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<u>1.</u>	<u>0001</u>		<u>Bn NCS/Journal Opens.</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>DC</u>
<u>2.</u>	<u>0010</u>		<u>D Co/Bn NCS: Squad from 3/D is back from ambush at YT 543837. Now in NDP at YT 536835 at 0010 hrs. Negative findings, all personnel back to original NDP.</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>DC</u>
<u>3.</u>	<u>0015</u>		<u>Bde NCS/Bn NCS: SOI CHANGES Effective 17 Jan 71 at 0001 hrs. 45H-15B 1/12 CMD(P) to 64.5, 47-15 Change 11th AVN ground secure O/I relay to 72.20. All suffixes in items 16-15 and 15-15 have been compromised, use with extreme caution until new suffixes are planned into effect. 45I-15 2/12 has been compromised, use with extreme caution.</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>JB</u>
<u>4.</u>	<u>0255</u>		<u>Bde S2/Bn NCB: RED HAZE READOUT: TOT-2100-2200 hrs. At YT 528928 had 23 in the mountains, at YT 513940 had 2 in the mountains, at YT 698987 had 1 in a village, at YT 619927 had 1 in the mountains near river. At YT 522898 had 1 in the mountains, at YT 688895 had 25 in mountains, at YT 755843 had 8 in the mountains near river.</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>JB</u>
<u>5.</u>	<u>0600</u>		<u>All Units/Bn NCS: A Co, C Co, D Co, E Ren, FSB Rash from 0100-0600 hrs. gave negative situation reports.</u>	<u>JS</u>	<u>RD</u>

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Bde NCS/Bn NCS: CC aircraft #877 ETA-0700 hrs.

Log aircraft #523 ETA-1030 hrs.

JS

JB

7.

0700

Bde NCS/Bn NCS: WEATHER REPORT. Visibility

7 miles, ceiling scattered, Max temperature

88, Min temperature 63.

JS

MD

8.

0730

Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Tentative Plans for 18 Jan 71.

A(-) will conduct G/R (ground recon) to YT 630887.

1/A will conduct G/R to YT 675887, B(-) will

conduct G/R to YT 688978, 3/B will move by hook

to FSB Dragon Head and conduct G/R to YT 695971.

C(-) will conduct G/R to YT 652915, 2/C will

conduct G/R to YT 641905, 3/C will conduct G/R

to YT 645910, D(-) will FX/SEC from YT 471856

to FSB Rash and be hooked to FSB Dragon Head

and assume base defense, 3/D will FX/SEC from

YT 535839 to FSB Rash and assume base defense.

E Ren will conduct G/R to YT 617898. E(-) has

2 mortar tubes at FSB Rash, 2 FSB Dragon Head.

JS

JB

9.

0815

Sniffer Aircraft/Bn NCS: Sniffer aircraft work-

ing in box 65 was given clear to fire in box and

north of FSB Dragon Head. Readings: Max YT

(616954, 669903, 667954, 679902, 672958, 675963,

681918), Normal YT (623926, 644938, 669965, 676978).

JS

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0817

Bn NCS/Bde S2: Request 3 scout dog teams for
B Co, C Co, E Co on 18 Jan 71.

JS

JB

11.

0820

Bde S3/Bn NCS: The two requested sorties for
0830 hrs. have been approved, also the two sorties
for 1700 hrs. Sorties concerning B Co move in
response to Red Haz readout.

JS

JB

12.

0856

B Co/Bn NCS: 2 hook moves from FSB Dragon Head,
to FSB Rash. PZ-FSB Dragon Head, LZ-FSB Rash.
2 sorties 70 packs, 1st PZ-0856 hrs. 1st LZ-
0905 hrs. PZ clear at 0915 hrs. Lift complete
at 0925 hrs.

JS

RD

13.

0930

Bn Sig O/Bde Sig O: Use of the secure radio
in the last 24 hrs. A Co: 1800-0715 hrs. C Co:
weak signal, D Co: weak signal, A/L: all secure,
FSB Rash: all secure.

JS

JB

14.

1000

Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team working in box
YT(6598, 6898, 6809, 6595) and box(6693, 6993,
6489, 6689) was given clear to fire, checked out
north box and found 1 NE-SW 6" trail used by 3-4
individuals in the last 48 hrs. at YT 671968
saw 1 NS trail 1 ft. wide with NRU. Initials: CBU.

JS

RD

15.

1005

All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS A(-) YT 621880, 1/A
YT 613886, 3/A YT 621880, B Co FSB Rash, C(-)

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15.	1005		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3: YT 633915, 2/C YT 630908, 3/C YT 620916, D(-) YT 475853, 1/D YT 470857, 3/D YT 536835, E Rcn YT 615920.	JS	RD
16.	1010		Bn S2/Bde S2: Request latest order of battle on MR 10.	JS	MD
17.	1024		Bn S2/Bde S2: Request clearance to implace per- sistent CS on the following targets. 1. Along stream YT 507842-YT 515824, 2. along stream YT 495830-YT 499821, 3. Along stream YT 470845- YT 483843, 4. Along stream YT 536849-YT 530830, 5. Village YT 500845-YT 507840.	JS	MD
18.	1045		A Co/Bn NCS: A Co at YT 624888 found 1 EW trail 18" wide with last use 24 hrs. by unknown amount of individuals to the west, 1 NS trail 18" wide used in the last 24 hrs. to the north by unknown number of individuals.	JS	RD
19.	1117		Bn S2/Bde S2: Request the following for 18 Jan. SLAR for 1/8 AO, VR for A Co, B Co, C Co and boxes 55 and 65. IR for box 71 and 79, Sniffer fre YT 6599, YT 6899, YT 6588, YT 6888.	JS	MD
20.	1300		D Co/Bn NCS: D Co at YT 478863 found 2 tons of unpolished rice, 60 rounds of M16 ammo, and a note in Vietnamese. Will be backhauled.	JS	RD

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1355

B Co/BnNCS: B Co at YT 529928 spotted 2 individuals

20 meters to the SW. Individuals were engaged with

small arms, results: 1 KIA and one SKS captured.

Negative return fire and other individual evaded

to the SW, KIA was wearing black pajamas top

and bottom, he wore a Montagnard basket type

rucksack, in the basket was a machete, US clay-

more bag, one VC ponche, 1 NVA canteen with

a US canteen cover, numerous canned rations,

not C rations, some were tuna, 4 GI coffee packs

from sundries and he also wore HCM sandals.

The SKS had 5 rounds in the weapon, in addition

to the KIA were 2 blood trails one heading 300

degrees, one going 210 degrees. Further readout-

Units claims 2 VC KIA, one step on and one shot

in stomach and chest. Also only one can of tuna,

seven coffee packets from sundries, 10 oz. of

Marijuana (destroyed), found also one small piece

of paper with writing (backhauled to S2), unit

also believes engaged 3 individuals other than

step on (KIA), wearing green uniform and negative

headgear, both KIA were Vietnamese.

JS

DC

22. 1400

All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A(-) YT 624890

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22.

1400

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5: 1/A YT 612894, 3/A YT

624880, B (-) YT 533931, 3/B YT 531937, C(-)

YT 637918, 2/C YT 632905, 3/C YT 627916, D(-)

YT 478862, 3/D YT 538832, E Rcn YT 612919,

PDS. A Co 4 eff, 12 nce, 66 em, 10 att, T-92.

B Co 3 eff, 12 nce, 71 em, 15 att, T-101, C Co

4 eff, 16 nce, 68 em, 14 att, T-102, D Co 6 eff,

17 nce, 69 em, 13 att, T-105, E Rcn 4 nce, 26

em, 3 att, 1 eff, T-34. FSB Rash 3 eff, 11 nce,

36 em, T-50. FSB Dragon Head 12 eff, 29 nce,

120 em, T-161.

JS

DC

23.

1500

Bn NCS/Bde NCS: MORTAR REPORT. FSB DRAGON

HEAD. Line 1 E-110/50, F-36/36, Line 2 E-1,

F-2. FSB Rash Line 1 E-93/54, F-4/4. Line 2

E-1, F-1.

JS

MD

24.

1530

Bn S5/Bde S5: Preplanned Psyops for 18 Jan 71.

YT 5393 IR sighting and B Co contact, You've

been fighting too long. YT 6989 IR sighting

You've been fighting too long. YT 7099 spot

light theme. Must know about tonight's mission

so Arty can make arrangements.

JS

MD

25.

1540

D Co/Bn NCS: D Co at YT 478863 concerning note

found earlier, KCS says it concerns Hamlet #2.

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25.

1540

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to go to hamlet #2 and see the headman. K29 and

some unreadable writing was also written on it. JS

DC

26.

1655

Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Air Request for 18 Jan.

1 CC aircraft with left jump seat and 3 Y cords,

to report to Song Be to come rear at 0700 hrs.

and then to FSB Dragon Head to TOC RTO at 0730

hrs. 1 log aircraft to report to Song Be at

0730 hrs. and FSB Dragon Head at 0800 hrs. 1

LOH at 0900 hrs. for S2 VR along the Dong Nai

River from YT 560995-YU 620020 to locate possible

crossing sites. 6+2 for D Co FX/SEC at 1100 hrs.

PZ-481863, LZ-FSB Rash, 71 packs, 3/D at PZ-YT

535835, LZ-FSB Rash 34 packs. 2 hook sorties

from FSB Rash to FSB Dragon Head, 72 packs at 1230

hrs. Request extra log aircraft for morning

of 18 Jan and one hook sortie at 0930 hrs. for

3/B from FSB Rash to FSB Dragon Head.

JS

MD

27.

1700

Bn S3/Bde S3: Final Plans for 18 Jan. A(-)

will conduct G/R (ground recon) to YT 635890, 3/A

will conduct G/R to YT 630871, 1/A will conduct

G/R to YT 612875, B(-) will conduct G/R to YT

686976, 3/B will conduct G/R to YT 692973, C(-)

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27.	1700		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7: will conduct G/R to YT 650914, 2/C will conduct G/R to YT 635905, 3/C will conduct G/R to YT 639910. D(-) will FX/SEC from YT 481863 to FSB Rash at 1100 hrs. and move by hook to FSB Dragon Head for base defense. 3/D will FX/SEC from YT 535835 to FSB Rash at 1145 hrs. for based defense. E Rcn will conduct G/R to YT 613905. E(-) has 2 mortar tubes at FSB Rash, 2 FSB Dragon Head.	JS	MD
28.	1730		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: SEC/SEC of B(-). 2 hook sorties. PZ-FSB Rash, LZ-FSB Dragon Head, 1st PZ-1710 hrs. 1st LZ-1720 hrs. 2nd PZ-1730 hrs. lift completed at 1740 hrs.	JS	MD
29.	1734		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: CC aircraft released at 1705 hrs. log aircraft released at 1700 hrs.	JS	MD
30.	1750		Bde S2 Asst/Bn NCS: From MACV, at 1300 at YU 435137 1st squad of 51 and 52 FF platoon in ambush posture, spotted and engaged 20 NVA wearing black pajamas, green uniforms and khaki uniforms; negative return, Results: 5 VC KIA, 3 VC WIA, 3 machine guns captured (2 not operable), also 12 boxes of M60 ammo, 11 grenades M16, serial # of M60. 117534, 53671, 117930.	JS	MD

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31.	1800		Bde S5/Bn NCS: Psyops run: 16 Jan-YT 7098 4x4 15 minute tape 18,000 leaflets. YT 6191 3x3 15 minute tape, YT 4585 3x3 15 minute tape, YT 4985 4x4 15 minute tape 18,000 leaflets, 18 Jan- YT 6888 3x3, YT 6897 6x6, YT 5292 3x3, YU 4313 3x3, Aircraft on station at 1800 hrs. for Arty Psyops mission for 17 Jan.	JS	MD
32.	1810		Bde S3/Bn NCS: SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES in 2nd Bde AO. 2/A of 5/7 at 0628 hrs. at FSB Sunday Punch 2 men on guard hear movement and fired a hand flare, then spotted 6 individuals 150 meters to the NW moving NE-NW and engaged with M60 and 25 HE mortar rounds and also 35 HE 155 rounds. Sweep found 1 blood trail, 1/B of 5/7 at 1025 hrs. at YU 566316 spotted and engaged 1 individual wearing green fatigues, individual evaded and left a heavy blood trail.	JS	MD
33.	1830		All Units/Bn NCS: NIGHT LOCATIONS. A(-) YT 624890, 1/A YT 615897, 3/A YT 624880, B(-) FSB Dragon Head, 3/B FSB Rash, C(-) YT 636915, 2/C YT 637906, 3/C YT 630915, D(-) YT 479863, 3/D YT 538832, E Ren YT 611911. All units have green on malaria. C Co has 1 AA(auto-ambush). E Ren		

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33.	1830		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9: has 3 all other units have negative AA. A Co, C Co, D Co, E Ren each have 1 scout dog team, B Co 0. All units have negative snipers and day manned ambushes. A Co has 2 night manned ambushes, D Co has 1, all other units have negative manned night ambushes.	JS	DC
34.	1910		Bn NCS/Bde S2 Asst: Paper taken from KIA concerned the Village Chief of village #3 of K29 (name Dien Day), he was awarded this certificate for killing 10 GIs, paper dated 15 Nov 70 signed by Huynh Vm Then.	JS	MD
35.	1935		Psyops/BnNCS: Psyops aircraft on station for coordinated Arty mission. Mission complete 2030 hrs.	JS	DC
36.	2040		Gia Nghia Bn Relay/Bn NCS: Friendly locations, 411 Co YU(940249, 945273, 942278, 943270, 942269, 942265, 938268). 227 Co YU(958238, 957252, 940236, 938239), QDC#1 YU 944254, 945261, QDC #3 YU 922277, 929260, QDC#6 YU 905387.	JS	DC
37.	2115		Bde CO/Bn NCS: Nightly poetry: Acknowledgement needed: When chalie come trippin, one thing's a fact, if your're weapon malfunctions sorby about that. Acknowledged by all.	JS	MD
38.	2220		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: SOI CHANGES. Effective 18 Jan		

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