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	IN	OUT			
1.	0001		Bn NCS/Journal Opens.	JS	JB
2.	0245		Bde S2/Bn NCS: Red Haze readout: TOT 2300 hrs. to 0045 hrs. at YT 637915 9 individuals by stream. YT 478969 3 individuals by stream. YT 534947 2 individuals by stream. Confirm aircraft fire and 8 rounds of 105 at 2350 hrs. on YT 633915, not confirm aircraft fire and 8 rounds of 105 at 2350 hrs. on YT 613904.	JS	JB
3.	0345		Bde S2/Bn NCS: Red Haze readout: TOT 0050-0215 hrs. YT 501852 4 individuals by stream, YT 541809 2 individuals by stream, YT 545811 by 6 individuals by stream, YT 545807 1 individual by stream, YT 501835 2 individuals at a stream, YT 535832 6 individuals at stream.	JS	RD
4.	0600		All Units/Bn NCS: B Co, C Co, FSB Rash from 0100-0600 hrs. gave negative situation reports.	JS	DC
5.	0610		Bde S3/Bn NCS: CC aircraft #498 ETA-0700 hrs. Log aircraft #671 ETA-0800 hrs.	JS	JB
6.	0713		Bde NCS/Bn NCS: WEATHER REPORT. Visibility 7 miles, ceiling scattered, Max temperature 91, Min temperature 68.	JS	JB
7.	0714		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Request 2 scout dog teams for 24 Jan 71 for B Co and C Co.	JS	JB

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Bn NCS/Bde NCS: Tentative Plans for 24 Jan 71.

A(-) will be base defense at FSB Dragon Head.

3/A will be base defense at FSB Rash. B(-) will

conduct G/R(ground recon) to YU 670003, 2/B

will conduct G/R to YU 672006, 3/B will conduct

G/R to YT 699998, C(-) will conduct G/R to YU

668052, 2/C will conduct G/R to YU 655042, 3/C

will conduct G/R to YU 682062. D Co and E Rcn

will fix wing to Duc Phong and hook move to

FSB Rash. at 1100 hrs. From there D Co will CA

to YT 515915 and conduct G/R to YT 512965, E Rcn

from there will CA to YT 465919 and conduct G/R

to YT 471919. E(-) has 2 mortar tubes at FSB

Rash, 3 at FSB Dragon Head.

JS

JB

9.

0850

B Co/Bn NCS: B Co at YT 692994 found on 19 Jan

6 hatches, 10x20 ft. 3 bunkers 3x7 ft. with

2 ft. OHC, 2 large metal cooking pots. Use in

area by 2-3 individuals in the last 24 hrs. Also

1 EW trail 1 ft. wide hard packed, NRU, at YT

688978 found 3 hatches 10x20 ft. 2 bunkers 3x8

ft. with 2 ft. OHC, 3 10 gallon potted water

jugs, 1 NVA empty ammo box Lot# AN 7/67, 3 chickens

pens 5x5 ft. NRU in the area.

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DC

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1000

All Units/Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A (-) FSB Dragon
Head, 3/A FSB Rash, B(-) YT 680992, 2/B YT 685985,
3/B YT 685985, C(-) YT 648916, 1/C YT 660915,
2/C YT 690908, 3/C YT 660915, D Co and E Com
VIP Center Bien Hoa.

JS

RD

11.

1028

Bde S2 Asst/Bn NCS: Reference to scout dog
teams, since they come from Bien Hoa, we may or
may not get both we ordered, if 2 arrive you
will get them.

JS

MD

12.

1035

All Units/Bn NCS: Secure radio use in the last
24 hrs. B Co: 1730-0700 hrs. C Co: 1805-0800
hrs. FSB Rash: all secure, A/L: all secure.
Log aircraft secure.

JS

MD

13.

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Bde D CO/Bn CO: Replacement will arrive at about
1630 hrs. at FSB Dragon Head, as for change of
command ceremony, Bn CO does not want such.

JS

NE

14.

1124

Bde D CO/Bn S3: Relay to Bn CO: preparation
for change of command ceremony will continue,
Bde CO will discuss with Bn CO at 1400 hrs.

JS

WR

15.

1128

Radio Research/Bn S2: Team of 2 people will go
out to FSB Rash today for radio research; ETA-
TBA. Need a bunker or hutch to stay in and oper-
ate.

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16.	1137		ADC/A/Bn NCS: ADC/A arrived at FSB Dragon Head at 1137 hrs. TOD 1235 hrs. negative comments.	JS	MD
17.	1300		C Co/Bn NCS: AER LIFT. OF C Co. FX/CA PZ- YT 648916, YT 699908, LZ-YU 677043, 25 sorties, 123 packs, ACL-5, acft-5+2, 1st PZ=1308/1415 hrs. 2nd LZ-1325 hrs./1421, PZ clear 1335/1439 hrs. Lift complete 1341/1504 hrs. PZ/LZ-green.	JS	RD
18.	1313		Bde LNO/Bn NCS: Bde CO arrived at FSB Dragon Head at 1323 hrs. TOD-1400 hrs. Comments-There will be a change of command ceremony at 0900 hrs. on 24 Jan 71.	JS	REP
19.	1400		All Units/Bn NCS: PDS. B Co 4 off, 18 nce, 83 em, 11 att, T-116. C Co 123 total, FSB Dragon Head 13 off, 37 nce, 150 em, T-200. FSB Rash 4 off, 15 nce, 57 em, T-76.	JS	RD
20.	1410		Psyops Aircraft/Bn NCS: Psyops aircraft on station to work vic YT 5290.	JS	DC
21.	1500		3/A/Bn NCS: 3/A found at YT 529953 2 fighting positions 3x5 ft. 2 ft. deep negative OHC, NEU. 2 punji pits 6x18" with 20 7" stakes. Pit was about 30-60 days old, 2 bundles of punji stakes with 10 in each bundle. 1 SE-NW trail 1 ft. wide hardpacked, 7 days was last used.	JS	DC

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22.	1640		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: MORTAR REPORT. FSB Dragon Head Line 1 E-81/51, F-5/5. Line 2 E-2, F-1. FSB Rash Line 1 E-61/61, F-6/6. Line 2 E-1, F-1. JS MD		
23.	1641		Bn S5/Bde S5: Psyops missions for 24 Jan. YU 6405 3x3 tape 10-6T, YU 6907 3x3 tape 10-6T. YT 6989 3x3 tape 28-6T. JS MD		
24.	1703		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: EXPOSURE REPORT. C Co 1 st sortie 1420 hrs. last sortie 1600 hrs. In PZ 1405 hrs. PZ clear 1615 hrs. 3 sorties. JS MD		
25.	1745		Bn NCS/Bde NCS: CC air craft was released at 1740 hrs. Log aircraft was released at 1504 hrs. JS MD		
26.	1750		Bn S3/Bde S3: Final Plans for 24 Jan. A(-) will be based defense at FSB Dragon Head, 3/A will be base defense at FSB Rash, B(-) will conduct G/R to YU 670003, 2/B will conduct G/R to YU 672006, 3/B will conduct G/R to YT 699998. C(-) will conduct G/R to YU 655042, 2/C will conduct G/R to YU 668052, 3/C will conduct G/R to YU 682062. D Co and E Rcn will fix wing to Duc Phong from Bien Hoa and hook move to FSB Rash at 1000 hrs. D Co will CA to YT 515915 and conduct G/R to YT 512965, E Rcn will CA to YT 465919, and conduct G/R to YT 471919. JS WN		

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27.	1800		Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Air request for 24 Jan. 1 CC aircraft with left jump seat and 3 Y corps. to report to Song Be at 0700 hrs. to commo rear and then to FSB Dragon Head at 0730 hrs. to TOC RTO. 2 log aircraft with cargo hook to report to Song B. at 0700 hrs. to commo rear and then to FSB Dragon Head at 0730 hrs. 1 aircraft to report to 184 Chemical Pad at Phouc Vinh prior to re- porting to Song Be to pick up a PA system. 5 hook sorties from Duc Phong to FSB Rash for D Co and E Rcn. at 1000 hrs. Request 6+2 for SEC/CA of E Rcn and D Co, E Rcn at 1400 hrs. 40 packs, D Co at 1445 hrs. at 113 packs.	JS	MD
28.	1815		Bde S5/Bn S5: Psyops missions for 24 Jan. 1. YT 6490 3x3 tape 931 Chieu Hai possible death.	JS	WC
29.	1820		Pink Team/Bn NCS: Sniffer on station to work east of Dong Nai between the 83 grid line and the province boundary: Normal at YT 510870, 493888, 490903.	JS	DC
30.	1825		All Units/Bn NCS: NIGHT LOCATIONS. A(-) FSB Dragon Head, 3/A FSB Rash, B(-) YT 681993, 2&3/B YT 680989, C Co YU 673045, D Co and E Rcn VIP Center. Bien Hoa. B Co has 4 AA(auto-ambush)		

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1825

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6: all other units have
negative AA. B Co has 1 scout dog team, all
other units have negativ scout dog teams. All
units have green on malaria, negativer snipers,
day and night manned ambushes.

JS

BC

31.

2000

Bn S3 Air/Bde S3 Air: Additional air request for
24 Jan, 1 hook sortie from Song Be to FSB Dragon
Head for packs and etc. at 0800 hrs.

JS

WN

32.

2020

Bde S2/Bn S2: Sniffer readouts: TOT 181501835
hrs. Normal at: YT 493884, YT 488903, YT 510870.

JS

WW

33.

2140

Bn S2/Bde S2: Request LLRP team in the area of
YU 5403, YU 5100.

JS

UW

34.

2252

Bde S2/Bn NCS: LRRF team will be inserted at
YU 5403 time will be given at later note.

JS

JB

35.

2358

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

JS

DC

36.

2359

DAILY SUMMARY: Negative contact, negative cache,
Air Lifts: C Co FX/CA, PZ-YT 648916, YT 699908,
LZ-YU 677043. Negative significant events.

JS

WL

37.

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