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FSB DRAGON HEAD

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1.	0001		Bn NCS/Journal Opens.	JS	DQ
2.	0555		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: Negative significant events in the 2nd Bde AO in the last 12 hrs.	JS	DQ
3.	0600		All Units/Bn NCS: A Co, B Co, C Co, D Co, FSB Rash from 0100-0600 hrs. gave negative situation reports.	JS	EH
4.	0610		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: CC aircraft #798 ETA-0730 hrs. Log aircraft #372 ETA-0800 hrs.	JS	JB
5.	0720		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: WEATHER REPORT. Visibility 7 miles, ceiling scattered and broken, Max temperature 89, Min temperature 64.	JS	JB
6.	0745		Bn S3/Bde S3: Tentative Plans for 3 Jan 71. A(-) will be base defense at FSB Dragon Head, 1/A will be base defense at FSB Rash, B(-) will conduct G/R(ground recon) to YU 665010. 1/B will conduct G/R to YU 663001, 2/B will conduct G/R to YT 656994. C Co will continued to move into ambush positions along trails in small units: C(-) YU 699000, 1/C YT 693994, 2/C (YT 696998, YT 692999), 3/C YU 724003. D Co will close into FSB Rash where they will be resupplied and then SEC/CA PZ-FSB Rash, LZ-YT 505853, E Rcn will conduct G/R to YT 450923.		

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6.	0745		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1: E(-) has 2 mortar tubes at FSB Rash, 1 FSB Thomas, 1 opcon 2nd Bde.	JS	JB
7.	0800		A Co/Bn NCS: A Co at YU 656005 found 1 trail 6" wide NE-SW looked like a pig had moved on it. Also had 1 Trip flare broken.	JS	RD
8.	0810		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: QRF is E Rcn, 1/A after lift, RRF is D Co, A(-) after lift.	JS	JB
9.	1000		All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATION. A(-) YU 657014, 1/A YU 655001, B(-) YT 670990, 1/B YU 666000, 3/C YT 673995. C(-) YU 699000, 2/C YU 688000, 3/C(YU 703003, YU 739010), 1/C (YT 691988, YT 689987). D Co YT 550942, E Rcn FSB Rash.	JS	RD
10.	1020		Bn Sig Off/Bde Sig Off: Secure radio usage for the last 24 hrs. A Co-NCS: 1830-0815 hrs. B Co commo too weak. C Co-NCS: 1740-1000 hrs. D Co-NCS: 1730-0756 hrs. FSB Rash-NCS: 1640-0700 hrs. A/L all secure.	JS	JB
11.	1100		A Co/Bn NCS: A Co at YU 659012 found 2 hootches 8x10 ft., 1 had a bunker under it. also 2 cooking pits, 1 bunker 4x5 ft. with 18" OHG. 1 trench 2x4x25 ft. long, all was about 6 months old, NRU.	JS	RD
12.	1125		Bde S2/Bde CO: Heavy sensor activation at		

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1125

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2: YU 290466 from 1055

to 1105 hrs. Presently trying to get Pink Team

in the area, negative Arty employed.

JS

JB

13.

1240

B Co/Bn NCS: B Co at 1015 hrs. at YT 668990

found 1 NE-SW trail 18" wide used in the last

7 days by 4-5 individuals in negative direction.

At 1020 hrs. at YU 664006 found 1 EW trail 1

ft. wide used in the last 24 hrs. by 7-10

individuals going west, trail showed sandal

prints and barefoot prints.

JS

DC

14.

1310

Bde S3 Air/Bn S3 Air: Permission to use LOH

aircraft for trip to Bao Loc, clearing initials.

Div (RES), Bde(RCB)

JS

JB

15.

1346

D Co/Bn NCS: D Co at YT 545943 found 1 5x8

ft. hootch rased 5 ft. off ground NRU, 1 7x10

ft. hootche rased 5 ft. off the ground NRU.

Bothe about 3 months old, 1 empty 4x8 ft. storage

bin, 2 pottery jug, 2 ft. high, 20lbs of shelled

corn, 8 rice bowls, 1000 lbs of unpolished rice in

baskets in place about 10 days, 100 lbs of polished

rice in baskets also in place about 10 days.

All the rice in in very good condition. Every-

thing will be destroyed.

JS

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1359

Bde CO/Bn NCS: No open fires in 2nd Bde AO,
except latrine fires from this time forward
it shall be carried out.

JS

JB

17.

1400

All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A(-) YU 657014,
1/A YU 655001, B (-) YT 670990, 1/B YU 666000,
2/C YT 673995, C (-) YU 699000, 1/C (YT 692985,
YT 689989), 2/C(YU 688001, YU 703003), 3/C
(YU 735011, YU 739010), D Co YT 545943, E Ren

FSB Rash.

JS

DC

18.

1410

All Units/Bn NCS: PDS. A Co 4 off, 8 nco,
47 em, 6 att, T-65. B Co 4 off, 17 nco, 76 em,
12 att, T-109. C Co 5 off, 13 nco, 67 em, 13
att, T-99, D Co 6 off, 16 nco, 59 em, 12 att,
T-93. FSB Rash 5 off, 17 nco, 68 em, T-90.

FSB Dragon Head 12 off, 33 nco, 82 em, T-127.

JS

DC

19.

1415

Bde S3 Asst/Bn NCS: Request status of our
air moves.

JS

WR

20.

1600

D Co/Bn NCS: D Co at YT 550942 found 1 trail
1 ft. wide hard packed high speed, NE-SW used
in the last 12 hrs. At YT 544939 found 1 hootche
10x12 ft. NRU, also 1 sleeping platform 5x10
ft. 2 ft. off the ground, NRU, 1 2x6 ft. bunker
18" OHC, used in the last 48 hrs. 1 L shaped

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1600

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4: bunker 4x8 ft. used
by the last 24 hrs. 1 basket of corn meal
about 5 lbs, also 1 basket of beans 5 lbs.
1 basket of unknown seed 5 lbs, 1 small crop
of rice 10 lbs, 1 10x12 ft. hootch, sleeping
position 10x6 ft. inside hootch found 2 fishing
poles, 1 steel rod, 2 rice sifters, 1 basket
of charcoal, assorted small tools, and baskets,
1 fire 1 day old. 1 20x30 ft. pig pen NRU.
1 bamboo salt container, 1 cross bow, with 2
new parts, 1 chicken coop 1x2 ft. 2 china bowls,
everything was destroyed.

JS

EH

21.

1655

Bde S5 Asst/BnNCS: Psyops for 1 Jan 71. YT
5592 3x5 20 minute tape 72,000 leaflets, YT
6998 6x6 15 minute tape with 72,000 leaflets.
YT 4694 4x4 20 minute tape with 54,000 leaf-
lets, Preplanned for 3 Jan YT 6293 6x6, YT
5592 tape by Chieu Hoi.

JS

MD

22.

1700

Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: AIR LIFT. FX/SEC of
A Co. PZ(YU 655001, YU 657014), LZ-FSB Rash.
FSB Dragon Head, 12 sorties 5 heavy, Acft-
5+2, ACL-5, 65 packs, 1st PZ-1626 hrs. 1645 hrs.
1st LZ-1631 hrs. 1654 hrs. PZ clear 1637 hrs.

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22.	1700		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5: 1649 hrs. Lif completed at 1643 hrs. 1658 hrs. PZ/LZ-green.	JS	MD		
23.	1713		1/B/Bn NCS: Request medivac or CC aircraft to extract 1 individual who lacerated his finger to the bone with a machete. Medivac complete at 1742 hrs.	JS	DC		
24.	1750		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: MORTAR REPORT. FSB Rash. Line 1 E-0/0, F-0/5. Line 2 E-0, F-1. FSB Dragon Head Line 1 E-0/15, F-0/4, Line 2 E-2, F-1.	JS	MD		
25.	1800		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: AIR LIFT. SEC/CA of Ercn. PZ-FSB Rash, LZ-YT 465919. 7 sorties 1 heavy, Acft-5+2, ACL-5, 36 packs, 1st PZ-1730 hrs. 1st LZ-1740 hrs. PZ clear 1745 hrs. Lift complete 1750 hrs. LZ/PZ-green.	JS	MD		
26.	1810		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Air request for 3 Jan 1 UH1H CC/Log aircraft with left jump seat with Y cord, to report to Song Be on FM 54.05 at 0700 hrs. to 8E(commo rear) and then to FSB Dragon Head on FM 64.75 at 0730 hrs. to Cradle 37(TOC RTO). 1 log aircraft same as above. Request 6+2 for D Co SEC/CA PZ-FSB Rash, LZ-YT 505853, 19 sorties, 93 packs at 1800 hrs.	JS	MD		

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1835

Bn NCS/Bde NCS: CC aircraft was released at

1815 hrs. Log aircraft was released at 1755 hrs. JS

MD

28.

1850

B Co/Bn NCS: B Co at YU 664008 found at about

1600 hrs. 11 bunkers 5x8 ft. 18" OHC, 23 spider

holes, 2 ft. diameter, 5 trails leading into

area. 2 running EW, 1 running NE-SW, 1 running

NS, 1 running NW-SE, all trails are 2 ft. wide

and used by an estimated enemy platoon size

element in the last 2-3 days. Bunkers and

spider holes showed light recent use by same

size element in the last 2-3 days. JS

DC

29.

1930

Bde S3 Asst/Bn S3: 1. Meeting at Song Be at

1100 hrs. 4 Jan 71, Bn CO and Bn S3 will attend.

2. Be prepared to accept 3 155mm howitzers.

3. No fire zone: YT 430990 to 471999 to 51025

to 530060, 4. Request D Co move at 1200 hrs. JS

WR

30.

1933

Bn CO/Bde S3: Request 1 overlay for no fire

zone. JS

MD

31.

1935

FSB Rash/BnNCS: FSB Rash reports they saw

a light 15-20 meters in the woodline to the

WNW, engaged with 30 rounds of M79 and 20

rounds of 81mm WP, light went out, will sweep

in the morning. JS

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1940

Bn S3/Bde S3: Final Plans for 3 Jan 71.

A(-) will be base defense at FSB Dragon Head.

1/A will be base defense at FSB Rash, B(-)

will conduct G/R(ground recon) to YT 664982.

1/B will conduct G/R to YU 656004, 2/B will

conduct G/R to YT 655985. C Co will split up

in small units and ambush along trails in area

vic: C(-) YU 699000, 1/C(YT 692985, YT 689985)

2/C YT 687996, 3/C(YU 735011, YU 739010), D Co

will SEC/CA PZ-FSB Rash, LZ-YT 505853. E Rdn

will conduct G/R to YT 450923. E(-) has 2

mortar tubes at FSB Rash, 1 FSB Thomas, 1 opcon

2nd Bde.

JS

ND

33.

1985

All Units/Bn NCS: NIGHT LOCATIONS. A(-) FSB

Dragon Head, 1/A FSB Rash, B(-) YT 671983,

1/B(YT 671987, YU 664001), 2/B (YT 665991, YT

661980), 3/B(YT 671987, YU 739010), C (-) YU

699000, 1/C(YT 689987, YT 692985), 2/C YT 687996,

3/C (YU 739010, YU 735011), D Co YT 538942,

E Rdn YT 467921, E(-) has 2 mortar tubes at

FSB Rash, 1 FSB Thomas, 1 opcon 2nd Bde.

All units have green on malaria. B Co has 3

AA(auto-ambush), C Co has 1 AA, D Co has 2 AA,

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33.	1945		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8: all other units have negative AA. D Co has 1 scout dog team, all other units have negative scout dog teams. All units have negative snipers. C Co had 7 manned day ambushes, all other units had negative day manned ambushes. B Co had 3 night manned ambushes, C Co had 5, all other units have negative night manned ambushes.	JS	DC	0001	2 Jan 71
34.	2030		Bn S5/Bde S5: Possibility of night Psyops missions, also request leaflets from Bde to Bn.	JS	MD	2400	2 Jan 71
35.	2046		Bn S2 Air/Bde S2: Request LRRP boxes in grid squares with center of mass. 1. YT 5992, 2. YT 6195. Mission is to check trail activity.	JS	MD		
36.	2358		All Units/Bn NCS: B Co, C Co, D Co, E Ren, FSB Rash from 200-2400 hrs. gave negative situation reports.	JS	EH		
37.	2359		DAILY SUMMARY: Negative contact, negative cache, Air Lifts: FX/SEC of A Co. PZ-(YU 655001, YU 657014), LZ-FSB Rash and FSB Dragon Head. SEC/CA of E Ren PZ-FSB Rash, LZ-YT 465919. Negative significant events.	JS	WL		
38.	2400		JOURNAL CLOSED.	JS	DQ		

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