2/B squad ambush YT 572900, YT		

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13.	1000		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3: 438987, C (-) YT 536975. 2/C YT 535965, 3/C FSB Rash, D(-) YT 590991. 1/D YT 590991 moving SW, 2/D ambush at YT 590990. E Ren YU 559023, 995 RF YT 428990, 21 and Lam Dong Intell plts. YU 737018.	JS	RD
14.	1010		Bn Sig Off/Bde Sig Off: Use of secure radio in the last 24 hrs. A Co-B Co 1730-1740 hrs. 2055- 2105 hrs. B Co-NCS 1710-1720 hrs. 1815-1820 hrs. 2045-2055 hrs. C Co aware inoperative, D Co- NCS(A) 2045-2050 hrs. A/A(fwd) - A/L rear 1040-1050 hrs. 1645-1745 hrs.	JS	JO
15.	1015		B Co/Bn NCS: B Co at YT 570890 found 1 4 ft. wide trail running NW-SE with sandal and water buffalo tracks on it with 2or 3days ago, heard movement to the SE and fired it up, found tracks just mad by 2 individuals who evaded to the SE, recon out and sweeping at this time.	JS	RD
16.	1020		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team at YT 644825 while working a garden plot saw 10 individuals and took about 20 rounds of fire, 1 man in low aircraft was wounded, air strike was put in.	JS	RD
17.	1025		A Co/Bn NCS: A Co at YT 556869 found 4 hootch frames 10x15 ft. 2 camp fires 48 hrs. old, 1		

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17.	1025		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4: trail SW 2 ft. wide used in the last 48 hrs. by 4 individuals to the west, recent use in whole area in last 48 hrs.	JS	RD
18.	1026		A Co/Bn NCS: A Co at YT 552866 saw 4 individuals 25-50 meters away engaged and killed 1, did not take any return fire. Individual killed was an LT; had promotion orders and resupply list on his person; engaged individuals 50 meters across the river, negative weapons sighted, also 1 rucksack with 1 poncho, 1 flashlight, 3 oz. of documents, 1 transistor radio, 3 C size batteries, 1 hammock, 1 lighter, 2 pairs of HCM sandals, individual had short hair, no recent haircut, negative friendly casualties.	JS	RD
19.	1042		D Co/Bn NCS: D Co at YT 585990 had 1 B40 set off prematurely by an unknown enemy force, evaded to the west, took about 20 rounds of AK47 fire, made sweep of area found B40 fin and cartridge, US engaged with small arms, report 1 US line 2, enemy west 75 meters away.	JS	RD
20.	1045		Bde S2 Asst/Bn NCS: IR Readings, YT 511934 5 individuals on hill, TOT-0450-0720 hrs., YT 438917 1 in woods, TOT-0450-0720 hrs.	JS	MD

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21.	1100		E Rcn/Bn NCS: AIR LIFT. FX/SEC PZ-YT 559023. LZ-FSB Rash. 6 sorties. ACL-5. acft-4+2. packs 32. 1st PZ-1042 hrs. 1st LZ-1048 hrs. P ⁴ clear 1056 hrs. lift complete 1100 hrs. P ⁴ /LZ-green.	JS	RD
22.	1253		Bde S3/Bn NCS: Psyops aircraft will be on station over gap site at 1300 hrs.	JS	DC
23.	1300		FSB Rash/Bn NCS: AIR STRIKE. TOS-1145 hrs. TOT-1221 hrs. BOS-1216 hrs. Ordinance CBU 25.	JS	RD
24.	1335		2/B/Bn NCS: 2/B at YT 572900 engaged an estimated 10 individuals moving SW on a 2 ft. wide EW trail. individuals were 15 meters wazy. Results: 3 KIA. 2 male. 1 female. individuals evaded to NE. 2/B followed trail 200 meters and trail split into 2 trails both going NE paralleling each other 25 meters apart. 2/B split and fol- lowed both branches another 450 meters and found a maize of trails which will be checked out tomorrow. found 1 campfire with warm coals. Sweep of contact area found 1 old NVA ruck- sack with 15 lbs. polished rice. 1 cigarette lighter. 1 set wooden chop sticks. 1 mess kit metal. 1 pair black pajamas. 1 pair green NVA fatigues. 2 C size batteries. 1 small metal		

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24.	1335		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6: rice bowl, 1 peice of elephant skin made into bracelet, individuals were wearing light green shirts, and dark green pants, negative headgear, and NVA boots, men wore NVA rucksacks and woman carried a basket.	JS	MD
25.	1345		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team at YT 644825 saw 7 bunkers 4x2 ft. negative OHC looked like they were built in last 2-4 days.	JS	RD
26.	1350		Bn S2/Bde S2: Our radar is in need of repair. The line on the screen is haywire.	JS	MD
27.	1400		All Units/Bn NCS: PDS. A Co 3 off, 14 nco, 36 em, 12 att, T-65. B Co 4 off, 15 nco, 53 em, 12 att, T-84, C Co 5 off, 11 nco, 50 em, 20 att, T-86, D Co 6 off, 15 nco, 49 em, 12 att, T-82. E Rcn 1 off, 7 nco, 24 em, 11 att, T-43. 995 RF 30, 21 Intell 59+4, advisors. FSB Rash 4 off, 17 nco, 59 em, T-80. FSB Dragon Head 12 off, 38 nco, 107 em, T-157.	JS	MD
28.	1415		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: FX/SEC 995 RF. PZ-YT 428990 LZ-Duc Phong, sorties 4, ACL-7, acft-4+2, 30 packs, 1st PZ-1348 hrs. 1st LZ-1356 hrs, PZ clear 1406 hrs. lift complete 1410 hrs. PZ/LZ green. 5	JS	MD

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29.	1418		Payops Aircraft/Bn NCS: Payops on station at this time. Ran mission over A Co contact area.	JS	EW
30.	1450		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: AIR LIFT. FX/SEC Bf 1/B PZ-YT 438987, LZ-YT 572899, 4 sorties, ACL-5 acft-4+2, 20 packs, 1st PZ-1417 hrs, 1st LZ 1429 hrs. PZ clear 1423 hrs, lift complete 1440 hrs. PZ/LZ-green.	JS	MD
31.	1500		2/A/Bn NCS: 2/A at YT 555863 saw 1 individual to their SE about 25 meters away, fired him up and he evaded to SE, was wearing green pants, kahki shirt, sweeping area at this time.	JS	RD
32.	1607		E Rcn/Bn NCS: E Rcn AIR LIFT. SEC/CA, PZ-FSB Rash, LZ-YT487921, 489920, sorties 9, ACL 5, acft 4+2, 44 packs, 1st PZ-1538 hrs, 1st LZ 1549 and 1548 hrs, PZ clear 1559 hrs, lift complete 1605 hrs, PZ/LZ-green.	JS	MD
33.	1615		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team at YT 641827 thinks he took ground to air, waiting readout.	JS	RD
34.	1653		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Blues extract at 1653 hrs EZ-green.	JS	DC
35.	1720		Engineer CO/Bn S3: Plans to remove case 450 and D-5 from FSB Rash tomorrow 16 Dec, also will engineers off FSB Rash if their mission is complete.	JS	DC

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36.	1758		Bde S3 Asst/Bn NCS: Be advised E 1/9 blues at YT 646829 have booby trapped a sleeping area.	JS	MD
37.	1810		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: CC/Log aircraft released at 1800 hrs. Log aircraft released at 1748 hrs.	JS	MD
38.	1815		Bde S2 Asst/Bn NCS: SNiffer readouts. TOT-0735 to 0955 hrs. 1 max reading YT 598895, 3 normal reading YT 512922, YT 582827, YT 600914, Missions run in boxes 71, 72, 79.	JS	MD
39.	1825		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Air Request for 16 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 (RTO TOC), 1 log aircraft same as above.	JS	MD
40.	1830		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: MORTAR REPORT. Line 1 E-70/20, G-6/0, Line 2 E-3, G-2.	JS	MD
41.	1845		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: EXPOSURE REPORT. B Co 1st sortie 0915 hrs. last sortie 0915 hrs. In PZ 0900 hrs. PZ clear 0930 hrs. 1 sortie, C Co 1st sortie 1630 hrs. last sortie 1710 hrs. In Pz 1615 hrs. Pz clear 1725 hrs. 4 sorties, E Rcn 1st sortie 0915 hrs. last sortie 0915 hrs. In PZ 0900 hrs. PZ clear 0930 hrs. 1 sortie.	JS	MD

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42.	1945		All Units/Bn NCS: CLOSING LOCATIONS. A(-) YT 549870, 3/A YT 546867(3 ambushes: YT 558866, YT 561856, YT 561858). B(-) YT 570899, 3/B YT 574890, C(-) YT 536975, 2/C YT 535965, D/C FSB Rash, D Co YT 588991, squad ambush YT590990. E Ren YT 487921, YT 489920, 21 Intell Plts. YU 725013. A Co has 5 AA(auto-ambush), B Co has 3 AA, C Co has 3 AA, D Co has 3 AA, E Ren has 1 AA, 21st has 1 AA. All Units have green on malaria, A Co and C Co each have 1 scout dog team, all other units have negative scout dog teams. All units have negativesnipers and sensor.	JS	DC
43.	1950		Bn S3/Bde S3: Final Plans for 16 Dec 70. A(-) will conduct G/R(ground recon) to YT 548875, 3/A will conduct G/R to YT 541873, 1/A will conduct G/R to YT 565864, B(-) will conduct G/R to YT 568894, 3/B will conduct G/R to YT 580888, 1/B will conduct G/R to YT 563899, C(-) will conduct G/R to YT 536975, 2/C will conduct G/R to YT 527968, 3/C will be base defense at FSB Rash, D(-) will conduct G/R to YT 585984, 1/D will conduct G/R to YT 579989, 3/D will conduct		

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43.	1950		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10: G/R to YT 595984, E Ren will conduct G/R to YT 487921 and 489920, E(-) has 2 mortar tubes at FSB Rash, 1 FSB Thomas. 1 opcon to 2nd Bde, 21st and Lam Dong Intell plts. will conduct G/R to YU 725005.	JS	MD
44.	1955		Bde S5 Asst/Bn NCS: PSYOPS TODAY. 1. YT 3386 10x10 negative broadcast time, 72000 leaflets. 2. YT 4988 10 right and 8 up negative broad- cast time 72000 leaflets. 3. YT 5586 6 right and 6 up 1 hour broadcast time negative leaflets.	JS	MD
45.	2000		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Request for 16 Dec 70. Request following LZ constructs. YT 525884. YT 555903, YT 541877.	JS	MD
46.	2358		All Units/Bn NCS: A Co, B Co, C Co, D Co, E Ren, FSB Rash, 21st and Lam Dong Intell plts. from 2100-2400 hrs. gave negative situation reports.	JS	DC
47.	2359		DAILY SUMMARY: CONTACT: B Co at YT 570890 heard movement to the SE and fired it up. found tracks just made by 2 individuals who evaded to the SE, negative casualties. A Co at YT 552866 spotted and engaged 4 individuals 25-50 meters away, negative return fire, results		

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DAILY SUMMARY CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11: 1 KIA, an LT, negative friendly casualties. D Co at YT 585990 had 1 BAO set off prematurely by unknown enemy force evaded to the west and took about 20 rounds of AK47 fire. US engaged with small arms and made sweep of area, found BAO fin and cartridge. Results: 1 US line 2. Negative enemy assessment. 2/B at YT 572900 engaged an estimated 10 individuals moving SW on a 2 ft. trail. Results: 3 KIA, 2 male, 1 female, negative casualties: Sweep of contact area found 1 old NVA rucksack with various items inside, negative documents. 2/A at YT 555863 engaged 1 individual in green pants and khaki shirt, who evaded to SE, negative results. Cache for today was negative; Air Lifts: E Rcn FX/SEC PZ-YT 559023, LZ-FSB Rash, 995 RF FX/SEC PZ-YT 428990, LZ-Duc Phong, 1/B FX/SEC PZ-YT 438987, LZ-YT 572899, E Rcn SEC/CA PZ-FSB Rash, LZ-YT 487921. Negative significant events.

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