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SUBJECT: Input Data for OR-LL for period 1-31 December 1970 (U)

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The following is a report of Lessons Learned for period 1-31 December 1970 from this headquarters. This report is submitted for inclusion in the 198th Infantry Brigade Operational Report-Lessons Learned.

1. Section 1. Operations: Significant Activities

Operations for the reporting period were again characterized by increased friendly contact, mostly in the form of Eagle Flights or raids, results of which led to a large increase in the number of detainees picked up by 1/52. On 1 Dec D Co picked up 1 VC/WIA/CIA with weapon and 1 detainee. Sabre 73 had 1 KIA and C Co when searching the area of Sabre's contact found 6,000 lbs of rice. Later that evening A Co found 1,450 lbs of rice. Results of an Eagle Flight by D Co on the 2nd were 5 VC KIA, 2 VC CIA, 4 detainees and 8,000 lbs of rice located. C Co added 1 VC KIA and 1 VC CIA on the 3rd and A Co located 1,100 lbs of rice on the 4th. B Co had the only action on the 5th with 1 KIA. On the morning of the 6th a sniper team engaged and killed 2 VC and C Co while in their NDP received SAF, returned SAF, called Gunships and the ensuing action resulted with 3 VC KIA for Warlord and 6 VC KIA for C Co. A Co finished the 6th with 1 detainee. On their 2nd Eagle Flight of the month D Co had 1 VC/WIA/CIA and 8 detainees on the 7th. B Co got their 2nd kill on the 9th. D Co had 3 VC KIA and 1 AK47 CIA on a raid early on the morning of the 11th and when checking the area at first light had further contact which resulted in 7 VC KIA, 6 VC CIA and 4 individual weapons CIA. C Co picked up 1 detainee on the 11th. The 3rd platoon of A Co while on patrol on the 12th picked up 5 detainees. The only activity on the 13th was the 3rd KIA of the snipers. A Co on their Eagle Flight on the 14th detained 8 personnel, a patrol from D Co picked up 1 detainee and the S-3 while on a VR identified 1 VC that had been killed by Artillery. C Co had all the activity on the 15th with a patrol getting 1 KIA and 1 detainee. E Rn picked up 4 detainees on a raid the morning of the 16th and D Co detained 2 personnel while searching a ville later in the morning. C Co during a CA on the 17th engaged and killed 2 VC and captured 2 weapons. A Co picked up 6 detainees on the 18th and the 2nd platoon of C Co had 1 VC CIA while moving into their NDP. C Co picked up 1 detainee on a raid the morning of the 19th and later in the day using information from the detainee they located 3,000 lbs of rice and picked up another detainee. B Co detained 1 male on a raid on the 20th and on an Eagle Flight the

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same day had 6 VC KIA and detained 2 more VCS. Using combined forces the snipers engaged 3 VC and had 1 KIA and C Co made a sweeping action capturing the other 2 on the 21st. On the 22nd D Co added another detainee from an early morning raid and later that day B Co, during a CA, listed 1 VC KIA, 1 VC CIA and 3 detainees. Sabre 75 while flying an Air Cav Box engaged and killed 1 VC. 1st platoon of C Co engaged 2 VC on the morning of the 23rd killing 1 and capturing the other. C Co detained 7 VCS on the 24th and D Co on an Eagle Flight detained 3 more. A patrol from the 2nd platoon of C Co detained 4 personnel on the 26th for the only action of the day. The 27th started when Blue Ghost 24 picked up 13 detainees while working an Air Cav Box and ended with a patrol from B Co picking up 1 detainee. During an Eagle Flight on the 28th Sabre Blues and C Co detained 3 VCS. The period ended quietly with D Co getting 1 NVA KIA on the 30th and C Co detaining 1 VCS on the 30th and 1 on the 31st. Enemy losses for the reporting period were: 48 total KIA (42 by 1/52), 18 VC CIA, 77 detainees (62 by 1/52), 9 individual weapons and 19,550 lbs of rice CIA.

2. Section 2. Lessons Learned

In reference to Section 2. Lessons Learned, a negative report is submitted.

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