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SUBJ: DMZ/NORTHERN I CTZ REPORT (U)

1. (U) THIS IS REPORT NUMBER TWELVE ON THE DMZ/NORTHERN I CTZ AREA FOR THE PERIOD 260900 - 270900 APRIL 1968.

2. (S) THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN THE DISPOSITION OF ENEMY FORCES DURING THE PERIOD. AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE INCLUDED ONE PHOTO MISSION AND TEN HOURS OF VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE FLOWN IN THE VICINITY OF KHE SANH; FIFTEEN HOURS OF VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE FLOWN ALONG THE DMZ; AND, FOUR HOURS OF VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE FLOWN IN THE VICINITY OF HUE. SIDE LOOKING AIRBORNE RADAR PROVIDED OVERALL COVERAGE OF THE NORTHERN I CTZ.

3. (C) KHE SANH AND DMZ:

A. EIGHT KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF KHE SANH, COMPANY D, 1/5 CAVALRY RECEIVED NINE ARTILLERY ROUNDS. THREE WERE KILLED AND FIVE WOUNDED (ALL EVACUATED). AN ADDITIONAL 13 MORTAR AND 42 ARTILLERY ROUNDS WERE RECEIVED IN THE VICINITY OF KHE SANH COMBAT BASE. THESE ADDITIONAL ROUNDS WOUNDED ONE MARINE.

B. ALONG THE DMZ, THE 3RD MARINE DIVISION HAD A SIGNIFICANT CONTACT TWO KILOMETERS WEST OF CON THIEN. A SQUAD SIZE PATROL FROM COMPANY A, 1/4 MARINES ENGAGED AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE. A REACTION FORCE OF TWO PLATOONS FROM THE COMPANY PLUS TWO TANKS MOVED TO REINFORCE THE PATROL. THE ENEMY BROKE CONTACT SHORTLY AFTER REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVED. SEVENTY-TWO OF THE ENEMY WERE KILLED. NINE MARINES WERE KILLED AND 17 WOUNDED.

C. IN ENEMY ATTACKS BY FIRE, THE 3RD MARINE DIVISION POSITIONS RECEIVED 68 ARTILLERY, 11 ROCKET, AND 26 MORTAR ROUNDS. THESE ATTACKS WOUNDED EIGHT MARINES AT DONG HA FOUR AT CA LU, FIVE AT CAMP CARROLL, AND THOSE NOTED ABOVE IN THE VICINITY OF KHE SANH.

D. THERE WERE TWO ROUNDS OF ENEMY FIRE RECEIVED FROM ACROSS THE DMZ, 15 ROUNDS RECEIVED FROM WITHIN THE DMZ, AND 11 ADDITIONAL ROUNDS WHOSE ORIGIN COULD NOT BE DETERMINED BETWEEN THE TWO. THIS IS APPROXIMATELY THE SAME LEVEL AS THE 27 ROUND DAILY AVERAGE RECEIVED OVER THE LAST 11 DAYS.

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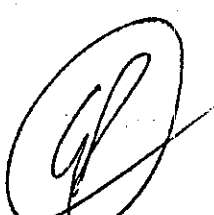
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4. (C) A SHAU VALLEY AND HUE:

A. 1ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION: THE 1ST BRIGADE BUILDUP AT A LUOI AIRFIELD IN THE CENTRAL A SHAU VALLEY CONTINUED WITH 15 AIR DROPS PROVIDING RESUPPLY YESTERDAY. ONE C-130 WAS HIT BY ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE DURING AN AIR DROP. THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED AND BURNED. THE USAF CREW OF EIGHT ARE LISTED AS MISSING. IN AN UPDATE ON WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT CAPTURED IN THE A SHAU VALLEY AS REPORTED YESTERDAY, THERE ARE NOW 315 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS (VICE THE 200) REPORTED. IN ADDITION, THIRTY FLAME THROWERS, 36 MINE DETECTORS, AND 2000 23MM ANTI-AIRCRAFT ROUNDS WERE ALSO CAPTURED ALONG WITH ASSORTED SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION, MEDICAL AND FOOD SUPPLIES.

B. 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION: ALONG ROUTE 547 AT FIRE SUPPORT BASE VEGHEL, COMPANY B, 2/502 INFANTRY CONTACTED A WELL DUG IN ENEMY COMPANY. COMPANY C, 2/502 INFANTRY MOVED FROM THE NORTH TO REINFORCE AND A COORDINATED ATTACK DROVE HE ENEMY FROM HIS POSITIONS. THIRTEEN ENEMY WERE KILLED AND 12 WEAPONS CAPTURED. FRIENDLY LOSSES WERE FOUR KILLED AND 20 WOUNDED. FOUR KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF FIRE SUPPORT BASE VEGHEL, A MEDICAL EVACUATION HELICOPTER RECEIVED HEAVY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE. COMPANY B, 2/327 INFANTRY, ON RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS IN THE AREA, HEARD THE FIRE AND DEPLOYED AGAINST THE ENEMY FORCE. AN NVA PLATOON WAS SURPRISED AND OVERRUN, KILLING TEN ENEMY AND CAPTURING TWO 12.7MM ANTI-AIRCRAFT

WEAPONS. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE ONE KILLED AND TWO WOUNDED. A DESERTED ENEMY BASE CAMP WAS LOCATED NEAR LANDING ZONE VEGHEL AND 20 BUNKERS DESTROYED. THE CAMP WAS ON A ROAD CAPABLE OF LIGHT TRUCK TRAFFIC. THIS ROAD APPEARS TO BE AN ENEMY ATTEMPT TO BY-PASS ROUTE 547 WHERE FRIENDLY ELEMENTS ARE OPERATING. IN THE HUE AREA, COMPANY B, 2/501 INFANTRY KILLED 49 ENEMY NORTHWEST OF HUE WITH FREQUENT CONTACTS CONTINUE TO BE MADE IN THE AREA. COMPANY C, 2/501 INFANTRY AMBUSHED AN ENEMY FORCE IN THE SAME VICINITY KILLING 20 NVA. OPERATION CARENTAN II HAS BEEN RESUMED FOR PRESS PURPOSES AND WILL COVER 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION OPERATIONS IN THE HUE AREA.

C. THE 3RD ARVN AIRBORNE BATTALION, OPERATING IN COORDINATION WITH THE 1ST BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION NEAR FIRE SUPPORT BASE VEGHEL, KILLED 26 ENEMY AND CAPTURED 15 WEAPONS. ARVN LOSSES WERE TWO KILLED AND 14 WOUNDED.

D. U.S. RESULTS IN OPERATION DELAWARE (A SHAU VALLEY/ ROUTE 547 AREA ONLY) FOR THE PERIOD WERE: FRIENDLY: TEN KILLED, 54 WOUNDED (53 EVACUATED); ENEMY: 50 KILLED, 22 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS AND EIGHT CREW-SERVED WEAPONS CAPTURED.

5. (S) FIRE SUPPORT: THREE ARC LIGHT STRIKES HIT TARGETS IN NORTHERN I CORPS. ONE STRIKE DELIVERED ORDNANCE NORTH OF THE A SHAU AIRSTRIP IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE VALLEY. TWO STRIKES WERE TARGETED AGAINST ENEMY BASE AREAS WEST OF HUE. SIXTY-FIVE TACTICAL AIR SORTIES SUPPORTED THE 3RD MARINE DIVISION WITH 58 SORTIES TARGETED INTO THE KHE SANH AREA. TACTICAL AIR FLEW 76 SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF THE 1ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION AND 48 SORTIES AGAINST 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION REQUIREMENTS. BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT COULD NOT BE MADE BECAUSE OF MARGINAL WEATHER CONDITIONS. FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED 17,774 ROUNDS IN SUPPORT OF NORTHERN I CTZ DURING THE PERIOD; 8,232 ROUNDS SUPPORTED THE 3RD MARINE DIVISION (3,627 ROUNDS IN SUPPORT OF KHE SANH), 2,820 ROUNDS IN SUPPORT OF THE 1ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION, AND 6,722 ROUNDS IN SUPPORT OF THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION.

6. (U) WEATHER CONDITIONS ACROSS NORTHERN I CTZ WERE MARGINAL TO GOOD DURING THE PERIOD WITH THE GOOD WEATHER OF CEILINGS 000 FEET OR BETTER AND 7 MILES OR BETTER VISIBILITY PRIMARILY CONFINED TO THE COASTAL REGION FROM HUE SOUTH. AT DONG HA AND OVER THE WESTERN DMZ CEILINGS RANGED FROM 1,000 TO 2,000 FEET WITH 5-7 MILES VISIBILITY AND OCCASIONAL LIGHT RAIN. TODAY, CONDITIONS WILL BE NEAR 1,000 FOOT CEILINGS AND 2-4 MILES VISIBILITY IN LIGHT RAIN AND FOG UNTIL 1100H AFTER WHICH CEILINGS WILL BECOME NEAR 2,000 FEET AND VISIBILITY 5 MILES. NEAR SUNSET CONDITIONS WILL BEGIN TO DETERIORATE ACROSS MOST OF THE AREA AND BY MIDNIGHT GENERAL CONDITIONS OF 800-1,000 FOOT CEILINGS AND 2-3 MILES VISIBILITY IN FOG WILL PREVAIL.

7. MAJOR GENERAL TOLSON OF THE 1ST CAV DIV AND VISITING MAJOR GENERAL NORTON FLEW INTO THE A SHAU VALLEY YESTERDAY MORNING, 9 WERE WEATHERED IN FOR THE NIGHT, BUT GOT OUT TODAY.

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