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SUBJECT: Input Data for OR-LL for Period 1-31 March 1970 (U)

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The following is a report of Lessons Learned for period 1-31 March 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 characteristic of Battalion operations for the past four months. There was a total of two substantial enemy contacts during the reporting period. The Battalion Reconnaissance Platoon ambushed an estimated enemy platoon-sized element resulting in four (4) enemy KIA and the following enemy equipment captured: three (3) AK-47's, one (1) RPG launcher, thirty (30) Chi com hand grenades, one (1) bangalore torpedo, one (1) satchel charge, and numerous other items of military equipment.

The other significant enemy contact was a typically hard-hitting combined operation featuring one rifle platoon from the "Ready Rifles" and a heavy Cavalry Team from Delta Troop, 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry. In the course of a routine VR mission the Cavalry Troop's Aero-Scout Section observed personnel moving along a primary enemy avenue of approach. Closer inspection revealed the presence of an enemy transportation platoon in the area. The Cavalry Team, in their tradition, immediately took the enemy under fire, and simultaneously dispatched three lift ships to pick up the Infantry rifle platoon. The platoon was inserted and immediately closed with and destroyed the enemy force through superior fire power, shock action, and mobility. Results of this operation were nine (9) enemy KIA, one (1) Chi com pistol CIA, approximately 140,000 \$ plasters, and numerous military equipment and documents.

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Enemy activities increased during the reporting period; however, they were confined to sniper fire and emplacing booby traps directed at friendly units throughout the area of operations. Enemy anti-aircraft activities also are on the increase as was predicted by numerous intelligence agencies. To counter the increases in guerilla-type activities, the "Ready Rifles" are emphasizing small unit day and night ambushes.

Enemy casualties for the reporting period were 55 KIA's, two (2) POW's, 73 detainees, two (2) individual weapons and two (2) crew-served weapons captured.

2. Section 2. Lessons Learned:

In reference to Section 2. Lessons Learned, negative reports submitted.

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