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1.	0001		Bn NCS/ Journal Orens.				JS	JR
2.	0220		Bde S3/ Bn S3: The Division wanted to know why E Rcn was coming to FSB Betty instead of going FX/CA. Since no company is scheduled to relieve log, there is a need for them to relieve log.				JS	EH
3.	0245		Bde S2/ Bn S2: Red Haze Report. In flight readout at YU 285367 with 1 in open and at YU 285369 with 1 in open. Targets were engaged by artillery.				JS	EH
4.	0600		All Units/ Bn NCS: D Co, E Rcn, LRRF Team, Sniper Team from 0100 hrs to 0600 hrs gave negative situation reports.				JS	GS
5.	0605		Bde S3 Air/ Bn S3 Air: CC aircraft #411 ETA 0730 hrs, Log aircraft #703 ETA 1000 hrs.				JS	EH
6.	0620		Bde S2/ Bn S2: Red Haze Report. TOT 0030 hrs to 0310 hrs. At YU 232377 - 1 in woods, YU 332385 - 1 in woods, YU 227301 - 1 in woods, YU 250309 - 1 by stream, YU 292302 - 1 in woods.				JS	EH
7.	0700		Bde S3/ Bn S3: WEATHER REPORT. Visibility 7 miles, Ceiling scattered to broken, Maximum temperature 94°, Minimum Temperature 65°.				JS	EH
8.	0723		Bn S3/ Bde S3: Request 2 Scout Dog teams for A Co and D Co.				JS	GS

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9.	0730		Bn S3/ Bde S3: GRF is the 1st Platoon C Co.			
			RRF is the C (-).			
			JS			
10.	0800		Bn S3/ Bde S3: Tentative plans for 20 Feb 71.			
			A Co will return from Bien Hoa by Fixed Wing			
			aircraft to FSB Snuffy at 1000 hrs. They will			
			there receive log and conduct CA at 1430 hrs			
			at grid TSA VIC 3224. B Co OPCON 5/7. C Co			
			Base Defense FSB Betty. D Co will conduct G/R			
			to the N vic YU 215367. E Rcn will conduct			
			G/R to the SW vic YU 314287. E (-) has 2			
			mortar tubes at FSB Betty, 1 mortar tube at			
			FSB Buttons, 1 mortar tube at FSB Thomas.			
			Sniper Team will not be extracted today, they			
			will be extracted on the 20 Feb 71 at 0630 hrs			
			from PZ YU 279316 to LZ FSB Betty.			
			JS			
11.	0820		Bn S2/ Bde S2: Request for 20 Feb 71: SLAR:			
			1/8 AO. IR: 1/8 AO. Sniffer: YU 1024, YU 1030			
			YU 1937, YU 2134. VR: E Rcn.			
			JS			
12.	0830		All Units/ Bn NCS: Radio Secure Usage for the			
			last 24 hrs. A Co VIP Center Bien Hoa. B Co			
			OPCON 5/7. C Co Base Defense FSB Betty, D Co			
			1745 hrs to 0705 hrs. E Rcn weak signal. A/L			
			CC and Log aircraft secure for last 24 hrs.			
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0915

D Co/ Bn NCS: At YU 221354 a trail 3 1/2 feet wide was used by 2 bicycles in the last 48 hrs moving N. YU 222349 there was a NVA cooking area; 10 L shaped fighting positions 2 feet deep, 3X4 feet and 3X7 feet; 2 10X15 foot Bunkers 4 feet deep with 12 inches OHC about 4-5 months old with NRU; 3 small test tubes; 3 large test tubes; 5 GI flashlight batteries; 5 NVA flashlight batteries; 3 glass serum vials, empty; 1 syringe and needle; 1 strainer for blood transfusion tube; 3 more serum vials, one of which was 3/4 full; 1 plastic canteen cup; 1 ink bottle; 1 B4D cannister. All above items approximately 1 month old. Many banana trees and squash and melon vines. YU 216355 12 one man L shaped fighting positions 4X6 feet, 2 feet deep, 3-4 months old, NRU; 1 10X5 foot bunker 4 feet deep with 2 feet OHC, 3-4 months old, NRU; SW-NE 12 inch Trail used in last 24 hrs by 2-3 individuals moving SW.

JS

EH

14.

0920

D Co/ Bn NCS: At YU 210353 there was 30 2X6 foot bunkers with 12 inches OHC; 70 L shaped fighting positions 4X6 feet, 3 feet deep

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14.	0920		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3. very old, NRU; trail 3 feet wide, hard packed running E-W, NRU. YU 208352 11 L shaped Bunkers 6X9X4 feet 4 feet deep with 2 feet OHC, used in last 24-48 hrs. Found also were 3 cooking fires, 24-48 hrs old; 2 blocks C-3; 1 NVA officers helmet with rank torn off; scattered rice; 1 bag with writing on it; 5 L shaped fighting positions 7X4 feet 2 Feet deep, used in last 48 hrs by 2 individuals; Hard packed trail running SW-NE 3 1/2 feet wide used in both directions in the last 24-48 hrs; bamboo bridge 7 feet wide 25-30 feet long, old but usable. In area expended AR brass and M-16 brass was found. Negative artillery or air support impact in contact area.	JS	EH
15.	0930		Bde S2/ Bn S2: Clearance was given in YU 3120 and YU 3931.	JS	EH
16.	1000		Bn NCS, Bde NCS: CURRENT LOCATIONS. A Co VIP Center Bien Hoa. B Co OPCON 5/7. C Co Base Defense FSB Betty. D Co YU 214362, 1/D YU 209364, 3/D YU 217366. E Rcn FSB Betty. Sniper Team YU 272317.	JS	GS
17.	1005		Bde S2/ Bn S2: Agent Report. F-6 Rating.		

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21.	1330		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5. NRU. 4 NVA cooking areas.		
			2 30X20 hooches with benches inside set in		
			classroom fashion, NRU. 1 20X30 hooch with		
			bamboo mats, KCS says it was an old hospital,		
			NRU. At YU 214368 9 graves 6-7 months old.		
			At YU 213366 4 rolls wire 75 feet each roll;		
			3 rolls 5/8 inch cotton rope, 12 feet each roll;		
			4 NVA spades; 2 NVA shovels; 1 bicycle air pump;		
			3 US crescent wrenches; 1 US adjustable pliers;		
			2 hammers; 2 small metal punches; numerous		
			bicycle wheel washers; numerous ball bearings; 2		
			bicycle rims; 2 sets of handlebars; 2 front forks;		
			13 lock nuts for fitting handlebars into front		
			forks; 1 two man saw; 2 rear sprockets for		
			bicycles; 1 front wheel; 2 10X10 foot hooches.		
			All above items approximately 6-7 months old		
			NRU buildings in ruin, all items destroyed.		
			At YU 215367 there was a SE-NW trail 18 inches		
			wide used in last 48 hrs by 2-3 individuals.		
			Direction of movement unknown. Destroyed 1		
			bamboo bridge 10 feet long 3 1/2 feet wide.	JS	DC
22.	1400		All Units/ Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A Co VIP		
			Center Bien Hoa. B Co OPCON 5/7. C Co		

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YU 218365. E Rcn FSB BETTY. PDS: D Co 5 off,

11 nco, 61 em, 12 att, T-89. E Co 1 off, 5 nco,

23 em, 4 att, T-33. FSB Betty 15 off, 79 nco,

163 em, T-257.

JS

MD

23.

1425

LRRP Team #71/ Bn NCS: Location 01 in 05.

JS

MD

24.

1428

Bde S2/ Bn NCS: UR at YU 656371 at 300 meters

radius in the early afternoon.

JS

DM

25.

1614

D Co/ Bn NCS: At YU 215364 a 6inch trail

running N-S was used in last 5-7 days by 5

individuals moving north. At YU 217366 an

E-W trail 2 1/2 feet wide old and NRU. At YU

215365 a NW-SE trail was used in last 48 hrs

by 7 individuals going NW traveling heavy.

This trail goes north and hits a large cart

trail to the NE. At YU 216367 a 6 foot br

3 foot bridge destroyed by NARA or Artillery.

At YU 218367 a N-S trail 2 feet wide NRU. At

YU 217368 a NE-SW trail 6 inches wide NRU.

At YU 217368 a NW-SE trail 6 inches wide used

in last 24 hrs by 3-5 individuals going NW.

At YU 216368 an EW trail 3 feet wide goes

to a bridge 4feet wide 3 feet long, ver old.

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26.	1615		Bn S3 Air/ Bde S3: AIRLIFT. SEC/CA E Ren 31 Pax, 6 Sorties. 1st PZ 1557 hrs, 1st LZ 1601 hrs, PZ Clear 1610 hrs, Lift completed 1614 hrs. PZ/LZ color green/green.	JS	MD
27.	1631		Bn NCS/ Bde NCS: MORTAR REPORT. Line 1 E-87/21, F-14/14. Line 2 E-1, F-1.	JS	MD
28.	1755		Bde S5/ Bn S5: Psyops Report. 18 Feb 71: 1. YU 5234 3X3 20 minutes broadcast time, LRKP Team contact area 54,000 leaflets. 2. YU 3916 6X6 20 MBT, Ralliers at Duc Phong, 12,000 leaflets. 20 Feb 71: 1. YU 2633, 3X3, Red Haze Report. 2. YU 2336, 3X3, Ground to air fire. 3. YU 2139-2442, YU 2542-2539, Grid 1/8 requested.	JS	JR
29.	1800		All Units/ Bn NCS: CLOSING LOCATIONS. A Co Bien Hoa VIP Center. B Co OFCON 5/7. C Co FSB BETTY. D Co YU 223368. E Ren YU 313230. Sniper Team YU 272315. All Units green on malaria; All units have negative automatic ambushes; D Co has 1 Scout dog team, all other Units have negative scout dog teams; Sniper Team has 1 day manned ambush, all other units have negative day manned ambushes; E Ren has		

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29.	1800		CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8. 1 night manned ambush. Sniper team has 1 night manned ambush, all other units have negative night manned ambushes; Sniper Team has 1 sniper, all other units have negative snipers.	JS	JR
30.	1835		Bn S3 Air/ Bde S3 Air: Air Request. 1 cc CC and Log aircraft with left jump seat and 2 Y-cords to report to Song Be at 0730 hrs then to FSB Betty at 0800 hrs. Log aircraft to report to Song Be at 1st light and at FSB Betty at 1715 hrs. 6-12 for SEC/CA A Co PZ FSB Snuffy, LZ YU 349245. Pax 100 Sorties 20 time 1400 hrs.	JS	DM
31.	1900		Bn S3/ Bde S3: Final Plans for 20 Feb 71. A Co will return to FSB Snuffy by Fixed wing aircraft from Bien Hoa at 1000 hrs, then will receive log and conduct CA to YU 349245 at 1400 hrs. B Co OLCON 5/7. C Co Base Defense FSB Betty. D Co will receive log and conduct G/R vic YU 305268 and E Ren will conduct G/R to the SW vic YU 305297. E (-) has 2 mortar tubes at FSB Betty, 1 mortar tube at FSB Thomas, 1 mortar tube at FSB Buttons. Sniper Team will be extracted at 0930 hrs and will not be reinserted.	JS	JR

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32.	1945		Bde S2/ Bn S2: Lrrp Team #71 set up NDF at YU 125338 monitoring a NW-SE trail.	JS	JR
33.	1950		Bde S3/ Bn S3: Released from Convoy QRF at 1725 hrs.	JS	JR
34.	1955		Bde S2/ Bn S2: Safety Message? Your getting short, so don't get loose, safety has no substitute except the man who plays the flute?	JS	JR
35.	2000		Bn NCS/ Bde NCS: Request urgent medovac - one man hurt in bunker cave-in. Medovac #21 ETA 15 min, Medovac complete 2031hrs.	JS	JR
36.	2358		All Units/ Bn NCS: D Co, E Ron, Sniper Team and LRRP Team # 71 from 2000 hrs to 2400 hrs gave negative situation reports.	JS	DC
37.	2359		DAILY SUMMARY. Negative Contacts. Caches: At YU 221354 items found were 2 small test tubes; 3 large test tubes; 5 GI flashlight batteries 5 NVA flashlight batteries; 3 glass serum vials, empty; 1 syringe and needle; 1 strainer for blood transfusion tube; 3 more serum vials, one of which was 2/3 full; 1 plastic canteen cup; 1 ink bottle; 1 B-40 rocket cannister. At YU 221366 items found were 4 rolls wire, 75 feet on each roll; 3 rolls 5/8 inch cotton rope,		

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