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1. (U) 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry BATTALION 251-70

2. (U) 182000H to 192000H August 1970

3. (C) Summary of enemy activity

a. Air Activity

(1) 190800H vic YD341252, B Trp obs 25 2x5' fighting psns w/act in the last 1 wk. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(2) 190804H vic YD358262, B Trp obs 30 2x4' fighting psns and 2 5x8' bunkers w/act in the last 1 wk.

(3) 190835H vic YD350263, B Trp obs 1 20x20' bunker w/act w/in the last 1 month. Area was engaged w/gunships w/unk res.

(4) 190900H vic YD408226, C Trp obs trail 1½' wide oriented E-W w/signs of 10 psns moving in an undet dir in the last 12-24 hrs.

(5) 190915H vic YD424203, C Trp obs trail 1½' wide oriented E-W with act in the last 12-24 hrs.

(6) 190800H vic YD341257, B Trp AH-1G on AAR msn rec'd 75-100 rds SAF at 600' 120 knts. N/C sust 1 hit in the main rotor blade. Neg cas. A/C returned (non-flyable). Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(7) 190935H vic YD168317, B Trp obs 1 5x8' bunker: w/a network of trails oriented in all directions. Also obs 1 NVA/VC KBARA.

(8) 190940H vic YD172320, B Trp obs 10-15 ruck sacks and misc cooking utensils lying in the area. Also 1 NVA running into a 5x10 bunker. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(9) 190949H vic YD172319, B Trp obs 1 NVA/VC wearing green uniform &amp; carrying an AK-47. Area was eng w/mini-gun. Rec'd 1 NVA/VC KSH.

(10) 190950H vic YD170325, B Trp obs 8-10 2x5' fighting psns and 10-15 canvas bags lying in the area, w/act in the last 2-3 hrs.

(11) 191035H vic YD353262, B Trp OH6A on AAR msn rec'd 1 rd SAF at 100' 60 knts. Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(12) 191215H vic YD738075, C Trp obs trail 2'w oriented N-S w/act in the last 24 hrs.

(13) 191216H vic YD738072, C Trp obs 8 2x6' bunkers w/act in the last 24 hrs.

(14) 191120H vic YD364260, B Trp OH6A on AAR msn rec'd 20 rds SAF at 100' 70 knts. Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.

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(15) 191150H vic YD360263, B Trp obs trail 2° wide oriented E-W w/act in the last 48 hrs.

(16) 191151H vic YD360262, B Trp obs 3 UO AA/AW psns. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 2 UO AA/AW psns dest.

(17) 191140H vic YD240210, obs 7 2x4' fighting psns and 2 3x5' bunkers w/act in the last 18 hrs. (A/2/17)

(18) 191228H vic YD359256, B Trp obs 100 2x3' fighting psns, 4 5x8' bunkers and 1 UO AA/AW psm w/act in the last 12-24 hrs. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 5 fighting psns and 2 bunkers dest.

(19) 191310H vic YD347262, B Trp obs a trail 1½' wide oriented E-W w/act in the last 3-6 hrs.

(20) 191317H vic YD345258, B Trp obs a trail 1½' wide oriented N-S w/act in the last 12-24 hrs.

(21) 191130H vic YD254214, A Trp obs 2 2x5' bunkers, 1 3x3' tun ent, 12-15 2x3' fighting psns and 1 UO AA/AW psm. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 2 bunkers and 1 UO AA/AW psm dest.

(22) 191445H vic YC885967, B Trp obs a trail 2½' wide oriented NE-SW w/act in the last 48 hrs.

(23) 191415H vic YC893963, B Trp obs a trail 2½' wide oriented E-W and 1 4x4' hut w/act in the last 40 hrs.

(24) 191152H vic YD360263, B Trp OH6A on AAR msn recd 4 rds SAF at 100° 60 knts. Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(25) 191645H vic YC885966, B Trp UH1H during extraction of rgr tm TRINIDAD and D/2/17 recd 20-30 rds SAF at 80° 0 knts. A/C sust undet number of hits causing the A/C to crash into the Z. Res: 4 US WIA (evac), A/C was secured by D/2/17. tm was slung back to Camp Eagle. Res: 4 US WIA (evac).

(26) 191630H vic YC885995, HHT UH1H CndC recd 5 rds SAF at 1000° 80 knts. Neg hits or cas. Eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(27) 191645H vic YC882958, HHT UH1H CndC recd 6 rds SAF at 900° 80 knts. Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(28) 191930H vic YC884965, HHT UH1H during extraction of Rgr tm TRINIDAD and D/2/17 recd 4-5 rds SAF at 200° 20 knts. Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.

b. Ground Activity

(1) 191320H vic YC884965, Rgr tm TRINIDAD recd SAF from approx. 4-6 NVA/VC 50 to 75 meters to the East. Tm returned SAF and contact was broken. Neg cas. 191330H Tm obs heavy movement. ARA was emp on SEL w/unk res, tm was reinforced by D/2/17. Res: neg.

(2) 191525H vic YC884965, Rgr tm TRINIDAD and D/2/17 recd SAF from all sides. Neg cas. Element returned SAF, Pink tr and ARA emp on SEL w/unk res. Res: Neg.

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4. (C) Enemy personnel and equipment losses: 4 bunkers, 5 fighting psns, and 3 UO AA/AW psns dest.

- a. 1 NVA/VC KBH
- b. By 2/17th Cavalry (Total for operation TEXAS STAR)

(1) 553      553      05  
KIA            NVA            NVA/VC POW

(2) and (3) Omitted

(4) 47      12  
IWC            CSWC

5. APD MISSION: Negative

6. ROUTE RECON: No change from last report.

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ANNEX I to 2/17th Cavalry INTSUM 231-70 Tm Name SINGAPORE

1. MISSION: To conduct reconnaissance of assigned recon zones, monitor enemy movements and directions and to 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: 9 US
4. CONDITION OF PATROL: Fair
5. INSERTION/EXTRACTION:
  - a. In: 171807H August Vic: YC758896 Method: Touchdown
  - b. Out: 181635H August Vic: YC758896 Method: Touchdown
6. ROUTE: See Item #8
7. TERRAIN:
  - a. Canopy: Double to triple
  - b. Vegetation: Trees 40-55' high and scattered bamboo
  - c. Undergrowth: Deadfall
8. ENEMY: 172100H tm obs 4 flashlights moving to the N via YC758897. 181115H via YC758896 tm recd 6-8 60mm mortar rds. Rds impacted 30 meters N and S of the LZ. Tm then moved N on a trail 1½' wide to via YC758397 where tm recd 8 more 60 mm mortar rds which impacted to their S. Neg on. SEL via YC752902. 181635H tm was extracted and then re-inserted at 181825H via YC676976. Tm had neg contacts or sightings at this loc.
9. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Conform to map
10. COMMUNICATIONS: Good
11. HIZ'S: None
12. CONCLUSIONS: Tm's KOS (not on this mission) was a member of the K4 Bn, 5th NVA Regt in 1969 and states that the K4's AO included the KHE LO MOI River region and specifically in the two valleys via YC765947 to YC780927 and from YC762917 E to YC780925.

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ANNEX II to 2/17th Cavalry INTSUM 231-70 Tm Name BURMA Rgr tm 17

1. MISSION: To conduct reconnaissance of assigned recon zones, monitor enemy movements and directions and to check for possible base areas and cache sites. To conduct a PW snatch if the tactical situation permits.
2. EEEI: Id, size and activity of enemy in area.
3. SIZE/COMPOSITION: 6 US; 1 KCS
4. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good
5. INSERTION/EXTRACTION:
  - a. In: 151530H August Vic: YC656988 Method: Touchdown
  - b. Out: 191145H August Vic: YC641980 Method: Touchdown
6. ROUTE: See Item #8
7. TERRAIN:
  - a. Canopy: Triple
  - b. Vegetation: Sparse
  - c. Undergrowth: Sparse
8. ENEMY: 150930H Aug 70 tm heard wood cutting; approx vic YC641984. Tm later discovered the wood had been cut and there were signs of wood being drug to the South. 15120CH Aug 70, tm obs 1 NVA/VC moving west vic YC 646984. NVA/VC was wearing a gray uniform, carrying a ruck sack, and armed with an AK47. Tm followed NVA/VC but lost contact with him. There were no further contacts or sightings during the rest of the patrol.
9. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Conformed to map.
10. COMMUNICATIONS: Poor (due to weather)
11. HAZ's: None
12. CONCLUSIONS: Tm feels there is construction of some type being done in the area.

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ANNEX III to 2/17th Cavalry INTRSUM 231-70 Tm name DENMARK Tm # 23

1. MISSION: To conduct reconnaissance of 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. EEA: Size and activity of enemy in area

3. SIZE/COMPOSITION: 5 US

4. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good 2 tm members suffered unk type infection.

5. INSERTION/EXTRACTION:

a. In: 151017H Aug 70 vic YC704966 Method: Touchdown

b. Out: 191205H Aug 70 vic. YC719965 Method: McGuire

6. ROUTE: See Item #8

7. TERRAIN:

a. Canopy: Single

b. Vegetation: Bamboo

c. Undergrowth: Thick, thick deadfall

8. ENEMY: 151815H Aug 70, tm heard about 3 dogs barking vic YC712968. 161800H Aug 70, tm discovered an area which had been occupied w/in the past 7 days, vic YC735960. 171540H Aug 70, tm heard 3 m/s AK47 fire vic YC724968. A check of the area revealed neg. contacts or sightings. 171630H tm disc another area w/signs of occupation w/in the last 7 days, vic YC723965. On the 17th and the 18th at approx 2000 to 2200 hrs, tm obs large lights periodically illuminating vic. YC738975. There were no further significant contacts or sightings.

9. ALL WATER SOURCES: Conformed to map

10. COMMUNICATIONS: Poor to Good

11. ALZ's: None

12. CONCLUSIONS: Tm feels there are possible enemy positions such as a base camp or cache site in the area.

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ANNEX IV to 2/17th Cavalry RPTN 231-7 To NAM TRINIDAD Rg: tn 10

1. MISSION: To conduct a reconnaissance of assigned mission zones, monitor enemy movements and directions and to check for possible enemy base areas and cache sites. To conduct a EW snapshot if the tactical situation permits.
2. EEEI: Id, size and activity of enemy in area.
3. SIZE/COMPOSITION: 5 US; 1 KCS
4. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good
5. INSERTION/EXTRACTION:
  - a. In: 191330H August Vio: YC883962 Method: 10-15' hover
  - b. Out: 191730H August Vio: YC883962 Method: 8' hover
6. ROUTE: See Item #8.
7. TERRAIN:
  - a. Canopy: Double to triple
  - b. Vegetation: Trees 40-60' high, vines and bamboo
  - c. Undergrowth: Small bushes and thick vines
8. ENEMY: 191330H vic YC883962 tm heard movement of 2-3 NVA to their S. Tm then spotted 1 NVA approx 40 meters to their NE. The en was wearing green un uniform, pith helmet, rucksack and was carrying an AK-47. The tm eng w/frag grenades and the en rtnd SAF and AWF. Tm then began to take SAF from the S and heard movement to their E and W. Tm estimated that there were 10-12 NVA in the immediate vic of the tm. Tm rtnd SAF and Cav pink tm and ARA were employed w/unk res. 191415H tm sent out point recon to vio YC879959. The KCS heard several NVA coughing and advised the tm that there were approx 20 NVA in the valley vio YC879959. The tm continued to receive sporadic SAF from their S. Neg cas. 191600H tm obs 1 secondary explosion after gunships expended on SEL vio YC887967. 191429H D/2/17 was inserted to reinforce the tm. 191730H tm was extracted, but was re-inserted when one of the UH1H's recd SAF and went down in the LZ. 191745H tm began to receive SAF from all sides. Neg cas. Tm rtnd SAF and grenades and gunships were employed on SEL's w/ unk res. 192030H tm was extracted and obs 2 flashlights vio YC887966.
9. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Conform to map.
10. COMMUNICATIONS: Good
11. HLZ'S: None
12. CONCLUSIONS: Tm leader feels that the valley vio YC879959 is being used as a base camp by an estimated battalion size unit. That area has excellent overhead cover.

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