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G., 2/17th Cavalry

CG, 101st Abn Div

ATTN: G-3

SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report
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1. (C) Operation Summary:

a. HHT: The C1-E cdt 4 sorties & 10 hrs of aerial recon from FSB PIKE to DMZ. Vic YB215035 (infil rte 922/548/S1) obs road running W-E along border & linking with infil rte. Road has recently been cobble-stoned. Pilot reports 100m is cobble-stoned underneath an over-hanging cliff. Road is 8' wide & shows signs of heavy foot-traffic. Cobble-stoned area has been completed since Christmas.

b. A Trp: Trp assets staged at Quang Tri. ARP was airlifted to Quang Tri in response to any grd recon ops & downed A/C security. Cdt VR in 101 RZ. Vic XDB33237 obs 1 VC/NVA in bunker 4x6'. Indiv was wearing OD uniform. Neg wpn. Engaged with gunships resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA. Cav. Vic XDB98184 obs bamboo raft 12x4' on a river with signs of activity in area in last 24 hrs. Engaged with gunships resulting in 1 raft dest. Cdt VR in 3d Bde AO. Was IHP for marines & Rgrs. Trp assets closed EAGLE in approx 1800H.

c. B Trp: Cdt VR in 101 RZ. Vic YC605807 obs 1 hut 30x15', 2 huts under construction with bunkers underneath. Activity in area in last 12 hrs. Engaged with gunships resulting in 1 hut dest. Vic YC693748 obs 1 VC/NVA walking along trail 1' wide running N-S several bunkers 10x15', 1 hut 15x25'. Engaged with gunships with unk results. Requested A/S. Vic YC549864 obs 4 huts 12x15'. Activity in area in last 24 hrs. Engaged with gunships resulting in 4 huts dest. Vic XDB35063 obs 2 VC/NVA apparently sunbathing, obs 1 AK-47. Engaged enemy with unk results. Requested A/S. Vic YC658769 obs 1 plowed field 75x100' with 2 1/2 high fence around field, 1 storage hut 10x10. Activity in area in last 12 hrs. Engaged with gunships resulting in 1 hut dest. Cdt 1st & last light in Div AO. Cdt VR in 1st BdeAO. ARP was at EAGLE in response to any grd recon ops & downed A/C security. Spt Rgrs with insertion of 2 Rgr tas & extraction of 1 Rgr tas in Div AO.

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d. G Trp: Cdt VR in 101 RZ. YB235050, while editing subsequent MDA of Q1 10470 & special route recon of 422/548/S1, 2 CH6A rec AW fire,

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approx 80 rds, neg hits or casualties. Requested A/S. Via YD235050, while editing sub-sequent BDA of QT 10470 & special route recon of 422/548/S1, AHLO rec 51 cal fire. Neg hits or casualties. Requested A/S. Via YD235066 OH6A on VR man rec an est 60-80 rds of SA fire, neg hits or casualties. Requested ABA. Via YD235064, obs 1 VC/NVA next to bunker. Indiv was wearing OD uniform & no wpn was obs. Engaged with gunship with unk results. Via YD226090-236090-236060-226060, while editing sub-sequent BDA of QT 10470 & special route recon of 922/548/S1, obs 200-400 bunkers with 2x3' entrances & 4x5' entrances with heavy overhead cover. 300 foxholes. Numerous trails in area running in all directions. 200 tunnels with 3x3' & 5x4' ent. Infil route is passable & shows signs of heavy foot-traffic moving both directions. There are also tracks made by numerous single wheel vehicles moving in all directions. S-2 believes tracks were made by wheel barrows. Request Arelights. Via YD341071 OH6A, while editing initial BDA of QT 10512, rec intense SA fire. A/C rec 1 hit resulting in 1 US KIA. Area eng with gunships with unk results. Pilot evac to 85th. A/C flown to SALLY. Requested A/S. Via YD341070 obs 5 VC/NVA wearing OD uniforms, carrying AK-47s. Engaged with gunships resulting in 2 VC/NVA KIA Cav. Requesting A/S. ARP was inserted via An Lo Bridge to secure area for diving ops by ele of III MAF in search of missing indiv reported 011915. Search had neg results & all ele closed SALLY & Phu Dai at approx 1600H. Search will continue tomorrow consisting of VR by air of entire Song Bo River. Otd BDA of Arelights in 101 RL. Otd 1st & last light in Div AO. Otd VR in 2d Bde AO. Otd SHIPPER in Div AO. Spt Rgrs with overflights & LZ selections. Spt marines with VR for Recon in Artie.

e. D Trp: 1st plt was IRP for EAGLE & downed A/C security. Inserted Via YD652252 to secure down medevac A/C. Extracted approx 1451H & all ele closed EAGLE at approx 1440H. 2d plt was I F Lifesaver & Rgrs & also otd sweep & amb of D sec with neg significant findings. 3d plt was on standby for any grd recon opn & were inserted via YD653896 & otd sweep with neg significant findings. Ele were extracted at approx 1643H & closed EAGLE at approx 1715H.

f. F Trp: Otd VR in 101 RL. Via YD631900 obs 1 hut 15x30'. Activity in area in last 24 hrs. Engaged with WP resulting in 1 hut dest. Via YD631900 obs 8 huts 10x15'. Activity in area in last 24 hrs. Engaged with WP resulting in 8 huts dest. Via YD643897 obs 1 hut 10x20' with bunker underneath. Activity in area in last 24 hrs. Eng with gunships resulting in 1 hut & 1 bunker dest. Via 645895, OH6A on VR man rec approx 4 rds SA fire. A/C rec 1 hit. neg casualties. Eng area with gunships with unk results. A/C flown back to EAGLE. Provided spt to D Trp by inserting 1 plt via YD653896 & providing cover for their entire sweep of area. Ele extracted & all ele returned to EAGLE approx 1715H. Also airlifted 1 plt of D Trp to secure A/C at YD652252. Ele extracted & closed EAGLE 1440H. Otd 1st & last light around EAGLE.

g. Co-L, 75th Inf: Insertion of 2 Rgr tms & extracted 1 Rgr tm in Div AO. Otd overflights & LZ selections. Present tm callsigns & locs: Tm Studebaker YD106250, tm Maxalibre YD042501, tm Impala YD052296.

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2. (C) Plan Summary:

a. A Trp: Will provide opt to 3d Bde. Will opt VN in the 101 RE 16,17,18,19,20,21. Will be at Quang Tri in response to any grd recon opn. Will opt VN of penetration routes in 101 RE T1,2,3,608/51,616/51. BSA of Amlight in 101 RE.

b. B Trp: Will provide recon to the 1st Bde. Will opt VN in 101 RE 8,9,10,11,12,13,14. AMP will be at BALE in response to any grd recon opn. Will opt 1st & last light in Div AO. Will opt VN of penetration routes in 101 RE 921/548/51. Cdt SNIPER in Div A. Will opt Cav-Arty raid via TREK.

c. C Trp: Will provide recon to the 2d Bde. Will opt recon in 101 RE 1,2,3,4,5,67. AMP will be at AMY in response to any grd recon opn. Will opt VN of penetration routes in 101 RE T4,5, 9222/548/51. BSA Amlights in 101 RE. Cdt 1st & last light in Div A. 3-4 Rgrs with the insertion & extraction of 2 Rgr tms.

d. D Trp: 1st plt will be at BALE in response to any grd recon opn. 2d plt will opt sweep & sub in B sec. 3d plt will be INF for BALE, Lifesaver, Rgrs, & downed A/C in Div AO.

e. E Trp: 1st plt will be at BALE in response to any grd recon opn. 2d plt will opt sweep & sub in B sec. 3d plt will be INF for BALE, Lifesaver, Rgrs, & downed A/C in Div AO.

f. Co L, 15th Inf: Maints 3 tms in Div AO. Cds LE selections & overflights.

g. F Trp: Cdt 1st & last light in around BALE. Will opt VN in 101 RE 15 & VN box.

3. (C) Recap of friendly & enemy losses: a. Friendly: 1 US KIA.

b. Enemy: 3 KIA, 15 huts, 1 bunker, 1 raft dest.

4. a-b. No change.

c. Enemy personnel losses: CAV: 7 KIA, 0 BAILL D, 0 S-TAINRE, 0 CAPT
TOTAL: 7 KIA, 0 BAILL D, 0 S-TAINRE, 0 CAPT

5. thru 12. No change.