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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 ENTSUM 212-70
2. (U) 302000H to 312000H July 1970
3. (C) Summary of enemy activity

a. Air Activity

- (1) 310740H vic XD546115, B Trp obs 5 strands of commo wire, silver in color oriented E-W w/neg rec act.
- (2) 310725H vic XD967326, A Trp obs 1 UO AA/AW psm and 1 6x8' bunker w/act in the last 24 hrs.
- (3) 310727H vic XD962329, A Trp obs 1 UO AA/AW psm and 1 6x8' bunker w/act in the last 24 hrs.
- (4) 310730H vic XD968328, A Trp obs trail $1\frac{1}{2}'$ wide w/ftprints of 10-15 personnel moving E in the last 24 hrs.
- (5) 310738H vic XD960329, A Trp obs 1 6x8' bunker, numerous 2x3' fighting psns and 1 UO AA/AW psm w/neg r c act.
- (6) 310925H vic XD954351, A Trp OH6A, while attempting a precautionary landing, recd 10-15 rds SAF at 100' and 80 kn. Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res. OH6A landed vic XD967348 and was secured by D/2/17 and Rgr tm COLUMBIA.
- (7) 311115H vic XD973326, A Trp AH1G AAR msn recd 8-10 rds of SAF at 500' and 120 kn. A/C sustained 1 hit in the main rotor blade w/neg cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res. A/C rtnd to Quang Tri (non-flyable).
- (8) 311228H vic YD069403, A Trp AH1G AAR msn recd 10 rds 12.7mm fire at 1000' and 110 kn. Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/gunships and arty w/unk res.
- (9) 311131H vic XD973323, A Trp obs 4 6x8' bunkers. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 4 bunkers dest.

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(10) 311135H via XD972322, A Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented E-W w/act in the last 8 hrs.

(11) 311140H via XD972318, A Trp obs 1 UO AA/AW psn w/rec act.

(12) 311143H via XD968313, A Trp obs 2 6x6' bunkers and a poss tunnel complex w/rec act.

(13) 311145H via XD974321, A Trp obs 2 6x8' bunkers w/act in the last 24 hrs.

(14) 311155H via XD976321, A Trp obs 4 6x8' bunkers. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 4 bunkers dest.

(15) 311200H via XD971325, A Trp obs a 15x30' rest area w/act in the last 12 hrs.

(16) 311510H via YD239151, C Trp obs a square green vehicle (poss APC) crossing a river. Arty was employed w/unk res. No further VR was cdtd due to poor weather.

(17) 311543H via YD522041, B Trp obs 1 6x10' hut w/signs of 5 personnel in the area in the last 24-48 hrs.

(18) 311546H via YD521045, B Trp obs 10 fighting psns 2x3' and 4 4x5' camouflaged tunnel ents w/act in the last 24-48 hrs.

(19) 311548H via YD521043, B Trp obs 1 5x5' bunker and trail 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' wide w/signs of 30 personnel moving NW in the last 24-48 hrs.

(20) 311550H via YD522047, B Trp obs trail 2' wide w/signs of 50 personnel moving NE in the last 24-48 hrs.

(21) 311550H via YD522041, B Trp obs trail 2' wide w/signs of 30 personnel moving NE in the last 48 hrs.

(22) 311600H via YD535045, B Trp obs 1 4x7' hut w/neg rec act.

(23) 311603H via YD515041, B Trp obs trail 1' wide oriented NW-SE w/act in the last 48 hrs.

(24) 311540H via XD955329, A Trp obs 3 UO AA/AW psns, 1 4x8' hut and 4 NVA. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(25) 311610H via YD518042, B Trp obs 1 2x2' tunnel ent and trail 1' wide oriented NW-SE w/act in the last 48 hrs.

(26) 311612H via YD517044, B Trp obs trail 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' wide oriented NW-SE w/5 sheets of PSP lying on the ground beside the trail w/act in the last 48 hrs.

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(27) 311350H via XD970302, A Trp BDA of CS drop revealed drop on target and effectively interdicted the road.

b. Ground Activity

(1) 310840H via XD691401, Rgr tm BOLIVIA disc a 6x8' sleeping psn w/signs of act by 4-6 personnel in the last 1 wk.

(2) 311010H via XD967348, D/2/17 and Rgr tm COLUMBIA, while securing downed OH6A recd 14 rds of 60mm mortar fire w/neg cas. 2 rds impacted 200 meters to their E and 1 rd impacted 100 meters to their NW. The remaining rds impacted throughout the LZ. Gunships were employed on suspect enemy location via XD968346. Res: Unknown.

(3) 311250H via XD972339, Rgr tm COLUMBIA disc an old campfire site w/ signs of act by 3-5 personnel in the last 3 days.

(4) 311445H via XD079277, Rgr tm CANADA heard 3 signal shots 75 meters W of their loc.

(5) 311550H via XD725413, Rgr tm BELGIUM disc trail 2' wide oriented NW-SE and 2 2x3' fighting psns w/signs of 5-6 personnel in the area in the last 4-5 days.

(6) 311935H via XD036278, Rgr tm CANADA heard 2 signal shots 150 meters S of their loc.

4. (C) Enemy personnel and equipment losses: 8 bunkers dest.

a. Negative

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

(1) 487 497 05
KIA NVA NVA/VC POW

(2) and (3) Omitted

(4) 46 09
IWC CSWC

5. APD MISSION: Negative

6. ROUTE RECON: No change from last report.

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ANNEX 1 to 2/17th Cavalry INTSUM 212-70 HAC BAO Plt. 31 Jul 70

1. MISSION: To conduct reconnaissance of assigned recon zone; To monitor enemy movement; To check for possible enemy base areas and cache sites. To conduct a PW Snatch if the tactical situation permits.

2. ENEMY: Identification, size, and activity of enemy in area.

3. SIZE/COMPOSITION: 34 HAC BAO, 1 ARVN Interpreter, 4 US Advisors.

4. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good

5. INSERTION/EXTRACTION:

a. In: 291520H Jul 70 Vic: XD770385 Method: Touchdown (LZ GREEN)

b. Out: 301625H Jul 70 Vic: XD779392 Method: Touchdown (PZ GREEN)

6. ROUTE:

7. TERRAIN: Single canopy in the lowground, elephant grass 10' high, trees 30~60' high with small bushes.

8. ENEMY: XD772387 discovered 16-20 foxholes (some with overhead cover) and observation tower in tree 30' high. The entire area for miles around could be seen from the tower, no recent activity. XD776391 discovered 3 fresh foxholes with steps cut into the hillside and high speed trail oriented NE down a ridgeline. Discovered 2 strands of commo wire oriented along the trail from XD776389 to XD780394. The HAC BAO did not trace it further but observed it continuing on to vic XD784397. There were no contacts or additional significant sightings.

9. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Conformed to map

10. COMMUNICATIONS: Good.

11. HLZ's: The ridges in the area can be used for LZ's since they are covered with elephant grass for the most part.

12. CONCLUSION: HAC BAO believes there are enemy vic XD784397. This area has good overhead cover and the commo wire runs to it. The HAC BAO noted that a B-52 strike had gone into the area in which they were inserted and they feel the enemy vacated it shortly before their operation.

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2. EEEI: Id, size and activity of enemy in area.
3. SIZE/COMPOSITION: 6 US
4. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good
5. INSERTION/EXTRACTION:
 - a. In: 271405H July Vic: XD757363 Method: Touchdown
 - b. Out: 311437H July Vic: XD759365 Method: Touchdown
6. ROUTE: See Item #8.
7. TERRAIN:
 - a. Canopy: Single
 - b. Vegetation: Bamboo, vines and elephant grass.
 - c. Undergrowth: Dense
8. ENEMY: There were no significant contacts or sightings on 27 and 28 July. 291300H vic XD754370 tm disc trail 2' wide w/signs of 10 personnel moving NW in the last 1 wk. 301400H vic XD759366, tm disc 4 parallel trails 2' wide oriented E-W w/signs of 10 personnel in the area in the last 1 wk. There were no further significant sightings for the duration of the patrol.
9. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: New stream vic XD764370 to XD759367
10. COMMUNICATIONS: Poor due to terrain
11. HLZ'S: Conformed to map
12. CONCLUSION: The team leader feels that the enemy are only using the area while passing through.

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ANNEX 3 to 2/17th Cavalry LTFSUM 212-70 Tm Name AUSTRALIA Rgr Tm 16

1. MISSION: To conduct reconnaissance of assigned recon zones; monitor enemy movements; check for possible base areas and cache sites and to conduct a PW Snatch if the tactical situation permits.

2. E&I: Id, size and activity of enemy in area

3. SIZE/COMPOSITION: 6US

4. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good

5. INSERTION/EXTRACTION:

a. In: 271530H July Vic: XD788382 Method: Touchdown

b. Out: 311430H July Vic: XD786367 Method: Touchdown

6. ROUTE: See Item #8.

7. TERRAIN:

a. Canopy: Double

b. Vegetation: Bamboo and trees 30-50' high

c. Undergrowth: Dense

8. ENEMY: 271600H vic XD788381 tm disc trail 1' wide oriented SE-NW w/act by 3-5 personnel in the last 3 days. 271900H vic XD786379 tm heard movement of 3-5 personnel moving past their NDP. Neg contact. 201300H vic XD784376 tm disc trail 2' wide oriented SE-NW w/neg rec act. 290330H vic XD784375 tm disc trail 2' wide oriented E-W used by 3 personnel moving W in the last 24 hrs. Vic XD785373 tm disc 1 UO AA/AW psn w/neg rec act. Vic XD785367 tm disc an ambush site along the trail consisting of 5 foxholes in a line w/small trails leading from the foxholes to the S. Were neg signs of rec act in the area.

9. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Conform to map except for marsh vic XD785370.

10. COMMUNICATIONS: Good

11. HILZ'S: None

12. CONCLUSIONS: The team leader feels that the area vic XD7837 is being used by the enemy. At one time the tm thought they smelled NVA.

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