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1.	0001		Bn NCS/Journal Opens.	JS	JB
2.	0020		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: SOI CHANGES, effective 16 Jan 0001 hrs. 15-15, 16-15 suffix encode and decode, change 17 spare #1 to E Co, Btry, treep, change 71 spare #2 to F Co, Btry, Treep, 45H-15B 1/12 CMD (P) to 61.75, 1/12 D Co to 49.55, 45D-15B 2/7 CMD (P) to 61.75, 47-15 11th group intelligence secure relay to 72.70.	JS	JB
3.	0600		All Units/Bn NCS: A Co, C Co, D Co, E Ron, FSB Rash from 0100-0600 hrs. gave negative situation reports.	JS	RD
4.	0604		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: CC aircraft #553 ETA-0730 hrs. Log aircraft #150 ETA-0800 hrs.	JS	JB
5.	0700		Bde S3/Bn NCS: WEATHER REPORT. Visibility 7 miles, ceiling scattered, Max temperature 90, Min temperature 61.	JS	BB
6.	0730		Bde S3/Bn NCS: In reference to the No Fly Box in 1/8 AO, this has been terminated.	JS	JB
7.	0815		Bn S2/Bde S2: Request sniffer in following grids for 17 Jan 71. YT 6095, YT 6089, YT 6695, YT 6689.	JS	JB
8.	0835		Bn Sig O/Bde Sig O: Use of secure radio in the last 24 hrs. A Co: 1730-0800 hrs. C Co: bad comme.		

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8.	0835		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1: D Co: weak signal, A/				
			all secure, FSB Rash: all secure.	JS	JB		
9.	0845		Bn S3/Bde NCS: Tentative Plans for 17 Jan 71				
			A(-) will conduct G/R (ground recon) to YT 649899,				
			2/A will conduct G/R to YT 643885, 3/A will conduct				
			G/R to YT 625882, 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 642921,				
			2/C will conduct surveillance in vic of YT 630910,				
			3/C will conduct G/R to YT 636915. D(-) will				
			conduct G/R to YT 470869, 3/D will conduct G/R				
			to YT 539897, E Rcn will conduct G/R to YT 619899,				
			E(-) has 2 mortar tubes at FSB Rash, 2 at FSB				
			Dragon Head.	JS	JB		
10.	0905		Bn S2/Bde S2: Request the following for 17 Jan.				
			Sniffer in box YT 6089, YT 6095, YT 6689, YT				
			6695, IR along river at YU 6002, YU 7104, SLAR				
			for 1/8 AO, VR for A Co, C Co, D Co.	JS	JB		
11.	0910		Bn S2/Bde S2: Reference: LARP boxes that were				
			request on 11 Jan 71, when will ranger team be				
			inserted?	JS	JB		
12.	0911		Bn NCS/Bde S2: Relay team request by Bde has				
			been BH'd.	JS	JB		

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13.	1000		All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A Co YT 628898, B(-) FSB Dragon Head, 3/B FSB Rash, C(-) YT 627923, 2/C YT 630908, 3/C YT 620916, D(-) YT 475854, 3/D YT 538843, E Rem YT 617928.	JS	RD
14.	1040		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Asst: Request a Pink Team for 2/C to assist infinding antennae site.	JS	CU
15.	1050		Bde S2/Bn S2 Asst: expect LARP Team for 18 Jan.	JS	CF
16.	1100		A Co/Bn NCS: A Co AIR LIFT. FX/CA. PZ(YT 459875 A(-), YT 476869 1/A), LZ-YT 628898. 17 sorties, 87 packs, ACL-5, Acft-4+2, 5+2, 1st PZ A(-) 0923 hrs./1030 hrs. 1st LZ-0941/1040 hrs. PZ clear 1015/1035 hrs. Lift complete 1025/1055 hrs. PZ/LZ-green.	JS	RD
17.	1135		Bde S3 Asst/Bn S3 Air: Request QRF for convey from Long Binh to Song Be. Held responsible only from Dong Xoi to Song Be. 3/B is QRF.	JS	CU
18.	1145		Rash(FAC)/Bn NCS: Rash shot WP on YT 518967, YT 509971, YT 511976, could not get a fire started on garden plots.	JS	RD
19.	1200		C Co/Bn NCS: C Co at YT 628917 found 2 heathes, 1 20x10 ft., 1 10x6 ft., 1 pig pen 3x3 ft. 1 storage bin, 1 NVA canteen, 1 Z shaped bunker 2x42x ft., lastuse in are about 1 month age	JS	RD

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1215

2/C/Bn NCS: 2/C at YT 632908 found antennae
12 ft. high made of bamboo and wire with bamboo
around it for support, recent use in the area
by 1 individual in the last 2-4 hrs. to the NE
followed his tracks to a stream and lost him.

JS

MD

21.

1304

Bde S3 Asst/Bn NCS: Reference to Gia Nghia
plan, no courier is available from Bde; suggest
we send in in on log or CC aircraft this evening.
Bde CO and S3 would like to see it before it is
passed to higher.

JS

MD

22.

1320

Bde S2 Asst/Bn NCS: AGENT REPORT, C3 rating.
Aize 70 individuals(NVA with 8 Montagnards and
6 Cambodians), weapons 2 81mm Mortars, 1 60mm
Mortar, 2 machine gun, AK47s and AK50, B40s
and B41s, Location YT 344315 in dense jungle by
a stream, uniform-tan khakis, black pajamas,
canvas hats, sandals, barefoot, bamboo hats,
negative signal equipment seen, food-6x46 kilo
bags of rice, 1 bag of salt 3 bottles of soy
bean sauce, Activities: daily 10 ment patrol
camp vic(no more than 500 meters) others camouflage
base area. HQ element-3 bunkers holding 10 men.
Intentions: attack elements unknown in Phouc

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22.	1320		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4: Long Previnde, this group has come from Cambodia.	JS	MD
23.	1330		Bn S5/Ede S5: Preplanned Psyops for 17 Jan. YT 6287 A Co insertion, Chieu Hoi Instructions. YT 6292 C Co area-hunger theme, YT 4686 D Co area-hunger theme. Must know if night mission for 16 Jan is scheduled-YT 5699 combined Arty-Psyops.	JS	MD
24.	1345		Bn NCS/Ede S2 Asst: Dropped 10 E158s at YU 687008 to YT 688996, ARTY WFand HE also employed on grids, also 10 E158s at YU 691008 to YT 710001. at 1350 hrs.-1425 hrs. Arty employed also # of rounds 53, 23+30.	JS	MD
25.	1400		All Units/BnNCS: LOCATIONS. A Co YT 616878, B(-) FSB Dragon Head, 3/B FSB Rash, C(-) YT 628917, 2/C YT 630908, 3/C YT 632908. D(-) YT 475853, 1/D YT 470857, 3/D YT 536844, E Ren YT 615923. PDS. A Co 4 off, 12 nce, 60 em, 11 att, T-87. C Co 4 off, 15 nce, 64 em, 14 att, T-97. D Co 6 off, 17 nce, 69 em, 13 att, T-105. E Ren 1 off, 4 nce, 26 em, 3att, T-34. FSB Rash 4 off, 14 nce, 54 em, T-72. FSB Dragon Head 16 off, 42 em, 180 em, T-238.	JS	RD

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26.	1423		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Disregard transmission concerning hook sortie from FSB Dragon Head to Song Be.	JS	MD
27.	1455		Div CO aide/Bn NCS: Div Co in bound to FSB Dragon Head, 20 minutes ETA. CG here at 1530 hrs. CG departed at 1645 hrs. Negative derogatory comments; promoted 3 men and departed.	JS	DC
28.	1600		2/C/Bn NCS: In regard to 4 suspected antennae after checking them out they appear to be some type of scarecrow. 2 are located in an overgrown field, 2 are located along the edge near the woodline. There was no use in the area in the last 2 months, items were bamboo poles 14 ft. high with 4 ft. cross piece at the top. 4 ft. down from the top was another 4 ft. cross piece. Between the two cross pieces were bamboo strips. When the pole was bumped or shaken the bamboo pieces would rattle. No wire was used in these items.	JS	DC
27.	1635		Bde S2/Bn S2: Sniffer request for the 16 Jan will be run 0700 hrs. on the 17 Jan. The IR mission will be run as scheduled tonight.	JS	CF
28.	1639		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: Compromise of SOI Items. Items 15-15, 16-15, 45I-15 have been compromised.		

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until new items are distributed.

JS

MD

29.

1720

Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Log aircraft was released at
1635 hrs. CC aircraft was released at 1710 hrs.

JS

MD

30.

1722

Bn NCS/Bde NCS: EXPOSURE REPORT. A Co 1 st
sortie 1115 hrs. last sortie 1520 hrs. In PZ
at 1100 hrs. PZ clear 1535hrs. 5 sorties.

JS

MD

31.

1725

A Co/Bn NCS: A Co at YT 625887 spotted 2 individuals
in the open 800 meters to the NE, engaged with
small arms and Arty(26 rounds of 105mm), 1 VC
hit and down, immediate sweep is being made.
Individuals were dark uniforms, negative weapons
sighted. 1 KIA, and 1 Killed by ARTy.

JS

DC

32.

1730

Bde S5/Bn NCS: Ssyeps run 15 Jan, YT 4985 4x4
20 minute tape 36,000 leaflets, YT 6998 4x4
20 minute tape 72,000 leaflets, Planned 17 Jan
YT 4686 3x3, YT 5095 3x3, YT 6091 3x3, also,
aircraft will be on station between 2030 and 2100
hrs.

JS

MD

33.

1732

Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Final Plans for 17 Jan 71.
A(-) will conduct G/R(ground recon) to YT 633878.
1/A will conduct G/R to YT 627866, 3/A will conduct
G/R to YT 618860, B(-) will be base defense at

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33.	1732		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7: FSB Dragon Head, 3/B is base defense at FSB Rash, C(-) will conduct G/R to YT 644917, 2/C will continue surveillance in vic of YT 630908, 3/C will conduct G/R to YT 649908, D(-) will conduct G/R to vic YT 478863, 1/D will conduct G/R to YT 470866, 3/D will conduct G/R to YT 535852, E Ren will conduct G/R to YT 620920. E(-) will have 2 mortar tubes at FSB Rash, 2 mortar tubes at FSB Dragon Head.	JS	MD
34.	1734		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Air request for 17 Jan. 1 CC aircraft with left jump seat and 3 Y cards, to report to Song Be at 0700 hrs. to come rear and then to FSB Dragon Head at 0730 hrs. to TDC RTO. 1 log aircraft with cargo hook to Song Be at 0730 hrs. and FSB Dragon Head at 0800 hrs.	JS	MD
35.	1815		D Co/Bn NCS; D Co at YT 469857 found 1 EW trail 1 ft. wide hard packed with sandals prints of 2 individuals moving east in the last 12 hrs. Found by 1/D at 1600 hrs.	JS	DC
36.	1828		Bde S3 Asst/Bn NCS: ORF is released at this time.	JS	MD
37.	1910		All Units/Bn NCS: NIGHT LOCATIONS. A(-) YT		

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1910

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8: 621880, 1/A YT 613885,

B(-) FSB Dragon Head, 3/B FSB Rash, C(-) YT

633915, 2/C YT 630908, 3/C YT 620916, D(-) YT

475853, 1/D YT 470857, 3/D YT 536835, E Ron YT

615920. All units have green on malaria. All

units have negative snipers and day manned am-

bushes. C Co has 1 AA(auto-ambush), E Ron has

2 AA, all other units have negative AA. A Co

has 1 scout dog team, C Co has 1, D Co, has 1,

E Ron has 1, B Co has negative scout dog team.

C Co has 2 night manned ambush, D Co has 2,

all other units have negative manned abmushea.

JS

DC

38.

1918

Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Asst: Request alteration in

Air Request: have log aircraft report to Song

Be on 1030 hrs. and report to FSB Dragon Head

at 1100 hrs.

JS

CU

39.

1930

Bn S5/Bde S5: Made organic Payeps drops in

conjunction with Arty and E158s in vic of YU

6800 and YU 7000, request additional boxes of

leaflets as soon as possible.

JS

MD

40.

2015

Bn S3/Bde S3 Asst: AO update-LRRP #52 at YT

629155 at 1925 hrs. spotted and engaged some

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40.	2015		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9: individuals: 1 KIA and 1 WIA. Request Case 450 to come out to FSB Dragon Head for construction of basketball court. Bde acknowledges receipt of plan for Gia Nghia.	JS	WR
41.	2021		Bn S2/Bde S2: Request clearance to place persistent CS in the following areas: YT 4982, YT 4986, YT 5282, YT 5286. CS will be placed on village and garden plots.	JS	MD
42.	2040		Bde S2 Asst/Bn S2 Asst: TOT for IR mission 2045-2130 hrs. this is an alteration from previous TOT of 2300 hrs.	JS	CF
43.	2045		Bn Relay Gia Nghia/BnNCS: Changes in friendly locations: 227 Co delete: YU 883950, YU 954258, add: YU 954260, SM + DSLC add: YU 948273, all others same as last night. RF unit in contact at 2000 hrs. at YU 6513, estimated enemy force 30, results 2 enemy KIA, 1 enemy WIA, 2 more possible KIA, enemy was moving south when caught in an ambush. Casualties were from clay-mores blown on enemy.	JS	DC
44.	2055		Bn CO/Bde CO: Request assistance on matters concerning IR and Psyops mission, need coordination. Reference to pretry, it was understood		

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*2nd Bde CO/Bn CO: LOCATION OF FRIENDLY FORCES.

Due to the terrain and dense foliage in RVN, the precise location of friendly units is a difficult problem. To use Artillery fire, the respective positions of the friendly units and the Artillery must be known. The precise location of the Artillery can be readily accomplished, to preclude the delivery of Artillery fire on friendly forces the accurate location of all friendly forces is an absolute necessity. These locations are plotted at the Artillery FDC and assist in insuring a safe distance from Artillery impact. para 2.

The following techniques will be employed to preclude an Artillery Accident: A Each separate unit will have at least two persons map tracking as the units moves. The persons will confer at least hourly and either agree on a location or call for a marking round to confirm their location. B When an aircraft is available, either helicopter, or Dash(FAC), request a confirmation of location even if everyone is POSITIVE of the location. C Always make the first round of Artillery WP airburst between 200 and 400 meters above the ground. D Artillery FO and the Infantry CO will report their locations to the Artillery LNO and Bn TOC respectively. Artillery and TOC personnel will run frequent cross checks to insure that

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*Bde CO Note Continued: both positions agree.

para 3. It is of paramount importance that all personnel

connected or in support of the ground elements be watchful

and attempt to assist in the accurate locations of them.

However the final determination and reporting of the positions

of a maneuver element will rest with the commander of that unit.

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