

LTC Reed's notes action

Mon, Apr 8th to Tuesday 14th: The 8th & 9th were very quiet in our AO in the Nam Dong's Head area. We received a warning order to be prepared to move back to central WZ "C" near Kathon on the day of 12th - So the day of the 10th we began to extract A & Bravo Troops out of the western DM and to reposition them. The 11th we ran a replacement convoy taking CBL veh to T Minh & dumping up " veh and pan troops for the move to central WZ "C". We did this by having B 7 up down on to the lateral rd 247 & passing them about 1/2 way betn. the culvert in 1076 grid sq. about 1/2 way of 247 to Caroline area. Put A 7 up at the culvert. C 7 up was to be left with the 1st Bde for the purpose of running Engr. convoys down from Vinh Nam airstrip. Of course the HHT was at Camp Hazard. Then the day of the 11th, the 1/5th Mech got into a fight near 0067 which is the 5 1st Bde AO. The decision was made that the Sqdn would not move into CWZ "C" but would down into the 1/5th AO because the 1/5th was being pulled out. and sent back to the 25 Inf Div AO on the day of 12th. This put us into the posn of having everybody scheduled to go east & having to turn the entire Sqdn around & proceed SW instead. We did this by having B 7 up go through & securing a new FSB Khamer at coor 019728 & then moving the CP & HHT utilizing A 7 up to secure the route - as soon as the CP is moved in with enough of B Co moved in to secure

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the FSB, A+B moved on 5. C 7^{up}, in the middle
of afternoon. Bde decided I had to put a pl^t. -
detach a pl^t ^{to 5/7 Inf.} for id security betn Vinh Nhon & the
ladder into pit at the culvert, because of the Engr
effort to rebuild the landing strip. I talked to the Bde
Cdr & talked him out of detaching a pl^t because of
the logistic problems involved, and told him that I
put all of C 7^{up} over there, work the east 1/2 of my
AO which is on the other side of the Roe Binh River
with C 7^{up} & at the same time take the mission
of securing the Engr. convey. So we turned C 7^{up}
around which was headed down into the WAO &
moved them over to the ladder into pit where A 7^{up}
had spent the night before. By the ~~day~~ ^{night} of 12th
we had 1st Lt, New Baty, 8th Co at FSB Kruener.
B 7^{up} had moved into FSB Olson where 115th had
been & that's in g. sg. 0269 & A 7^{up} had
moved in just to the SE of Kruener to an open area
in g. sg. 0371. In the day of 15th we pushed
B 7^{up} to the 15th area of cont. on the 16th & A 7^{up}
was sent down to BPA an arc-light strike
which went in general vic of 0567. It was
a late morning because the arc-light was not
scheduled to go in until 11:00 & went in about
1045 & scored everybody half to death -

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Because we had a bunch of aircraft in the area. B 7ip, as they were sweeping through the B/15th contact area. We'd 1 RRG & 89 fire. The RRG hit a Shes & it went up as fast as I've ever seen a Shes go up - The fire within one min. was exploding & we were very fortunate only 2 men were burned, on it & not seriously. B 7ip contact lasted on & off all afternoon & it was almost dark before we got them lge into their NOP area which by that time had moved into gr. 59. 0168 - The outcome of B 7ip's contact was 6 NVA KIA & 1 capt. The capt. man iden. ^{3rd Batt,} 175C Regt. I said that there were 10 men in his pl. & their mission was to move SE, pick up some wounded men & take them back to the basecamp which is somewhere 9 hrs walk NW of the contact which happened down in 0166 gr. 59. This makes it questionable whether the 3rd Batt 95C basecamp is in Cambodia or Vietnam. It would appear to me that a 7 hr. walk it is probably in Cambodia.

(16th) Today's operation is in the vic. 9962 where the Scouts had fd. a bunker complex, a rice cache & some other activity. 9 7ip, is going to move, by the way, their BPA of the bomb strike yesterday was negative.

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B 7ip is scheduled to go in an area that looked promising, A 7ip is going slightly east of B 7ip's contact yesterday. There is some indication that the enemy is eroding east rather than the W back toward the Caroline border. A 9ip is going to swing through to per. vic. of 0366, & check that out today & see if they can find any signs as to which way the enemy went - and C 9ip has been taken off all convoy sec. I will today be moving 5 into the S. portion of the AO in the per vic of 0769 & begin check the E side of the River, checking to see if there's been any enemy activity across the River heading S to 707 North or E toward the Caroline area

B 7ip Contact on 13th - 70VA KIA (4/1)
B 7ip, on 14th, moved into an area where a Pub Team had spotted some ice & picked up 10,000 lbs of ice in logs that were worked Combel Rice Co. of Houston, Texas. This ice was encased, and the

The night of 14th, actually, the morning of the 15th, the enemy tried to hit FSB Kriener. They did fire a few rds inside, damaged an AULB with a 107mm Rock, dest. a 548

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from the 8" inch how, also with a 107 mm.
 They also put an RPG through the search-
 light of one of D Co's tanks. This
 was the extent of the dan. we had a total
 of 5 wounded. 3 of those I was listed off.
 Only one of those 3 appears to be seriously hurt
 & none are in real danger. The enemy attack
 apparently failed. By one of our 'mad minutes'
 around 10 after 2 in which ~~at~~ time we got the
 majority of the enemy force. The next morning
 a sweep of the battlefield showed 21 NVA enemy
 bodies & a very large quantity of material.
 2 60mm mortars comp. a larger num. of 60mm
 rounds, 82mm, 57 RR & 5-RR, AK's SKS
 & so on. The day of 15th was quiet, however the
 night of the 15th was quiet here, that was the night
 FSB Atkinson to our N with the 517th got hit.
 The only role we played in that was to support
 them by fire from the How Btry.

The morning of the 16th there was an ac-
 cident strike in the vic. 9874 & we tried to
 send A 7 up up to BPA that are light
 strike for 217th, however, were unable to
 because of a stream that's in the way and
 were able to get into only a small portion

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of the SE portion (6) of the box. I & J spent most of the day trying to extract them. We finally had to send the M88 to pull a Sher out of the mud. The day of the 16th was quiet in the sector. B. Trip spent the day rummaging along the River through gardens & that sort of thing, no contact.

The day of the 17th, we had several things happen but no way contact. We saw a replacement vehicle convoy from Tay Ninh. C Trip mining that convoy, fd. 2 mines which had been freshly laid on the road, 1170 & then one of the Engr. ACAV's coming up from 7N hit a mine, just N of the village of Hae' Dae, in. 1265. I'm convinced that village was VC in it because we hit mines just N of that village. Unfortunately we don't find too many of them. The same day, almost the same time A Trip sweeping around 9772 hit an actual minefield, right out in the middle of an open sodded old rice field, and they lost a Sher & a ACAV to mines & fd 7 more. It was a minefield laid in almost a sawtooth pattern. Broad new mines, T-46's, set very carefully in the sod to camouflage them & wrapped in plastic. Also on that day MG Roberts came to visit &

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and his thought processes at the time concerning whether or not the Spdn should stay over here in the OH area or go back to CWZ "C" indicated to me that he will probably leave the Spdn in the OH area & give us the mission of conducting R Plow ops beginning on 22 April because when a R Plow Co becomes available. This mission has not been given to us yet, however, his thinking on the day of the 17th.

The day of the 18th saw no enemy contact & very little in the way of enemy activity. We did have some action on the night of the 17th, and that changed our dust picture considerably, but was not enough to change our trafficability - Several days of rain would change that -

The only problem we have is finding the enemy -

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