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1.	0001		Bn NCS/Journal Opens.	JS	JB
2.	0600		All Units/Bn NCS: A Co, B Co, C Co, D Co, 124 RF, FSB Rash from 0100-0600 hrs. gave negative situation reports.	JS	EH
3.	0605		Bde S2/Bn S2: Red Haze readout: TOT from 1915-2115 hrs. at YT 473883, 4 in open.	JS	JR
4.	0610		Bde S2/Bn S2: S2 would like to know if you had knowledge of a Night Owl Mission last evening at YT 508842, at 1930 hrs.	JS	JR
5.	0630		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: WEATHER REPORT. Visiability 7 miles, ceiling scattered, Max temperature 90 and Min temperature 68.	JS	MD
6.	0800		Bn S3/Bde S3: Tentative Plans for 24 Dec 70. A(-) will conduct G/R(ground recon) to YT 534881. 1/A will conduct G/R to YT 524841, 3/A will conduct G/R to YT 523881, B(-) will FX/SEC from PZ-TBA to FSB Dragon Head, then move by hook to Duc Phong, then fix wing to Bien Hoa. C Co will continue their mission with the Chieu Hois. D(-) will be base defense at FSB Dragon Head, 3/D will be base defense at FSB Rash. E Ren will be with C Co, E(-) has 2 mortar tubes on FSB Rash, 1 FSB Thomas, 1 opcon 2nd Bde.		

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6.	0800		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1: 124 RF will FX/SEC from YT 652992 to FSB Dragon Head and then be hooked .	JS	JR
7.	0815		Bn S2/Bde S2: Mission request for 24 Dec 70. VR for A Co, B Co, 124 RF. SLAR for 1/8 AO IR along Dong Nai River, Sniffer 4784 to 5184, to 4789 to 4390, box 78.	JS	JR
8.	0817		Bn S2/Bde S2: Request 1 Scout dog handler for 24 Dec 70.	JS	JR
9.	0830		Bommo Rear/Bn Sig Off: Compromise. 1/8 CMD 39, 33, 09, 16, WJ and CMD frequency, 5/7 CMD no change. 0835 hrs. goes into effect. no word on who committed the compromise, all are to be used with extreme caution.	JS	HM
10.	1000		All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A(-) YT 536895 1/A YT 536846, B(-) all in same ambush locations. C (-) YT 690990, 3/C YT 700986, D(-) YT 586963, 3/D FSB Rash, E Rcn YT 717965, 124 RF YU 657003.	JS	DC
11.	1010		Bn Sig Off/Bde Sig Off: Use of the secure radion in the last 24 hrs. A Co-NCS 1805-1000 hrs. B Co-NCS 1730-1000 hrs. C Co-NCS 1830-0750 hrs. D Co-NCS 1810-0750 hrs. A/L (fwd)-A/L(rear) all secure.	JS	MD

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12.	1030		C(-)/Bn NCS: C(-) at YT 690990 found 1 EW 4-5 ft. wide trail, hard packed, Chieu Hoi says that this trail was a main supply route between this province and Cambodia. The trail was used daily until FSB Dragon Head was built. It is now used 2 or 3 times per month.	JS	DC
13.	1045		Bde S3 Asst/Bn NCS: Bde has cancelled hook sortie to Bao Loc with rice until 24 Dec.	JS	MD
14.	1050		Dir CO Asst/Bn NCS: ADC/A inbound to FSB Dragon Head ETA-20 minutes, TOD-1130 hrs. negative comments.	JS	DC
15.	1110		Bde S5 Asst/Bn NCS: 1 aircraft will come to FSB Dragon Head at about 1330 hrs. to take ex- cess C rations to Bde.	JS	MD
16.	1245		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team at YU 615070 saw 1 2½ ft. wide hard packed trail, LRU by under- estimated number of elephants traveling in negative direction.	JS	DC
17.	1400		All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A(-) YT 536895, 1/A YT 533842, B Co is still in ambush location. C(-) YT 693990, 3/C YT 705986, D(-) YT 586963, 3/D FSB Rash, E Ren YT 720973, 124 RF YU 657003. PDS. A Co has 2 off, 14 nco, 53 em, 10 att, 7-69.		

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17.	1400		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3: B Co has 4 off, 14 nco, 57 em, 13 att, T-88. C Co has 5 off, 12 nco, 57 em, 23 att, T-97. D Co has 6 off, 15 nco, 52 em, 11 att, T-84. E Rcn has 1 off, 7 nco, 24 em, 8 att, T-40, 124 RF T-52. FSB Rash. 6 off, 17 nco, 52 em, T-75. FSB Dragon Head 10 off, 38 nco, 132 em, T-180.	JS	DC
18.	1530		C Co/Bn NCS: C Co at YT 708989 found 1 bag with 2lbs. of documents, mostly pay vouchers, and papers for awards, these papers are for K17 and K29, found in hoolow tree, about 1- 1½ weeks old.	JS	RD
19.	1550		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: FX/SEC of D(-). PZ-YT 586923, LZ-FSB Dragon Head. Acft-4+2, 11 sorties, 58 packs, ACL-5, 1st PZ-1510 hrs. 1st LZ-1522 hrs. PZ clear 1539 hrs. lift complete 1545 hrs. PZ/ LZ-green.	JS	DC
20.	1600		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team at 1530 hrs. at YT 536995 found 1 bunker 3x5 ft. destroyed, used by 5 individuals in the area, at 1550 hrs. at YT 526987 saw 1 hootch 15x30 ft. destroyed, also saw 1 US canteen, also 2 other hootches 8x10 ft. destroyed, 1 bunker 5x7, 2 ft. OHC.		

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20.	1600		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4: 1 boat 3x12 ft. destroyed.	JS	RD
21.	1630		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team at 1205 hrs. at YT 560998 found 1 12x15 ft. hootch destroyed, 1210 hrs. at YT 572003 saw 1 14 ft. long boat, destroyed, 1215 hrs. at YU 569008 saw 1 trail 18" wide LRU running up and down hillside, at 1220 hrs. at YT 567990 found 1 set of tracks 24 hrs. old.	JS	RD
22.	1635		Bde S3 Asst/Bn S3 Asst: Request status of Engineer squad at FSB Dragon Head, team will return to Song Be on 33 Dec.	JS	JM
23.	1700		Bn S5/Bde S5: Request following Psyops missions for 24 Dec. YT 5796 appeal to mother of abandoned child to rally and be reunited, YT 4689 and YT 6288 search light rally tape 813. Al so request Psyops aircraft play Christmas Carols over FSB Dragon Head on 24 and 25 Dec.	JS	MD
24.	1815		Bn S3/Bde S3: Final Plans for 24 Dec 70. A(-) will conduct G/R(ground recon) to YT 532899. 1/A will conduct G/R to YT 528842, 2/A will conduct G/R to YT 526893, B Co will FX/SEC from FZ-YT 552904, to LZ-FSB Rash. C Co will continued their mission with Cheu		

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24.	1815		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5: Hois to find the village. D(-) will be base defense at FSB Dragon Head. 3/D will be base defense at FSB Rash. E Ren is working with C Co on its mission. E(-) has 2 mortar tubes at FSB Rash, 1 FSB Thomas 1 opcon 2nd Bde. 124 RF will FX/SEC PZ-YU 668001, LZ-FSB Dragon Head and then be hooked to Bao Loc, no exchange.	JS	JR
25.	1823		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: MORTAR REPORT. Line 1 E-30/0, G-0/6, Line 2 E-1, G-1, T-HE 1003, Illum 323. FSB Rash Line 1 E-0/30, G-0/0, Line 2 E-1, G-0. T-HE 287, Illum 153.	JS	MD
26.	1839		Bde S2/Bn S2: Report of 100 NVA in vic YU 553008 on 21 Dec at 1200 hrs. moving north on Charley trail, believed to be part of 9th NVA Div. Report was obtained from MACV, no rating known.	JS	JB
27.	1850		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Air Request for 24 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) then to FSB Dragon Head on FM 44.05 at 0730 hrs. to Farmer 9(TOC RTO), 1 loga aircraft same as above. Request 6+2 for		

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27.	1850		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6: 124 RF FX/SEC PZ-- YU 668001, LZ-FSB Dragon Head, 52 packs, 8 sorties, at 0930 hrs. 6+2 for B Co at 1330 hrs. FX/SEC PZ-YT 552904, LZ-FSB Rash, 89 packs, 18 sorties, Request 1 hook sortie SEC/SEC PZ-FSB Dragon Head, LZ-Bao Loc at 0900 hrs. for rice plus 1 pack. request 2 hook sorties for 124 RF PZ-- FSB Dragon Head, LZ-Bao Loc, 52 packs, 2 sorties, 1100 hrs. Request 3 hook sorties for SEC/SEC PZ-FSB Rash, to LZ-FSB Dragon Head for B Co 89 packs, 1500 hrs.	JS	JB
28.	1940		All Units/Bn NCS: CLOSING LOCATIONS. A(-) YT 536895, 1/A YT 536844, B Co is still in ambush location. C(-) YT 700999, 3/C YT 708989. D(-) FSB Dragon Head, 3/D FSB Rash, E Rcn YT 724976, 124 RF YU 668001. All units have green on malaria, A Co has 6 AA(auto-ambush), B Co has 4 AA, C Co has 2 AA, E Rcn has 1 AA, 124 RF has 6 AA. B Co has 1 scout dog team, all other units have negative scout dog teams. All units have negative snipers. B Co has 4 day and night manned ambushes, Co C has 1 night manned ambush, all other units have negative.	JS	RD

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29.	2000		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Air request for Bob Hope Show, 4 hook sorties for 110 packs at 0730 hrs. 25 Dec SEC/SEC PZ-FSB Dragon Head, PZ-Duc Phong, coordination for fixed wing from Duc Phong to Bien Hoa has been taken care of by Bde.	JS	JB
30.	2045		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: 5/7 and 1/8 CMD frequency call signs have been compromise to be used with extreme caution, also follows suffixes have been compromised to be use with extreme caution, 39, 33, 09, 16, W, J.	JS	JB
31.	2358		All Units/Bn NCS: A Co, B Co, C Co, E Ren, 124 RF, FSB Rash from 2000-2400 hrs. gave negative situation reports.	JS	RD
32.	2359		DAILY SUMMARY: Negative contact, negative cache, Air Lifts: FX/SEC of D(-) PZ-YT 586423, LZ-FSB Dragon Head. Significant Events: 100 NVA in vicinity of YU 553008 on 21 Dec at 1200 hrs. moving north on Charley trail, believed to be part of 9th NVA Div, report from MACV no rating known.	JS	WL
33.	2400		JOURNAL CLOSED.	JS	JB

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