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1.	0001		Bn NCS/Journal Opens.	JS	WC
2.	0600		All Units/Bn NCS: A Co, B Co, D Co, FSB Rash from 0100-0600 hrs. gave negative situation reports.	JS	DC
3.	0655		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: WEATHER REPORT. Visibility 7 miles, ceiling scattered, Max temperature 90, Min temperature 63.	JS	DQ
4.	0710		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Request 1 scout dog team for A Co, request team be at 1/8 log pad in Song Be NLT at 0700 hrs. on 13 Jan, with enough rations for at least 3 days in the field.	JS	DQ
5.	0730		Rash(FAC)/Bn NCS: Rash on station at 0615 hrs. at YT 628926 for air strike. B/S 0740 hrs. BES-0800 hrs. Ordinance 6 750 lbs. bombs, BDA- 1 shipper.	JS	DQ
6.	0800		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Tentative for 13 Jan. A(-) will conduct G/R(ground redon) to YT 456877, 1/A will conduct G/R to YT 477883, 3/A will conduct G/R to YT 467876, B(-) will be base defensive at FSB Dragon Head, 3/B will be base defensive at FSB Rash. C(-) will conduct G/R to YT 634935. 2/C will conduct G/R to YT 620910, D(-) will conduct G/R to YT 490857,		

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6.	0800		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1: 2/D will conduct G/R to YT 482850, 3/D will conduct G/R to YT 530843, E Rcn will conduct G/R to YT 628937, E(-) has 2 mortar tubes at FSB Rash, 1 FSB Thomas, 1 FSB Buttons.	JS	DQ
7.	0815		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Request urgent Medivac for C Co at FSB Dragon Head. 1 individuals with foot injury caused by M16. Negative special equipment. ETA-0845 hrs.	JS	DQ
8.	0831		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: AIR LIFT. E Rcn SEC/CA PZ-FSB Dragon Head, LZ-YT 638948, 6 sorties, 29 packs, acft-4+2, ACL-5, 1st PZ-0812 hrs. 1st LZ-0818 hrs. PZ clear at 0825 hrs. Lift complete at 0831 hrs. LZ/PZ-green.	JS	DQ
9.	0900		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: AIR LIFT. SEC/CA of C(-) PZ-FSB Dragon Head, LZ-YT 638948, 15 sorties, 74 packs, acft-4+2, ACL-5, 1st PZ-0828 hrs. 1st LZ-0840 hrs. PZ clear 0855 hrs. Lift complete at 0900 hrs. PZ/LZ-green.	JS	DQ
10.	0910		Bn S2/Bde S2: Request Psyops aircraft with Montagnard tape, request aircraft work with A Co, ply a Montagnard tape with instructions for Chieu Mois, as soon as possible.	JS	DQ

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11.	0920		Bn Sig Off/Bde Sig Off: Secure radio usage for the last 24 hrs. A Co: 1750-0800 hrs. B Co: 1820-0830 hrs. D Co not working. Rash(FSB) all secure, A/L all secure, log aircraft all secure.	JS	DQ
12.	0930		Bn S2/Bde S2: Sniffer box 57. SLAR for 1/8 AD. VR for C Co, D Co, IR along the Dong Nai River at YU 6002-YU 7002.	JS	DQ
13.	1000		All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A(-) YT 448881, 1/A YT 471891, 3/A YT 465889. B(-) YT 659974, 1&3/B YT 668975, C(-) YT 638948, 2/C YT 613897, D(-) YT 499845, 3/D YT 532833, E Ren YT 638948.	JS	RD
14.	1010		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: AIR LIFT. SEC/CA of 2/C, PZ-FSB Rash, LZ-YT 613897, 6 sorties, 48 packs, acft-4+2, ACL-5, 1st PZ-0940 hrs. 1st LZ-0948 hrs. PZ clear 0954 hrs. Lift complete 1001 hrs. PZ/LZ-green.	JS	DQ
15.	1030		C Co/Bn NCS: C Co at YT 637939 found 1 trail NE-SW 18" wide with unknown use.	JS	RD
16.	1035		Bn NCS/Bde S3 Asst: AIR LIFT. FX/CA of 3/D. PZ-YT 495843, LZ-YT 532833, 6 sorties, 30 packs, acft-4+2, ACL-5, 1st PZ-1010 hrs. 1st LZ-1027 hrs. PZ clear 1031 hrs. Lift complete 1035 hrs. PZ/LZ-green.	JS	DQ

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17.	1046		Bde S3 Asst/Bn S3 NCO: The AO extension to 1st Bde from 1/8 AO will revert back to 2nd Bde at 1800 hrs. 12 Jan.	JS	DQ
18.	1050		A Co/Bn NCS: A Co at YT 451882 found 1 trail 1 ft. wide NE-SW used in the last 3 hrs. by 3 individuals to the NE.	JS	RD
19.	1140		Bn S2 NCO/Bde NCS: The Div CO arrived at FSB Dragon Head for briefing at 1050 hrs. and departed at 1125 hrs. Negative derogatory remarks, were made by the CG with the exception of a remark concerning the press.	JS	DQ
20.	1150		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team at YU 589942 saw 1 NS trail 16" wide used by 3-5 individuals in the last 12 hrs. to the south. at YU 581043 spotted 2 spider holes 3x5 ft. with LRU in the last 48 hrs. at YU 573021 spotted foot prints of 1 individuals 12 hrs. old, at YU 573041 saw 1 NS trail 1 ft. wide with LRU in the past 12 hrs. at YU 559033 saw 1 EW trail 6" wide with LRU in the past 48 hrs. at YU 562031 saw 1 NS trail 1 ft. wide with MRU in the last 48 hrs. to the south, at YU 566043 spotted 2 3x5 ft. fighting positions with MRU. At YU 558028 saw 2 trails		

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20.	1150		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4: NS 18" wide MRU in the last week, they joined to make 1 trail 3 ft. wide, 1 bunker 10x10 ft. 2 ft. OHC, at YU 560026 saw 1 10x10 ft. hootch with NRU, at YU 558028 saw 1 trail NS 2 ft. wide with NRU, 1 bunker 5x8 ft. with NRU.	JS	RD
21.	1300		Psyops aircraft/BnNCS: Psyops aircraft on station at 1300 hrs. to work area where Moi Chanh came into D Co, TBS-1450 hrs.	JS	DC
22.	1400		All Units/Bn NCS: PDS. A Co 4 off, 11 nco, 60 em, 11 att, T-86. B Co 3 off, 12 nco, 71 em, 15 att, T-101, C Co 4 off, 15 nco, 69 em, 12 att, T-100, D Co 6 off, 15 nco, 62 em, 12 att, T-96. E Rcn 1 off, 5 nco, 22 em, 3 att, T-31. FSB Rash, 4 off, 11 nco, 35 em, T-50. FSB Dragon Head, 12 off, 30 nco, 81 em, T-123.	JS	DC
23.	1430		All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A (-) YT 448881, 1/A YT 471891, 3/A YT 465889, B (-) YT 659967, 1&3/B YT 669973. C(-) YT 633933, 2/C YT 613897, D(-) YT 499845, 2/D YT 493845, 3/D YT 532832, E Rcn YT 635943.	JS	DC
24.	1450		Pink Team/Bn NCS: ALL following grids are along at 2 ft. trail, Pink Team found at YT 545038		

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24.	1450		<p>CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5: 2 2 ft. in diameter spider holes with NRU, cover to a Vietnamese magazine, 1 3x5 ft. bunker with 1 ft. OHC with LRU in the last 48 hrs. 1 campfire 4 days old, at YU 546042 found trail branches, one goes NE the other W. Team followed NE branch which had MRU, 1 road 6" wide with MRU in the last 48 hrs. at YU 547047 found 2 3x5 ft. fighting positions, at YU 548048 found 1 resting place along the trail with use in the last 48 hrs. 1 3x5 ft. fighting position 1 8x10 ft. bunker with negative OHC, at 548049, found 300 ft. of sidewalk 2 ft. wide made with 4-6" diameter of logs, 2 ft. off the ground. At YU 548047 saw 1 8x12 ft. bunker with Heavy OHC. At YU 549050 saw 2 trails 8ft. wide with NRU. numerous piles of human waste, 7-14 days old. At YU 545051 saw 3 bunkers 5x8 ft. with heavy OHC with LRU in the last 72 hrs. At YU 549055 found 1 rest area along the trail 25x30 meters, undetermined use in the last 7 days, 1 campfire for 3-5 individuals, at YU 551058 saw 1 3x5 ft. bunker with heavy OHC, NRU.</p>	JS	DC
25.	1600		Bn S5/Bde S5: Preplanned Payops for 13 Jan.		

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1600

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6: YT 4588 for A Co spotted  
 3 individuals and heard others around log site.

YT 5384 at D Co area where previous Hoi Chanhs were  
 found. YU 6500 appeal to people of village #5.

JS

MD

26.

1630

Pink Team/BnNCS: Pink Team on station to work  
 with D Co. at YT 488845 saw 1 NS trail 1 ft. wide

LRU in the last 24 hrs. at YT 494843 saw 1 EW

trail 8" wide with LRU in the last 24 hrs. at

YT 486847 saw 1 grass trail NS 1 ft. wide used

by 3-5 individuals in both directions in the last

12 hrs. at YT 485842 saw footprints of 20 ind-

ividuals on a 18" NE-SW trail used in the last

24 hrs. At YT 485836 found same footprints of

20 individuals going through the mud, at YT

486834 saw 1 1/2 acre of fresh planted corn, at

YT 480838 saw 1 25x30 ft. old hootch, 1 15x20 ft.

hootch, both hootche in an old hootch complex,

hootche destroyed by age, NRU, at YT 480838 follow-

ed footprints into wooded area and they did not

come out, engaged with organics uncover 2 camp

fires used by 3-5 individuals in the last week.

At YT 477837 saw numerous old bunkers, mostly caved

in by age, NRU, at YT 478834 saw 1 EW 8" trail

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26.	1630		CONTINUED FROMPAGE 7: used by 2-3 individuals moving in both directions in the last 48 hrs.	JS	DC
27.	1645		E Rcn/BnNCS: E Rcn at YT 628938 had one individual step on a punji stick, individuals was picked up and taken to Song Be on the log aircraft.	JS	DC
28.	1650		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Air request for 13 Jan. 1 UH1H CG/Log aircraft with left jump seat and 3 Y cords, to report to Song B <sup>E</sup> on FM 54.05 at 0700 hrs. to commo rear, and then to FSB Dragon Head on FM 64.75 at 0730 hrs. to TOC RTO, 1 log aircraft with cargo hook to report to Song B <sup>E</sup> at 0800 hrs. and FSB Dragon Head at 0830 hrs.	JS	MD
29.	1700		Bde S2 Asst/Bn S2 Asst: Agent Report. 6 men at YU 451009 with 2 CKCs and 4 AK47s and 3 grenades, dressed in black pajamas sandals and bamboo hats, mission to collect taxes.	JS	CF
30.	1707		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: AIR LIFT. SEC/SEC of 3/B. PZ-FSB Dragon Head, L <sup>4</sup> FSB Rash 1 hook sortie. 1st PZ-1650 hrs. 1st LZ-1700 hrs. 26 packs.	JS	MD
31.	1800		Bn S2/Bde S2: Reference checking of sensors on the Dong Nai River, date will be 15 Jan.	JS	MD
32.	1805		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: CC aircraft released at 1700 hrs. log aircraft released at 1720 hrs.	JH	MD

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Bde S5/Bn NCS: Missions run 11 Jan (Psyops).

YT 5084 8x4 20 minute tape 92,000 leaflets.

YT 6897 4x4 15 minute tape 72,000 leaflets.

Quick reaction over A Co (YT 448861) 30 minute  
tape.

JS

MD

34.

1816

All Units/Bn NCS: Night locations. A(-) YT

448881, 1&amp;3/A YT 476888, B(-) YT 660966, 1/B

YT 668971, 3/B FSB Rash, C(-) YT 633933, 2/C

YT 615905, 3/C YT 625931. D (-) YT 494848

3/D YT 536835, 2/D YT 489843, E Rcn YT 628938.

All units have green on malaria, B Co has 4 AA(

auto-ambush), C Co has 1 AA, E Rcn has 1 AA,

all other units have negative AA. A Co has 2

Scout dog teams, B Co has 1, D Co has 0, C Co

has 1, E Rcn has 1. All units have negative

snipers, and day manned ambushes. B Co has

1 manned night ambushes, C Co has 2, D Co has

2, all other units have negative night ambushes.

JS

DC

35.

1828

Bde S2 Asst/Bn NCS: 1/8 will have #2 priority

on VR for 13 Jan 71.

JS

MD

36.

1831

Bn NCS/Bde NCS: MORTAR REPORT. FSB Dragon

Head, Line 1 E-30/21, F-0, Line 2 E-1, F-0.

FSB Rash Line 1E-11/14, F-0, Line 2 E-1, F-0.

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37.	1935		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Air Strike Request for					
			1. At YT 503885, bunkers and hootches, at 1000					
			hrs. 2. YU 710005 hootches and ground contact.					
			1030 hrs.				JS	MD
38.	1950		Bn S2/Bde S2: Request CS drops on the following.					
			1. Stream at YT 663870-670875, and YT 665872-672870.					
			2. Stream at YT 657843-665837, and YT 662840-					
			665876, 3. Stream YT 689997-YU 686008.				JS	MD
39.	2000		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Final Plans for 13 Jan.					
			A(-) will conduct G/R (ground recon) to YT 455877.					
			1/A will conduct G/R to YT 469883, 3/A will					
			conduct G/R to YT 476883, B(-) will be base					
			defense at FSB Dragon Head, 3/B will be base					
			defense at FSB Rash, C(-) will conduct G/R to					
			YT 632928, 2/C will conduct G/R to YT 620913,					
			3/C will conduct G/R to YT 627927, D(-) will					
			conduct G/R to YT 492855, 2/D will conduct G/R					
			to YT 487848, 3/D will conduct G/R to YT 533841,					
			E Rcn will conduct G/R to YT 623928, E(-) has					
			2 mortar tubes at FSB Rash, and 2 at FSB Dragon Head.				JS	MD
40.	2124		Bde XO/Bn NCS: From Bde to all elements includ-					
			ing platoons: "Leave your clacker laying around,					
			and your body may be found, scattered about in					
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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10: bits, from your claymores  
may hits. Acknowledgement is needed from all  
commanders including platoon leaders, acknowledged  
at 2210 hrs. Bde notified, Initials: EP.

JS

MD

41.

2230

Bde NCS/Bn NCS: 1st Field Force received information that the New Lift Mamlet at YU 939274 will be attacked on Jan 15, there are no ARVN or US forces available within the area to perform this action mission. 1st Field Forces requested that the 1/8 Cav be reaction force for the mission, Div CG concurs with the message however we cannot commit your Bn without first getting approval from the Div Commander; initial plans: 1 company to react within 1 hrs. notice effective 13 Jan, CG will arrive here at 0845 hrs. 13 Jan, he will pick up Bn CO and then will travel to Gia Nghisto to get effect and coordination and details for the plan.

JS

WN

42.

2358

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

JS

DC

43.

2359

DAILY SUMMARY: Negative contact, negative cache. Air Lifts: E Rcn SEC/CA PZ-FSB Dragon

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DAILY SUMMARY CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11: Head,  
LZ-YT 638948, SEC/CA of C(-) PZ-FSB Dragon  
Head, LZ-YT 638948, SEC/CA of 2/C PZ-FSB Rash,  
LZ-YT 613897, <sup>SEC</sup>CA of 3/D PZ-YT 495843, LZ-  
YT 532833, SEC/SEC of 3/B PZ-FSB Dragon Head,  
LZ-FSB Rash 1 hook sortie. Negative significant  
events.

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