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1.

0001

Bn NCS/Journal Opens.

JS

EH

2.

0600

All Units/Bn NCS: A Co, B Co, C Co, D Co, FSB

Rash, 21st and Lam Dong Intell plts. from 0100-

0600 hrs. gave negative situation reports.

JS

EH

3.

0610

Bde NCS/Bn NCS: Weather Report, Visibility

5-7 miles, ceiling scattered, Max temperature

90, Min temperature 68.

JS

JB

4.

0620

Bde S3/Bn S3: CC aircraft #912 ETA-0700 hrs.

Log aircraft #398 ETA-0800 hrs.

JS

JR

5.

0730

Bde S3/Bn S3: All aircraft will be 1-1½ hrs.

late due to bad weather conditions.

JS

JR

6.

0744

D Co/Bn NCS: D Co at YT 588984, has a person

with high fever, looking for pad. Medivac

rated priority, temperature is 102, last night

was 103.2. will take CC aircraft if he can get

out to him, have a place for a pad.

JS

EH

7.

0800

Bn S3/Bde S3: Tentative Plans for 18 Dec 70.

A(-) will conduct G/R(ground recon) to YT 545879

1/A will conduct G/R to YT 552868, 3/A will

conduct G/R to YT 542882, B(-) will conduct

G/R to YT 554897, 1/B will conduct G/R to YT

550990, 2/B will conduct G/R to YT 555893,

C(-) will FX/SEC PZ YT 528994, FSB Rash,

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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1: then move by hook to FSB Dragon Head and be base defense. 2/C will be base defense at FSB Rash. D(-) will conduct G/R to YT 604974, 1/D will conduct G/R to YT 594968, 3/D will conduct G/R to YT 584973, E Ren will conduct G/R to vic YT 485913 and YT 484914 to work with sensor team. E(-) has 2 mortar tubes at FSB Rash, 1 FSB Thomas, 1 opcon 2nd Bde. 21st and Lam Dong Intell plts. will conduct G/R to YT 697987.

JS

JR

8.

0815

Bn S2 Air/Bde S2: Need radar repairman because RT won't scan.

JS

JR

9.

0830

Bn Sig Off/Bde Sig Off: MARS Team arrived this location at 1630 hrs. 16 Dec 70 with equipment. Team leader requests information from Phouc Vinh as to arrival of new team, frequencies, azimuths, etc, in order to get his equipment operable.

JS

JR

10.

0910

Bn S2/Bde S5: ID#'s of the KCS we discussed last night are 810 and 837, would appreciate information as to when I could pick up their pay as soon as you get it.

JS

JR

11.

0925

Bde S2/Bn S2: We would like to know when can

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11.	0925		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2: we expect a Ranger Team ? Within next 3-5 days not positive at this time.	JS	JR
12.	0930		Bn S2/Bde S2: Mission request for 18 Dec 70. VR for A Co, B Co, D Co. SLAR for 1/8 AO, IR for along Dong Nai River, Sniffer in area of 6302, 6398, 7002, 7098.	JS	JR
13.	0955		Bn Sig Off/Bde Sig Off: MARS Team leader request THG new team from Phouc Vinh bring with them one antenna accessory bag, also wishe to know THG time of arrival for this new team, 1455-1500 hrs.	JS	JR
14.	1000		All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A(-) YT 548779, 1/1/A YT 563857, B Co YT 563899, C(-) YT 527974, 2/C YT 522967, 3/C FSB Rash, D(-) YT 588984, 1/D YT 590980, 3/D YT 586984, E Rcn YT 485915, YT 486981, YT 488918 moving NW, 21st and Lam Dong Intell YT 706995.	JS	RD
15.	1010		Bn Sig Off/Bde Sig Off: Use of secure radio for last 24 hrs. A Co-NCS 1920-1923, 0615-0617 0735-0739 hrs. B Co-NCS 1915-1917, 0652-0655 hrs. C Co-NCS 1645-1650, 1735-1740, 0655-0703 0731-0734 hrs. D Co-NCS 1700-1715, 1825-1830		

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15.	1010		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3: 0645-0650 hrs. A/L (fwd)				
			A/L (rear): 1053-1055, 1350-1400, 1405-1415,				
			1450-1520, 1700-1710, 0805-0815, 0816-0820,				
			0835-0840, 0855-0900, 0905-0910, 0920-0923, 0925-				
			0935 hrs.			JS	JR
16.	1025		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team 29 on station with				
			sniffer aircraft working and given clearance				
			in area bordered on west by 60, north 92, E				
			73, south 82.			JS	DC
17.	1030		E Ren/Bn NCS: E Ren at YT 487916 while patrolling				
			saw and engaged 3 individuals on the west bank				
			of stream, who evaded, during sweep of area				
			saw 2 individuals leaving water going up east				
			bank, engaged with small arms and 1 individual				
			fell in water, 1 possible VC KIA, individuals				
			were wearing black pajamas and carrying weapons				
			the other individual evaded to the East, negative				
			return fire.			JS	RD
18.	1115		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Request 2 scout dog teams				
			for D Co, E Ren.			JS	MD
19.	1117		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Clearance for following				
			grids for N.H. YT 515855, YT 500975, YU 580010,				
			YU 720050, cleared by JM.			JS	MD

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1145

Bn NCS/Bde NCS: MEDIVAC REQUEST. Priority-
urgent, at YT 569899, B Co, special equipment
1 rigid litter, 1 individual with groin injury
from falling upon branch. Medivac 19 ETA-25
minutes, completed 1232 hrs.

JS

MD

21.

1257

Bn S2 Air/Bde S5: YT 5998 is center of mass
for a Payops mission we ran today, we dropped
10000 leaflets over a 10000 meter area, theme
was no place to hide in Lam Dong, TOT-1015 hrs.
to 1030 hrs.

JS

MD

22.

1350

Rash(FAG)/Bn NCS: AIR STRIKE. YT 553834, TOS-
1315 hrs. TOT-1338 hrs. FOS-1325 hrs. BDS-
2 hootches destroyed, 5 spider holes, 1 bunker
2 trails, 1 destroyed.

JS

RD

23.

1400

All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A(-) YT 549870.
1/A YT 563857, B Co YT 559899, C(-) YT 527974.
2/C YT 532967, 3/C FSB Rash, D(-) YT 593972,
3/D YT 583978, E Ren YT 485915, YT 487916, 2
st and Lam Dong Intell plts. YT 702988. PDS
A Co 3 off, 14 nco, 37 em, 12 att, T-66, B Co
4 off, 14 nco, 56 em, 13 att, T-87, C Co 5 off,
12 nco, 56 em, 23 att, T-96, D Co 6 off, 15 nco,
48 em, 12 att, T-81, E Ren 1 off, 7 nco, 24 em.

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Intell 63. FSB Dragon Head 14 off, 37 nco,

97 em, T-148. FSB Rash 5 off, 14 nco, 64 em,

T-83.

JS

RD

24.

1410

Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team was given clearance

by DMM to fire in boxes 58, 68, 69.

JS

RD

25.

1426

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

plts. at YT 701989 was engaged with 2-3 magazines

of AK47 fire from 2-3 individuals 30 meters

to the west, did not observe any clothing etc.

Intell plts. returned fire and individuals

evaded to the north, AFA and Arty employed,

Intell plts. had 1 line 2, extracted by CC

aircraft. Negative enemy assessment.

JS

DC

26.

1445

Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team at 1420 hrs. at

YT 722915 spotted 2 3x4 ft. bunkers with entrances,

LRU in the last 48 hrs. at 1430 hrs. at YT 715935

spotted 1 NS trail, 3 ft. wide, 1 12x20 ft.

hootch NRU in the area.

JS

MD

27.

1450

D Co/Bn NCS: D Co at YT 591977 found 1 trail

2 ft. wide NW-SE used in the last 48 hrs. by

2-3 individuals negative direction. at YT

586983 found 1 hootch 4x6 ft. 3 months old. NRU.

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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6: 1 5 gallon water jug,
 2 trails, 1 NE-SW 6" wide used by 1 individual
 in the last 2 hrs. to the SW, 1 trail NW-SE 6"
 wide, used in the last 48 hrs. by 4-5 individuals
 to the NW. At YT 585983 found 1 hootch 10x12 ft.
 in hootch had fire wood, 2 fish nets 4x 6 ft.
 also 1 bunker 6x6 ft. 1 1/2 ft. OHC used by 1-2
 individuals in the last 24 hrs. 1 trail NW-SE
 18" wide used in the last 24 hrs. by 1-2 ind-
 ividuals, negative direction. At YT 583977
 found 1 hootch, 12x14 ft. old, 1 pig pen, 12x14
 ft. 1 trail EW 18" wide with NRU in the area.

JS

RD

28.

1500

Bn S2/Bde S2: Psyops mission for 18 Dec in the
 afternoon at YU 6802, 3x5, Chieu Hoi or Die
 tape, leaflets, aircraft to check in at FSB
 Dragon Head first.

JS

JB

29.

1530

Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team reports at 1445
 hrs. at YT 725904 1 NS trail 2 ft. wide hard
 packed LRU in 48 hrs. Negative direction.
 at 1450 hrs. at YT 715935 saw 1 3x5 bunker,
 platform 3x10 ft. 3x2 fighting position with
 NRU, at 1500 hrs. at YT 735936 1 NE-SW trail
 2 ft. wide, LRU in the last 24 hrs. Negative direction

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29.	530		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7: at 1515 hrs. at YT 741928 saw 2 hootches under construction with L-MRU in the last 24 hrs. 5x15 ft.	JS	MD
30.	1540		Bn S2 Air/Bde S5: Another Psyops drop in our AO by organic aircraft 10000 leaflets were dropp by us on area of YT 6496, 6795, 6796, there was no place to hide. We still have not received any leaflets.	JS	MD
31.	1600		Bn Sig Off/Bde Sig Off: MARS Team leader wished to know when the New MARS team will arrive this location.	JS	MD
32.	1654		1st Bde G/S2/Bn NCS: Message from MACV at Bao Loc relayed by 1st Bde G/S2, the 21st and Lam Dong Intell plts. willnot be removed tomorrow but on Saturday same time and same place.	JS	DC
33.	1700		Bde S2 Asst/Bn NCS: Bde has a new policy on dog request, request we ask for scout dogs NLT 0900 hrs. daily.	JS	MD
34.	1710		Bde S5 Asst/Bn NCS: Psyops scheduled for 18 Dec. 1. YT 5184 10x10, 2. YT 4790 3x3, Psyops run 17 Dec 1. YT 3385 3x3 20 minute tape with rally instructions. 2. YT 3689 3x3 20		

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34.	1710		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8: minute tape with VC are bad for your people. 3. YT 5290 3x3 20 minute tape with Night brings death.	JS	MD
35.	1718		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Air Request for 18 Dec. 1 UH1H CC/Log aircraft with left jump seat to report to Song Be on FM 47.10 at 0700 hrs. to 332(commo rear) and then to FSB Dragon Head on FM 44.05 at 0730 hrs. to Farmer 9(TOC RTO) 1 log aircraf same as above. Request 6+2 for C(-) FX/SEC PZ-YT 527947, LZ-FSB Rash, 71 packs, 16 sorties, at 1030 hrs. also 2 hook sorties for D Co SEC/SEC PZ-FSB Rash, LZ-FSB Dragon Head, 71 packs, 2 sorties at 1200 hrs.	JS	MD
36.	1745		Bn S2/Bde S5: We have had about 8 contacts in or around CP in our far N Eastern part of our AO. We want Psyops operations to saturate that area with leaflets and tapes. Montyard forced labor tapes. Chieu Hoi or Die at center of mess 7100.	JS	JB
37.	1807		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: MORTAR REPORT. E-24/16, G-C/O. 1 E and 2 G fire missions, T-781 HE, 341 Illum.	JS	JB
38.	1810		C Co/Bn S2: C Co at YT 528971 found 1 bamboc mess hall 20x60 ft. with 1 bunker at each end		

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38.	1810		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9: 4x10 ft. 4 ft. deep 1 ft. OHC, 1 caved in tunnel, 30 ft. long, 6 ft. deep, 4 ft. wide, 1 animal pen 10x10 ft. 1 trail NS 2 ft. wide with 3 bunkers along side 6x4x3 1/2 ft. 1 ft. OHC, NRU.	JS	DC
39.	1845		All Units/Bn NCS: CLOSING LOCATION. A(-) YT 549870, 1/A YT 558857, B(-) YT 555898, 2/E YT 554896, 1/B YT 552900, C(-) YT 527974, 2/C YT 535967, 3/C FSB Rash, D(-) YT 594970, 3/D YT 585974, E Ren YT 489920, YT 487921, YT 485915, 21st and Lam Dong Intell plts. YT 696976, E(-) has 2 mortar tubes at FSB Rash, 1 FSB Thomas, 1 opcon 2nd Bde.	js	jb
40.	1915		Bn S3/Bde S3: Final Plans for 18 Dec 70. A(-) will conduct G/R(ground recon) to YT 546879, 1/A will conduct G/R to YT 557864, 3/A will conduct G/R to YT 543878, B(-) will conduct G/R to YT 545899, 2/B will conduct G/R to YT 545896, 1/B will conduct G/R to YT 548894. C(-) will FX/SEC PZ-YT 527974 to FSB Rash, and then move by hook to FSB Dragon Head and assume base defense. 2/C will be base defense at FSB Rash, D(-) will conduct G/R to YT 595963, 1/D		

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40.	1915		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10: will conduct G/R to YT 603966, 3/D will conduct G/R to YT 582963. E Rcn will conduct G/R to YT 489920, YT 485915, YT 487921 to work with sensor team, E(-) has 2 tubes at FSB Rash, 1 FSB Thomas, 1 oxcon 2nd Bde, 21st and Lam Dong Intell plts. will conduct G/R to YT 690970.	JS	JF
41.	1935		Bde S2/Bn NCS: Sniffer results from 1515-1732 hrs. negative significant readout. at YT 683847 and YT 706848 spotted smoke, possible camp site, this information was passed to E Trp 1/9 for a look tomorrow and also passed to Arty LNO.	JS	JB
42.	2000		All Units/Bn NCS: A Co had 1 AA(auto-ambush) B Co has 2 AA, C Co 3 AA, D Co has 2 AA, E Rcn has 1 AA, Intell plts have 1 AA, A Co and B Co each have 1 scout dog team, all other units have negative scout dog teams. All units have negative snipers. All units have green on malaria. BCo has 1 night manned ambush at YT 552900, C Co has 1 at YT 535967, E Rcn has 1 at YT 487921. All other units have negative night manned ambushe.	JS	DC
43.	2124		Bn NCS/Journal: At 2124 hrs. Bn CO 1/8 tried		

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43.	2124		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11: to contact 2nd Bde XO or S1, was informed that neither was available at this time.	JS	DM
44.	2200		Bn Sig Off/Bde Sig Off: Contingency plan for Bunard, Duc Phong, Xoai. Request the frequency call signs, suffixes or complete SOP for the MACV teams or advisors located at Bunard, Duc Phong, Dong Xoai, if there are any questions I will talk with you at 1000 hrs. on 18 Dec when the secure usage is called in.	JS	JB
45.	2230		Bn CO/Bde XO: Request to know when Bde PDS is due to Div(2200 hrs.) and when Bn is due to Bde(2100 hrs.), requested and granted cut off time of PDS to Bde be NLT 2300 hrs.	JS	DC
46.	2235		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: Call signs: Complex Jackpot FM 55.10 Suffix: Bunard 27, Duc Phong 68, Dong Xoai 82, Bde will have an SOI extract for us.	JS	JB
47.	2358		All Units/Bn NCS: A Co, B Co, C Co, D Co, FSB FSB Rash, 21st and Lam Dong Intell plts. from 2000-2400 hrs. gave negative situation reports.	JS	DC
48.	2359		DAILY SUMMARY: CONTACT: E Ren at YT 487916 engaged 3 individuals on the west bank of a stream, who evaded, during sweep of area saw		

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48.	2359		DAILY SUMMARY CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12: 2 individuals leaving the water going up the east bank, engaged with small arms and 1 individuals fell in water, 1 possible VC KIA, individuals were wearing black pajamas and carrying weapons, the other individual evade to the east, negative return fire. 21st and Lam Dong Intell plts. at YT 701989 was engaged with 2-3 magazines of AK47 fire from 2-3 individuals 30 meters to the west, returned fire, negative enemy assessment and individuals evaded to the north. Intell plts had 1 line2, extracted by CC aircraft. Negative cache, negative air lifts, negative significant events.	JS	WL		
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