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1. (U) 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry INTSUM 209-70
2. (U) 272000H to 282000H July 1970
3. (C) Summary of enemy activity

a. Air Activity

(1) 280714H vic YD801073-798068, B/2/17 obsr 6 sampans and 15 Vietnamese on a river. Informed ground elements in area.

(2) 280730H vic YD838013, B/2/17 obsr 7 10x15' huts and a 2' wide trail oriented E-W with signs of activity within the last 24 hours.

(3) 280815H vic XD965318, A/2/17 OH6A AAR mission received an unknown amount of 12.7mm MG fire at 100', 100 knots. Acft sustained an undisclosed number of hits and crashed resulting in 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA (E). Acft was secured by A/2/17 ARP. Engaged area with gunships ARA, and employed Air Strikes with unknown results.

(4) 280815H vic XD965318, A/2/17 AH1G AAR mission received 30 rounds of 12.7mm MG fire at 1200', 100 knots with no hits. Acft received an additional 15-20 rounds of 12.7mm MG fire and 10 rounds of small arms fire at 1500', 100 knots with no hits. Engaged area with gunships, ARA, and Air Strikes with unknown results.

(5) 280735H vic YD832009, B/2/17 obsr a 5x9' bamboo constructed boat house with signs of activity within the last 24 hours.

(6) 280735H vic XD961333, A/2/17 obsr 1 2x5' trench and 8-10 2x2x3' fighting positions with signs of activity within the last 24 hours.

(7) 280755H vic XD975345, A/2/17 obsr signs of activity by 4 personnel moving west within the last week.

(8) 280905H vic YC483671, C/2/17 obsr signs of activity by 1 vehicle and 2-3 personnel moving in an undetermined direction on a road within the last 12 hours.

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(9) 280910H via YC493882, C/2/17 obsr 15 4x8' bunkers with signs of activity within the last 48 hours.

(10) 280915H via YC449920-445923, C/2/17 obsr signs of activity by 1 vehicle moving in an undetermined direction within the last 12 hours.

(11) 281103H via YD077312, A/2/17 obsr 1 12.7mm MG. ARA and Air Strikes were employed with unknown results.

(12) 281103H via XD964308, A/2/17 UH1H, during extracted of LOH crew, received 15-20 rounds of 12.7mm MG fire at 40', 0 knots. Acft sustained 1 hit in the fuel cell with no casualties. Acft returned to Quang Tri where it was found to be non-flyable. Engaged area with gunships with unknown results.

(13) 281030H via XD982298, A/2/17 obsr and employed an Air Strike on 1 NVA with unknown results.

(14) 281040H via XD977312, A/2/17 OH6A AAR mission received 8-10 rounds of 12.7mm MG fire at 800', 80 knots with no hits. Acft received an additional 20-25 rounds of 12.7mm MG fire at 100', 100 knots with no hits. Engaged area with gunships, ARA, and Air Strike with unknown results.

(15) 281045H via XD977312, A/2/17 AH1G AAR mission received 30 rounds of 12.7mm MG fire at 200', 160 knots with no hits. While on a 2nd gun run acft received an additional 15 rounds of 12.7mm MG fire at 600', 140 knots with no hits. Engaged area with gunships, ARA, and Air Strike with unknown results.

(16) 281050H via XD977312, A/2/17 OH6A AAR mission received 5-10 rounds of 12.7mm MG fire at 150', 90 knots with no hits. Engaged area with gunships, ARA, and Air Strike with unknown results.

(17) 281100H via XD971292, A/2/17 obsr 40-50 bunkers varying in sizes up to 10x12' with signs of activity within the last 12 hours.

(18) 281105H via XD977312, A/2/17 obsr 30 bunkers ranging in size 6x8' to 10x12', numerous 3x3' fighting positions, and a network of trails oriented in all directions throughout the area with signs of activity within the last 1 hour.

(19) 281110H via XD965305, A/2/17 BDA of Air Strike revealed 4 8x10' bunkers and 1 unoccupied AA/AW positions being destroyed. Obsr 1 NVA in the open. Engaged area with gunships resulting in 1 NVA KBH.

(20) 281100H via XD968308, A/2/17 AH1G, in support of downed LOH, received 10-20 rounds of 7.62mm MG fire at 100', 120 knots. Acft sustained 1 hit in the pylon cowling with negative casualties. Acft returned to Quang Tri where it was found to be non-flyable. Engaged area with gunships with unknown results.

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(21) 281105H vic XD963325, A/2/17 OH6A, in support of downed LOH, received 15 rounds of small arms fire at 100', 100 knots with no hits. AH1G, while on a gun run, received 10 rounds of small arms fire at 1100', 120 knots with no hits. Engaged area with gunships with unknown results.

(22) 281115H vic XD977323, A/2/17 AH1G, in support of downed LOH, received 30-50 rounds of 12.7mm MG fire at 1000', 110 knots with no hits. Engaged area with gunships with unknown results.

(23) 281400H vic XD977312, A/2/17 obsr 1 unoccupied 12.7mm MG position and 2 NVA. Employed Air Strike resulting in 2 NVA KBAF and position being destroyed.

(24) 281400H vic YC457908, C/2/17 obsr 1 60mm mortar (complete). Engaged area with gunships and employed arty with unknown results.

(25) 281410H vic YC456908, C/2/17 obsr several 55 gallon drums in a 6x8' bunker. Employed arty resulting in 2 secondary explosions.

(26) 281413H vic YC455907, C/2/17 obsr 1 6x8' bunker with miscellaneous green clothing lying in front of the bunker with signs of recent activity.

(27) 281400H vic XD975319, A/2/17 OH6A AAR mission received 10-20 rounds of small arms fire at 100', 90 knots with no hits. Engaged area with gunships and employed Air Strike with unknown results.

(28) 281415H vic XD984312, A/2/17 obsr 1 10x15' hut with several bunkers and fighting positions surrounding the hut with signs of activity within the last 24 hours.

(29) 281430H vic XD978316, A/2/17 OH6A AAR mission received 10-20 rounds of small arms fire at 100', 90 knots with no hits. Engaged area with gunships with unknown results.

(30) 281045H vic XD967314, A/2/17 OH6A AAR mission received 25-30 rounds of 12.7mm MG fire at 50', 80 knots sustaining 1 hit in the horizontal stabilizer with no casualties. Aft continued mission. Engaged area with gunships with unknown results.

(31) 281620H vic XD988356, A/2/17 obsr 10 bunkers ranging in size 3x5' to 8x10', 1 unoccupied AA/AN position with signs of activity within the last 24 hours.

(32) 281630H vic XD991353, A/2/17 obsr a 1 1/2' wide trail oriented N-S with signs of activity within the last 24 hours.

(33) 281640H vic XD983356, A/2/17 obsr a 2' wide trail oriented E-W and 8 6x8' bunkers with signs of recent activity.

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(34) 281645H vic XD985367, A/2/17 obsr 1 10x15' bunker and signs of activity by 20 personnel moving north on a 1½' wide trail within the last 24 hours.

(35) 281700H vic XD983342, A/2/17 obsr a 1½' wide trail oriented E-W with signs of activity within the last 24-48 hours.

(36) 281715H vic XD974326, A/2/17 obsr signs of activity by 25-35 personnel moving northwest on a 2' wide trail within the last 24 hours.

(37) 281725H vic XD966328, A/2/17 obsr 1 unoccupied AA/AW position with no signs of recent activity.

(38) 281740H vic XD966321, A/2/17 obsr 1 unoccupied AA/AW position 2 8x16' bunkers, 10 3x5' bunkers, and a 1½' wide trail oriented SE-NW with signs of activity within the last 12-24 hours. Engaged area with gunships resulting in 2 bunkers being destroyed.

(39) 281750H vic YC454908, C/2/17 obsr signs of activity by an undetermined number of vehicles moving in an undetermined direction in a streambed with signs of activity within the last 24 hours.

(40) 281755H vic YC453900, C/2/17 obsr 1 8x12' cave entrance with signs of recent activity.

(41) 281800H vic YD690017, B/2/17 obsr a 3' wide trail oriented N-S with signs of activity within the last 2 weeks.

(42) 281840H vic YD803066, B/2/17 obsr 6 5x8' huts and 6 2' square holes in the side of a bomb crater with signs of activity within the last 24 hours.

(43) 281840H vic YC456908, C/2/17 BDA of Air Strike revealed 1 secondary explosion.

b. Ground Activity

(1) 281356H to 1415H vic YC451926, C/2/17 ARP was inserted approx 10-20' from a bridge which was constructed of a log base with 6 pieces of PSP over the logs. Approx size of the bridge was 10' long, 180 inches wide. The top of the bridge was at water level. To the southern side of the bridge the ARP discovered 6 4x4' bunkers and 9 2x3x2' fighting positions with no signs of recent activity. There were indications of recent activity by an undetermined number of personnel moving on both sides of the road within the last 24 hours. The elephant grass was matted down to the sides of the road as if used as resting positions. The charges blew a hole 10' long, 6' wide, 6' deep destroying the bridge. ARP was extracted (PZ GREEN). Results: Bridge destroyed.

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4. (C) Enemy personnel and equipment losses: 1 bridge destroyed, 2 bunkers destroyed, 5 secondary explosions (CAV GUNSHIPS), 5 secondary explosions (ARTILLERY), 1 secondary explosion (AIR STRIKE).

a. 1 NVA KBH.

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

(1) $\frac{482}{KIA}$ $\frac{482}{NVA}$ $\frac{05}{POW}$

(2) and (3) Omitted

(4) $\frac{46}{IWC}$ $\frac{09}{CWC}$

5. APD MISSIONS: Negative

6. ROUTE RECON: No change from last report.

7. UPDATES: Update to spot report #25 Air Activity. Delete 2 secondary explosions and change to 10 secondary explosions. A Total of 15-20 55 gallon drums were observed and engaged. Gunships continually engaged the area and 8" delayed fuses (Arty) were employed resulting in a 15' length of 548 collapsing. The hole was 6' deep, and 6' wide. The secondary explosions spurted both white and black smoke. Results: 10 secondary explosions.

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