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ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
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1.	0001		Bn NCS/Journal Opens.	JS	DQ
2.	0420		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: SOI CHANGES. Effective 4 Jan at 0001 hrs. Item 1A 46-15 2/19 Arty E-1 to 70.30, 2/20 Retrans to 70.70. 1B 47-15 227th AHB CMD(p) to 47.50. Due to compromise of 1st Cav Div SOI effective 5 Jan at 0001 Jan. 2A 43A-15 2st Bde Nets Callword Y6YK/Supreme Fighter to F88C/Tornado Boats. B-1 SEC CDM(P) to 61.25 B-1 relay (P) to 72.20. 2B 46-15 Page 1 of 4 pages. 2/19 ARTY Callword 2FXZ/Counter Ridges to 2214/ Shady Affair, CF to 59.75, Page 2 of 4 pages. 1/21 Arty 5R7U/Midway Payroll to Cement Globe CF to 59.75. Page 3 of 4 pages 1/30 Arty 3Z1D Racing Brother to Counter Curb, 1/30 CF to 73.75 Item 3 Reminder SOI Items. 45C-15A, 45D-15A, 45H-15A will become effective 5 Jan 0001 hrs.	JS	DQ
3.	0600		All Units/Bn NCS: B Co, C Co, D Co, E Ren, FSB Rash from 0100-0600 hrs. gave negative situation reports.	JS	EH
4.	0610		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: WEATHER REPORT. Visibility 7 miles, ceiling scattered, Max temperature 88, Min temperature 68.	JS	DQ
5.	0730		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: Meeting with Bde CO postponed		

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5.	0730		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1: until 5 Jan 71 at 1100 hrs.	JS	CF
6.	0800		Pink Team/Bn NCA: Pink Team was given clear to fire from 85 EW grid line to 90 EW grid line, from 50 NS grid line to west of A0, by JFM.	JS	RD
7.	0815		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team at 0750 hrs. at YT 513983 saw 1 8" trail SW-NE with movement to the NE by 5-6 individuals in the last 24 hrs. At 0815 at YT 516984 saw 1 set of foot prints made by 1 individual to the SW in the last 48 hrs.	JS	RD
8.	0830		Bn S3/Bde S3: Tentative Plans for 5 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 657006. 3/B will conduct G/R to YT 647981, 2/B will conduct G/R to YT 645990. C Co will continue in ambush posture along trails in vic: C(-) YU 699000, 1/C (YT 692985, YT 699985), 2/C YU 689007. D(-) will conduct G/R to YT 487857. 1/D will conduct G/R to YT 484851, 2/D will conduct G/R to YT 491862, E Rcn will conduct G/R to YT 455933. E(-) has 2 mortar tubes at		

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8.	0830		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2: FSB Rash, 1 FSB Thomas,		
			1 opcon 2nd Bde.	JS	DQ
9.	0900		Bn S2 Bde S2: Mission request for 5 Jan 71.		
			SLAR for 1/8 AO. IR for 1/8 AO along the Dong		
			Nai River, VR for D Co, B Co, E Rcn, Sniffer		
			at YU 5100, YU 5700, YU 5103, YU 5703, in box		
			56.	JS	DQ
10.	0915		Pink Team/BnNCS: Pink Team at 0810 hrs. at		
			YT 477863 spotted 1 NE-SW trail 2 ft. wide,		
			hardpacked showing moderate recent use. Also,		
			along the trail spotted 1 campfire 12 hrs. old.		
			At 0815 hrs. at YT 472868 spotted 1 20x20 ft.		
			hooche showing LRU, also 2 baskets, empty,		
			1 plastic poncho, several piles of clothes,		
			black pajamas type. At 0840 hrs. at YT 471864		
			spotted 1 3x5 ft. structure with bamboo covering		
			also 1 6x12 ft. rack holding assorted bowls,		
			pots, pans and a grain grinder.	JS	DQ
11.	1000		All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A(-) FSB Dragon		
			Head, 1/A FSB Rash, B(-) YT 656981, 2/B YT		
			659988, 1/B YU 667001, C(-) YU 699000, 1/C		
			YT 691984, 2/C YU 688007, 3/C YU 734012, D(-)		
			YT 508852, 2/D YT 505850, 3/D YT 509855, E Rcn		

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11.	1000		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3: YT 461923.	JS	RD
12.	1020		Bn Sig Off/Bde Sig Off: Secure radio usage for the last 24 hrs. B Co-NCS: 1745-0805 hrs. C Co-NCS: 1805-1000 hrs. D Co-FSB Rash: 1830-1000 hrs. FSB Rash-NCS: 1830-1000 hrs. A/L: all secure log aircraft secure.	JS	DQ
13.	1040		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team was given a clear to fire at YT 5198. Initials JFM.	JS	RD
14.	1055		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team at 1050 hrs. at YT 495957 saw 1 trail 18" wide used in the last 48 hrs. by 2-3 individuals in negative direction. At 1055 hrs. at YT 494968 saw 1 bunkers 5x8 ft. and 8x10 ft. with 1 ft. OHC, NRU.	JS	RD
15.	1100		Bn S3 Asst/Bde S3 Asst: The QRF/RRF units from 1/8 for 4 Jan 71 are QRF-1/A, RRF-A(-).	JS	DQ
16.	1150		Div CO Asst/Bn NCS: Div CO arrived at FSB Dragon Head at 1150 hrs. TOD-1210 hrs. Negative comments.		
17.	1200		B Co/Bn NCS: B Co at YT 656981 spotted 2 individuals in open 1200 meters to their SW, Arty employed.	JS	RD
18.	1202		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: SOI CHANGES. Items 43A-15 and 46-15 mentioned on 4 Jan 71 at 0420 hrs.		

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18.	1202		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4: SOI Changes will not go into effect as planned: These items will go into effect when announced by Division.	JS	DQ
19.	1300		D Co/Bn NCS: D Co at YT 506849 found 1 4x8 ft. bunker with 2 ft. OHC, about 4 months old in good condition, NRU, 2 garden plots, 2 acres growing corn NRU, 1 garden plot 15x20 meters growing potatoes, peppers, NRU, all plots destroyed. YT 506846 found 1 4x6 ft. bunker with 2 ft. OHC, 4 months old in good condition NRU, in bunkers was 1 US incendiary grenade, bunker and grenade were destroyed. 1 trail NS hard packed 1 ft. wide, used by unknown number of individuals in negative direction in the last 24 hrs.	JS	MD
20.	1400		All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A(-) FSB Dragon Head, 1/A FSB Rash, B(-) YU 667001, 2/B YT 659988, 3/B YT 656981, C(-) YU 699000, 1/C YT 696984, 2/C YU 688007, 3/C YU 734012, D(-) YT 509848, 2/D YT 514851, 3/D YT 507847, E Rpn YT 461923, PDS. B Co 4 off, 16 nco, 77 em, 12 att, T-109. C Co 5 off, 13 nco, 70 em, 16 Att, T-104. D Co 6 off, 16 nco, 59 em, 12 att, T-98.		

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20.	1400		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5: E Ren 1 off, 5 nco, 23 em, 4 att, T-33. FSB Rash 5 off, 13 nco, 55 em, T-73. FSB Dragon Head 17 off, 34 nco, 131 em, T-182.	JS	DC
21.	1430		Bn S5/Bde S5: Request for Psyops missions for 5 Jan 71. 1. YT 6598 tape # 931, react to B Co contact. 2. YT 5298 tape 10-6 T, react to Pink team reports. 3. YT 7295 Night mission, search light rally, tape # 813.	JS	MD
22.	1540		Psyops/Bn NCS: Psyops aircraft on station to work YT 5493 center point, 4-5000 meters radius.	JS	DC
23.	1550		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: SOI Information. USKAC 8167-V days 1-7 possible compromise. 1ACD holders of above will use regular days 4-7 with caution. II Field Forces holders of above will use 1E-3E on days 5-7. 1ACD users of above will use days 1-3E on 5-7 only if they have cause to communicate with II Field Force personnel.	JS	MD
24.	1620		E Ren/Bn NCS: E Ren at YT 461923 spotted 6 individuals 40 meters to the NW moving south on a NS trail, engaged with small arms, Arty and worked Rash (FAC) in the area. Approximately 1 magazine return fire was received. Contact		

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24.	1620		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6: was broke immediatly and individuals evaded to the NW, results of contact was 1 US line 2 who was medivaced, 1 enemy Line 1 (KIA) and 1 captured AK47 with 4 full magazines. Individual wore a faded pink shirt, kakai pants, US pistol belt, US canteen, and poncho, he had fairly long hair.	JS	DC
25.	1625		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Medivac Request. Urgent mission with negative gun cover, at YT 461923 set down mission, negative special equipment, Medivac 2 negative enemy situation, ETA-30 minutes, Medivac completed at 1701 hrs.	JS	MD
26.	1737		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Air Request for 5 Jan 71. 1 UH1H CC/Log aircraft with left jump seat and 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.	JS	DC
27.	1745		Bde S5/Bn NCS: Psyops run for 3 Jan 71. YT 6293 6x6 20 minute tape on search light. YT 5593 3x2 20 minute tape on support of Chieu Hoi, Preplan for 5 Jan 71. YT 3691 PRU cache site. YT 6497 B Co contact, YT 7090 search		

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27.	1745		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7: light theme, also even- ing mission for 4 Jan 71 at YT 7096. Do we still have KCS # 383? Personnel in Phouc Vinh have misplaced KCS report, request duplicate if Bn S5 has one.	JS	MD
28.	1800		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: EXPOSURE REPORT. B Co 1st sortie 1115 hrs. last sortie 1620 hrs. In PZ at 1100 hrs. PZ clear 1635 hrs. 10 sorties. C Co 1st sortie 0920 hrs. last sortie 1230 hrs. In PZ at 0905 hrs. PZ clear 1245 hrs. 7 sorties.	JS	MD
29.	1815		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: MORTAR REPORT. FSB Dragon Head. Line 1 E-0/10, F-0/6, Line 2 E-1, F-1, FSB Rash Line 1 E-138/50, F-0/8, Line 2 E-1, F-1.	JS	MD
30.	1826		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: CC.Log aircraft was released at 1745 hrs. Log aircraft was released at 1655 hrs.	JS	MD
31.	1829		Bn S3/Bde S3: Final Plans for 5 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 665990, 1/B will conduct G/R to YT 665990, 2/B will conduct G/R to YT 667990. C Co will be in ambush post- ure along trails in vic: C(-) YU-699000, 1/C		

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31.	1829		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8: (YT 591984, YT 688993), 2/C YU 689007, 3/C YU 716005. D(-) will conduct G/R to YT 503848, 1/D will conduct G/R to YT 502843, 2/D will conduct G/R to YT 507856, E Rcn will conduct G/R to YT 455933. E(-) has 2 mortar tubes at FSB Rash, 1 FSB Thomas, FSB Buttons has 1.	JS	MD
32.	1845		E Rcn/Bn NCS: E Rcn at YT 461924 spotted 1 individuals 50-75 meters north of them wearing black pajamas and carrying an AK47, engaged with small arms and ARTy, individual evaded to the NW, sweep of area resulted in negative findings, received negative return fire.	JS	DC
33.	1850		Bn NCS/Bn NCS: MEDIVAC REQUEST. Urgent mission. special equipment-jungle penetrator, 1 indiv- idual with 105.2 temperature. Medivac, ETA-15-20 minutes. Medivac completed at 1942 hrs.	JS	MD
34.	1926		All Units/BnNCS: CLOSING LOCATIONS. A(-) FSB Dragon Head, 1/A FSB Rash, B(-) YU 667001, 2/B YT 656982, 3/B YT 660976, C(-) YU 699000, 1/C (YT 691984, YT 688993), 2/C YU 689007, 3/C YU 716005, D(-) YT 510842, 2/D YT 516849, E Rcn YT 461924. B Co has 4 AA(auto-ambush)		

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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9: C Co has 3 AA, D Co has 4 AA, all other units have negative AA. C Co has 1 scout dog team, all other units have negative scout dog teams. All units have green on malaria. All units have negative snipers and day manned ambushes. C Co has 4 night ambushes manned, D Co has 1, E Ron has 1, all other units have negative night manned ambushes.

JS

DC

35.

2035

D Co/Bn NCS: D Co at YT 505847 found at 1600 hrs. 1 8x10 ft. hootch, with 3x6 ft. sleeping platform inside, 6 months old, NRU in good condition. 1 bunker 4x6 ft. 4 ft. deep with 4 ft. OHC, 6 months old, NRU, inside the hootch were 3 rice sifters, 3 ft. wide, 1 large basket, 1x1 ft. storage rack, rice and straw husks around the area. At YT 507845 found 1 hootch 12x5 ft. 2 ft. off the ground, 2 large woven rice containers, 4x4 ft. with 1500 lbs. of unpolished rice. Everything above was destroyed. also 1 trail high speed running NS 1 ft. wide used in the last 48 hrs. by 3-4 individuals moving north. 1 trail NE-SW 1 ft. wide used in the

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35.	2035		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10: last 48 hrs. by 1-3 individuals moving NE, 2/D from present location 150 meters east YT 515849 directly across the river, found 1 4x12 ft. hootch, also 1 trail 3-4 ft. wide runs from the hootch to the river, the bank along the river at this point is very clear and slopes very slowly down to the river, this would make an excellent docking point, 2/D is in ambush posture at this time	JS	DC
36.	2040		Bde S2 Asst/Bn NCS: Readout from B Co 5/7 Cav capturing a document 4 Jan 71. Letter from Hoa to Ba and Nam(Muoi Lam), " On the 31 st, the enemy dropped special forces in Bu Gia area. On morning of the 1st, peasants and guerillas going to the field were ambushed and killed brother Danh, since 0900 hrs. we haven't moved, the people are confused and haven't moved and are afraid to pick rice in the field. On the 2nd of January, helicopters in vicinity Dong Hoa dropped special forces troops and brother Khien suggest a group of our forces be sent to support guerrillas. Tu Hai is not safe; the situation is difficult", Good health to you		

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(In parentheses), also, (I think enemy is
still in Danh, as I can still see the helicopter)

also found on individual: a fragment of paper
containing a lesson on how to construct anti-
personnel mines. 1 wrapper used to hold snake-

bite medicine.

JS

MD

37.

2050

Psyops/BnNCS: Psyops on station at 2050 hrs.
to work YT 7096, TBS-2125 hrs.

JS

DC

38.

2358

All Units/Bn NCS: B Co, C Co, D Co, E Rcn,
FSB Rash from 2000-2400 hrs. gave negative
situation reports.

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39.

2359

DAILY SUMMARY: Contact: E Rcn at YT 461923
spotted and engaged 6 individuals with small
arms, Artillery, and worked Rash(FAC), received
about 1 magazine of return fire, results: 1
Line 2 US, 1 enemy KIA and 1 captured AK47 and
4 full magazines. E Rcn at 1845 hrs. at YT
461924 spotted and engaged 1 individual in black
pajamas carrying and AK47, sweep of area produced
negative findings, negative return fire. Cache:
D Co at YT 507845 found 1500 lbs. of unpolished
rice in hootch in 2 large woven containers.

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DAILY SUMMARY CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12: Negative

air lifts, negative significant events.

JS

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JS

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