

6 June

1. General situation:

A. The situation is looking a bit brighter today including the weather. The 23rd Div people are doing well clearing out the NE Quadrant. TF 21 is making good progress moving to the NE out of Plei Meong. Binh Binh province had another quiet day today with only minor ABF's reported at LZ crystal. About mid-day the wx improved significantly and our people were able to get out and work this afternoon.

B. Last night, artillery units from the 23rd Div fired heavy concentrations into areas identified by Hoi Chanh. Early this morning friendly forces started pushing into the NE quadrant. Enemy resistance was not as stiff as anticipated. Units are reporting large body counts throughout the area. Many weapons are being found to include crew served MG's, RR and mortars. There is only a relatively small portion of the NE penetration that remains in enemy hands. The body count was reported at 166, late this afternoon. One enemy tank of unknown type was reported knocked out. It is not known at this time how it was knocked out or where it was found.

There were light sporadic ABF's throughout the day. Repair of the runway continued today and it has been reported that good progress is being made. Our CH-47's were able to work all afternoon carrying replacements, food and AMMO to UGM and carrying wounded back. Based on intel info. an early morning attack is anticipated. Preparations were under way this afternoon to consolidate defensive positions in expectation of the enemy attack.

C. TF 21 continues to press on with no significant enemy contact reported.

TF 21 moved another 4-5 UGM to the N. They came across one bunker complex, however, it was deserted. There were minor contacts in the UGM Pass. The enemy is still dug in at the same gen. location he has been for the past two weeks.

The Ford car is moving out to the west from the pass in an attempt to open a secondary road to Plei Mary.

P. Today was another relatively quiet day in Binh Dinh prov. The 40th and 41st Regts are securing ~~the~~ QL 1 so that logistics convoys can get to LZ uplift. The bodies of the two crew members of the F-4 that crashed on 4 June were recovered today.

2. Synopsis of ops: 40/16/19
West 14/8/5

CH-47's	Sorties	Pax	Tons	Hours.
West	57	757	24.5	1866

3. Air Car operation: H/17 worked SW of Kontum city after the WX opened up. Nothing of significance was observed in their AO. The car was assisted today in their reconnaissance effort by two teams of Cobras performing low level high speed VR missions in adjacent areas. These teams reported that there is no indications of recent movement over the trails in the area. Late in the afternoon a large group of enemy soldiers was sighted about 8 km NW of Kontum. F4C air was called in and placed four strikes on the target. At about 1400 hours a panel was observed about 10 km north of KTRM by one of the Cobras making a VR of the area. Troops were spotted in the vic of the panel and a trap was suspected. About the same time an English speaking Vietnamese identified himself over UHF Guard Channel as the trap leader of a CRPO team that had been lost for several days. After several more low passes it was determined that they were in fact friendly and the C&C A/C piloted.

by LTC Anderson, went in and made the pick up.

4. Vulnerability data:

A. A CH-47 (69-17114) from the 180th was hit by one 50 cal round at 24200700. The H/C was returning from KTRN at the time and was at about 1300' AGL. The round penetrated the floor and exited the left side without doing any serious damage. One crew member received a slight foot wound from shrapnel. We still have not determined why the dumb pilot was flying where he was when he was hit.

B. the 361st had an AH-16 (70-16024) hit by one round of SA. vic 241098. The round went through the tail boom without causing serious damage.

5. TOW - No op missions.

6. Misc.

The wx finally broke today about noon. The winds remained high all day and rain showers continued to move across the area throughout the afternoon. I managed to get up to KTRN just before noon along with one of the corps C+C birds (Sage Street) and by 1230 we were able to get the Chinooks operating full swing. They continued until after dark this evening taking replacements and ammo up and

bringing back wounded. The forecast for tomorrow is for flyable WX all day.

B. Intelligence received this morning indicates an all-out, Do or Die attack by the enemy on KTM city tonight or early tomorrow morning. Our

Reconnaissance this afternoon failed to reveal any build ups or significant enemy activity anywhere in the immediate vic of KTM. Other intel indicators are inconclusive regarding an impending attack. Nevertheless, we have made our plans and are prepared - just in case.

C. Based on the above intelligence and the recommendation of the 23rd Div SA., we elected to wait until tomorrow morning to install the GSA at KTM airfield. The day was spent by the ATC types getting the generator and other equipment checked out and rigged for movement by Chinook.

All ~~papers~~^{appears} to be ready for rapid movement and installation.

D. GWO Koude arrived today and CWO Palmisani departed back for Brigade. I am very sorry that he was injured and hated to see him go because he has done a truly outstanding job up here, including several note worthy valorous acts.

I will get some recommendations in to you for awards for him and the other crew members as soon as I can grab a spare minute.

E. We closed out the flight records today for Gen Bill and his crew. He will be in and out during the week prior to his final departure Saturday. per your instructions we will transfer his A/C to the 17th LAG and earmark it to support his replacement.

F. The ARVN Awards ceremony here this afternoon is reported by Bill Kaser to have gone very well. Gen Toan apparently made an excellent thank-you to our people in conjunction with the ceremony. I missed the ceremony unfortunately because I remained flying up North to cover for the Sage Street A/C who had maintenance difficulties.

G. Things are obviously improving here since SRAG brought back the Special Services girls back to PHU from NHA today. I have been living in their trailer and in view of my rank (and age) they were considerate enough to offer me the option of continuing to live there and share their home with them. After thinking

It over, I told them one, definitely
yes, two maybe, but three No way.
So, as sad as it is, I am now
making my abode in Bill Waser's Bootch