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1.	0001		Bn NCS/Journal Opens.	JS	JB
2.	0530		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: CC aircraft #102 ETA-0700 hrs.		
			Log aircraft #624 ETA-0800 hrs.	JS	JB
3.	0600		All Units/Bn NCS: A Co, C Co, E Rcn, FSB Rash		
			from 0100-0600 hrs. gave negative situation		
			reports.	JS	EH
4.	0620		Bde NCS/BN NCS: Visibility 7 miles, ceiling		
			scattered, Max temperature 90, Min temperature		
			72.	JS	JB
5.	0805		Bn S3/Bde S3: Tentative Plans for 27 Dec 70		
			A(-) will conduct G/R(ground recon)to YT 534884.		
			1/A will conduct G/R to YT 523843, 2/A will		
			conduct G/R to YT 523882, B Co is at VIP Center.		
			C Co will continue in area of the village. D(-)		
			will be base defense at FSB Dragon Head, 1/D		
			will move by hook to FSB Rash to be base defense.		
			3/D will SEC/CA PZ-FSB Rash, LZ-YU 685014. E		
			Rcn FX/SEC PZ-TBA, LZ-FSB Dragon Head for base		
			defense. 342 RF will conduct G/R to YT 765951.		
			E(-) 2 mortar tubes at FSB Rash, 1 FSB Thomas,		
			1 opcon 2nd Bde.	JS	JB
6.	0848		Psyops aircraft/Bn NCS: Psyops on station at		
			0845 hrs. sent to C Co internal frequency.	JS	DC

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7.	0920		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team on station to work 1/9 Box #2, Cleared by NE.	JS	DC
8.	0935		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: FX/SEC of E Rcn. PZ-YT 737998, LZ-FSB Dragon Head, 5 sorties, acft-3+1, ACL-5, 23 packs, 1st PZ-0905 hrs. 1st LZ-0913 hrs. PZ clear at 0924 hrs. Lift complete 0933 hrs. PZ/LZ-green.	JS	DC
9.	0952		C Co/Bn NCS: Request team of engineers to help cut a pad.	JS	DO
10.	1000		All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A(-) YT 535895 1/A Moving E from YT 533842. B Co Bien Hoa, C Co YU 739008, D(-) FSB Dragon Head, 3/D FSB Rash, E Rcn FSB Dragon Head.	JS	DC
11.	1043		Bn Sig Off/Bde Sig Off: Use of the secure radio for the last 24 hrs. A Co-NCS: 1700-0645 hrs. B Co: Bien Hoa, C Co: Secure inoperative D Co FSB Dragon Head, NCS-NCS(alt): 1730-0655 hrs. A/L(fwd)-A/L(rear): all secure.	JS	JB
12.	1117		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: SEC/CA of E Rcn. PZ-FSB Dragon Head, LZ-YU 569002, 6 sorties, acft-3+1, ACL-5, 32 packs, 1st PZ-1034 hrs. 1st LZ-1050 hrs. PZ clear 1102 hrs. Lift complete 1115 hrs. LZ/PZ-green.	JS	JB

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13.	1125		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: Weather Warning: Valid 1100 hrs. 1800 hrs. Surface wind NE 12-25K, light occasional moderate turbulence, surface 5,000 ft.	JS	JB
14.	1340		ADC/A Asst/Bn NCS: ADC/A in bound to FSB Rash ETA-20 minutes, Departed FSB Rash 1410 hrs.	JS	DC
15.	1400		Bn S3 Asst/Bde S3 Asst: Request FSC pilot and Demolition team for 28 Dec 70 for E Rcn.	JS	MD
16.	1405		All Units/BnNCS: LOCATION. A(-) YT 525885, 1/A moving from YT 533842, 2/A YT 525894, B Co Bien Hoa, C Co YU 739008, D Co FSB Dragon Head, 3/D FSB Rash, E Rcn YU 569002, 342 RF YT 769931. PDS. A Co 3 off, 13 nco, 35 em, 11 att, T-62, C Co 3 off, 9 nco, 31 em, 23 att, T-66, E Rcn 1 off, 4 nco, 23 em, 4 att, T-32. 342 RF T-63. FSB Rash 5 off, 19 nco, 58 em, T-82. FSB Dragon Head 17 off, 46 nco, 159 em, T-222.	JS	DC
17.	1435		Bde Co Aide/Bn NCS: Bde CO inbound ETA-5 minutes. Departed FSB Dragon Head at 1535 hrs.	JS	DC
18.	1444		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: SEC/CA of 342 RF, PZ-FSB Dragon Head, LZ-YT 779931, 9 sorties, ACL-7, 63 packs, 1st PZ-1413 hrs. 1st LZ-1423 hrs. PZ clear 1433 hrs. Lift complete 1440 hrs.	JS	DC
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19.	1455		Bde S2 Asst/Bn S2 Asst: LRRP team can be expected this afternoon for insertion center mass YT 4886, box cleared by SV.	JS	MD
20.	1604		Bde S2 Asst/Bn NCS: LRRP team leader has a temperature of 105 therefore negative LRRP team today, also negative scout dogs available at this time.	JS	DM
21.	1730		Bde CO/Bn CO: Reference to C Co log, pilots cannot be asked to run missions they feel are hazardous, therefore, the engineers will go in on 27 Dec and the element in question will suffice on their present rations.	JS	MD
22.	1815		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: MORTAR REPORT. FSB Dragon Head. Line 1 E-30/30, G-0/7, line 2 E-1, G-7. FSB Rash, Line 1 E-0/32, G-0/8, line 2 E-1, G-1.	JS	MD
23.	1835		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Air request for 27 Dec. 1 UH1H CC/Log aircraft with the left jump seat to report to Song Be on FM 54.05 at 0700 hrs. to SE (commo rear) and then to FSB Dragon Head on FM 64.75 at 0730 hrs. to Cradle 12 (TOC RTO) 1 log aircraft same as above. Request 1 LOH for trip from FSB Dragon Head to Bien Hoa for Bn CO for Chang of Command and Awards ceremony		

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23.	1835		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4: for B Co at 1030 hrs. Reques 5+2 for 1/D SEC/CA PZ-FSB Dragon Head. LZ-YU 685015, 25 packs, 5 sorties at 0830 hrs. Request 6+2 for E Ren FX/SEC PZ-YU 569002, LZ-FSB Dragon Head, 32 packs, 7 sorties, at 1500 hrs.	JS	MD
24.	1840		Bn NCS/31th Group LNO: Released CC aircraft at 1800 hrs. Log aircraft at 1841 hrs.	JS	MD
25.	1915		Bde S5 Asst/Bn S5: Mission run(scheduled 27 Dec) YT 7198 4x4, YT 6599 3x3, from Bn S5 YT 7484.	JS	MD
26.	1923		Bn S3/Bde S3: Final Plans for 27 Dec 70. A(-) will conduct G/R(ground recon) to YT 511879, 1/A will conduct G/R to YT 507845, 2/A will conduct G/R to YT 511885, B Co will be in Bien Hoa, D(-) will be base defense at FSB Dragon Head, 3/D will be base defense at FSB Rash. 1/D will SEC/CA PZ-FSB Dragon Head, LZ-YU 685015, E Ren will FX/SEC PZ-YU 569002, LZ- FSB Dragon Head and be base defense, 342 RF will conduct G/R to YT 765951, E(-) has 2 mortar tubes at FSB Rash, 1 opcon 2nd Bde, 1 FSB Thomas. C(-) will conduct G/R to YU 729011, 2/C will		

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26.	1923		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5: conduct G/R to YU 729016.	JS	MD
27.	1958		All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A(-) YT 521883.		
			1/A YT 517836, 2/A YT 525895, B Co Bien Hoa,		
			C Co YT 739008, D(-) base defense FSB Dragon Head.		
			3/D FSB Rash, E Ron YU 570005, 342 RF YT 772952,		
			YT 772947, YT 771947, YT 778947, YT 778957.		
			A Co has 8 AA(auto-ambush), C Co has 2 AA, 342		
			RF has 2 AA, all other units hve negative AA.		
			All units have negative scout dogs team, snipers,		
			day manned ambushes. All units hve green on		
			malaria. 342 RF has 4 night manned ambushes,		
			all other units have negative night manned ambushe.	JS	RD
28.	2040		Bde S3/Bn XO: Reference to Loch Ninh, an ARVN		
			Ranger company without advisors initiated contact		
			at XU 7911 with a possible battalion size element		
			results: 1 friendly KIA, 3 WIA and negative		
			enemy assessment, but flare aircraft are up		
			to sweep contact area. There have been about		
			20 VR's in that AO and enemy forces are thought to be located		
			in a 5000 meter radius. C 5/7 will be the 1st		
			element committed and a company from 1/8 will		
			be committed along with them a second company		
			for base defense in 5/7 AO, the 1/7 ARVN's...		

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28.	2040		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6: will probably be comm-		
			itted 27 Dec and Bde is awaiting further readout.	JS	MD
29.	2130		Bde S3 Asst/Bn S3: FAC and Demolition team		
			will be available at 1300 hrs. request trans-		
			portation to FSB Dragon Head from Song Be.	JS	WN
30.	2250		Bde S3 Asst/Bn NCS: The demolitions specialists		
			request by 1/8 to come and instruct personnel		
			on demolitions will be available on the 28 the		
			DEC, however, transportation from Song Be to		
			FSB Dragon Head will be provided by 1/8.	JS	DQ
31.	2255		Bde S3 Asst/Bn NCS: The Bde CO will not attend		
			the change of command ceremony in Bien Hoa on		
			27 Dec as planned.	JS	DQ
32.	2358		All Units/Bn NCS: A Co, C Co, E Rcn, 342 RF		
			FSB Rash from 2000-2400 hrs. gave negative		
			situation reports.	JS	DQ
33.	2359		DAILY SUMMARY: Negative contact, negative		
			cache, Air Lifts: E Rcn FX/SEC PZ-YT 737998		
			LZ-FSB Dragon Head, SEC/CA of E Rcn PZ-FSB		
			Dragon Head, LZ-YU 569002, SEC/CA of 342 RF		
			PZ-FSB DragonHead, LZ-YT 779931. Significant		
			Events: Reference to Loch Ninh, an ARVN Ranger		
			company without advisors initiated contact at		

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