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FSB DRAGON HEAD

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Bn NCS/Journal Opens.

JS

JR

2.

0552

Bde S3/Bn S3 Air: CG aircraft #102 ETA-0700

hrs. Log aircraft #482 ETA-0800 hrs.

JS

JR

3.

0600

All Units/Bn NCS: A Co, B Co, D Co, E Rcn.

FSB Rash, 124 RF from 0100-0600 hrs. gave

negative situation reports.

JS

EH

4.

0700

Bde NCS/Bn NCS: Weather Report. Visibility

7 miles, ceiling scattered, Max temperature

90, Min temperature 68.

JS

JR

5.

0800

B Co 8th Eng. XO/Bn XO: The two engineers at

FSB Dragon Head will be removed for and in-

definite period of time.

JS

DC

6.

0855

Bn S3/Bde S3: Tentative Plans for 23 Dec 70

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

533886, 1/A will conduct G/R to YT 527840, 3/A

will conduct G/R to YT 527887, B Co will be

located in 7 ambush sites until they are ex-

tracted, YT 571910, 572907, 572912, 581922,

577921, 558908, 558912, C Co will conduct G/R

to the NE on a Chieu Hoi Mission, D (-) will conduct

G/R to YT 592945, 2/D will conduct G/R to YT

599946, 3/D will be base defense at FSB-Rashl

E Rcn will be with C Co, E(-) has 2 mortar

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| 6. | 0855 | | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1: tubes at FSB Rash, 1 at FSB Thomas, 1 opcon 2nd Bde. 124 RF will conduct G/R to YU 654008. | JS | JR |
| 7. | 0930 | | Bn S3/Bde S3: Air Lift. EX/SEC of E Rcn, PZ- YT 487916, YT 487921, LZ-FSB Rash, ACL-5, acft- 3+2, 36 packs, 7 sorties, 1st PZ-0913/0905 hrs. 1st LZ-0909 hrs. PZ clear 0922/0905 hrs. Lift complete 0925 hrs. PZ/LZ-green. | JS | JR |
| 8. | 0945 | | Bn S2/Bde S2: Mission request for 22 Dec 70. VR for A Co, B Co, 124 RF, SLAR for 1/8 AO. IR along the Dong Nai River. Sniffer for YT 4784 to YT 5184, to YT 4789, to YT 4390, box 78. | JS | JR |
| 9. | 0955 | | Bn S3/Bde S3: EOD team this location and FSB Rash. | JS | JR |
| 10. | 0950 | | Bn NCS/Bde NCS: AIR LIFT. SEC/SEC of 3/D. PZ-YT 593962, LZ-FSB Rash, Acft-3+1, ACL-5. 1st PZ-0931 hrs. 1st LZ-0935 hrs. PZ clear 0944 hrs. Lift complete 0946 hrs. PZ/LZ-Green. | JS | JR |
| 11. | 1000 | | All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A(-) YT 541900, 1/A YT 538848, 3/A YT 539905, B Co still in ambush locations. C(G) FSB Dragon Head, D(-) moving to YT 588963, 3/D FSB Rash, E Rcn FSB Dragon Head, 124 RF YU 667002. | JS | DC |

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| 12. | 1004 | | Bn Sig Off/Bde Sig Off: Use of secure radio for the last 24 hrs. A Co-NCS: 1730-1740, 1810-1815 hrs. B Co-NCS: 1640-1650 hrs. D Co-NCS: 1740-1750, 1900-1915 hrs. RBS Rash 1810-1815 hrs. A/L(fwd)-A/L(rear) All secure 0600-2100 hrs. | JS | MD |
| 13. | 1030 | | 1/A/Bn NCS: 1/A at YT 538848 150 meters away spotted 1 individual wearing green fatigues rucksack, boonie hat, negative footgear or weapon observed. Individuals was engage with small arms fire, negative results, individual evaded to the east, A Co in pursuit. Also in same area were 5 bamboo hootches 10x15 ft. 3 were old, 2 fairly recent and had 1 bunker by each, bunkers are 3x6 ft. with 2 ft. OHC, found 1 green shirt, 1 pair of black pajamas, 3lbs. of barley, 1 metal cooking pot, area showed use by 2-3 individuals in the last 72 hrs. | JS | DC |
| 14. | 1130 | | Bn S5/Bde S5: Have one interpreter on leave 1 AWOL and 1 just developed an Fup and is being sent to the rear, this leaves us with only 1 qualified interpreter, request the services of another one until we get one of ours back. | JS | MD |

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| 15. | 1135 | | Bn XO/Bde XO: Request assistance from Bde HQ for water problem at FSB Dragon Head. Also, transportation to Bien Hoa for Christmas show. times are yet unconfirmed return transportation provided to FSB Dragon Head from Bien Hoa via hook. Fixed wing transportation from Duc Phong to Bien Hoa will be the mode of travel. | JS | MD |
| 16. | 1140 | | Bn NCS/Bde S3 Air: Request transportation for the IPW team at FSB Dragon Head back to Phouc Vinh. LOH will be out to accompany the team back to their base. | JS | MD |
| 17. | 1204 | | Bde NCS/Bn NCS: CONFIDENTIAL. SUBJECT: Nestor Keylist. AKAK-8161 uniform, possible compromise of days 22-28. This material has been declared a possible compromise. All holders of AKAK-8161 will use days 22, and 23 Dec 70 with extreme caution. Emergency days 1-5 will be placed in effect in lieu of regular days 24-28 Dec at 24/0001 hrs. Dec 70, this message gives authority to destroyed superceded days. | JS | MD |
| 18. | 1215 | | Bn NCS/Bde S3 Asst: AIR LIFT? SEC/SEC of B Ren and 2/C, PZ-FSB Rash, LZ-FSB Dragon Head 2 hook sorties, 1st PZ-1000 hrs. 1st LZ-1015 | | |

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| 18. | 1215 | | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4: hrs. 2nd PZ-1020 hrs. lift completed 1025 hrs. 55 packs. | JS | MD |
| 19. | 1225 | | Bn NCS/Bde S2 Asst: Grids for possible Skyspots. YU 529002, 35 hootches and bunkers, YU 523004 15 hootches and 15 bunkers, YU 520030 50 bunkers. | JS | MD |
| 20. | 1300 | | B Co/Bn NCS: B Co requests new internal frequency because they are receiving bad override which cuts out their internal transmissions. | JS | DC |
| 21. | 1310 | | Bde Sig Asst/Bn NCS: New Bde policy for report- ing secure useage data. Times of use are not needed, only the time up in the AM and time closed in the AM. | JS | MD |
| 22. | 1400 | | All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A(-) moving west from YT 542895, 1/A YT 538848, B Co still in ambush locations, C Co FSB Dragon Head, D(-) YT 586963, 3/D FSB Rash, E Rcn moving east from FSB Dragon Head, 124 RF YU 665004. PDS. A Co 2 off, 14 nco, 43 em, 10 att, T-69, B Co 4 off, 14 nco, 58 em, 13 att, T-89m, C Co 4 off, 9 nco, 51 em, 23 att, T-87, D Co 6 off, 15 nco, 52 em, 11 att, T-84, E Rcn 1 off, 7 nco, 24 em, 8 att, T-40, 124 RF 52, FSB Rash 4 off, 15 nco, 58 em, T-77. FSB Dragon Head 13 off, 40 | | |

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| 22. | 1400 | | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5: nco, 109 em, T-162. | JS | DC |
| 23. | 1650 | | Bn S3 Asst/Bde S3 Asst: Request we be able to keep Engineer squad in order to help cut PZs for our companies in the field. | JS | MD |
| 24. | 1740 | | Bn NCS/Bde NCS: CC aircraft released 1740 hrs. log aircraft released 1720 hrs. | JS | MD |
| 25. | 1755 | | Bde S3 Asst/Bn NCS: Bde has cancelled the hook sortie for the search light since the individual who was lost is found. | JS | MD |
| 26. | 1817 | | Bde S5 Asst/Bn S5: Psyops for 21 Dec YT 378 4x4 20 minute tape 98000 leaflets, YT 4884 5x5 20 minute tape 36000 leaflets, YT 6089 6x6 30 minute tape 72000 leaflets, 23 Dec YT 5795 in contact area, YT 6293 6x6 garden plots, Bde would like to send an aircraft to pick up excess C rations from Bn, Bn S5 approved it. | JS | MD |
| 27. | 1825 | | Bn S3/Bde S3: Final Plans for 23 Dec 70. A(+) will conduct G/R(ground recon) to YT 532888, 1/A will conduct G/R to YT 532843, 3/A will conduct G/R to YT 526893, B Co will still be in ambush locations. C Co is moving NE with Chieu Hois looking for village, D(-) will be EX/SEC PZ-YT 586963, LZ-FSB Dragon Head. | | |

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| 27. | 1825 | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6: and assume base defense. 3/D will be base defense at FSB Rash, E Rcn is with C Co, E(-) has 2 mortar tubes at FSB Rash, 1 FSB Thomas, 1 opcon 2nd Bde, 124 RF will conduct G/R to YU 658002. | JS | | JB | | | |
| 28. | 1830 | Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Air Request for 23 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 aircraft same as above, request 6*2 for D(-) FX/SEC PZ-YT 586963, LZ-FSB Dragon Head, 58 packs 12 sorties, at 1500 hrs. | JS | | MD | | | |
| 29. | 1840 | Bn NCS/Bde NCS: MORTAR REPORT. Line 1 E-30/183 G-29/0, Line 2 E-3, G-2, HE 820, Illum 393. | JS | | MD | | | |
| 30. | 1848 | Bn S5/Bde S5: Ran organic Psyops missions today a t YT 6799, YT 6898, YT 7099, dropped leaflets from CC aircraft, 20000 dropped, request missions tomorrow on YT 5286, YT 4885 use tapes 813 and 931. | JS | | JB | | | |
| 31. | 1900 | Rash(FAC)/Bn NCS: AIR STRIKE AT YT 508842, TOS-1900 hrs. BOS-1955, BBS-2210 hrs. Ordinance 1 500lbs napalm. 5 500 lb on ground. | JS | | RD | | | |
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| 32. | 1930 | | Bn S3/Bde S2: Request tracker dog for tomorrow to help with C Co mission first thing in morning. | JS | JB |
| 33. | 1940 | | All Units/Bn NCS: CLOSING LOCATIONS. A(-) YT 536895, 1/A YT 538848, B Co still in ambush locations, C (-) YT 682978, 3/C YT 693977, D(-) YT 586963, 3/D FSB Rash, E Rcn YT 716967, 124 RF YU 663007. A Co has 6 AA, B Co has 6 AA, 124 RF has 6 AA(auto-ambush), All units have green on malaria, all units have negative snipers. A Co has 1 scout dog team, B Co has 2, all other units have negative scout dog teams, B Co has 6 day and night ambushes manned, all other units have negative day and night manned ambushes. | JS | RD |
| 34. | 2000 | | Bn S5/Bde S5: Request that you provide transportation for excess C rations to be given to the poor in Song Be vicinity. | JS | JB |
| 35. | 2025 | | Bde S3/Bn S3: Be prepared to release opcon company to 5/7 Cav. ready to deploy 1 hr. after notification, OP plan 6-70, LOC NINH may be location of NVA regiment attack. We will have to supply base defense in 5/7 AO if this plan is put into operation. | JS | JB |
| 36. | 2358 | | All Units/Bn NCS: A Co, B Co, C Co, D Co, | | |

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