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FSB DRAGON HEAD

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1.	0001		Bn NCS/Journal Opens.	JS	DC
2.	0600		All Units/Bn NCS: A Co, B Co, D Co, E Rec, FSB Rash from 0100-0600 hrs. gave negative situation reports.	JS	DC
3.	0605		Bde S3 Asst/Bn S3 Asst: Log aircraft and CC aircraft ETA-0730 hrs.	JS	WN
4.	0740		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: WEATHER REPORT. Visibility 7 miles, ceiling scattered, Max temperature 90, Min temperature 63.	JS	DQ
5.	0745		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Tentative Plans for 12 Jan 71. 1(-) will conduct G/R to YT 455877, 1/A will conduct G/R to YT 476884, 3/A will conduct G/R to YT 465888, B Co will conduct G/R to YT 657988, C(-) will be base defense at FSB Dragon Head, 2/C will be base defense at FSB Rash, D(-) will conduct G/R to YT 495858, 1/D will conduct G/R to YT 501857, 2/D will conduct G/R to YT 486848, E Rec will conduct G/R to YT 462945, E(-) has 2 mortar tubes at FSB Rash, 1 FSB Thomas, 1 FSB Buttons.	JS	DQ
6.	0850		Sniffer aircraft/Bn NCS: Max sniffer readings at YT 621915, YT 631932, YT 675962, YT 683976, YT 699952, normal reading at YT 627909.	JS	RD

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7.	0900	All Units/Bn NCS: Secure radio usage in the last 24 hrs. A Co: 1750-0830 hrs. B Co: 1700-0800 hrs. D Co: not working. FSB Rash: all secure. A/L: all secure.			JS DC
8.	1000	All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A(-) YT 448881, 1/A YT 471891, 3/A YT 465889, B Co YT 658987, C(-) FSB Dragon Head, 2/C FSB Rash, D(-) YT 501847, 1/D YT 503849, B Rcn YT 463936.			JS RD
9.	1005	Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Air Strike for 12 Jan LZ construct for YT 628919, ordinance B57 canberra, 6 750 lbs. bombs.			JS RD
10.	1010	Bn S2/Bde S2 Asst: Engaged sniffer readings with 81mm mortars using 75 rounds of HE and 30 rounds of WP, the breakdown of rounds per target are: 25 HE per target, 10 WP per target, Request Pink Team to exploit sniffers.			JS DQ
11.	1015	Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team at YT 500858 spotted boot prints made in the last 72 hrs. at YT 482852 saw 1 trail NS 18" wide with LRU in the last 48 hrs. also 1 trail SE-NW 18" wide with MRU in the last 48 hrs. followed it to the SE and it led to a garden plot with movement in the garden in the last 72 hrs. at YT 495845.			JS RD

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12. 0 1150			Bn S3 Asst/Bde S3 Asst: AIR LIFT, FX/SEC of E Rdn, PZ-YT 463936, LZ-FSB Rash, 6 sorties, acft- 6+2, 31 packs, also 1 hook sortie of E Rdn, from FSB Rash to FSB Dragon Head.	JS	DQ
13. 1 1200			Bn S2/Bde S2: Request Sniffer inbox 65, SLAR for 1/8 AO, VR in A Co, C Co, D Co, IR for along Dong Nai River, YT50-YU70.	JS	TB
14. 1 1230			Bn S2/Bde S2: Why was Psyops aircraft not on station this morning? When will mission be run, Request mission to be run this afternoon.	JS	NZ
15. 1 1300			Bn S2/Bde S2: Will check sensors on Dong Nai River on 14 Jan. Request individual from G2 sensors, to accompany element, to arrive at FSB Dragon Head at 0800 hrs. 14 Jan 71.	JS	JC
16. 1 1305			Bn S2/Bde S2: LRRP boxes, 1. primary YU 5401, 2. Alt YT 4797.	JS	JC
17. 1 1325			Bn NCS/Bde NCS: At 1325 hrs. 3 Chieu Hois walked onto FSB Dragon Head travelling from the north. There were 1 women and 2 male children. A Psyops aircraft has been requested to work as soon as possible to the north of FSB Dragon Head, and work towards the river, Individuals claim they are from village #3.	JS	DQ

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18.	1340		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Psyops aircraft was on station to work with D Co at YT 501847 at 1340 hrs. JS			DC
19.	1400		All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A(-) YT 448881, 1/A YT 471891, 3/A YT 465889, B Co YT 658987, C(-) FSB Dragon Head, 2/C FSB Rash, D Co YT 501847, E Rcn FSB Rash.PDS. A Co 4 off, 11 nco, 60 em, 11 att,T-86. B Co 3 off, 14 nco, 71 em, 15 att,T-103, D Co 6 off, 15 nco, 58 em, 9 att, T-88, E Rcn 1 off, 5 nco, 22 em, 3 att,T-31. FSB Rash 5 off, 23 nco, 59 em, T-87. FSB Dragon Head 14 off, 40 nco, 141 em, T-195.	JS		RD
20.	1430		Bn S5/Bde S5: Three Chieu Hois are inbound to your location, request you have individuals at pad to meet the ralliers.	JS		MD
21.	1440		Rash(FAC)/Bn NCS: Rash on station for air strike at YT 627925, TOT-1400 hrs. ordinance 4 2000 lbs. 12 500 lbs bombs, BDA- 2 1 shippers, TBS- 1440 hrs.	JS		DC
22.	1525		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team on station to work in box bounded E-64, W-61, N-94, S89, at YT 622895 found 1 3 ft. diameter hootch, engaged with rockets, partially destroyed, ground around the hootch caved in on impact or rockets, team			

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22.	1525		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4: worked entire southern half of the box. TBS-1625 hrs.	JS	DC
23.	1530		Bn S5/Bde S5: Request 50,000 leaflets" Instructions for Chieu Hois."	JS	MD
24.	1550		A Co/Bn NCS: A Co at 1400 hrs. at YT 448878 found 1 EW trail 1 ft. wide hard packed, undetermined use in the last 14 days, at 1545 hrs. at YT 452877 saw 1 EW trail 1 ft. wide hard packed, undetermined use. 4 hootches 4x8 ft. 6 months old in good condition used in the last 14 days. Inside one of the hootches were 2 roles of vine rope about 50 ft. on each roll, rolls had been in place about 14 days, found 3 2.75 rockets pods been in place about 1 week, at YT 459873 saw 1 NS trail 1 ft. wide hard packed, NRU.	JS	DC
25.	1600		Bn S2/Bde S2: Reference: 3 ralliers at FSB Dragon Head, individuals were from village #5.	JS	MD
26.	1611		Bn CO/Bde S2: Mission Request for 12 Jan, Bn would like a sniffer mission run in box: YT 6194, YT 6494, YT 6189, YT 6489, will be run in early morning.	JS	NE
27.	1621		Bde S3 Asst/Bn NCS: Request insertion at grid of E Rcn also, air data for hook sortie, "1st		

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27.	1621	CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5: PZ at FSB Rash 1445 hrs.			
		1st LZ at FSB Dragon Head and lift complete			
		at 1456 hrs.		JS	MD
28.	1705	Bde S5/Bn NCS: Psyops missions run 10 Jan.			
		YT 4397 6x6 25 minute tape, YT 4984 4x4 20			
		minute 36,000 leaflets, YT 3753 4x4 20 minute			
		tape 18,000 leaflets, YT 6497 6x6 25 minute			
		tape 54,000 leaflets, Preplanned for 12 Jan.			
		YT 5084 4x4, YT 6798 4x4.		JS	MD
29.	1730	Bde S2 Asst/Bn NCS: SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES.			
		1. 3/A of 2/12 at 0924 hrs. at YU 298488 received			
		semi and automatic AK47 fire from and estimated			
		2-3 individuals 100 meters to their west, contact			
		broke at 0950 hrs. with 3 US WIA and enemy evading			
		to the SE. 2. An outpost of 114th RF Co 5th ARVN			
		Div reacted to an attack on a ½ ton vehicle by			
		estimated 10 VC at 1110 hrs. at YU 224040, vehicle			
		took 1 B40 causing heavy damage, contact broke			
		at 1115 hrs. enemy evaded to the south, results:			
		5 ARVN KIA, 2 ARVN WIA, 1 B40 CIA, 1 B4- CIA,			
		negative enemy assessment. A 1/9 at 1535 hrs. at			
		YU 301471 the low aircraft took 3 B40 rounds,			
		negative hits, tree top level, 60 knots.		JS	MD

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30.	1800	Bn S3/Bde S3 Air: Air request for 12 Jan. 1. E Rcn SEC/CA PZ-FSB Dragon Head, LZ-YT 638948. 6 sorties, 6+2, 29 packs, at 0700 hrs. 2. C(-) SEC/SEC PZ-FSB Dragon Head, LZ-YT 638948, 15 sorties, 6+2, 73 packs at 0745 hrs. 3. 2/C SEC/ CA PZ FSB Rash, LZ-YT 613897, 6 sorties, 6+2, 28 packs, at 0830 hrs. 4. 3/D FX/CA PZ YT 495843 LZ-YT 532833, 6 sorties, 6+2, 30 packs, at 0930 hrs. 5. 1 hook sortie for 3/B sec/SEC PZ-FSB Dragon Head, LZ-FSB Rash, 30 packs, at 1700 hrs. JS WN			
31.	1810	Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Air request for 12 Jan. 1 UH1H CC/Log aircraft with left jump seat and Y cord to report to Song Be on FM 54.05 at 0615 hrs. to commo rear and then to FSB Dragon Head on FM 64.75 at 0645 hrs. to TOC RTO, 1 log aircraft same as above.			JS WN
32.	1840	Bn NCS/Bde NCS: EXPOSURE REPORT. D Co 1 st sortie 1135 hrs. last sortie 1625 hrs. In PZ at 1120 hrs. PZ clear at 1640 hrs. 6 sorties. JS MD			
33.	1845	All Units/Bn NCS: NIGHT LOCATIONS. A(-) YT 448881, 1/A YT 471891, 3/A YT 465889, B(-) YT 659974, 1&3/B YT 658975, C(-) FSB Dragon Head, 2/C FSB Rash. D Co YT 499845, E Rcn FSB Dragon			
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33.	1845		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7: Head, B Co has 2 AA (auto-ambush), all other units have negative AA. A Co has 2 scout dog teams, B Co has 1, E Ren has 1. all other units have negative scout dog teams, All units have green on malacia, all units have negative snipers and day manned ambushes. A Co has 2 night manned ambushes, all other units have negative manned night ambushes.	JS	DC
34.	1848		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: MORTAR REPORT. FSB Dragon Head. Line 1 E-98/143, F-O, Line 2 E-3, F-O, FSB Rash. Line 1 O/24, F-O, Line 2 E-1, F-O.	JS	MD
35.	1920		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Final Plans for 12 Jan. A(-) will conduct G/R to YT 453878, 1/A will conduct G/R to YT 476888, 3/A will conduct G/R to YT 465883, B Co will conduct G/R to FSB Dragon Head, B(-) will be base defense at FSB Dragon Head, 3/B will be base defense at FSB Rash. C(-) will conduct SEC/CA from PZ-FSB Dragon Head. LZ-YT 637940, 2/C will SEC/CA PZ-FSB Rash, LZ-YT 617905. D(-) will conduct G/R to YT 491856, 2/D will conduct G/R to YT 487848, 3/D will conduct G/R to YT 533840, E Ren will SEC/CA PZ-FSB Dragon Head, LZ-YT 638948, E(-) has 2		

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35. 1920		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8: mortar tubes at FSB Ranch, 1 FSB Thomas, 1 FSB Buttons.			JS MD
36. 1947		A Co/Bn MCS: A Co at YT 448881 spotted 3 individuals 75 meters to their north and heard about 3 more rumaging around in the trash on the log site, 1 weapon was spotted, KCS will try to talk them in.			JS DC
37. 2000		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Air strike for 12 Jan. Time: 0700 hrs. at YT 628926, L ² construct, ordinance 4 2000 lbs. bombs.			JS DC
38. 2015		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Air strikes for 12 Jan. 1. 1000 hrs. at YT 503885, known bunkers, and hootches, ordinance 4 500 lbs. frinedlies; A Co 3000 meters to west, D Co 3,5000 meters. 2. 1015 hrs. at YU 710005, 6 hootches, ordinance 4 500 lbs. bombs.			JS DC
39. 2025		Bde S3 Asst/Bn S3 Asst: reference to the mortars at Song Be and L ² thomas, they will not return 12 Jan 71, as bde CO would like to keep them for 2-3 days more.			JS DM
40. 2047		Bn CO/Bde S5: Request aircraft to come up and attempt to have 6 individuals presently rummaging in A Co log site, individuals would not Chieu to A Co. JS			MD

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41.	2200	Bde S3 Aast/Bn NCS: Reference to mortars, they will return tomorrow afternoon to FSB Dragon Head.			JS	MD
42.	2255	Bn NCS/Bde S5: On station to A Co Psyops aircraft on station at 2225 hrs. Theme Montagnard Chieu Hoi tape, TBS-2255 hrs.			JS	DC
43.	2358	All Units/Bn NCS: A Co, B Co, D Co, FSB Rash, from 2000-2400 hrs. gave negative situation reports.			JS	DC
44.	2359	DAILY SUMMARY: Negative contact, negative cache, Air Lifts: B Rcn FX/SEC LZ-FSB Rash, PZ-YT 463936. Significant events: At 1325 hrs. 3 Chieu Hois walked onto FSB Dragon Head, 1 women and 2 male children, they say they are from village #5.			JS	WL
45.	2400	JOURNAL CLOSED.			JS	DC
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