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FROM: CO, 2/17th Cavalry

TO: CG, 1st Abn Div (Ambl)

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1. (C) 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry INCOM 235-70

2. (T) 222000H to 232000H August 1970

3. (C) Summary of enemy activity

a. Air Activity

(1) DELAYED ENTRY: 221701H via YC827948, C Trp obs 1 4x6' bunker and 1 NVA wearing brown shorts, T-shirt and carrying AK-47. Area was eng w/gunships w/unlk res.

(2) DELAYED ENTRY: 221650H via YC834947, C Trp obs 25 4x6' bunkers and 2 4x4' tunnel ents w/rec act.

(3) 230605H via YC833948, C Trp obs an old NDP and 1 UO AA/AW psn w/neg rec act.

(4) 230700H via YC824948, C Trp obs signs of 4-5 personnel moving S across a bomb crater in the last 12 hrs.

(5) 230858H via YC817964, C Trp obs 15 8x10' bunkers w/neg rec act.

(6) 230903H via YC798972, C Trp obs 15-20 8x10' bunkers w/act in the last 24-48 hrs.

(7) 230910H via YC795973, C Trp obs trail 3' wide oriented E-W w/act in the last 24-48 hrs.

(8) 230911H via YC795973, C Trp obs 15 2x4' bunkers w/act in the last 24-48 hrs.

(9) 230912H via YC810972, C Trp obs 15 2x4' bunkers w/act in the last 24-48 hrs.

(10) 230940H via YC805953, C Trp obs 5 4x6' bunkers w/act in the last 24 hrs.

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(11) 230955H via YC833947, C Trp BDA of A/S revealed 15 bunkers dest, 5 bunkers part dest and obs secondary fires in three of the bunkers. Also obs 1 secondary explosion.

(12) 231210H via YD125272, A Trp OH6A AAR msn reod 50 rds 12.7mm fire at 100' and 100 km. Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unlk res.

(13) 231220H via YD332232, A Trp UH1H C&C reod 40 rds 12.7mm fire at 1000' and 85 km. Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unlk res.

(14) 231100H via YD134147, A Trp obs 1 8x10' hut on stilts, 1 15x20' drying rack and 1 25x50' corn field w/act in the last 6 hrs.

(15) 231111H via YD134144, A Trp obs 2 8x10' huts and trail 1½' wide w/signs of 12 personnel moving N in the last 6 hrs.

(16) 231115H via YD123206, A Trp obs 6 8x10' bunkers v/act in the last 6 hrs.

(17) 231130H via YD126194, A Trp obs 5 3x8' bunkers and trail 1½' wide oriented NE-SW w/signs of 8-10 personnel moving in an undet direction in the last 6 hrs.

(18) 231145H via YD168192, A Trp obs trail 1½' wide oriented NW-SE w/signs of 15 personnel moving in an undet direction in the last 12 hrs.

(19) 231200H via YD129155, A Trp obs 6 cult fields, 1 orchard and 2 cornfields ranging in size from 50x50 to 100x100 meters. 1 of the fields was burning w/act in the last 6 hrs.

(20) 231100H via YC826949, C Trp BDA of A/S revealed 20 6x8' bunkers dest.

(21) 231140H via YC814957, C Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented N-S w/act in the last 24 hrs.

(22) 231145H via YC817965, U Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented N-S w/act in the last 24 hrs.

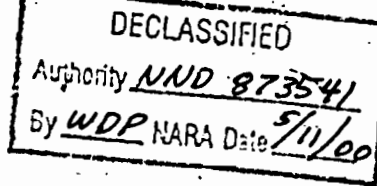
(23) 231325H via YC813963, C Trp obs 2 2x4' trenches, 6 empty 105mm arty casings and numerous empty C-ration cans in the area w/neg rec act.

(24) 231351H via YC820965, C Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented NE-SW 1 US type gas mask and 1 dud 250 lb bomb w/act in the last 24 hrs.

(25) 231440H via YC792823-803823, B Trp obs 10 20x100' fields w/act in the last 48 hrs.

(26) 231445H via YC785824, B Trp obs 1 100x100' cult field w/act in the last 2 wks.

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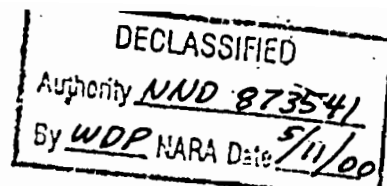
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- (27) 231625H via YC286962, C Trp obs 3 NVA in the open nail 1 strand of commo wire lying on the ground. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.
- (28) 231542H via YD190302, B Trp obs 50 2x6' fighting psns and 6 2x6' bunkers w/act in the last 12 hrs.
- (29) 231545H via YD189299, B Trp obs 30 2x6' fighting psns and 5 3x5' bunkers w/act in the last 12 hrs.
- (30) 231547H via YD185298, B Trp obs 150 2x6' fighting psns and 8 8x10' bunkers w/act in the last 12 hrs.
- (31) 231550H via YD184295, B Trp obs 10 2x6' fighting psns and trail 2' wide oriented E-W w/act in the last 6 hrs.
- (32) 231610H via YD209330, B Trp obs 75 2x6' fighting psns w/act in the last 48 hrs.
- (33) 231630H via YD662121, B Trp obs trail 1½' wide oriented NW-SE w/act in the last 12 hrs.
- (34) 231630H via YD221301, B Trp OH6A AAR msn reed 20 rds SAF at 100' and 60 kn. Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res. OH6A on second run reed 20 rds 7.62mm fire at 100' and 60 kn. Neg hits or cas. AH1G on gun run reed 30 rds 7.62mm fire at 300' and 100 kn. Neg hits or cas. OH6A on third run reed 30 rds 7.62mm fire at 400' and 60 kn. Neg hits or cas. Area was reengaged w/gunships w/unk res.
- (35) 231730H via YD014346, A Trp OH6A AAR msn reed 3 rds SAF at 25' and 80 kn. Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 1 NVA KBH. OH6A landed and picked up 1 rucksack from the body. Res: 1 NVA KBH and 1 rucksack captured (NFI).

b. Ground Activity

- (1) 230110H via YC817952, D Trp heard movement to their S and W. Element eng w/frag grenades. 1 grenade bounced back into tm's psn. Res: 6 US WIA (M) evao'd at 0735H. Res: 6 US WIA.
- (2) 231525H via YC814964, D Trp disc 15 3x5' fighting psns and 3-4 old 155mm howitzer powder canisters and numerous old C-ration cans (empty). Neg rec act in the area.
- (3) 231520H via YC815965, D Trp disc 10 4x4' foxholes (US type) w/neg rec act.

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4. (C) Enemy personnel and equipment losses: 1 rucksack containing a diary and misc documents captured

a. 1 NVA KBH

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

(1) 557 557 05
 KIA NVA NVA/VC POW

(2) and (3) Omitted

(4) 47 13
 IWC CSWC

5. APD MISSION: Negative

6. ROUTE RECON: No change from last report

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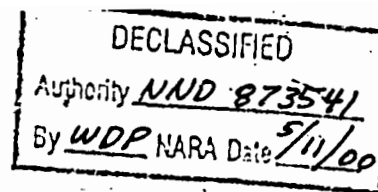
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ANNEX I to 2/17th Cavalry INTSUM 235-70 Ranger Tm IRAN Tm # 12

1. MISSION: To conduct reconnaissance of assigned recon zones, monitor enemy movements and directions, check for possible base areas and cache sites.
2. EET: Id, size and activity of enemy in area.
3. SIZE/COMPOSITION: 5 US
4. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good
5. INSERTION/EXTRACTION:
 - a. In: 191220H Aug 70 Vic. YC624930 Method: Hover 5-10 ft.
 - b. Out: 230728H Aug 70 Vic. YC624930 Method: Short Ladder
- ROUTE: See Item # 8
7. TERRAIN:
 - a. Canopy: Double to triple canopy
 - b. Vegetation: Bamboo, palm
 - c. Undergrowth: Sparse
8. ENEMY: 201530H vic YC632937, tm obs a possible base camp area. Tm heard voices and sounds of falling trees and equipment banging around from the suspected location. Tm called for Air Support but was denied the support due to the triple canopy. Tm then called in Arty on the suspected location of the base camp, w/unlk res. 210850H, tm heard 2 rds SAF from vic YC624931. 210900H vic YC624931, tm heard 5 rds SAF. 211430H, tm heard 1 rd SAF from vic. YC629926. 211900H, tm heard 3 rds SAF from vic YC614924. There were neg further contacts or sightings during the rest of the patrol.
9. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Conformed to map.
10. COMMUNICATIONS: Good on high ground
11. HLZ's: None
12. CONCLUSIONS: Tm feels there is a possible base camp area vic YC632937. Tm feels that the valley is a route of march used by the enemy due to signal shots tm heard from that area.

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ANNEX II to 2/17th Cavalry INTSUM 235-70 Ranger Tm TIBET Tm # 25

1. MISSION: To conduct reconnaissance of assigned recon zones, monitor enemy movements and directions, check for possible base areas and cache sites.

2. AREA: Id, size and activity of enemy area.

3. FORCE/COMPOSITION: 6 US

4. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good

5. OBSERVATION/EXTRACTION:

a. Dis: 191120H Aug 70 Vic. YC676925 Method: Touchdown

b. Out: 050925H Aug 70 Vic. YC676994 Method: Touchdown

6. ROUTE: See Item # 8

7. TERRAIN:

a. Canopy: Double to Triple canopy

b. Vegetation: Bamboo, vines

c. Undergrowth: Thick

8. REMARKS: 220900H vic YC677909, tm disc an area where 4 NVN/VC had stopped to rest and then moved North. 220930H vic YC674993, tm disc a trail 3' wide oriented SE-NW w/signs of act of 10-12 pers moving NW w/in the last 4 hrs. There were neg further contacts or sightings during the rest of the patrol.

9. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Conformed to map

10. COMMUNICATIONS: Good

11. HIZ's: None

12. CONCLUSIONS: Tm feels that there is only light enemy movement through the area to the NW.

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