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11th ACR, Asst CDR 53  
Command Report 1969-70  
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Periodic Operation Report No. 1  
Period Covered: 25 April to 1 May 1969  
References: Map 1:50,000, 6232III, 6232II, 6332III, 6231IV, 6331I, 6332IV,  
6231III, 6231III, 6331III

1. OWN SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

Under regimental control the Squadron participated in 11th ACR operation (Phase III) MONTANA RAIDER during the period 25 April 69 to 1 May 69. The Squadron is presently conducting maintenance operations and extracting from the area of operations. All tactical maneuver units will be assembled at former fire support base RITA XT500809 by 1 May 1969. The Squadron howitzer battery is located at fire support base PHYLLIS, XT538809, and will remain there until the squadron receives an order to move. Annex A, UNIT LOCATIONS.

2. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS

Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry has been attached to the Squadron during the reporting period. This unit consisted of the 3 platoons Infantry with one mortar squad and company headquarters. Aerial Reconnaissance was provided by 11th ACR Air Cav Troop and Troop A, First Battalion, 9th Infantry (Air Mobile). Combat support was furnished from Squadron Trains located at Quan Loi, XT818905.

3. OWN OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD

The Squadron's mission was to conduct zone reconnaissance. The area of operations was centered in Tay Ninh Province approximately 18 Km south of the "Fishtail" on the Cambodian border (Annex A, UNIT LOCATION AND AO). The Squadron Area of Operations was subdivided into four (4) sectors. Each team was assigned an area to operate in independently. Teams E, G, and H were composed of one tank platoon, one ACAV platoon, and one infantry platoon. Team A was composed of three pure ACAV platoons. This cross attaching provided infantry support for the tank teams and the composition of team A provided a quick highly mobile reaction force. The flexibility of team A constantly enhanced the operations of this squadron. This team covered their AO which had many intermittent streams and provided security at night for the Squadron Command Post. Platoons of team A were used to reinforce H and E on separate occasions.

4. COMBAT EFFICIENCY

Units of this Squadron have been in pursuit of the enemy for six (6) days. During this period eight tracked vehicles received damage due to mines and four vehicles received major damage by RPG fire. Four ACAV's will be evacuated as combat losses. Four tanks are currently being repaired for deficiencies encountered during combat operations. Morale and combat proficiency continue to be high. Operational efficiency will reach

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acceptable standards after a short maintenance stand down.

#### 5. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Recapitulation of the results of the zone reconnaissance, Annex B, MATERIALS FOUND AND DESTROYED. This phase of MONTANA RAIDER III has produced thirteen (13) NVA enemy killed in four separate contacts.

Three troopers of this Squadron and one individual of the attached Infantry Unit were killed on 29 April 69. Six were wounded in action. Numerous documents, supplies, food stuffs, and medical supplies were discovered and destroyed. Annex B, MATERIALS FOUND AND DESTROYED.

Enemy trail activity in this area is heavy and most trails are pronounced. Numerous bicycles were discovered indicating their use in movement of supplies. Annex C, TRAILS USED FOR ENEMY MOVEMENT.

Enemy base camps and a hospital complex were destroyed by this squadron. One base camp was composed of 157 bunkers. The hospital was well camouflaged and indicated recent use. Documents taken from the hospital disclosed enemy unit B/25/82nd Rear Service Group. Documents taken from the hospital reveal that patients from infiltrating units were treated in this facility.

Inspection and supplies indicated that surgery was most probably being performed also. All large base camps and the hospital were similar in construction and were constructed under bamboo. Both were located near streams. Annex D, LOCATION OF ENEMY BASE CAMPS AND HOSPITAL COMPLEX.

A P52 strike is recommended for the hospital complex and adjacent area. This area is large and many well constructed structures remain. Due to the heavy bamboo extensive reconnaissance could not be made. Limited stay-behind contact with the enemy in this area also indicated its value and current use. Annex E, RECOMMENDED B52 STRIKE AREA.

In the conduct of mobile operations the Squadron had its best results when following enemy trails. Annex F, AREAS COVERED AND SEARCHED.

The enemy is capable of emplacing mines in roads or trails used by armored vehicles. The roads in this area produced one mine while trails made by vehicles through the jungle accounted for all mine damaged vehicles and four captured mines.

Dead enemy soldiers did not have documents on their person. These soldiers were equipped with AK47 and RGD-2. All hand grenades found in this area were new and manufactured in China. All mines found were circular metal with a machined surface pressure detonator placed in the mines. The mines weighed 25 lbs each.

#### 6. MISCELLANEOUS

Operations in this area during the wet season are impractical for armored vehicles. Increased use of Defoliation is recommended. The use of CBU2 dropped from aircraft during the dry season could destroy some bamboo. Future operations should orient on trails and terrain adjacent to streams.

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ETC, Armor  
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#### ANNEXES:

- A, UNIT LOCATIONS
- B, MATERIALS FOUND AND DESTROYED
- C, TRAILS USED FOR ENEMY MOVEMENT
- D, LOCATIONS OF ENEMY BASE CAMPS AND HOSPITAL COMPLEX
- E, RECOMMENDED B52 STRIKE AREA
- F, AREAS SEARCHED AND COVERED IN FORCE

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ANNEX:A

Unit Locations

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ANNEX:A Sqdn AREA of op  
and PRESENT Loc of UNITS

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## ANNEX E, Materi als Found and Destroyed.

UNIT TM H	DATE 25 APR	BASE AREA 1-XT516755	BUNKERS			FIGHTING POSITIONS	RESULTS Neg ative Results
			DISC	SCH	DEST		
TM E	26 APR	2-XT531733	4	4	4	20	3 CHICOM claymores, 2500 lbs rice 3 Bicycles
TM G	" "	3-XT529718	8	8	8		Neg ative Results
TM H	" "	4-XT532738	15	15	15		10lbs Doc, 2 SKS rifles, 1 M16 mag 50 rds AK 47, 10 damaged Bicycles (1) RPG-2 rds, (1) M-79rd, 1 VC gas mask, (1) 15lb mine.
TM G	" "	5-XT538720	6	6			Negative Results.
TM H	" "	6-XT545745	16	16	16		
TM A	" "	7-XT5498767	4	4		2	
"	" "	8-XT505767	4	4			
TM H	27 APR	9-XT546744	9	9	9	20	2 Oxcarts, 3 VC BC Fd on RIF 280900
ENG	" "	10-XT501748	6	6	6	1	Negative Results.
TM H	" "	11-XT544740	5	5	5		3 Oxcarts, 1 wheel assembly
TM G	" "	12-XT542700	7	7		15	200' cable, 10lb rice, Hoe, ponchos (5), 2 she et & tin, 1
TM H	" "	13-XT549739	5	5			1 hooch with poncho top & 100 logs 3-4" Diam, 4" lg, 6 bunkers dest, 1 hooch dest.
S-3	" "	14-XT518685	25	25	25		
TM G	28 APR	15-XT544698	5	5	5		Neg ative Findings
TM G	" "	16-XT545695	10	10	10		1 - 500lb Bomb.
TM H	" "	17-XT559743	49	49	49		2 RPG rds
TM G	" "	18-XT530694	35	35	35		3 Bicycles, 100' blue & green Camo wire, 1 M-1, 2 SKS, 1 RPG rd, 1 can CHICOM Grenades, 210 loose CHICOM Grenades, 2 5lb bags rice, 1 canteen 1 AK 47.
TM E	" "	19-XT516685	4	4	4		4 pfgs, med supplies, doc (med report 68-69), 100lbs med supplies, 25 lbs Doc, ID 50t h & 82nd RSG, 2 VC gas mask, 1 VC canteen, 3 ope rating rooms Kitchen, 2 bunkers, 6000lbs rice, 5 Bicycles, 1 Jap Trans radicl
TM E	29 APR	20-XT516685	31	31	15		Total rice 6000lbs, 6 Bicycles, 15lb med sup, 2lb TNT, 1 mortar quadrant, misc bike parts, trans radio, 25 blasting cap/wire, misc clothing.

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UNIT	DATE	BASE AREA	BUNKERS		DEST	FIGHTING POSITIONS	RESULTS
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TM H	29 APR	21-XT558735	9	9			1 Doc, Inst r on treatment of respiratory disease.
TM A	" "	22-XT517767	26	6	4		1 US Frag Grenade.
TM A	" "	23-XT537770	35	35	15		1 butterfly bomb.
TM H	" "	24-XT537750	12	12	2		Neg active Findings.
TM H	" "	25-XT524755	7	7			2 old bikes, w/part s, 1 25' well.
TM A	" "	26-XT545744	30	30	25		1 40' well.
TM H	30 APR	27-XT526732	6	6			50 lbs rice, 2 AT mines.
TM E	" "	28-XT516682	16	16			1 well 75' deep, 6 SKS rifles, 3 extra bolts, misc bikes/ parts, 13-60mm mt r rds, 1 RPG 7 rds.
TM A	" "	29-XT498797	4				

Total Materials Found and Destroyed

WEAPONS

8 SKS Rifles  
 5 AK-47 Rifles  
 3 RPG-2 ATL  
 1 US M-1 Carb.

AMMUNITION

200rds AK-47  
 500rds SKS  
 240 CHICOM Grenades  
 113 60mm mtr rds  
 15 RPG RDS  
 3 CHICOM Claymore s  
 8 AT mines  
 21bs TNT  
 2 US Bombs  
 1-82mm Rd  
 1-US 81mm Rd  
 1- US Frag Grenade

BASECAMPS

29  
 Total Bunkers 463 ✓  
 Fighting Positions 118 ✓

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ANNEX C: TRAILS USED FOR  
ENEMY MOVEMENT

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ANNEX D: Loc of ENEMY BASE  
Camps and Hospital COMPLEX

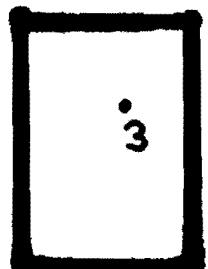
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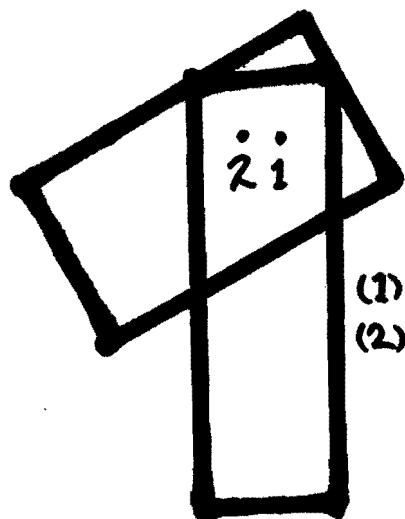
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(3) 157 BUNKER  
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(1) HOSPITAL  
(2) BASE CAMP

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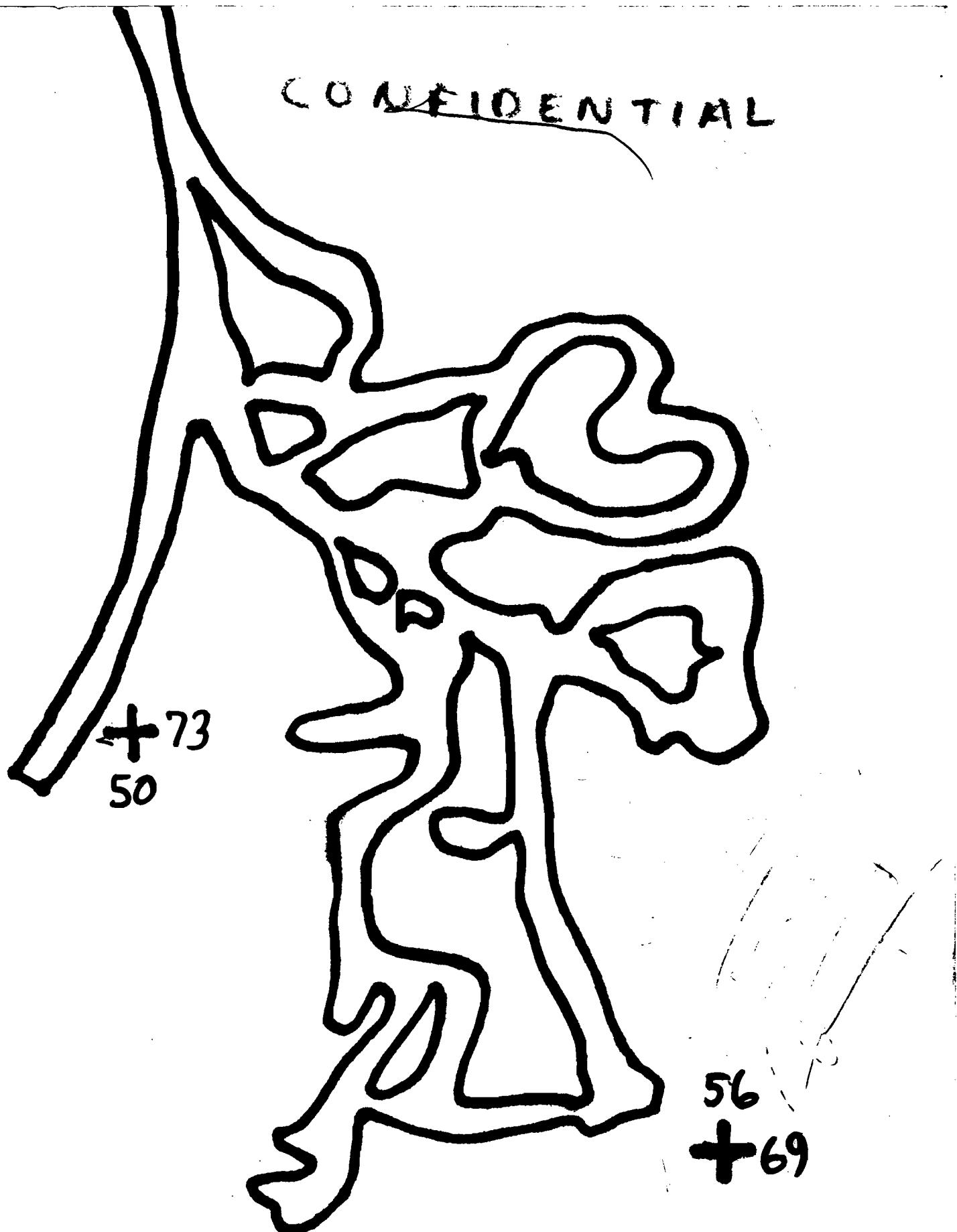
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B-52 STRIKES

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ANNEX F: AREAS SEARCHED

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