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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 218-70
2. (U) 052000H to 062000H August 1970
3. (C) Summary of enemy activity

## a. A's Activity

(1) 060759H vic YD065206, A Trp BDA of A/S revealed 1 secondary explosion and fire (poss WP).

(2) 060800H vic YD066201, A Trp obs trail 1½' wide oriented E-W w/act in the last 2-3 hrs.

(3) 060820H vic YD066201, A Trp obs trail 1½' wide oriented NE-SW w/signs of 10 personnel moving in an undet direction in the last 12 hrs.

(4) 060825H vic YD055206, A Trp obs 1 AA/AN psn w/the wpn lying in the bottom of the pit. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 1 12.7mm MG dest.

(5) 060830H vic YD045203, C Trp obs 1 active 12.7mm psn and 4 NVA. Area was eng w/gunships w/unlk res.

(6) 060925H vic YD057178, C Trp obs signs of 4 personnel moving SW on trail 1½' wide in the last 8 hrs.

(7) 060930H vic YD058201, C Trp obs 1 20x30' bunker w/signs of act within last 8 hrs.

(8) 060940H vic YD063204, C Trp obs foot prints of 15-20 personnel moving SW on 2' wide trail in last 8 hrs.

(9) 060950H vic YD044210, C Trp obs 1 12.7mm M.G. w/ammo (negative personnel). Engage w/gunships, res: 1 12.7mm MG dest. Also obs trail 1' wide oriented N-S leading to the MG psn w/act within last 6 hrs.

(10) 061010H vic YD043211, A Trp obs 1 U/O AA/AN psn w/activity in last 24 hrs.

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(11) 071145H via YD049188, A Trp obs 4 8x10' huts. Area was eng w/ gunships. Res: 2 huts dest.

(12) 071200H via YD042201, A Trp obs trail 1½' wide oriented NE-SW w/act in the last 24 hrs.

(13) 071215H via YD089183, A Trp obs a 4x5' hut w/neg rec act.

(14) 071220H via YD094170, A Trp obs 4 8x10' huts w/neg rec act. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 2 huts dest.

(15) 070835H via YD046243, A Trp obs trail 1½' wide oriented E-W and 10 6x8' bunkers along the trail w/act in the last 24 hrs.

(16) 070837H via YD043243, A Trp obs a 75x100 meter field w/act in the last 24 hrs.

(17) 070850H via YD046195, A Trp obs trail 1½' wide oriented E-W w/ signs of 15 personnel moving in an undet direction in the last 24 hrs.

(18) 070900H via YD067204, A Trp obs trail 2' wide w/signs of 10 personnel moving S in the last 24 hrs.

(19) 070905H via YD051206, A Trp obs 2 8x15' huts nad 1 7x10' bunker w/act in the last 24 hrs.

(20) 070908H via YD054204, A Trp obs a 10x15' bunker w/act in the last 24 hrs.

(21) 080915H via YD055206, A Trp obs trail 2' wide w/signs of 15-20 personnel moving E in the last 24 h s.

(22) 070930H via YD049188, A Trp obs 1 20x30' hut, 1 15x20' hut and 25 3x6' and 4x8' bunkers w/act in the last 24 hrs.

(23) 071340H via YD309199, B Trp obs 4 5x7' huts and 5-6 5x10' bunkers w/act in the last 24-48 hrs.

(24) 071335H via YC878878, C Trp obs footprints of 3-5 personnel moving S along a stream in the last 1 wk.

(25) 071340H via YC873904, C Trp obs footprints of 3-5 personnel moving NW in the last 1 wk.

(26) 071410H via YC798812, C Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented NE-SW w/act in the last 24 hrs.

(27) 071415H via YC797816, C Trp obs a 10x30' plowed field w/act in the last 48 hrs.

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(12) 061017 vic YD043211, A Trp obs 15 5x8' bunkers and 10 10x20' huts w/signs of act within the last 24 hrs.

(13) 061019H vic YD058198, A Trp obs 10 10x20' huts and 8 5x8' bkrs w/signs of act in the last 24 hrs.

(14) 061026H vic YD056197, A Trp obs U/O AA/AW psn w/act within the last 24 hours.

(15) 061105H vic YD045207, A Trp obs 1 12.7mm MG (neg pers). Eng w/gunships, res: 1 12.7mm MG dest w/secondary explosions.

(16) 061255H vic YD058207, C Trp obs trail 3' wide oriented E-W w/act in the last 24 hrs.

(17) 061305H vic YD045210, C Trp obs 1 12.7mm MG in tact. OH6A landed and picked up the wpm. Res: 1 CSWC.

(18) 061300H vic YD389193, B Trp obs a 20x20' halo which was approx 75% covered with bamboo. Signs of activity in the last 72 hrs.

(19) 1305H vic YD388193, B Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented N-S w/signs of 25-50 personnel moving in an undet direction in the last 48 hrs.

(20) 061310H vic YD389199, B Trp obs 6-8 huts ranging in size from 10x12' to 15x20' w/act in the last 1 wk. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 1 hut dest.

(21) 061316H vic YD389198, B Trp obs 2 cleared areas 20x20' w/act in the last 1 wk.

(22) 061355H vic YC482840, 220th RAC obs 1 active 12.7mm MG w/2 NVA in the gun psn and 1 20x20' bunker. ARA was employed. Res: 1 12.7mm gun dest 1 bunker dest and 1 large secondary explosion and fire.

(23) 061330H vic YD044198, A Trp obs 1 10x15' bunker, 7 3x5' bunker and 1 3x5' cave ent w/act in the last 24-48 hrs.

(24) 061340H vic YD046197, A Trp obs 4 3x5' bunkers w/act in the last 24 hrs.

(25) 061345H vic YD043201, A trp obs trail 2' wide oriented E-W and 4 3x5' bunkers w/act in the last 24 hrs.

(26) 061200H vic YD040203, C Trp obs 1 12.7mm MG w/tripod and ammo and 3 6x8' bunkers. Area was eng w/gunships w/unl res.

(27) 061230H vic YD069245, C Trp obs 3 15x20' huts w/act in the last 24 hrs. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 3 huts dest.

(28) 1400H vic YD046206, C Trp obs 8 6x8' bunkers and 1 UO AA/AW psn w/act in the last 24 hrs.

(29) 061420H vic YD040205, C Trp obs 1 12.7mm MG. OH6A landed and picked up the wpm. Res: 1 CSWC.

(30) 061430H vic YD056378, B Trp obs trail 1½' wide oriented N-S w/act in the last 12 hrs.

(31) 061438H vic YD063385, B Trp obs 4 5x5' huts, 1 2x3' tunnel ent and 1 20x20' bunker w/act in the last 24 hrs.

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(32) 061500H via YD055385, B Trp obs trail 1' wide oriented E-W w/ signs of 10 personnel moving in an undet direction in the last 6 hrs.

(33) 061420H via YD056378, B Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented N-S w/act in the last 12-24 hrs.

(36) 061441H via YD389194, B Trp obs 5 2x4' fighting psns w/act in the last 12-24 hrs.

(37) 061435H via YD375175, B Trp obs 1 2x2' tunnel ent w/act in the last 24 hrs. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 1 tunnel ent collapsed.

(38) 061755H via YD411248, B Trp obs trail 2½' wide oriented E-W w/act in the last 1 wk.

(39) 061810H via YD414245, B Trp obs 2 2x4' cave ents w/suspected enemy movement in the caves. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.

#### b. Ground Activity

(1) 061420H via XD937365, Rgr tm CHAD disc trail 3' wide oriented E-W w/tracks of unk type wheeled vehicle on the trail in the last 2 wks.

(2) 061750H via XD937365, Rgr tm CHAD obs 23 NVA walking by the tm psn 8' away. 18 of the NVA were carrying AK-47's and an unk type of equipment on poles. The tm withdrew to the E to avoid contact and was extracted.

(3) 061100H via YD062197, D 2/17 and HOC BAO (ARVN) were inserted and conducted RIF of area. Res: 30 4x5 meter huts dest, 15 6x12 meter huts dest, 12 4x5 meter medical bunkers dest, 10 6x12 meter hospital huts dest, 500 NVA uniforms dest (several were evao), 300 B-40 rockets dest, 600 lbs of C-4 dest, 800 Kg rice dest, 50 30Kg boxes of medical supplies captured, 36 cases of AK-47 rds captured, 100 82mm mortar rds dest, 25 lbs of documents captured and 15 rucksacks captured. The hospital complex also contained an operating room which was also dest.

4. (C) Enemy personnel and equipment losses: 3 12.7mm guns dest, 4 huts dest and 1 tunnel ent collapsed. Refer to Spot Report #3 (Ground Activity).

#### a. Negative

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

(1) 

<u>507</u>	<u>507</u>	<u>05</u>
KIA	NVA	NVA/VC POW

(2) and (3) Omitted

(4) 

<u>47</u>	<u>12</u>
I-C	CSVC

5. APD MISSION: Negative

6. ROUTE RECON: No change from last report.

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- (28) 071416H via Y0794828, C Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented NE-SW w/aot in the last 24 hrs.
- (29) 071420H via Y0799823, C Trp obs 3 50x200' cleared fields w/aot in the last 24-48 hrs.
- (30) 071510H via YD374175, B Trp obs 2 NVA wearing green uniforms (neg wpns) in a bomb crater. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 1 NVA KBH.
- (31) 071430H via YC497845, 220th RAC obs trail 3-4' wide oriented E-W w/tracks of a large animal moving on the trail in the last 48 hrs.
- (32) 071520H via YD379174, B Trp obs trail 1½' wide oriented NE-SW w/signs of 50 personnel moving in an undet direction in the last 24 hrs.
- (33) 071521H via YD278175, B Trp obs trail 1½' wide oriented N-S w/aot in the last 24 hrs.
- (34) 071525H via YD376174, B Trp obs 8 5x6' huts w/aot in the last 1 wk. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 2 huts dest.
- (35) 071545H via YD378173, B Trp obs 1 UO AA/AW psn w/aot in the last 1 wk.
- (36) 071600H via YD388194, B Trp obs 12 2x3' fighting psns w/aot in the last 2 wks.
- (37) 071521H via YD378175, B Trp obs trail 1½' wide oriented N-S w/aot in the last 24 hrs.
- (38) 071601H via YD338192, B Trp obs 10 2x3' fighting psns w/aot in the last 2 wks.
- (39) 071602H via YD388173, B Trp obs trail 1' wide oriented SW-NE and 4 3x4' bunkers w/aot in the last 1 wk.
- (40) 071603H via YD389195, B Trp obs 1 UO AA/AW psns w/aot in the last 1 wk.
- (41) 071604H via YD391193, B Trp obs 2 3x4' bunkers w/aot in the last 2 wks.
- (42) 071605H via YD400190, B Trp obs trail 1½' wide oriented N-S w/aot in the last 2 wks.
- (43) 071606H via YD400194, B Trp obs 2 3x4' bunkers w/aot in the last 2 wks.
- (44) 071607H via YD391193, B Trp obs 3 3x4' bunkers w/aot in the last 2 wks.

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(45) 071610H vlc YD393192, B Trp obs 1 7x10' bunker w/aot in the last 2 wks.

(46) 071620H vlc YD300246, B Trp obs 3 3x5' fighting psns w/aot in the last 8-10 hrs.

(47) 071625H vlc YD300247, B Trp obs trail 3' wide oriented N-S w/ signs of 300 personnel moving both directions in the last 24 hrs.

(48) 071630H vlc YD300248, B Trp obs 1 15x15' bunker w/aot in the last 12-24 hrs.

(49) 071640H vlc YD299253, B Trp obs 10 2x3' fighting psns and 1 NVA shirt (neg markings) w/aot in the last 4-6 hrs.

(50) 071650H vlc YD299256, B Trp obs a 60mm mortar tube in a trench. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 1 60mm mortar tube dest.

(51) 071650H vlc YD299256, B Trp OH6A AAR msn recd 2 rds SAF at 50' and 40 km. Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unlk res.

(52) 081655H vlc YD299256, B Trp AH1G AAR msn recd 100 rds SAF and AWF at 400' and 120 km. A/C sustained 1 hit in the main rotor blade. Neg cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unlk res. A/C rtnd to Camp Eagle (non-flyable).

(53) 071645H vlc YD390183, B Trp obs trail 1½' wide oriented NW-SE w/signs of 20 personnel moving in an undet direction in the last 24 hrs.

(54) 071655H vlc YD391175, B Trp obs 3 2x3' fighting psns w/aot in the last 24-48 hrs.

(55) 071705H vlc YD395172, B Trp obs trail 1' wide oriented E-W w/aot in the last 72 hrs.

(56) 071710H vlc YD395172, B Trp obs footprints of 50 personnel moving W along a stream bed in the last 24 hrs.

(57) 071605H vlc YD022198, A Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented E-W w/aot in the last 24-48 hrs.

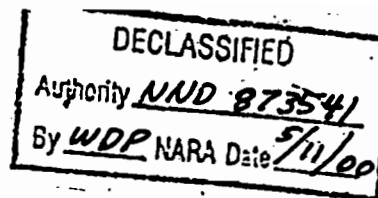
(58) 071607H vlc YD025198, A Trp obs trail 1½' wide oriented E-W w/aot in the last 24-48 hrs.

(59) 071615H vlc YD028203, A Trp obs trail 1½' wide oriented E-W w/commo wire oriented along the trail w/aot in the last 24-48 hrs.

(60) 071618H vlc YD018209, A Trp obs trail 3' wide w/aot in the last 24-48 hrs.

(61) 071630H vlc YD034202, A Trp OH6A AAR msn recd 30-50 rds SAF at 100' and 90 km. Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unlk res.

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(62) 071635H via YD049188, A Trp obs 10 5x8' bunkers and 3 10x12' huts w/rec act. A/S was employed w/unk res.

(63) 071640H via YD045188, A Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented NE-SW w/act in the last 24 hrs.

(64) 071700H via YD062243, A Trp obs 2 10x12' huts and 3 5x8' bunkers w/act in the last 48 hrs. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 1 hut and 1 bunker dest.

(65) 071710H via YD064245, A Trp obs 1 NVA wearing green uniform (neg wpm) in a foxhole. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 1 NVA KBH.

(66) 071825H via YD781113, C Trp obs 1 10x10' hut w/act in the last 6 hrs.

b. Ground Activity

(1) 070822H via XD975360, Rgr tm ICELAND heard 2 bursts of 12.7mm fire from via XD966377.

4. (C) Enemy personnel and equipment losses: 7 huts, 1 bunker and 1 60mm mortar tube dest.

a. 7 NVA KBH

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

(1)  $\frac{514}{KIA}$   $\frac{514}{NVA}$   $\frac{05}{NVA/VC POW}$

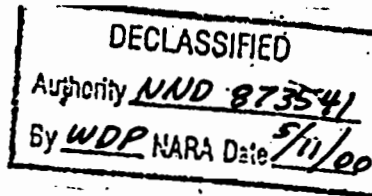
(2) and (3) Omitted

(4)  $\frac{47}{IWC}$   $\frac{12}{OSWC}$

5. APD MISSION: Negative

6. ROUTE RECON: 220th RAC reports Rte 548 shows signs of foot and vehicular traffic in the last 24 hrs. All other routes show no change from last report.

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ANNEX I to 2/17th Cavalry INTSUM 219-70 Tm Name FRANCE Rgr tm 14

1. MISSION: To conduct reconnaissance of assigned recon zones, monitor enemy movements and directions, check for possible base areas and cache sites. To conduct a PW snatch if the tactical situation permits.
2. EEI: Id, size and activity of enemy in area.
3. SIZE/COMPOSITION: 5 US
4. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good
5. INSERTION/EXTRACTION:
  - a. In: 021523H August Vic: XD978312 Method: Touchdown
  - b. Out: 061700H August Vic: XD978312 Method: Touchdown
6. ROUTE: See Item #8.
7. TERRAIN:
  - a. Canopy: Single to triple
  - b. Vegetation: Bamboo and elephant grass
  - c. Undergrowth: Deadfall
8. ENEMY: 022300H to 030200H tm obs 3 flashlights moving about the area vic XD978314. No further significant sightings until 041200H when tm heard 2 EVA/VC moving S on a small trail vic XD978314. The remaining time the tm was in the field, they heard wood chopping and talking from vic XD975321. There were numerous small trails and UC AA/AW psns in the area.
9. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Conform to map
10. COMMUNICATIONS: Good
11. HLZ'S: Numerous
12. CONCLUSION: Tm leader feels that there is a major building project under way in the area due to the numerous sounds and signs of activity in the area.

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