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1.	0001		Bn NCS/Journal Opens.	JS	JB
2.	0600		All Units/Bn NCS: A Co, C Co, D/1, 342 RF, FSB Rash from 0100-0600 Hrs. gave negative situation reports.	JS	EH
3.	0605		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: CC air craft #372 ETA-0730 hrs. Log aircraft #425 ETA-0800 hrs.	JS	JB
4.	0637		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: WEATHER REPORT. Visibility 7 miles, ceiling scattered, Max temperature 93, Min temperature 68.	JS	JB
5.	0715		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team 29 checked in at 0715 hrs. asked clearance on YT 471851, enroute to grid spotted 1 campfire still burning and field just worked this morning at YT 498967, at YT 498967 1 campfire still burning estimated 5-10 individuals in the area , also 2 hootches 10x15 ft. 4 bundles of bamboo strapped together and trail from field heading to the south. Clearance given by JFM.	JS	EH
6.	0730		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team 29 was given per- mission to insert blues at YT 498967, E Ren was put on QRF. Clearance given by JFM.	JS	EH
7.	0907		Bn S3/Bde S3: Tentative Plans for 29 Dec 70. A(-) will conduct G/R(ground recon) to YT 501877.		

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7.	0907		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1: 1/A will conduct G/R to YT 521858, 2/A will conduct G/R to YT 507885. B Co will conduct G/R to YT 695990 to act as a blocking force for C Co. C(-) will conduct G/R to YU 705003. 2/C will conduct G/R to YU 702018, D Co will accompany Chieu Hoi's while trying to find village in vic of FSB Rash. 342 RF will conduct G/R to YT 760970, E Ren is base defense at FSB Rash, E(-) has 2 mortar tubes at FSB Rash, 1 FSB Thomas, 1 opcon 2nd Bde.	JS	JB
8.	0912		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: AIR LIFT: FX/SEC of 1/D, PZ-YU 680013, LZ-FSB Dragon Head, 4 sorties, acft-4+2, ACL-5, 22 packs. 1st PZ-0846 hrs. 1st LZ-0855 hrs. PZ clear 0852, lift complete 0859 hrs. PZ/LZ-green.	JS	DC
9.	0930		Bn Sig Off/Bde Sig Off: Use of the secure radio in the last 24 hrs. A Co-NCS: 1815-0650 hrs. C Co-NCS: 2020-0655 hrs. FSB Rash-NCS: 1700-0610 hrs. A/L(fwd)-A/L(rear): all secure.	JS	JB
10.	0943		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Blues inserted at YT 510971, LZ-green.	JS	DC
11.	1030		All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A(-) YT 521883, 1/A YT 521847, 2/A YT 524889, B Co Bien Hoa,		

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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2: C Co YU 725003, D Co
 FSB Rash, E Ren FSB Rash, 342 RF moving NW
 from YT 769964.

JS

DC

12.

1108

Bn NCS/Bde S3: Hook move of D Co, PZ-1st sortie
 0915 hrs. 2nd sortie 0940 hrs. 3rd sortie 1025
 hrs. lift complete 1035 hrs.

JS

JB

13.

1147

Bn NCS/Bde NCS: B Co lift from Duc Phong to
 FSB Dragon Head, 1st PZ-1000 hrs. 1st LZ-1025
 hrs. Lift complete 1125 hrs. 3 sorties

JS

JB

14.

1220

Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Log aircraft released at 1225
 hrs.

JS

JB

15.

1225

Blues/Bn NCS: Blues at YT 519971 found 1 bag
 of personal things of a nurse, Medical food,
 and 2 notebooks, also 1 bunker 6x8 ft. 2 ft.
 OHC, 1 bunker 3x10 ft. with 2 ft. OHC, 1 pig
 pen, with 1 pig, killed it. 60 lbs of rice,
 20 lbs of grain, 10 lbs of corn and some tools
 and 2 air holes.

JS

RD.

16.

1240

Bde S3 Asst/Bn NCS: Blues extracted at 1225
 hrs. PZ-green.

JS

JB

17.

1400

All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A(-) YT 536869,
 1/A YT 518852, 2/A YT 536872, B(-) FSB Dragon
 Head, C Co YT 700999, D Co YT 547942, E Ren

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1400

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 757964.

JS

DC

18.

1405

A&I Units/Bn NCS: PDS. A Co 3 off, 9 nco, 40
 em, 11 att, T-63. C Co 5 off, 12, nco, 57 em,
 23 att, T-97, D Co 6 off, 15 nco, 52 em, 11 att,
 84, 342 T-63. FSB Rash 5 off, 18 nco, 68 em,
 T-91. 11 off, 27 nco, 79 em, T-117.

JS

DC

19.

1430

Bn NCS/Bde S3 Air: B Co lift complete at
 1430 hrs.

JS

JB

20.

1505

3/D/Bn NCS: 3/D at YT 538940 found 1000 lbs
 of unpolished rice mixed with corn in 3 large
 baskets, will destroy, 1 month old in good
 condition, also 5 lbs of clothes, 1 lbs of
 documents.

JS

DC

21.

1600

C Co/Bn NCS: C Co at YU 701003 found 2 trails
 1 NW-SE movement to NW by 2-3 individuals in the
 last 48 hrs, 18" wide, 1 EW 18" wide with NRU,
 also 3 hootches old 8x10 ft. NRU.

JS

RD

22.

1625

Bde NCS /Bn NCS: Following items have been
 compromised: Use with extreme caution: Path-
 finders SOI item 47-15 call sign and frequency
 45J A 1/9 call sign and frequency A 1/9 Infantry's
 frequency and following suffixes: 12, 37, 59.

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22.	1625		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4: AFG UHF frequencies 237.6, 240.9, 259.2.	JS	JB
23.	1700		B Co/Bn NCS: B Co at YT 686973 found 3 trails, 1 NS, 1 EW, 1 NE-SW, LRU up and down, unknown amount of individuals 1 ft. wide, 1 bunker 4x8 ft. 2 ft. OHC, around the bunker was 1 set of barefoot fresh footprints.	JS	RD
24.	1705		D Co/Bn NCS: D Co at YT 526883 found 4 camp fires 24 hrs. old and some parts of baskets, at YT 532879 found 1 trail NW-SE 4 ft. wide used by 8 individuals to the SE in the last 24 hrs.	JS	RD
25.	1755		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Air Request for 29 Dec. 1 UH1H CC/Log aircraft with 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 to Cradle 12(TCC RTO) at 0730 hrs. 1 log aircraft same as above.	JS	JB
26.	1800		D Co/Bn NCS: D Co at YT 550945 found 3,500 lbs of unpolished rice in good condition which had been in place about 1 month, it was in a bin 10x12 ft.	JS	RD
27.	1805		Bn S5/Bde S5: Psyops missions for 29 Dec. YT 7596 appeal to forced laborers, YT 7989		

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27.

1805

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5: hunger theme, use tapes
in South Vietnamese dialect, keep sending leaf-
lets, Psyops aircraft was in wrong area today,
dropped leaflets all over FSB.

JS

MD

28.

1820

D Co/BnNCS: D Co at YT 551945 heard 3-4 ind-
ividuals 25 meters to the east, enemy engaged
with 15 rounds of SK&, D Co did not see the
individuals but think they evaded to the east,
D Co returned fire and swept area with negative
findings.

JS

RD

29.

1830

Bn NCS/Bde NCS: MORTAR REPORT. FSB Dragon Head.
Line 1 E-0/40, F-0/6, Line 2 E-1, F-1, FSB Rash.
Line 1 E-0/40, F-0/5, Line 2 E-1, F-1.

JS

MD

30.

1845

Bde S2 Asst/Bn NCS: Blues at YT 510971 found
1 bag of papers, small amount of medical supplies,
small amount of some type of food, 1 pig pen
with pig(destroyed), 1 6x8 ft. bunker with 2
ft. OHC, 1 3x10 bunker with 2 ft. OHC, 65 lbs
of rice, 20 lbs of grain, 10 lbs of corn, 1
axe, small grinding bowl for grain, few EW
trails with M-HRU in the last 12 hrs.

JS

MD

31.

1900

Bde S3 Asst/Bn S3 Asst: Convoy QRF: E Rcn
is QRF for convoy enroute to Duc Phong, Call

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31.	1900		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6: Sign fro convoy is Twist 12, FM 67.30, convoy should close around dark or slightly after dark.	JS	JM
32.	1916		Bn Sig Off/Bde Sig Off: Request AM test frequency for Ground contact 106 between FSB Dragon Head and Song Be.	JS	MD
33.	1918		All Units/Bn NCS: Closing Locations. A(-) YT 538873, 1/A YT 517853, B(-) YT 688984, 2/B YT 689980, 3/B YT 686973, C(-) YT 700999, 1/C YU 701003, D Co YT 550945, E Rcn FSB Rash, 342 RF YT 749948. A Co has 6 AA(auto-ambush), B Co has 2 AA, C Co has 3 AA, D Co has 4 AA, 342 RF has 4 AA, B Co has 2 scout dog teams, D Co has 1 scout dog teams, all other units have negative scout dog teams. All units have negative snipers. C Co has 1 day and night manned ambush at YU 701003. All other units have negative day and night manned ambushes. All units have green on malaria.	JS	RD
34.	1930		Bn S3/Bde S3: Final Plans for 29 Dec 70. A(-) will conduct G/R(ground recon) to YT 531866, 1/A will conduct G/R to YT 521858, 2/A will conduct G/R to YT 527873, B Co will move into blocking position in small units in vic of YT		

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34.	1930		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7: 692992. C(-) will move into a blocking position at YT 694992. 1/C will conduct G/R to YT 689007 and act as a driving force for B Co and C(-). D Co will conduct G/R with Chieu Hoi's in vic of YU 589004, E Ren will be base defense at FSB Rash, E(-) has 2 mortar tubes at FSB Rash, 1 FSB Thomas, 1 opcon 2nd Bde, 342 RF will conduct G/R to YT 744957.	JS	MD
35.	1943		Bn S2 Asst/Bde S2 Asst: LRRP 31 will be extracted shortly and reason is lack of communication. Request new LRRP box, YT 4986, YT 5201.	JS	NL
36.	1958		Bde S5 Asst/BnNCS: Psyops flown 27 DEC. YT 7198 4x4, 36000 leaflet on Chieu Hoi benefits, YT 6599 36000 leaflets spot light and 36000 leaflets other also, Scheduled on 29 Dec YT 4685 3x3 YT 7495 3x3 a tape from the Chieu Hoi's who are at the center in Song Be is available for our use whenever we request it.	JS	MD
37.	2015		Bde S3 Asst/Bn XO: Reference to Loch Nih, contacts today showed that the enemy has light machine guns and AK47's, both A 1/9 and 3/17 Blues were inserted on campfire still burning, upon extraction, one of the lift aircraft took		

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37.	2015		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8: ground to air fire before reaching the PZ. Pink Team will work the area on 29 Dec. Local forces in area still have control of the situation.	JS	MD
38.	2040		Bde Sig Off/Bn NCS: Frequency for AN/GRC 106 is 909.5.	JS	MD
39.	2100		Bde S2 Asst/Bn S2 Asst: LRRP 31 extracted from YT 518007, PZ-green complete at 2045 hrs.	JS	EW
40.	2200		Bn XO/11th Group LNO: There are negative personnel with initials FTC at my location.	JS	MD
41.	2245		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: 1/8 released from convoy QRR as of 2240 hrs.	JS	MD
42.	2358		All Units/Bn NCS: A Co, B Co, C Co, D Co, 342 RF, FSB Rash from 2000-2400 hrs. gave negative situation report.	JS	RD
43.	2359		DAILY SUMMARY: D Co at YT 551945 heard 3-4 individuals 25 meters to the east, enemy engaged with SKS fire, D Co did not see individuals but think they evaded to the east, negative casualties. Cache: D Co at YT 550945 found 3,400 lbs of unpolished rice in a bin 10x12 ft. Air Lifts: FX/SEC of 1/D PZ-YU 680013, LZ-FSB Dragon Head. Hook move of D Co from FSB Dragon Head to FSB		

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DAILY SUMMARY CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9: Rash,

B Co hook move from Duc Phong to FSB Dragon

Head, Negative significant events.

JS

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