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FROM: CO, 2/17th Cavalry

TO: CG, 101st Abn Div (Ambl)

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1. (U) 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry INTSUM 206-70
2. (U) 242000H to 252000H July 1970
3. (C) Summary of enemy activity

a. Air Activity

(1) DELAYED ENTRY: 241700H vic YD335212, B/2/17 obsr 30 2x3x2' fighting positions with signs of act in the last 48 hours.

(2) DELAYED ENTRY: 241704H vic YD335217, B/2/17 obsr 30 2x3x2' fighting positions and 1 4x5' bunker with signs of act in the last 48 hours.

(3) DELAYED ENTRY: 241807H vic YD368228, B/2/17 BDA of Air Strike revealed 12 2x3x2' fighting positions destroyed and 2 NVA KBAF.

(4) 250803H vic YD443092, B/2/17 obsr 6 2x3x2' fighting positions with signs of act in the last 24 hours.

(5) 250807H vic YD445111, B/2/17 obsr 3 5x8' bunkers, 5 2x3x2' fighting positions, and several cardboard boxes strewn through the area with signs of act within the last 24 hours.

(6) 250809H vic YD442113, B/2/17 obsr 2 unoccupied 12.7mm MG positions with signs of rec act.

(7) 250837H vic YL464115, B/2/17 obsr 10 2x3x2' fighting positions and 10 105mm canisters with signs of rec act.

(8) 250745H vic FSB RIPCORN, A/2/17 obsr signs of activity by 25 personnel moving across the FB within the last 1 hour.

(9) 250750H vic YD317181, A/2/17 obsr 3 unoccupied mortar psns and 3 3x5' bunkers with trail 1 1/2' wide oriented through the area.

(10) 250800H vic YD313178, A/2/17 obsr 2 unoccupied mortar psns with signs of act within the last 12 hours.

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(11) 250815H vic YD297184, A/2/17 obsr 2 3x5' bunkers, 3 unoccupied mortar ~~psns with trail oriented~~ through the area with signs of act within the last 24 hours.

(12) 250910H vic YD441103, B/2/17 obsr 4 2x3x2' fighting psns with signs of act within the last 48 hours.

(13) 250913H vic YD445105, B/2/17 obsr 20 3x3x2' fighting psns with signs of activity within the last 48 hours.

(14) 250915H vic YD435104, B/2/17 obsr 15 2x3x2' fighting psns and 1 unoccupied mortar psn with signs of rec act.

(15) 250923H vic YD441099, B/2/17 obsr a black bag 18" long, 10" wide, 6" thick lying in a bomb crater with signs of act w/in the last week.

(16) 250745H vic FSB RIPCORN, A/2/17 BDA of Air Strike revealed 15 10x12' bunkers destroyed.

(17) 251000H vic YD414145, B/2/17 obsr 1 NVA in the open. Eng area with gunships w/unk res.

(18) 251106H vic YD406142, B/2/17 obsr 1 unoccupied 12.7mm MG psn with signs of act w/in the last 24 hours.

(19) 251107H vic YD405144, B/2/17 OH6A AAR msn recd 10-15 rds of SAF at 100', 90 knots with no hits. Eng area w/gunships w/unk res.

(20) 251111H vic YD414147, B/2/17 OH6A AAR msn recd 15-20 rds of SAF at 70 knots 100' w/no hits. Eng area w/gunships w/unk res.

(21) 251111H vic YD409151, B/2/17 OH6A AAR msn recd 50-60 rds of 12.7mm MG fire at 200', 100 knots w/no hits. Eng area w/unk res.

(22) 251112H vic YD409151, B/2/17 AH1G AAR msn recd 10-15 rds of 12.7mm MG fire at 40 knots, 500' w/no hits. Eng area w/gunships w/unk res.

(23) 251230H vic YD696223, C/2/17 obsr trail 2' wide oriented NE-SW w/activity in the last 24 hours.

(24) 251040H vic YD015373, A/2/17 obsr trail 1 1/2' wide w/ftprints of 7-10 personnel moving E in the last 24 hrs.

(25) 251045H vic YD023365, A/2/17 obsr trail 3' wide w/ftprints of 20-30 personnel moving E in the last 24-48 hrs.

(26) 251147H vic YD030360, A/2/17 obsr trail 1 1/2' wide w/ftprints of 20-30 personnel moving E in the last 24-48 hrs.

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(27) 251050H vto YD040360, A/2/17 obsr trail $1\frac{1}{2}$ ' wide w/bootprints of 5-7 personnel moving NE in the last 12-24 hrs.

(28) 251051H vto YD040360, A/2/17 obsr 8-10 3x5' bunkers w/heavy act in the last 48 hrs. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 3 bunkers dest.

(29) 251110H vto YD079374, A/2/17 obsr trail $1\frac{1}{2}$ ' wide w/bootprints of 5 personnel moving S in the last 48 hrs.

(30) 251115H vto YD071370, A/2/17 obsr 2 10x15' huts and 8-10' 3x5' bunkers w/act in the last 48-72 hrs. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 2 huts dest and 1 secondary explosion.

(31) 251310H vto YD361189, A/2/17 EDA of A/S revealed 20 3x5' bunkers and 1 UO mortar psn dest by AF.

(32) 251320H vto YD312178, A/2/17 obsr 1 camouflaged mortar psn w/wpn. Area was eng w/gunships wunk res.

(33) 251330H vto YD297177, A/2/17 obsr 1 NVA wearing green uniform boots and carrying AK-47 in a 3x5' bunker and 1 UO mortar psn 6' in diameter. Area was eng w/gunships w/wunk res.

(34) 251350H vto YD408131, B/2/17 obsr 1 4x4' hut, 1 6x8' bunker and 6 5x6' bunkers. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 3 bunkers dest.

(35) 251350H vto YD408131, B/2/17 OH6A AAR msn reod 20 rds SAF at 100' and 60 km. Neg hits or cas. At 1355H OH6A reod 40 additional rds SAF at 100' and 95 km. Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/wunk res.

(36) 251410H vto XD817366, A/2/17 obsr trail $1\frac{1}{2}$ ' wide w/signs of 5 personnel moving SE in the last 6-12 hrs.

(37) 251415H vto XD810368, A/2/17 obsr trail $1\frac{1}{2}$ ' wide w/signs of 5-7 personnel moving NE in the last 6-12 hrs.

(38) 251425H vto XD806366, A/2/17 obsr a 15x20' wet area used by 5-10 personnel in the last 6-12 hrs.

(39) 251429H vto XD806369, A/2/17 obsr 1 UO AA/AW psn w/act in the last 6-12 hrs.

(40) 251430H vto XD798367, A/2/17 obsr 5-7 3x5' fighting psns w/act in the last 12 hrs.

(41) 251450H vto XD783352, A/2/17 obsr trail 5' wide w/bootprints of 5-7 personnel moving NE in the last 12-24 hrs.

(42) 251455H vto XD779340, A/2/17 obsr trail 4' wide w/bootprints of 5-7 personnel moving NW in the last 12-24 hrs.

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(43) 251457H vto XD779340, A/2/17 obs 1 water buffalo in the open. Area was eng w/M16. Res: 1 water buffalo KBH.

(44) 251458H vto XD773337 and XD775340, A/2/17 obsr poss river fords w/act in the last 24 hrs.

(45) 251504H vto XD697358, A/2/17 obsr ftyprints of undet number of personnel on a sandbar in the last 12-24 hrs.

(46) 251535H vto YD394114, B/2/17 obsr 12 6x6' bunkers w/2x2' ents and signs of activity in the last 24 hrs. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(47) 251538H vto YD395114, B/2/17 obsr 12 6x6' bunkers and 1 UO AA/AW psn w/act in the last 24 hrs. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(48) 251540H vto YD394116, B/2/17 obsr 4 6x6' bunkers and 1 5x10' bunker w/act in the last 48 hrs. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(49) 251543H vto YD396115, B/2/17 BDA of A/S revealed 1 10x15' bunker and 1 UO AA/AW psn dest by AF.

(50) 251545H vto YD395115, B/2/17 obsr a "U" shaped foxhole 2x8' w/act in the last 12 hrs. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 1 foxhole dest.

(51) 251548H vto YD395115, B/2/17 obsr trail 2 1/2' wide oriented E-W and 5-10 6x6' bunkers along the trail w/act in the last 48 hrs.

(52) 251550H vto YD389112, B/2/17 obsr 1 40x40' bunker w/plank side-walk running from the ent and 1 8x20' bunker w/act in the last 48 hrs. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 2 bunkers part dest.

(53) 251658H vto YD048370, A/2/17 obs 1 3x5' bunker w/act in the last 72 hrs. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 1 bunker dest.

(54) 251726H vto XD986374, A/2/17 obsr a log const foot bridge w/neg rec act. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.

Ground Activity

(1) 250845H vto YC810972, Rgr tm BELAIR heard sound of chickens oackling.

4. (C) Enemy personnel and equipment losses: 7 bunkers dest, 2 bunkers part dest, 2 huts dest, 1 secondary explosion, 1 foxhole dest and 1 water buffalo KBH.

a. Neg

b. By 2/17th Cavalry (Total for operation TEXAS STAR)

(1) 479 479 05
KIA NVA NVA/VC POW (2) and (3) Omitted

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5. and 6. Neg.

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ANNEX 1 to 217th Cavalry INTSUM 206-70 Rgr tm FLEETWOOD #21,25 Jul 70

1. MISSION: To conduct reconnaissance of assigned recon zone; To monitor enemy movement; to check for possible enemy base areas and cache site; to conduct a PW snatch if the tactical situation permits.
2. REL: Identification, size, and activity of enemy in area.
3. SIZE/COMPOSITION: 6 US, 1 NWS.
4. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good
5. INSERTION/EXTRACTION:
 - a. In: 211025H Jul 70 Vic: YD863004 Method: Touchdown (IZ GREEN)
 - b. Out: 250710H Jul 70 Vic: YD860006 Method: Touchdown (PZ GREEN)
6. ROUTE: SEE ITEM 8
7. TERRAIN: Triple canopy with mostly defoliated trees, bamboo, dense undergrowth.
8. ENEMY: Shortly after insertion tm disc an old garbage pit which had been recently dug into vic YD864005. 211130H tm disc a plastic bag containing edible vegetation vic YD864005. 211500H tm heard suspected enemy movement vic YD864006. 211700H tm disc a scythe in good condition vic YD862009 along a trail oriented N-S with signs of recent activity. 221000H tm heard suspected enemy movement vic YD861012. ~~Army was employed and a scream was heard. A few aircraft flew over the area and tm heard an individual running through the brush.~~ 221600H tm disc a trail 1' wide oriented E-W with signs of activity by 2-3 personnel within the last 24 hours vic YD860011. 240745H tm disc 2 hpts and 1 122mm rocket shipping container. There were also several tin cans strewn through the area vic YD857006. 241600H tm disc trail oriented NE-SW with signs of recent activity vic YD858005. 250130H tm heard mortars being fired from approx vic YD866014. There were no other significant sightings.
9. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Conformed to map
10. COMMUNICATIONS: Good
11. HLZ's: Cut IZ vic YD860003. 50% of the area is accessible by hover. 3-4 cut IZ's in the area.
12. CONCLUSION: N/A

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