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1.	0001		Bn NCS/Journal Opens.	JS	DQ
2.	0017		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: SOI CHANGES. Effective 15 0001 hrs. Jan 71. 45C-15B 1/7 A Co to 66.70, 45D-15 2/7 A/L to 54.10, 45H-15B 1/12 CMD(P) to 49.55, 1/12 CMD(A) to 31.20, 1/12 B Co to 48.30, 1/12 D Co to 65.55, 46-15 1/21 CF to 47.10, 47-15 11 AVN GP Sec Ops Int Relay to 72.70. FSB Timbuerte YU 779658 42.45.	JS	DC
3.	0600		All Units/Bn NCS: A Co, C Co, D Co, E Ren, FSB Rush from 0100-0600 hrs. gave negative situation reports.	JS	DC
4.	0624		Bde S3 Asst/Bn NCS: CC aircraft #051 ETA-0730 hrs. Log aircraft #525 ETA-0800 hrs.	JS	MD
5.	0718		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: WEATHER REPORT. Visibility 7 miles, ceiling scattered, Max temperature 88, Min temperature 60.	JS	MD
6.	0719		Bde S3 Asst/Bn NCS: 2/B is ORF fre Blues insertion. 2 locations are tentative YT 630910(antennae site), YT 518972(alt)	JS	MD
7.	0730		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Negative readout on AA(auto-ambush) from E Ren.	JS	MD
8.	0745		Bn S3 Air/Bde NCS: Tentative Plans for 16 Jan A(-) will conduct G/R(ground recon) to YT 469872.		

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8.	0745		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1: 1/A will conduct G/R to YT 480868, 3/A will conduct G/R to YT 479865, 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 624916, 2/C will conduct G/R to YT 626910, 3/C will conduct G/R to YT 613907, D(-) will conduct G/R to YT 473857, 2/D will conduct G/R to YT 460853, 3/D will conduct G/R to YT 541839, E Ren will conduct G/R to YT 609919. E(-) has 2 mortar tubes at FSB Rash, 2 at FSB Dragon Head.	JS	MD
9.	0800		Pink Team/BnNCS: Pink Team working YT 6390 found antennae that was spotted on Jan 14.	JS	RD
10.	0808		Bn CO/Bde CO: Guidance from Bde Co to A 1/9 was that pink teams would work in support of 1/8. 2/C will be moving to vicinity of antennae site and will move into ambush posture.	JS	NE
11.	0815		Bn NCS/Bde S2 Asst: Reference to scout dog teams: 1/8 has 3 dogs(B, C, E Ren). C Co and E Ren will will exchange teams for new teams and 1 team will go to D Co total of 4 dogs after 15 Jan.	JS	MD
12.	0850		Bde S3 Asst/Bn NCS: Blues inserted at YT 519969 at 0841 hrs. LZ-green.	JS	MD

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13.	0855		Bde S3/Bn S3 Asst: Request 2 overlays of Gia Nghia, 1 depicting Bn disposition, location of Gia Nghia, location of FSB, location of possible LZ's, location of blocking positions of our elements, 1 overlay with Gia Nghia, company defensive positions (before attack) also, expected enemy infiltration routes into Gia Nghia.	JS	WY
14.	0900		E Ren/Bn NCS: AIR LIFT. SEC/CA of E Ren. PZ-YT 615935, LZ-YT 486915, ACL-5, 2 sorties, 10 Packs (1 squad), 1st PZ-0905 hrs. 1st LZ-0917 hrs. PZ clear 0907 hrs. Lift complete 0919 hrs. PZ/LZ-green.	JS	RD
15.	0903		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: MEDIVAC REQUEST. Urgent mission special equipment-jungle penetrator, at YT 474852, negative enemy situation, ETA-30 minutes, Medivac completed 0937 hrs.	JS	MD
16.	0930		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: FX SCHEDULE. Jan 16-FSB Audie, 17 FSB Snuffy, 18 FSB Dragon Head and Rash, 19 FSB Sunday Punch, 20 Audie and Snuffy (FSB).	JS	MD
17.	1000		All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A(-) YT 457876, 1/A YT 472874, 3/A YT 468868, B(-) FSB Dragon Head, 3/B FSB Rash, C(-) YT 627926, 2/C YT 474852, 3/C YT 612917, D(-) YT 479854, 2/D YT 474852.		

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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3: 3/D YT 541838, E Ren(-)

YT 612917, 1 squad YT 486915.

JS

RD

18.

1009

Bde S2 Asst/Bn S2: Agent Report(F6). 12 VC at

YU 583017 in dense jungle by Dak Dung stream,

weapons 1 K54, 2 B40 with 7 rounds, 2 CKC, 6 AK47,

green fatigues and black pajamas, bamboo hats

HCM sandals, mission is to collect dues and

spread propaganda.

JS

WC

19.

1010

Bn Sig O/Bde Sig O: Secure radio usage for the

last 24 hrs. A Co: 1700-0900 hrs. B Co: base

defense, C Co: secure not functioning. D Co:

too weak, FSB Rash: all secure, A/L: all secure.

JS

MD

20.

1130

Bn S5/Bde S5: Preplanned Psyops for 16 Jan.

YT 6292 C Co contact tape 39-6T, YT 4686 A Co

tape 10-6T, Night mission at YT 5699 combined

Arty and Psyops missions must be confirmed ahead

of time, night mission of 14 Jan was great.

Organic leaflets drops on 14 Jan, YT 6290 18,000

YT 6391 18,000.

JS

MD

21.

1145

Rash(FAC)/Bn NCS: Rash on station for air strike

at YU 520028, TOT-1145 hrs. TBS-1200 hrs. Napalm.

JS

RD

22.

1214

Bde NCS/Bn NCS: Blues extracted at 1158 hrs.

from YT 518970, PZ-green.

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23.	1335		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: request medivac aircraft for instruction of B Co personnel on FSB Dragon Head and FSB Rash in medivac procedures and demonstration.	JS	DQ
24.	1400		All Units/BnNCS: LOCATIONS. A(-) YT 457876, 1/A YT 476868, 3/A YT 471867, 3/A YT 468868, B(-) FSB Dragon Head, FSB Rash 3/B. C(-) YT 627926, 2/C YT 624914, 3/C YT 612917, D(-) YT 474855, 3/D YT 543839, E Rcn (-) YT 6129217, 1 squad YT 486915. PDS. A Co 4 eff, 11 nco, 64 em, 13 att, T-92, C Co 4 eff, 15 nco, 64 em, 14 att, T-97, D Co 6 eff, 15 nco, 69 em, 12 att, T-96. E Rcn 1 eff, 5 nco, 22 em, 2 att, T-30. FSB Rash 4 eff, 14 nco, 54 em, T-72. FSB Dragon Head 16 eff, 42 nco, 176 em, T-234.	JS	RD
25.	1410		Bn S2/Bde S2: Request any information (trail overlays and order of battle) of the Gia Nghia Tin area.	JS	DQ
26.	1420		3/C/BnNCS: 3/C at YT 612917 request medivac to extract with bad machete cut on foot, sit down pad, log aircraft will extract, Medivac complete at 1434 hrs.	JS	DC
27.	1446		Bn S3 Air/Bde NCS: Request clearance for log		

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27.	1446		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5: aircraft to go to Gia Nghia to deliver commo equipment and clean clothes, cleared: Initials:RJ.	JS	DQ
28.	1458		E Ron/Bn NCS: AIR LIFT: 2nd squad of E Ron, FX/SEC PZ-YT 486915, LZ-YT 615935, ACL-5, 2 sorties, 10 packs, 1st PZ-1445 hrs. 1st LZ-1455 hrs. PZ clear 1450 hrs. Lift complete 1458 hrs. PZ/LZ-green.	JS	RD
29.	1540		Bn C/Pink Team CO: 3/C will like to request same pink team that spotted antennae in vic of YT 630910 to assist 2/C (YT 617907). Team will be there to help 2/C between 1645-1700 hrs.	JS	DC
30.	1625		Bde S3 Asst/BnNCS: Request that 1/8 have a few copies of the Gia Nghia contingency plans ready for 2nd Bde LNO to take to Div and Bde at 1400 or 1430 hrs. on 16 Jan. Bn S3 said this time would be satisfactory and he would have some copies.	JS	DQ
31.	1630		A Co/Bn NCS: A Co found 1100 hrs. at YT 466878 2 bunkers 6x4 ft. with 2 1/2 ft. OHC, at YT 465873 found 1 heetch 5x15 ft. very old, fresh feed, still warm in pot next to the heetch, 2 cooking fires 7 days old, 1 grave very old, 1 EW		

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31.	1630		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6: trail 1ft. wide south side of stream used by 4 individuals in the last 24 hrs. going to the west, slick prints. At 1430 hrs. at YT 471867 found 1 cave entrances 20x24 ft. 10 ft. deep into a hill, inside entrance cave is 4 ft. high, 5 ft. wide, in cave was 2 homemade pots, 3 1/2 ft. high, 1 ft. in diameter, 1 pot had 30 lbs. of fresh rice, 4 cutting utensils, 1 sand bag 1/2 full full of unpolished rice, 4 rifle grenades, 2 baskets 1x2 ft. with straps, empty, 1 cucumber 2 bunkers 4x5 ft. in side of the hill, 1 VC canteen, 1 metal plate, 1 heetch, 12x10x8 ft. high, 1 heetch 30x12 ft. 2 vases 2x2x3 ft. 1 GI towel, 1 GI smoke grenade, 4lbs. of processed Rye, 1 heetch 10x8 ft. the area around the heetches had scattered hair from hair cuts, 1 empty M16 magazine, 1 pig pen, 8x5 ft. 1 7ft. canvas strap with printed on side *AES June 70, along the stream found fresh blood stains from cleaning animals was found. All area in the last grid YT 471867 showed recent use by 4 individuals in the last 24 hrs. Grain etc destroyed before spot called into Bn.	JS	CF

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32.	1650		Bn S2/Bde S2: Request a Pink Team for BDA of Air Strike that went in at YT 538998 for 16 Jan.	JS	CF
33.	1655		Pink Team/BnNCS: Pink Team on station to work with 2/C. TBS with 2/C 1715 hrs. TBS-1750 hrs. of BDA at YU 541008 nape and hard bombs, negative findings, BDA at YT 524995 saw 2 heetches destroyed 10x15 ft. uncovered NE-SW 1 ft. wide trail use lightly in the last 24 hrs.	JS	DC
34.	1705		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: MORTAR REPORT. FSB Dragon Head Line 1 E-76/16, F-0/0, Line 1 D-1, F-1. FSB Rash, Line 1 E-51/32, F-2/2. Line 2 E-1, F-1.	JS	DQ
35.	1710		Bn S3 Air/Bde NCS: Air request for 16 Jan. 1 UH1H CC/Log aircraft with left jump seat and 3 Y cards to report to Song Be to come rear at 0730 hrs. and then to FSB Dragon Head at 0800 hrs. to TOC RTO. 1 log aircraft with cargo hook to report to Song Be at 0800 hrs. and to FSB Dragon Head at 0830 hrs.	JS	DQ
36.	1737		Bn NCS/Bde S2 Asst: Reference to negative activation of sensors at YT 486915 the claymores were stolen also claymore wires were cut and the receiver box was also stolen, no way for sensor to function as a result.	JS	MD

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37.	1805		Bde S5/Bn NCS: 14 Jan 71 Psyops run. YT 4783 4x4 20 minute tape. YU 5402 3x3 15 minute tape. 16 Jan 71 YT 7098 4x4. YT 4985 4x4. YT 6191 3x3. YT 4585 3x3. Night Psyops mission will not be run tonight; possibly 16 Jan, also the Chieu Hoi Bn S5 was looking for is in the Saigon area somewhere.	JS	MD
38.	1810		Bn S3/Bde S3 Asst: No fly box in 1/8 AO is hereby cancelled and aircraft can fly in and out.	JS	MD
39.	1820		1/A/Bn NCS: 1/A at YT 476868 spotted 3 individual in heavy bamboo 30-40 meters SW of night location 1/A engaged with small arms, 1/A received negative return fire, individuals were dark uniforms, negative headgear, negative weapons sighted, individuals evaded on at 200 degrees azimuth, negative findings on sweep	JS	DC
40.	1828		Bn S3 Air/Bde NCS: Final Plans for 16 Jan 71. A(-) will FX/CA to YT 627899 and conduct G/R (ground recon) to YT 635899, 1/A after CA will conduct G/R to YT 631895, 3/A after CA will conduct G/R to YT 635890, 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 631895.		

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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9: 2/C will remain surveillance of vic of YT 630910. 3/C will conduct G/R to YT 630915. D(-) will conduct G/R to YT 475862. 3/A will conduct G/R to YT 542842. E Ren will conduct G/R to YT 612911. E(-) will have 2 mortar tubes at FSB Rash. 2 at FSB Dragon Head.

JS

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41.

1830

All Units/BnNCS: NIGHT LOCATIONS. A(-) YT 457876. 1/A YT 476868. 2/A YT 468873. B(-) FSB Dragon Head. 3/B FSB Rash. C(-) YT 627923. 2/C YT 630908. 3/C YT 619916. D(-) YT 475854. 3/D YT 538843. E Ren(-) YT 617928. 1 squad YT 617927. E Ren has 2 AA(auto-ambush), all other units have negative AA. C Co, D Co, E Ren each have 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. A Co has 2, C Co 2, D Co 1, E Ren 1 night manned ambushes, B Co is base defense.

JS

DC

42.

2020

Bde S2 NCO/Bn NCS: Blues redout: At YT 519968 blues found 3 heethhes 10x15 ft. 2 10x30 heethches, 4, 10x20 ft. structures, 3 20x30 ft. structures. NRU, except 3 structures 10x20 ft., 2 20x30 ft. used by 3 individuals. 5 5x10 bunkers, 5 5x15 ft.

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42.	2020		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10: 2 4x8 ft. bunkers, 2 used by 3 individuals in the last 24 hrs., 1 well 4x12 ft. diameter, 2 tunnels 3ft. diameter, 4 ft. deep 4-6 ft. long, 1 claymore clacker, 1 82mm mortar round with plug, 1 NS trail with ERU, used in the last 24 hrs. by 3-4 individuals moving north, EW trail north of bunkers.	JS	CF
43.	2050		Bn relay Gia Nghia/Bn NCS: From meeting at Gia Nghia: #3 rating, report of 100 NVA, Montagnard, and Cambodians, green fatigues, weapons 2 81mm mortars, 5 machine guns, AK47's, and AK50s. Located at YU 290348 units is presently digging caches and foxholes. More NVA are to come from Cambodia for a large scale attack over TET. A convey of primarily ammo pulled into Gia Nghia location and is there for the night. 180 vehicles. Friendly locations at Gia Nghia: 281 Co: 929296, 927288, 923281, 922285, 917084, 411 Co: 945273, 942278, 943270, 941268, 946268, 227 Co: 950241, 954258, 945240, 883250, 179 Co: 941289, 937284, 933287, 931296, 937292, 932292, 379 Co: 928278, 929270, 935273, 937274, 927274. FF QDC/1: 943253, 946257, QDC/3 929260, QDC/6: 898394, 904389,		

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Rcn Plt 25: 934267, SM and DSLC: 946277.

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Bde S1/Bn NCS: SAFETY FOEM, to all units:

Is your ammo clean; your weapon ready; is your
chamber clear, your vision steady; if the answers
to these is yes; then safety has been properly
stressed. Passed to all units.

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2358

All Units/Bn NCS: A Co, C Co, 3/D, E Rcn, FSB

Rash from 2000-2400 hrs, gave negative situation
reports.

JS

DC

46.

2359

DAILY SUMMARY: Contact: 1/A at YT 476868 spotted

3 individuals in dark uniforms 30-40 meters

in thick bamboo to the SW, engaged with small

arms, negative return fire, negative enemy

assessment. Negative cache, Air Lifts: 2nd

squad of E Rcn FE/SEC PZ-YT 486915, LZ-YT 615935,

1st squad of E Rcn FX/CA PZ-615935, LZ-YT 486915.

Significant Events: #3 Rating report of 100 NVA,

Montagnard, and Cambodians, green fatigues,

located at YU 290348 digging caches and foxholes,

more NVA are to come from Cambodia for a large

scale attack over TET in the Gia Nghia area.

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