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Bn NCS/ JOURNAL OPENS.

JS

JR

2.

0530

Bde S2/ Bn S2: Red Haze Report. TOT 2345 hrs

to 0200 hrs. YU 321150 - 10 near road, YU

373172 - 2 in open, YU 361242 - 1 in open,

YU 368227 - 1 near stream, YU 422080 - 1 in

open.

JS

EH

3.

0605

Bde S3/ Bn S3: CC aircraft #949 ETA 0730 hrs.

Log aircraft #051 ETA 0730 hrs.

JS

EH

4.

0725

Bn S3/ Bde S3: QRF for FSB Betty is 2nd platoon

D Co. D(-) is RRF.

JS

EH

5.

0740

Bn S3/ Bde S3: Request 1 scout dog team for

D Co for the 26th of Feb 71.

JS

EH

6.

0759

Bde S3/ Bn S3: QRF for convoy from Phuoc

Vinh to FSB Buttons will give us a call as

soon as it has started.

JS

EH

7.

0800

Bn S3/ Bde S3: Tentative Plans for 26 Feb 71.

A Co will conduct G/R to the SSE vic YU 288462.

B Co will DX with D Co to FSB Snuffy from

YU 275451 at 0800 hrs and then move to FSB

Buttons by fixed winged aircraft to assume

base defense. C Co will conduct FS/SEC from

vic YU 205375 to FSB Betty to assume base

defense. D Co will conduct DX with B Co

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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1. at YU 275451 then  
conduct G/R to vic YU 283453 to further  
exploit cache site. E Rcn Base Defense  
FSB Betty. Sniper team will be inserted vic  
YU 283320 and conduct ambush on road. E(-)  
has 2 mortar tubes FSB Betty, 1 mortar tube  
on FSB Buttons, 1 mortar tube on FSB Thomas

JS

EH

8.

0805

Bde NCS/ Bn NCS: WEATHER REPORT. Visibility -  
4-7 miles with haze and fog. Ceiling -  
scattered to broken. Maximum Temperature 96°.  
Minimum Temperature 70°. Thunder Shower after  
1500hrs.

JS

EH

9.

0900

B Co/ Bn NCS: At 0900 hrs roster number  
B78 - HWB - 8738 was taken from B Co 3rd  
platoon because of leg injury received from  
a fall into a bunker. He is now at FSB Betty.  
for medical treatment.

JS

GS

10.

0905

Sniper Team/ Bn NCS: Sniper Team extracted  
from YU 275313 at 0905 hrs.

JS

GS

11.

0935

Bn NCS/ Bde NCS: Secure Radio Usage for the  
last 24 hrs. A Co - 1625 hrs to 0735 hrs. B Co  
too weak. C Co - 1715 hrs to 0705 hrs. D Co  
base defense FSB Betty. E Rcn base defense

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| 11.      | 0935 |     | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2. FSB Betty. Sniper Team - not secure. A/L CC and Log aircraft secure for last 24 hrs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | JS           | EH       |
| 12.      | 0945 |     | Bde S2/ Bn S2: Possible mortar boxes: 1. YU 1030, 1039, 1937, 2134. 2. YU 2228, 2221, 2728, 2721.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | JS           | EH       |
| 13.      | 1000 |     | All Units/ Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A(-) YU 282407. B(-) YU 274450, 2/3 & 3/3 YU 275452. C(-) YU 200367, 3/C YU 203378. D Co and E Ren base defense FSB Betty.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | JS           | EH       |
| 14.      | 1115 |     | B Co/ Bn NCS: At 1000 hrs 1st platoon B Co found 14 Chicom boxes with 1,260 rounds of 7.62 short (K-54 pistol ammo) at YU 275445. This cache site is approximately 40 meters south of cache found by C Co 1/8. Ammo was stacked on ground and was in place for approximately 3 months. Also found was a 155 mm dud warhead with point up, believed to be a marker for the cache site. At 1100 hrs B Co 1st platoon dug up old grave at YU 273445, finding just an old skeleton. At 0915 hrs 2nd platoon B Co destroyed by explosives 1 1X4X15 feet bunker with 2 feet over head cover at YU 276453. |              |          |

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| 14.      | 1115 |     | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3. In the vicinity of the cache site 01 booby trap was found which consisted of a U.S. M-18 Antipersonnel mine with a wire running to a FRC-25 battery, but not hooked up. The booby trap did not have a trip device, the FRC-25 battery looked unusable, mine was covered by Ho Chi Minh Slick. 7 meters south of booby trap a 155 mm round was found lying on side. | JS           | GS       |
| 15.      | 1145 |     | Rash (FAC)/ Bn NCS: Fired on YU 245444 with 02 white phosphorus rounds. At this location was a garden plot. No further findings after firing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | JS           | GS       |
| 16.      | 1200 |     | C Co/ Bn NCS: C(-) YU 200367, 1/C YU 192372 in ambush posture, 2/C YU 205367 in ambush posture, 3/C YU 203378.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | JS           | GS       |
| 17.      | 1210 |     | Sniffer/ Bn NCS: This aircraft flew over YU 2137, 1630, 1934 with negative findings. Also flew over YU 308220 north along river up to YU 340250 with negative findings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | JS           | GS       |
| 17.      | 1305 |     | 3de NCS/ Bn NCS: Weather Warning for 25 Feb 71 at 1330hrs to 2200 hrs. Ceiling 1000 feet, overcast with 01 mile visibility. Winds variable from 15 to 25 knots gust.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |              |          |

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| 17.      | 1305 |     | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4. Thunder Storms covering 10-15% of Divisions AO moving from east to west.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | JS           | CF       |
| 18.      | 1310 |     | Bde S2 Asst/ Bn NCS: Sniffer Readouts. TOT 1110 hrs 1215 hrs. Max YU 152362, 158328, 162333. Normal YU 157337, 198343. Box worked YU 1930, 1934, 1937, 2134. At YU 152326 4 rounds were expended on bamboo that was pushed together for CHC with negative findings.                                                                                                | JS           | MD       |
| 19.      | 1345 |     | Bn S2/ Bde S2: B Co 1/8 cache findings in total 17,640 rounds of 7.62 short with possible stock numbers 11-65, 125-11, 45-24/65-45. These are chinese origin and will be backhauled to BDE.                                                                                                                                                                        | JS           | MD       |
| 20.      | 1400 |     | All Units/ Bn NCS: LOCATIONS. A Co YU 262467. B(-) YU 274450, 2/3 & 3/3 YU 275452. C(-) YU 200367, 1/C YU 192372 in ambush, 2/C YU 205367, 3/C YU 203373. D Co FSB Betty. E Rcn FSB Betty. PDS. A Co 4 off, 10 nco, 71 en, 7 att, T-92. B Co 3 off, 16 nco, 63 en, 11 att, T-93. C Co 4 off, 13 nco, 75 en; 8 att, T-100. FSB Betty 17 off, 48 nco, 190 en, T-255. | JS           | MD       |
| 21.      | 1445 |     | 3a S2/ Bde S2: Arms found by B Co is inbound to your location ETA 10-15 mins.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | JS           | MD       |

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| 22.      | 1510 |     | Bde S2 Asst/ Bn NCS: UR at YU 899423 in the early morning.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | JS           | MD       |
| 23.      | 1650 |     | Bn S3 Air/ Bde S3 Air: Air Request. 1 ea CC aircraft with left jump seat and 2 Y-cords report to Song Be at 0630 hrs then to FSB Betty at 0700 hrs. 6+2 for DX/DX D Co and B Co at 0730 hrs. D Co FZ FSB Betty. LZ YU 274450. Sorties 18 with 2 light. Pax 88. B Co FZ YU 274450. LZ FSB Betty. Sorties 20 with 2 light. Pax 98. 4+2 for FX/SEC C Co at 1500 hrs. FZ YU 200367. LZ FSB Betty. Sorties 20. Pax 100. | JS           | DM       |
| 24.      | 1655 |     | Bde S3 Asst/ Bn NCS: Released from convoy QRF.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | JS           | ND       |
| 25.      | 1705 |     | Bn NCS/ Bde NCS: MORTAR REPORT. Line 1 E-64/64, F-20/20. Line 2. E-2, F-1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | JS           | ND       |
| 26.      | 1815 |     | Bde S5/ Bn S5: Psyops Report. 1. YU 1234 and 1636, 20 MBT, 74,000 leaflets. 2. YU 3911, 3X3, 20 MBT, 74,000 leaflets. 3. YU 3008, 3X3, 20 MBT, 52,000 leaflets. 4. YU 3112, 2 kilometers long 4 kilometers high, 35 MBT, 150,000 leaflets. 26 Feb 71. Freplans. 1. YU 1635, 1632, 2B39, 2136, NVA along border.                                                                                                    |              |          |

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| 26.      | 1815 |     | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6. 2. YU 2523, 3X3, Woodcutters in area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | JS           | JR       |
| 27.      | 1900 |     | Bn S3/ Bde S3: Final Plans for 26 Feb 71. A Co will conduct G/R for the SSE Vic YU 288462. B Co will conduct DX by D Co to FSB Snuffly from YU 275451 at 0730 hrs and then to FSB Buttons by fixed wing aircraft at 1200 hrs where they will be base forces. C Co will conduct FX/SEC from vic YU 205375 to FSB Betty there they will assume Base Defense. D Co will conduct DX with B Co from FSB Betty to YU 275451, then conduct G/R vic YU 283453 to further exploit cache area. E Ron Base Defense FSB Betty. Sniper Team will be inserted at 1600 hrs vic YU 283320 and establish ambush along road. E(-) has 02 mortar tubes FSB Betty, 01 mortar tube FSB Thomas, 01 mortar tube FSB Buttons. | JS           | JR       |
| 28.      | 1745 |     | All Units/ Bn NCS: CLOSING LOCATIONS. A Co YU 235465. 3(-) YU 274450, 2/B & 3/B YU 273449. C(-) YU 200367, 3/C YU 203378. D Co Base Defense FSB Betty. E Ron Base Defense FSB Betty. All units green on malaria. All units have negative snipers. All units                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |              |          |

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| 28.      | 1745 |     | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7. have negative automatic ambushes. All units have negative day manned ambushes. A Co has 01 Scout Dog Team, all other units have negative scout dog teams. B Co and C Co each have 01 night manned ambush, all other units have negative night manned ambushes.             | JS           | JR       |
| 29.      | 1950 |     | Bde S2/ Bn S2: Request clearance for a box square of YU 3615,3619,4019,4015 for a period of 26 0001 to 28 2400 Feb 71 to be used by MACV 51st PF platoon. Approved. From QL 14 (YU 360028) North to YU 3619, East to YU 4219, South to QL 14 (YU 400074) West Along QL 14 back to starting point. | JS           | JR       |
| 30.      | 2035 |     | B Co/ Bn NCS: Reported movement to their East saw flashlight turned on twice, heard what was believed to be 01 individual evading to the East. Believed the individual was approximately 75 meters away. Called in artillery to within 400 meters - negative results.                             | JS           | DC       |
| 31.      | 2045 |     | Bde S5/ Bn S2: Searchlight will go to Bde location not ours. Reason being only 01 searchlight                                                                                                                                                                                                     |              |          |

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