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CO, 2/17th Cavalry

CG, 101st Abn Div

ATTN: G-3

SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report

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1. (C) Operation Summary:

a. HBT: Due to inclement weather the 01-B only edtd 2 sorties & 1 hr & 30 min of aerial recon from F3B PIKE to the DMZ.

b. A Trp: Trp assets staged at Quang Tri. ARP was airlifted to Quang Tri in response to any grd recon opns & downed A/C security. Ctd VR in 101 RZ. Vic XD821449, while checking out area requested from G-2 concerning truck traffic, observed no signs of any activity. Vic XD823447, obs a dummy mortar position w/dummy mortar tube made of cardboard, no recent activity. Vic XD776236, obs trail crossed by tank trail that showed signs of traffic by approx 6 veh heading W-E made in last 6-12 hrs. Vic XD776236, obs raft on river with rope tied to it going across the river, suspect raft used to transport equip. Vic XD923294, obs a bridge under construction across river 15x25 showing signs of activity in last 6-8 hrs. Subsequent HDA of QF 10507 reveals heavy foot traffic of undetermined number and heavy veh traffic of undetermined number moving in both directions within last 6-8 hrs. Vic YD130272, obs 3 susp 50 cal pos, bunker 4x8' w/2x2' entrance, activity in last 48 hrs. Vic YD137277, obs 2 huts 15x25, several pigs & chickens in area, recent activity, engaged & dest 1 hut. Vic YD137266, obs 1 susp 50 cal pos. Ctd VR for 3d Hde. Ctd VR in the 101 RZ.

c. B Trp: Ctd VR in 101 RZ. Vic YG752899, while edtd artillery HDA obs 4 VC/NVA wearing NVA uniforms with no visible markings, armed with AK-47. Indiv were working on tent frames. Enemy fled to fighting pos. Eng with AHIG & ORGA, 2 AHIG rec SA fire with neg hits or casualties. Results, 2 VC/NVA KIA, 2 bunkers dest. Request A/S. Vic YG670763, obs 1 hut 30x15 under construction w/bunker 15x10, entrance 2x4', engaged w/AHIG & dest. Vic YG361932, AHIG & ORGA rec intense SA fire resulting in neg hits or casualties, called in ARA and A/S, results unk. Vic YG423943, obs 4 2000 3 large and bunkers 20x25', activity in last 24 hrs, ARA called in & dest 1 bunker resulting in 1 large secondary explosion, Vic YG411939, Jan 70 obs 1 hut 15x8' w/bunker underneath, engaged w/AHIG, results 1 hut

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dest. Vic YC729874, obs 6 VC/NVA wearing green uniforms & armed w/AK-47s running up slope to SE, engaged w/gunship, results unk. ARP remained at EAGLE in response to any grd recon opns, & downed A/C security. Spt Cav-Arty raid in Div AO. Cdt 1st & last light in Div AO. Cdt VR in 1st Bde AO. Cdt SNIFFER in Div AO.

d. C Trp: Cdt recon in 101 RZ. Vic YD491083 obs 2 bunkers 6x6' dest by artillery. Vic YD488081 obs 4 hut frames 10x12', numerous trails running in all directions, signs of activity in last 24 hrs, engaged w/gunships resulting in 4 huts dest. Provided spt for G-2 directed CS gas drop in Div AO. ARP remained at SALLY in response to any grd recon opns & downed A/C security. Continued search by air of missing indiv reported on 011919H w/neg results. Vic YD568109, cdt VR of URS, neg results, Vic YD043203, cdt VR of susp radio antenna, obs 4 poles sticking up, presumed susp antenna. Cdt HRA of Arelights in 101 RZ. Cdt 1st & last light in Div AO. Cdt VR in 2d Bde AO. Spt Rgr with extraction & insertion of 1 tm in Div AO.

e. D Trp: 1st plt was IRT for EAGLE & downed A/C security. 2d plt was IRT for Lifesaver & Rgrs, & also cdt sweep & amb of B sec w/neg significant findings. 3d plt was on standby for any grd recon opn.

f. F Trp: Cdt VR in 101 RZ. Vic YC811864 obs 3 huts 7x15', not activity, engaged & dest 3 huts. Vic YC549935, obs 5 VC/NVA crossing a stream, unable to determine type of uniform or equip, engaged w/gunship, results unk. Vic 743904, cdt VR of URS, neg results. Provided spt to marines for inserting 1 tm & extracting 3 tms in Div AO. Cdt 1st & last lights in Div AO.

g. Co L, 15th Inf: Vic YD049269, extracted tm Apache following contact with 1-2 VC/NVA neg casualties, enemy moved W, tm reinserted & given area extension to the E. Vic YD 109289, while flying CAC, UH1H rec approx 20 xds 50 cal fire resulting in 2 hits on the UH1H, neg casualties, 175mm artillery employed on area, results unk. Maintains 3 tms in Div AO. Present tm call signs & locs: Tm Apache YD066280, tm Humaliber YD047307, tm Impala YD029296.

2. (C) Plan Summary:

a. A Trp: Will provide spt to 3d Bde. Will cdt VR in the 101 RZ 8,9,10,11,&12. ARP will be at EAGLE in response to any grd recon opn. Will cdt VR of penetration routes in 101 RZ 923/548/S1. Spt marines with insertions & surveillance of recon tms in Div AO. Will cdt 1st & last light in Div AO.

b. B Trp: Will provide recon to the 1st Bde. Will cdt VR in 101 RZ 16, 17,18,19,20,&21. ARP will be at Quang Tri in response to any grd recon opns. Cdt VR of penetration routes in 101 RZ T1,2,3,608/S1, 616/S1. HRA of Arelight in 101 RZ.

c. C Trp: Will provide recon to the 2d Bde. Will cdt recon in 101 RZ 1,2,3,4,5,&7. ARP will be at SALLY in response to any grd recon opn. Will cdt VR of penetration routes in 101 RZ T4,5,9222/S1, 9222/548/S1. HRA Arelights in 101 RZ. Cdt 1st & last light in Div AO. Cdt SNIFFER in Div AO. Spt Rgr with insertions & extractions of Rgr tms in Div AO.

d. D Trp: 1st plt will be at EAGLE in response to any grd recon opn. 2d plt will cdt sweep & amb in B sec. 3d plt will be IRT for EAGLE, Lifesaver, Rgrs, & downed A/C in

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- e. F Trp: Cdt 1st & last light in Div AG. Will cdt VR in 101 RZ 15.14, 13.
- f. Co 1, 75th Inf: Maints 5 tns in Div AG. Cdt's insertions & extractions in Div AG.
3. (C) Recap of friendly & enemy losses: a. no change.
b. Enemy: 6 hrs, 3 bunkers dest, 2 KIA.
4. a. b. No change.
c. Enemy personnel losses: CAV: 30 KIA, 0 DETAINEE, 0 CAPT, 0 RAILLED
TOTAL: 30 KIA, 0 DETAINEE, 0 CAPT, 0 RAILLED
d. See para 3b this report
5. thru 12. No change.