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ACTION TAKEN

INITIALS

1.

0001

Bn NCS/Journal Opens.

JS

DC

2.

0600

All Units/Bn NCS: B Co, C Co, D Co, E Ren,

FSB Rash from 0100-0600 hrs. gave negative

situation reports.

JS

DC

3.

0610

Bde NCS/Bn NCS: WEATHER REPORTS. Visibility

7 miles, ceiling scattered, Max temperature

88, Min temperature 62.

JS

MD

4.

0720

Bde NCS/Bn NCS: Bde wants to know what would

be the best time for Bde CO to be at B Co's

log site. Bn S3 gives him the time of 1000 hrs.

JS

CF

5.

0800

Bde NCS/Bn NCS: The Bde CO will have a meet-

ing today in Song Be at 1130 hrs. He wants

the Bn CO and a representative from the S3

shop to be present at this meeting.

JS

DQ

6.

0810

Bn S3/Bde S3: Tentative Plans for 7 Jan 71.

A Co will SEC/CA PZ-FSB Rash, LZ-YT 643995,

B(-) will conduct G/R(ground recon) to YT 655988.

3/B will conduct G/R to YT 656984, 2/B will

conduct G/R to YT 655994. C Co will conduct

G/R to YT 682980. D Co will continue with the

Chieu Hois to find cache in vic of YT 510842.

E Ren will conduct G/R to YT 460940.

JS

DQ

7.

0820

Bn NCS/Bde NCS: GRF is 1/A, RRF is A(-).

JS

DQ

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8.	0830		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: SECURE radio usage for the last 24 hrs. B Co: 1745-0815 hrs. C Co: 1645-1000 hrs. D Co: 1900-0745 hrs. FSB And A/L all secure. Log aircraft secure.	JS	DQ
9.	0837		Bde S2 Asst/Bn S2: Reference IR Sensors. G2 would like the IR sensors which are strategically implanted along the Dong Nai River to be checked soon. A member of the Div Sensor Plt. will be available to help check these sensors whenever 1/8 CO wants it arranged.	JS	DQ
10.	0900		Bn S3 NCS/Bde NCS: Request 3 scout dog teams for 7 Jan, request that 1 team for each of the companies: A Co, B Co, D Co. Request these teams be on 1/8 log pad NLT 0700 hrs. 7 Jan with food and supplies for at least 3 days.	JS	DQ
11.	0915		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team at YT 467853 found 1 3x5 ft. hootche, 1 pair of black pajamas on the ground with LRU in the area in the last 48 hrs. At YT 473856 saw a small field in the center was a dirt mound with racks around it put there about 7 days ago. At YT 467867 saw 1 spider hole with NRU, 1 NE-SW trail 6" wide with LRU this morning, also 1 10x15 ft. hootch frame, NRU.		

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0915

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trail EW 8" wide hard packed with LRU in the  
last 7 days to the East. At YT 470869 saw 1  
hootch 15x20 ft. put incendiary grenade on  
hootch and black smoke came out about 70 ft.  
high, thought to be POL in hootch, also spotted  
some bodies in the hootch, LRU this morning.

JS

RD

12.

0930

D Co/Bn NCS: D Co found at 0800 hrs. on 5  
Jan at YT 509840 1 SKS, 1 M1 carbine, 1 bunker  
2x2x5 ft. 18" OHC, NRU. at YT 508839 found 6  
4x6 ft. sleeping platforms, LRU in the last 24  
hrs., 3 bags of unpolished rice(55lbs.), 2 bunkers  
1 bunker 2x2x4 ft. 18" OHC with LRU in the  
last 24 hrs., other was 8x10 ft. with 18" OHC  
bunkers were joined by a tunnel, also in area  
5 canteens, 20 fishing poles, 1 ricesifter,  
found 1 M1 carbine, 1 SKS, 600 lbs. of unpolished  
rice in baskets on storage rack 4 x4ft. baskets  
were 2 1/2 x2 ft.

JS

RD

13.

1000

All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A(-) FSB Dragon  
Head, 1/A FSB Rash, B Co YT 667989, C(-) YU  
699000, all of his plts. are moving to join  
up at C(-) location. D(-) YT 510842; 1&3/D

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13.	1000		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3: YT 508839, E Rcn YT 464926.	JS	RD
14.	1030		B Co/Bn NCS: B Co at YT 667989 had movement to SE about 50 meters out employed Arty and Rash(FAC).	JS	RD
15.	1045		3/B/Bn NCS: 3/B at YT 669984 was engaged by an estimated enemy platoon with small arms and B40 rockets. Enemy was between 30 and 100 meters to the south. Friendly small arms, Arty, AEA, Rash(FAC), and air strike were employed. Contact was broke at about 1115 hrs. enemy evaded to the southwest. US received 4 WIA who were medivaced. US casualties are attributed to snipers in trees about 100 meters to the south.	JS	DC
16.	1045		2/B/Bn NCS: 2/B at YT 668984 at about the same time as 3/B contact 2/B engaged and estimated enemy squad. Enemy was about 75 meters to the south and returned fire with small arms and B40 rockets. Contact broke at about 1100 hrs. and enemy evaded to the west. Negative friendly casualties.	JS	DC
17.	1215		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team was given clearance		

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17.

1215

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4: to fire in YT 4786.

TBS-1323 hrs. Read out to his higher. Initials:

JFM.

JS

RD

18.

1315

RASE(FAC)/Bn NCS: TOS-1300 hrs. for air strike.

with snake and napalm, CBU. TBS-1315 hrs.

JS

RD

19.

1346

C Co/Bn NCS: AIR LIFT. 3/C FX/CA PZ-YU 717000.

5 sorties 25 packs, ACL-5, Acft-5+2. 1st PZ-324

hrs. 1st LZ-1339 hrs. PZ clear 1333 hrs. Lift

complete. PZ/LZ-green. LZ-YT 665982.

JS

RD

19.

1400

All Units/Bn NCS: PDS. B Co 4 off, 14 nco,

76 em, 13 att, T-107. C Co 5 off, 13 nco, 70 em,

16 att, T-104. D Co 6 off, 16 nco, 58 em, 12

att, T-92. E Ren 1 off, 4 nco, 22 em, 4 att, T-31.

FSB Rash 6 off, 14 nco, 55 em, T-75. FSB Dragon

Head 16 off, 51 nco, 134 em, T-191.

JS

RD

20.

1513

Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: AIR LIFT. FX/CA of C(-)

PZ-YU 699000, LZ-YT 656982. 17 sorties, acft-

5+2, ACL-5, 79 packs. 1st PZ-1430 hrs. 1st LZ-

1449 hrs. PZ clear at 1508 hrs. Lift complete

at 1512 hrs. PZ/LZ-green.

JS

DC

21.

1545

D Co/Bn NCS: D Co at YT 509838 found 1 4x4 ft.

wooden platform 2 ft. off the ground on the

platform was a 5x4 ft. wooden container with

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1545

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1 5x5 ft. platform 2 ft. off the ground with

a 5x4 ft. woven container with 1000 lbs of

unpolished rice. 1 12x14 ft. wooden platform

with 2 woven containers both 5x4 ft. one contained

1200 lbs. unpolished, the other 800 lbs. of

unpolished rice. TOTAL-3500 lbs of rice.

JS

DC

22.

1610

Bn S2/Bde S2: Request air strike for YT 503885

target 2 bunkers and 6 hootches.

JS

MD

23.

1645

Bn S5/Bde S5: Pre Planed Psyops for 7 Jan 71.

YT 5083 Hoi Chanh tapes and Montagnard tape stress

hunger and safe conduct. YT 6797 Reaction to

B Co contact stress fear of death and lost cause.

JS

MD

24.

1700

Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team at YT 470869 observed

1 individual in burned out hootch, 1 VC KBH,

1 basket with 220 lbs. of rice, 1 rice bowl,

1 8x15 ft. bunker, 3 pairs of black pajamas,

observed 1 individual 1 NVA KBH, 1 4x4 ft.

bunker with entrance reinforced by 8"x12 logs

2 or 3 bags of rice(220 lbs), 1 bunker 20x20 ft.

JS

MD

25.

1720

B Co/Bn NCS: B Co found in contact area 14

spider holes, 1 sniper platform in tree, both

spider holes and sniper platform have numerous

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25.	1720		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6: blood spots and trails. Found 5 VC KIA in contact area. Uniforms are mixed green and black.	JS	MD
26.	1725		D Co/Bn NCS: D Co has 5 Chieu Hoi at their location, they say there are 10 more people who would like to Chieu Hoi in a village $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. away. D Co is sending 2 squads to get the people. 1804 hrs. 10 more Chieu Hoi to D Co.	JS	MD
27.	1730		Pink Team/BnNCS: Pink Team at YT 664979 saw Chieu Hoi leaflets, at YT 661977 saw a bunker 8x10 ft. with heavy OHC, NRU, also 1 bunker 5x8 ft. negative OHC, NRU. 1 ammo box, 1 animal pen 4x4 ft with roof destroyed by low aircraft. 2 spider holes 18" in diameter, NRU, 1 bunkers 10x10 ft. caved, NRU. at YT 657970 saw a hole in side of hill 4x4 ft. with dirt thrown out of hole with a pole that was next to hole, pole was 10 ft. long. Also 2 air holes nearby 5" in diameter. At YT 647970 saw 1 water jug about 3 gallon, also 1 bunker opening 2x1 ft. oval shape could not tell xize of bunker, NRU.	JS	EH
28.	1815		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Air request for 7 Jan. 1 UH1H CC/Log aircraft with left jump seat and		

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28.

1815

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7: Y cord to report to  
Song Be on FM 54.05 at 0700 hrs. to SE (commo  
rear) and then to FSB Dragon Head at 0730 hrs.  
on FM 64.75 to Cradle 37 (TOC RTO), 1 log aircraft  
same as above. Request 2 hook sorties for A Co  
SEC/SEC PZ-FSB Dragon Head, LZ-FSB Rash, 54  
packs at 1200 hrs. Request 6+2 for A Co SEC/CA  
PZ-FSB Rash, LZ-YU 465880, 75 packs, 15 sorties  
at 1330 hrs. Request 6+2 for C Co FX/SEC PZ-  
TBA, LZ-FSB Dragon Head, 103 packs, 21 sorties  
at 1545 hrs. Request 1 hook sortie for 1/C  
SEC/SEC PZ-FSB Dragon Head, LZ-FSB Rash, 32  
packs, at 1700 hrs.

JS

MD

29.

1830

Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Mortar Report. FSB Dragon Head.  
Line 1 E-40/0, F-6/3, Line 2 E-2, F-1. FSB  
Rash Line 1 E-104/43, F-0/4, Line 2 E-3, F-1.

JS

MD

30.

1855

All Units/Bn NCS: NIGHT LOCATIONS. A(-) FSB  
Dragon Head, 1/A FSB Rash, B(-) YT 667989,  
2&3/B YT 671980, D(-) YT 503838, 1&2/D YT 509838.  
C(-) YT 661984, 3/C YT 664982, 2/C YT 656982.  
E Rcn YT 465928. All Units have green on malaria.  
B Co has 3 AA, C Co has 3 AA, E Rcn has 2 AA (auto-ambush), all other units have negative AA.

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31.

1855

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8: B Co has 1 scout dog

team and E Ren has 1, all other units have

negative scout dog teams. All units have negative

snipers, day manned ambushes, night manned ambushe. JS

DC

32.

1900

D Co/Bn NCS: D Co at YT 509838 found at about

1600 hrs. 1 8x16 ft. hootch very old, NRU,

1 4x12 ft. bunker 18" OHC! good condition, NRU.

5 tunnel entrances well used in the last 24

hrs. 1 woman's fall(wig), brown 18" long,

1 NE-SW trail 2 ft. wide movement by unknown

individuals to the SW in the last 24 hrs. At

YT 503838 found 1 3x3 ft. bunker, 1 5x3 ft.

bunker, 1 5x3 ft. bunker 12 ft. deep, the other

two were 5 ft. deep, all three bunkers dug

into the side of a hill, recent use in the last

3 days by unknown number of individuals. JS

DC

33.

1934

Bn S3/Bde S3: Final Plans for 2 Jan 71. A Co

will move SEC/CA FZ-FSB Rash, LZ-YT 465880,

B Co will confine sweep of contact area. C Co

will act as blocking force for B Co then FX/SEC

to FSB Dragon Head and FSB Rash to be based

defense. D Co will continue with Chieu Hois

to find Cache. E Ren will conduct G/R(ground recon)

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1934

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

FSB Buttions.

JS

MD

34.

2045

Bde S5/Bn S5: Psyops run 5 Jan 71. 1. YT

6497 3x3 15 minute tape 18,000 leaflets, 2. YT

7090 6x6 30 minute tape 18,000 leaflets, 3.

also, 2 quick reaction missions over D Co.

Preplan for 7 Jan 1. YT 4983, 4x4 D Co Chieu

Hois, 2. YT 4682 3x3 village # 13(Montagnard)

3. YT 4685 support of 1/9. 4. YT 6697 support

of B Co.

JS

MD

35.

2358

All Units/Bn NCS: B Co, C Co, D Co, E Ren,

FSB Rash from 2000-2400 hrs. gave negative

situation reports.

JS

DC

36.

2359

DAILY SUMMARY: Contact: 3/B at YT 669984

was engaged by an estimated enemy platoon with

small arms and B40 rockets. Friendly small

arms, Arty, AFA, RASH(FAC) and air strikes were

employed. Contact began at 1045 hrs. broke at

1115 hrs. US had 4 WIA who were medivaced,

negative enemy assessment at the time of contact.

2/B at YT 668984 at about the same time as

3/B contact 2/B engaged and estimated enemy

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DAILY SUMMARY CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10: Squad  
enemy was about 75 meters to the south and re-  
turned fire with small arms and B40 rockets.  
Contact broke at 1100 hrs. Negative friendly  
casualties, sweep of contact area of B Co  
contact resulted in 5 VC KIA, and many blood  
trails. Cachet D Co at YT 509838 found 3500  
lbs. of unpolished rice in woven baskets  
on a couple of 5x4 ft. platforms. Air Lifts:  
3/C FX/CA PZ-YU 717000, LZ-YT 665982, C(-)  
FX/CA PZ-YU 699000, LZ-YT 656982. Significant  
Events: D Co has 5 more Chieu Hoi and the  
Chieu Hoi say there are 10 more people in a  
village who would like to Chieu Hoi, D Co sent  
two squads to get them, at 1804 hrs. 10 more  
Chieu Hoi to D Co.

JS

WL

37.

2400

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JS

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