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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 224-70
2. (U) 112000H to 122000H August 1970
3. (C) Summary of enemy activity

a. Air Activity

- (1) 120710H vic YD335214, B Trp obs 40 2x3' fighting psns w/act in the last 24 hrs.
- (2) 120720H vic YD333227, B Trp obs 25 3x5' bunkers w/act in the last 24 hrs.
- (3) 120725H vic YD331229, B Trp obs 45 2x4' fighting psns w/act in the last 24 hrs.
- (4) 120730H vic YD333230, B Trp obs 10 2x3' fighting psns and 1 20x20' bunker. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 1 NVA KBH.
- (5) 120737H vic YD332232, B Trp obs 20 2x3' fighting psns and a 3x4' drying rack w/act in the last 24 hrs.
- (6) 120755H vic YD280243, A Trp OH6A AAR man recd 15-20 rds SAF at 75' and 70 kn. Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.
- (7) 120830H vic YD280243, A Trp AH1G AAR msn recd 25 rds SAF at 400' and 120 kn. A/C sustained 1 hit in the rotor blade w/neg cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res. A/C rtnd to Quang Tri (non-flyable).
- (8) 120720H vic YD278194, A Trp obs trail $\frac{1}{2}$ ' wide oriented N-S w/act in the last 24 hrs.
- (9) 120730H vic YD284203, A Trp obs trail $1\frac{1}{2}$ ' wide oriented N-S w/ signs of 20 personnel moving in an undet direction in the last 12-24 hrs.

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(10) 120740H via YD280242, A Trp obs 1 UO AA/AW psm w/act in the last 24 hrs. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: Psn dest.

(11) 120810H via YD277250, A Trp obs 30 5x10' bunkers and trail 1½' wide oriented N-S w/act in the last 12-24 hrs.

(12) 120755H via YD334218, B Trp OH6A AAR msn reed 15 rds SAF at 120' and 100 kn. Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(13) 120758H via YD331224, B Trp OH6A AAR msn reed 50 rds SAF at 100' and 100 kn. Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(14) 120810H via YD334211, B trp obs 3 NVA in the open wearing green uniforms. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 2 NVA KBH.

(15) 120813H via YD341206, B Trp obs 1 NVA prev killed by arty. Res: 1 NVA KBARTY.

(16) 120815H via YD335221, B Trp obs 1 UO AA/AW psm. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 1 AA/AW psm dest.

(17) 120740H via YD335214, B Trp AH1G AAR msn reed 25-30 rds SAF at 100' and 100 kn. A/C sustained 1 hit in the ammo bay door. Neg cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res. A/C rtnd to Camp Eagle (non-flyable).

(18) 120650H via YD303071, C Trp obs 5 3x5' bunkers w/neg rec act.

(19) 120652H via YD302071, C Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented E-W w/neg rec act.

(20) 120655H via YD309067, C Trp obs 6 3x5' bunkers w/neg rec act.

(21) 120656H via YD312066, C Trp obs 1 UO AA/AW psm w/neg rec act.

(22) 120657H via YD304067, C Trp obs 1 UO AA/AW psm and 1 3x5' tunnel ent w/neg rec act.

(23) 120700H via YD293079, C Trp obs trail 2½' wide oriented N-S w/act in the last 24 hrs.

(24) 120705H via YD294063, C Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented E-W w/neg rec act.

(25) 120707H via YD292060, C Trp obs 8 4x5' bunkers w/neg rec act.

(26) 120710H via YD307067, C Trp obs 1 4x6' bunker and 1 3x3' tunnel ent w/neg rec act.

(27) 120715H via YD304064, C Trp obs trail 3' wide oriented E-W w/neg rec act.

(28) 120720H via YD306066, C Trp obs 4 3x4' bunkers w/neg rec act.

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(29) 120725H via YD304065, C Trp obs 4 8x15' bunkers, 2 2x3' tunnelents and 1 5x15' hut w/ncg rec act.

(30) 120910H via YD265255, A Trp obs 10 8x10' bunkers w/act in the last 24 hrs.

(31) 120913H via YD335204, B Trp OH6A AAR msn reed 20 rds SAF at 100' and 80 kn. Neg hits or cas. A/S was employed w/unk res.

(32) 120927H via YD279265, A Trp obs 8-10 3x5' fighting psns w/signs of 15-20 personnel in the area in the last 24 hrs.

(33) 120930H via YD282262, A Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented E-W w/signs of 15 personnel moving E in the last 24 hrs.

(34) 120934H via YD284262, A Trp obs 10-15 3x5' fighting psns w/act in the last 24 hrs.

(35) 121020H via YD335204, B Trp OH6A AAR msn reed 20 rds SAF at 100' and 100 kn. Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(36) 121028H via YD327219, B Trp obs 150 3x5' fighting psns and 70 5x8' bunkers w/act in the last 12 hrs.

(37) 121030H via YD327212, B Trp obs 50 3x3' fighting psns and 20 5x8' bunkers w/act in the last 12 hrs.

(38) 121040H via YD334212, B Trp obs 30 3x3' fighting psns and 10 8x10' bunkers w/act in the last 12 hrs.

(39) 121100H via YD334214, B Trp obs 20 5x5' bunkers w/act in the last 24 hrs.

(40) 121105H via YD334214, B Trp OH6A AAR msn reed 50-60 rds SAF at 100' and 100 kn. Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/unk res.

(41) 121115H via YD257204, B Trp obs 12 3x3' fighting psns w/act in the last 12-24 hrs. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(42) 121120H via YD307264, B Trp obs 3 3x3' fighting psns w/act in the last 12 hrs.

(43) 121115H via YC634867, C Trp obs a 50x100' cult field w/tracks of an unk type wheeled vehicle in the field w/rec act.

(44) 121120H via YC647858, C Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented E-W w/act in the last 24 hrs.

(45) 121130H via YC646858, C Trp obs 1 25x25' corn field w/rec act.

(46) 121135H via YC632860, C Trp obs a 50x50' marijuana field and trail 2' wide oriented E-W w/act in the last 24 hrs.

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(47) 121140H via YC635867, C Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented E-W w/act in the last 24-48 hrs.

(48) 121145H via YC635873, C Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented ESW w/act in the last 24 hrs.

(49) 121150H via YC632872, C Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented E-W w/act in the last 6 hrs.

(50) 121155H via YC623873, C Trp obs 2 4x4' bunkers w/act in the last 24 hrs.

(51) 121310H via YD334214, B Trp BDA of A/S revealed 4 NVA KBAF and 20 bunkers dest. Also obs 1 NVA in a fighting psn. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 1 NVA KBH. Res: 4 NVA KBAF, 1 NVA KBH and 20 bunkers dest.

(52) 121231H via YD328213, B Trp BDA fo A/S revealed 10 NVA KBAF and 20 bunkers and fighting psns dest.

(53) 121250H via YD305245, A Trp obs 25 3x5' fighting psns w/act in the last 24 hrs.

(54) 121256H via YD285241, A Trp obs 2 6x8' bunkers w/silenc of 6 pers in the area w/in the last 12 hrs.

(55) 121259H via YD279242, A Trp OH6A on AAR msn rec'd 30-40 rds SAF at 50' 80knts, Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(56) 121300H via YD279242, A Trp OH6A on AAR msn rec'd 50-60 rds of SAF at 300' 80 knts. Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(57) 121210H via YD335212, B Trp conducting BDA of AS revealed 7 NVA KBAF.

(58) 121315H via YD334214, B Trp obs 2 fightings psns and 1 NVA in the open. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 1 NVA KBH and 2 fighting psns dest.

(59) 121338H via YD332209, B Trp OH6A on AAR msn rec'd 20 rds of SAF at 100' 100 knts, Neg cas and neg hits. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(60) 121330H via YD280243, A Trp OH6A on AAR rec'd 100 rds SAF at 100' 80 knts. A/C sustained 1 hit in the left front strut with neg ps. A/C returned to QT North. Non-flyable. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(61) 121345H via YD337204, B Trp BDA of A/S revealed 1 NVA KBAF. RES: 1 NVA KBAF.

(62) 121345H via YD337204, B Trp, OH6A on AAR msn rec'd 80 rds SAF at 50' 60 knts. Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.

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(63) 121415H vic YD292261, B Trp OH6A on AAR ~~msn~~ rec'd 3-4 rds of SAF at 30° 80 knts. A/C sustained 1 hit in the main rotor blade. Neg cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res. A/C landed at FSB Barbara and then returned to QT. Nonflyable.

(64) 121400H vic YD279268, A Trp obs 1 ~~in~~ AA/AW psn. Neg rec act.

(65) 121415H vic YD271258, A Trp obs 10-15 2x2' fighting psns and 1 UO AA/AW psn, w/act in the last 24 hrs.

(66) 121440H vic YD336208, D Trp AH1G AAR msn rec'd 40-50 rds SAF at 900° 130 knts. Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(67) 121455H vic YD332207, B Trp, obs 1 2x6' cave ent w/act in last 12 hrs.

(68) 121400H vic YD292258, A Trp AH1G AAR rec'd 50 rds SAF at 150° 120 knts. A/C sustained 1 hit in the Pylon Cowling. Neg cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res. A/C returned to QT, flyable.

(69) 121400H vic YD279242, A Trp PDA of A/S revealed 1 NVA KIA and 3 6x8' bunkers destroyed.

(70) 121415H vic YD292277, A Trp obs 1 active 12.7mm MG w/ 2 NVA wearing green uniforms, boots and pith helmets. AH1G while on gun run rec'd 25-30 rds of 12.7mm MG fire at 900° 130 knts. Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/gunships and A/S, w/unk res.

(71) 121400H vic YD474137, B Trp obs. Sandal prints of 30 psns moving South in the last 24 hrs.

b. Ground Activity.

(1) 120400H vic XD849336, Rgr Tm AUSTRIA obs 3 orange signal lanterns 400-500 meters to their North.

(2) 121500H vic XD850334, Rgr Tm AUSTRIA obs trail 1 1/2' wide oriented N-S w/signs of 2-3 psns moving in an undet direction in the last 48 hrs.

4. (C) Enemy personnel and equipment losses: 3 fighting psns and 2 UO AA/AW psns dest.

a. 5 NVA KBE

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

(1) 548 243 05
 KIA NVA NVA/VC POW

(2) and (3) Omitted

(4) 47 12
 KTC CSWC

5. APD MISSION: Negative

6. ROUTE RECON: No change from last report.

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ANNEX II to 2/17th Cavalry INTSUM 224-70 Tm name PORTUGAL Tm # 21

1. MISSION: To conduct reconnaissance of assigned recon zones, monitor enemy movement and directions, check for possible base areas and cache sites. To conduct a prisoner of war snatch if the tactical situation permits.

2. EEE: Id, size and activity of enemy in area.

3. SIZE/COMPOSITION: 5 US, 1 Kit Carson Scout

4. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good

5. INSERTION/EXTRACTION:

a. In: 071650H Aug 70 Vic. XD871281 Method: Touchdown

b. Out: 111717H Aug 70 Vic. XD882277 Method: Touchdown

6. ROUTE: See Item #8.

7. TERRAIN:

a. Canopy: Triple

b. Vegetation: Elephant grass 4-12' high and trees to 160' high

c. Undergrowth: None

8. ENEMY: 081915H tm heard 4 bursts of MG fire and 3 frag grenades explode vic XD864320. 090845H vic XD876289 tm disc 2 strands of black commo wire oriented E-W along a trail. Tm followed the trail to vic XD877288 where the wire was cut and the ends stripped. Wire continued to vic XD877288 where tm disc 3 4x6' bunkers w/neg rec act. 091500H vic XD879287, tm disc 4 4x6' bunkers prev dest by AF. Vic XD881279 tm disc trail 2' wide oriented E-W w/ numerous bunkers and fighting psns along the trail from XD880276 to XD884279. The area shows signs of rec act. 102400H tm obs 3 flashlight: moving NE on trail vic XD882278. 111005H vic XD882278 tm disc 26 10x10x8' huts w/ a bunker under each hut. Each hut had 4 stoves w/chimneys running underground. Area was used by 300-400 personnel in the last 1 wk. Tm disc a tin box 7"x15"x3" long w/the following stenciled on the side@ "B-40 DANG 12".

9. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Stream from XD880776 to XD884270 not shown on map.

10. COMMUNICATIONS: Poor in the lowground; good on the high ground.

11. HLZ'S: Entire area

12. CONCLUSION: Team leader feels that approx 300-400 personnel were in the area in the last 1 wk.

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1. MISSION: To conduct reconnaissance of assigned recon zones, monitor enemy movement and directions, check for possible base areas and cache sites. To conduct a prisoner of war snatch if the tactical situation permits.
2. EEI: Id, size and activity of enemy in area.
3. SIZE/COMPOSITION: 5 US, 1 Kit Carson Scout
4. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good
5. INSERTION/EXTRACTION:
 - a. In: 071650H Aug 70 Vic. XD871281 Method: Touchdown
 - b. Out: 111717H Aug 70 Vic. XD882277 Method: Touchdown
6. ROUTE: See Item #8.
7. TERRAIN:
 - a. Canopy: Triple
 - b. Vegetation: Elephant grass 4-12' high and trees to 160' high
 - c. Undergrowth: None
8. ENEMY: 081915H tm heard 4 bursts of MG fire and 3 frag grenades explode vic XD864320. 090845H vic XD876289 tm disc 2 strands of black commo wire oriented E-W along a trail. Tm followed the trail to vic XD877288 where the wire was cut and the ends stripped. Wire continued to vic XD877288 where tm disc 3 4x6' bunkers w/neg rec act. 091500H vic XD879287, tm disc 4 4x6' bunkers prev dest by AF. Vic XD881279 tm disc trail 2' wide oriented E-W w/ numerous bunkers and fighting psns along the trail from XD880276 to XD884279. The area shows signs of rec act. 102400H tm obs 3 flashlights moving NE on trail vic XD882278. 111005H vic XD882278 tm disc 26 10x10x8' huts w/ a bunker under each hut. Each hut had 4 stoves w/chimneys running underground. Area was used by 300-400 personnel in the last 1 wk. Tm disc a tin box 7"x15"x3" long w/the following stenciled on the side@ "B-40 DANG 12".
9. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Stream from XD880776 to XD884270 not shown on map.
10. COMMUNICATIONS: Poor in the lowground; good on the high ground.
11. HLZ'S: Entire area
12. CONCLUSION: Team leader feels that approx 300-400 personnel were in the area in the last 1 wk.

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ANNEX 3 to 2/17th Cavalry INTSUM 224-72 Ia Name POLAND Rgn Tm 15

1. MISSION: To conduct reconnaissance in assigned recon zones, monitor enemy movements and directions and check for possible base areas and cache sites. To conduct a PW snatch if the tactical situation permits.
2. EEE: Id, size and activity of enemy in area.
3. SIZE/COMPOSITION: 5 US; 1 KCS
4. CONDITION OF PATROL: KCS sprained ankle on the **first** day and was extracted.
5. INSERTION/EXTRACTION:
 - a. In: 081120H August Vic: XD927331 Method: Touchdown
 - b. Out: 120737H August Vic: XD933331 Method: Touchdown
6. ROUTE: See Item #8.
7. TERRAIN:
 - a. Canopy: Double
 - b. Vegetation: Elephant grass.
 - c. Undergrowth: Deadfall
8. ENEMY: 081120H vic XD927331 tm disc 1 US type compass and 1 trip flamer in good condition. 111345H vic XD933330 tm obs 2 NVA/VC wearing green uniforms, pith helmets and web gear. 081140H vic XD927331 tm heard voices 50 meters N of the LZ. 120400H vic XD942332, tm obs 4 lanterns which went on and off for $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs.
9. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Conform to map
10. COMMUNICATIONS: Good
11. HIZ'S: Numerous
12. CONCLUSION: Team leader feels that the area is occupied by VC and NVA move through the area.

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BDA REPORT (Air Strike)

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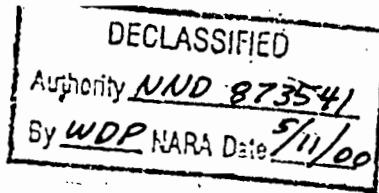
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ALFA: TTM 300
BRAVO: 12:00 August 1970
CHARLIE: Unknown
DELTA: Unknown
ECHO: Unknown
FOXTROT: Unknown
GOLF: None
HOTEL: None
INDIA: Unknown
JULIET: YD305205 2 2x4' bunkers dest. YD305213 2 4x4' bunkers
dest. YD305206 15-20 4x4' bunkers and numerous fighting psns 2x3' in trees.
KILO: None
LIMA: None
MIKE: Double canopy, valley and rolling hills
NOVEMBER: 100% of the bombs fell in the designated strike zone.
Craters were located from YD306196 to YD299212 and were 10 meters in diameter.
2 meters deep w/vegetation dest 40 meters beyond the point of impact. 50%
surface detonations, 30% sub-surface detonations and 20% air bursts. No
indications of duds.
OSCAR: None
PAPA: 100%
QUEBEC: None

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Commanding General
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S-2, 2/17th Cavalry
101st Abn Div (Ambl)
APO SF 96883

12 August 1970

ALFA:	TT1325C
BRAVO:	121500Z August 1970
CHARLIE:	Unknown
DELTA:	Unknown
ECHO:	Unknown
FOXTROT:	Unknown
GOLF:	None
HOTEL:	None
INDIA:	Unknown
JULIET:	YD296204 2 4x8' bunkers dest by the strike
KILO:	None
LIMA:	None
MIKE:	Double canopy, valley and rolling hills
NOVEMBER:	100% of the bombs fell in the designated strike zone. Craters were located from TD288205 to YD304197. Craters were 10 meters in diameter 2 meters deep and vegetation was dest 40 meters beyond the point of impact. 50% surface detonations, 30% sub-surface detonations and 20% air bursts. No indiations of duds.
OSCAR:	None
PAPA:	100%
QUEBEC:	None

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