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1st Bn 8th Cav

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TO

FSB DRAGON HEAD

HOUR

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OUT

INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

ACTION TAKEN

INITIALS

1.

0001

Bn NCS/Journal Opens.

JS

DD

2.

0015

Bn Relay Gia Nghia/Bn NCS: A local ambush by
probably the 179 Co spotted 2 possible VC, in-
dividuals were engaged with negative enemy as-
sessment. Also the dogs at Gia Nghia are bark-
ing and restless similar to the last time VC
were in the area.

JS

DC

3.

0600

All Units/Bn NCS: A Co, B Co, C Co, E Rcn,
FSB Rash from 0100-0600 hrs. gave negative
situation reports.

JS

DC

4.

0610

Bde S3/Bn NCS: CC aircraft #856 ETA-0700 hrs.
log aircraft #665 ETA-0730 hrs.

JS

JB

5.

0617

Bde NCS/Bn NCS: WEATHER REPORTS. Visibility
7 miles, ceiling scattered, Max temperature 90,
Min temperature 64.

JS

JB

6.

0730

Bn S3/Bde NCS: Tentative Plans for 20 Jan.
A(-) will conduct G/R(ground recon) to YT 641879.
1/A will conduct G/R to YT 641899, 3/A will
conduct G/R to YT 640876, B(-) will conduct G/R
to YT 684990, 3/B will conduct G/R to YT 601985.
C(-) will conduct G/R to YT 653915, 2/C will conduct
G/R to YT 653905, 3/C will conduct G/R to YT
645917. D(-) will be base defense at FSB Dragon

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6.	0730		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1: Head, 2/D will be base defense at FSB Rash. E Rcn will FX/SEC at 1330 hrs. PZ-YT 614897, LZ-FSB Dragon Head, E(-) has 2 mortar tubes at FSB Rash, 3 at FSB Dragon Head. JS JB		
7.	0754		Bde S3/Bn NCS: ORF missions for today for convoys. 1st convoy-responsibility starts at Dong Xoai and ends at FSB Buttons. 2nd convoy-from Duc Phong to Hwy 311 to Hwy 14 back to Duc Phong. JS JB		
8.	0835		Bn S2/Bde S2: Request for 20 Jan. SLAR for 1/8 Ao, Sniffer in box 57, IR at YT 6895, YT 6884, YT 7295, YT 7284, FT for C Co and Box 55. JS JB		
9.	1000		All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A(-) YT 626888, 1/A YT 629902, 3/A YT 625884, B(-) YT 688978, 3/B YT 687972, C(-) YT 636915, 1/C YT 636915, 2/C YT 637906, 3/C YT 631916, D(-) FSB Dragon Head, 2/D FSB Rash, E Rcn YT 613904. JS RD		
10.	1030		E Rcn/Bn NCS: E Rcn found at YT 614903 1 hoodch 10x8 ft. 8 ft. off ground, 1 bunker 3x5 ft. 19" OHC, 1 basket 3ft. by 1 ft., 12 arrows 18" long, 2 trails 1 NS, 1 NE-SW 2 ft. wide used by 2-3 individuals in the last 48 hrs., also 1 fishing pole, 2 fish traps, 1 hoe head, 1 scythe. JS RD		
11.	1145		Bde LNO/Bn nNCS: Bde Co Inbound 1140 hrs.		

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1145

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ed 1200 hrs.

JS

MD

12.

1253

Bde S3 Asst/Bn S3 Air: Request clearance for
blues insertion vic YT 5698, also released from
convoy QRF and put on blues QRF/RRF, clearance
given by :CBU.

JS

CU

13.

1315

Bde S3 Air/Bn S3 Air: Clearance granted for
88 aircraft #425 to go to Gia Nghia.

JS

CU

14.

1400

All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A(-) YT 626888,
1/A YT 629900, 3/A YT 625884, B(-) YT 692988,
3/B YT 686986, C(-) YT 636915, 1/C YT 640914,
2/C YT 640908, 3/C YT 633920, D(-) FSB Dragon
Head, 2/D FSB Rash, E Rcn YT 615899. PDS.
A Co 4 off, 12 nco, 64 em, 10 att, T-90. B Co
4 off, 19 nco, 86 em, 7 att, T-116. C Co 4 off,
16 nco, 76 em, 14 att, T-110. E Rcn 1 off, 4
nco, 22 em, 5 att, T-32. FSB Rash 4 off, 16 nco,
63 em, T-83. FSB Dragon Head 13 off, 46 nco,
150 em, T-199.

JS

DC

15.

1408

2/C/Bn NCS: 2/C at YT 645907 found 6 bamboo
hootches 12x18 ft. 4 bunkers 3x10 ft. with 18"
OHG, area showed use by 2-3 individuals in the
last 3 days, all 1 yr. old, fair conditions.

JS

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16.

1410

Bde S3 Asst/Bn NCS: Blues inserted 1402 hrs.
at YT 544991, LZ-green.

JS

MD

17.

1430

Bn S5/Bde S5: Preplanned Psyops for 29 Jan
YT 5392 special tape, YT 6990 IR sightings tape
931. YU 5704 tape 764.

JS

MD

18.

1435

Pink Team/Bn NCS: Pink Team at 1230 hrs. at YT
581980 saw 3 garden plots about $\frac{1}{2}$ acre each,
NRU, 1 NS trail 10" wide, NRU, 1 EW trail 6"
wide NRU. At 1245 hrs. at YT 533992 saw 1 5x10
ft. hootch frame destroyed, NRU, 1254 hrs. at
YT 544991 saw 1 8x10 ft. hootch with LRU in the
last 48 hrs. destroyed, at 1305 hrs. at YT 517995
saw 1 garden plot NRU, 1 5x6 hole 5 ft. deep,
NRU, 1 4x6 rice drying mat, destroyed, at 1430
hrs. at YT 581990 saw 1 bunker 5x10 ft. NRU,
C ration trash, at YT 511978 saw 1 NW-SE trail
1 ft. wide with LRU to the SE, 1 5x4 ft. hole
5 ft. deep, NRU.

JS

DC

19.

1450

Bn CO/Bn NCS: At YT 4685 dropped 10 E158s in
stream bed vic YT 4685 on 9 NS axis. 36,000
leaflets of Chieu Hoi, also, employed Arty,
suspected Village #3.

JS

DC

20.

1451

Bde S3 Asst/Bn NCS: Blues extracted at 1442

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20.	1451		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4: hrs. reinserted at 1450 hrs. at YT 518980, PZ and LZ-green, extracted again at 1602 hrs. PZ green.	JS	MD
21.	1455		Bde S2 Asst/Bn NCS: Negative IR in 1/8 AG, SLAR will be flown-TOT 0200 hrs.	JS	MD
22.	1504		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: MORTAR REPORT. FSB Dragon Head Line 1 70/25, F-5/5, Line 2 E-1, F-1, FSB Rash Line 1 E-116/82, F-7/7, Line 2 E-2, F-1.	JS	MD
23.	1555		All Units/Bn NCS: Secure radio usage for the last 24 hrs. A Co: 1840-0715 hrs. B Co: 1735- 0720 hrs. C Co: 1815-0730 hrs. A/L: all secure, FSB Rash: all secure.	JS	DC
24.	1632		Bn NCS/Bde S3 Air: Air request for 20 Jan. 1 CC aircraft with left jump seat and 3 Y cords, to report to Song Be to commo rear at 0700 hrs and then to FSB Dragon Head at 0730 hrs. to TOV RTO. 1 log aircraft with cargo hook to report to Song Be at 0930 hrs. and to FSB Dragon Head at 1000 hrs. 6+2 for E Ren FX/SEC at 1400 hrs. 6 sorties, 32 packs, PZ-YT 614896, LZ-FSB Dragon Head. 1 LOH for visit to Dong Xoai and Bunard at 1000 hrs. with 2 passengers.	JS	MD
25.	1638		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: EXPOSURE REPORT. A Co 1st		

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last sortie at 1530 hrs. in PZ at 0915 hrs.

PZ clear at 1545 hrs. 8 sorties. C Co 1st

sortie 0910 hrs. last sortie 1200 hrs. in PZ

at 0855 hrs. PZ clear 1215 hrs. 2 sorties.

JS

MD

26.

1639

Bn S3/Bde S3: Final Plans for 20 Jan. A(-)

will conduct G/R(ground recon) to YT 635885.

1/A will conduct G/R to YT 640900, 3/A will

conduct G/R to YT 631879, B(-) will conduct

G/R to YT 691995, 3/B will conduct G/R to YT

679991, C(-) will conduct G/R to YT 649915, 2/C

will conduct G/R to YT 652908, 3/C will conduct

G/R to YT 645915, D(-) will be base defense at

FSB Dragon Head, 2/D will be base defense at

FSB Rash, E Ren will be FX/SEC at 1400 hrs.

PZ-YT 614896, for base defense at FSB Dragon Head.

JS

MD

27.

1645

Bn S3/Bn NCS: 10 E158s were dropped from YT

720990 to YT 720975, Arty employed also 24 rounds

of HE, mission based on ground recon by D Co.

C Co, and previous RF companies.

JS

DC

28.

1714

Bde S5/Bn NCS: Psyops run 18 Jan YT 5292 3x3

15 minute tape 54,000 leaflets, YT 6888 3x3

15 minute tape, YT 6897 6x6 30 minute tape

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1714

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6: 72,000 leaflets, on 20

Jan YT 5594 3x3, YT 6089 5x5, YT 4685 3x3.

JS

MD

29.

1715

Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Log aircraft released at 1655

hrs. CC aircraft released at 1709 hrs.

JS

MD

30.

1800

C Co CO/Bn CO: Have Arty plot grids for units

in the field, have Arty tell units which grids

will be fired on and in what order. Units will

inform NCS of any changes.

JS

DC

31.

1826

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

628892, 1/A YT 629900, 3/A YT 628883, B(-) YT

697995, 2/B YT 694992, 3/B YT 684986, C(-) YT

636915, 1/C YT 644913, 2/C YT 645907, 3/C YT

637929, D(-) FSB Dragon Head, 2/D FSB Rash,

E Rcn YT 612898. All units have green on malaria,

all units have negative snipers and day and night

manned ambushes. B Co has 5 AA(auto-ambush),

C Co has 2 AA, E Rcn has 1 AA, all other units

have negative AA. C Co and E Rcn have 1 scout

dog team, all other units have negative scout

dog teams.

JS

DC

32.

1925

Bn S5/Bde S5 Asst: Request Night Psyops-Arty

mission tentatively for 2100 hrs., need confirmation

NLT 1900 hrs.

JS

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33.	1935		Bn Relay Gia Nghia/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. SM OSLC 946278, 947273, 281 Co nochanges, 179 no changes. 227 Co 980279, 942278, 945273, 897254, 411 Co 938268, 941270, 943269, 943270, 943277, Rcn 25 934267, 379 no changes. QDC 1-942254, 945261 QDC 2-965261, QDC 3-922277, 929260, QDC 4-058238. Intel squad 937237, 944235, Int plt. 927280.	JS	DC
34.	2013		Bn CO/Bde S2: request readout from blues in- sections, also request that when Pink Teams are working in 1/8 AO they do not send grid coordinates in the clear.	JS	NE
35.	2124		Bde XO/BnNCS: NIGHTLY SAFETY MESSAGE. Check the muzzle for any dirt, if its clear, you won't get hurt, ammunition troubles too; if this whould fail, charlie gets you.	JS	MD
36.	2141		Bde S2 Asst/Bn NCS: Request 3000 meter clearance along Dong Nai River from YT 514820 to YU 720048 clearance on either side, clearance granted except Dong Nai River between 67 NS and 71 NS line, (B Co area), Need times of aircraft flying along Dong Nai. Disregard!! Initials: PH.	JS	MD
37.	2150		Bde S2 Asst/Bn NCS: Reference to documents captured by C Co on 14 Jan at YT 615919: 1 packet		

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a letter of medical supplies and quantities,
no unit mentioned and not dated.

JS

MD

38.

2250

Bn Relay Gia Nghia/Bn NCS: At about 1530 hrs.
40 Chieu Hois walked into Kien Duc from the west
8 men said to be VC guerrillas, 15 women VC
production workers, 17 children. They carried
2 CKCs and 1 M1, they were in poor health suf-
fering from malnutrition and are being treated
at Kien Duc.

JS

EC

39.

2358

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

JS

DC

40.

2359

DAILY SUMMARY: Negative contact, negative cache,
negative air lifts, negative significant events.

JS

WL

41.

2400

JOURNAL CLOSED.

JS

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