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FROM: CO, 2/17th Cavalry
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1. (U) 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry INTSUM 244-70
2. (U) 312000H to 012000H September 1970
3. (C) Summary of enemy activity
 - a. Air Activity

(1) DELAYED ENTRY: 311435H via YD186307, C Trp, in spt of 4/3 ARVN, obs USEF in the open. Area was eng w/gunships and ARA. Res: 4 NVA KBA and 1 NVA KBAF.

(2) 010845H via YC616946, B Trp OH6A AAR msn recd 4 rds SAF and 10 rds 7.62mm fire at 80° and 60 km. Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(3) 010915H via YC616945, B Trp obs 6 5x5' bunkers and 10 3x4' fighting psns w/act in the last 12-24 hrs.

(4) 011000H via YC616946, B Trp obs 3 NVA wearing green uniforms in the open. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(5) 010930H via YC616943, B Trp BDA of A/S revealed 1 NVA KBAF. Res: 1 NVA KBAF.

(6) 010945H via YC616946, B Trp BDA of A/S revealed 2 NVA KBAF and 3 6x6' bunkers dest. Res: 2 NVA KBAF and 3 bunkers dest.

(7) 010943H via YD221182, A Trp OH6A AAR msn recd 1 RPG rd and 10-20 rds 12.7mm fire at 75° and 85 km. A/C sustained 1 hit in the stabilizer. Neg cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res. A/C rend to Quang Tri (non-flyable).

(8) 011005H via YC614947, B Trp BDA of A/S revealed 3 6x6' bunkers dest.

(9) 010950H via YC616946, B Trp obs 1 NVA in a 6x8' bunker. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.

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(10) 010850H via YC616945, B Trp obs 2 trails 1' wide oriented N-S w/s signs of 10-15 personnel moving both directions in the last 12 hrs. Also obs that the B/2/17 OH6A downed 31 August had been dest during the night by the NVA.

(11) 011023H via YD250174, A Trp OH6A AAR msn recd 10-15 rds 12.7mm fire and 15-20 rds SAF at 150' and 90 kn. Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(12) 010850H via YD228187, A Trp obs trail 1½' wide oriented N-S w/ signs of 10 pe sonnel moving in an undet direction in the last 12 hrs.

(13) 010900H via YD232179, A Trp obs trail 1½' wide oriented N-S w/signs of 7-10 personnel moving in an undet direction in the last 12 hrs.

(14) 010910H via YD224182, A Trp obs 10-12 3x5' bunkers and 3 2 x3' fighting psns w/act in the last 12 hrs.

(15) 01125H via YD23254, C Trp obs a 5' high antenna on top of an old concrete bldg (abandoned ARVN compound) w/reg rec act.

(16) 01115H via YD606126, B Trp obs signs 30 personnel in the area in the last 24-48 hrs.

(17) 011155H via YD612013, B Trp BDA of A/S revealed 1 secondary explosion.

(18) 011140H via YC617045, B Trp BDA of A/S revealed 3 5x5' bunkers dest, 2 2x3' tunnel ents and 10 metems of the tunnel collapsed and 30 2x3' dest.

(19) 011150H via YD613248, B Trp obs 3 3x3' tunnel ents w/act in the last 48 hrs.

(20) 011200H via YD617934, B Trp obs trail 4' wide oriented E-W w/signs of 20 personnel moving in an undet direction in the last 48 hrs.

(21) 011420H via YD223182, A Trp AH6 AAR msn recd 100 rds 12.7mm fire at 200' and 150 kn. A/C sustained 1 hit. The round went in the right side of the A/C, off the armor in the back of the pilot's seat and out the left side of the A/C. Neg cas. Area was eng w/gunships, arty and A/S w/unk res. A/C rtd to Quang Tri (non-flyable). UPDATE: Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 2 NVA KBH.

(22) 011350H via YD227175, A Trp OH6A AAR msn recd 20 rds SAF at 75' and 100 kn. Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(23) 011405H via YD227175, A Trp OH6A AAR msn recd 20 rds SAF at 75' and 100 kn. Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res.

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(24) 011410H via YD218172, A Trp obs 6-8 4x5' bunkers and 3-4 8x10' huts w/act in the last 1 hr.

(25) 011740H via YD318223, B Trp obs 1 20x20' bunker and 1 UO AA/AW psm. OH6A recd 7 rds SAF at 100' and 80 km. Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res. OH6A on second pass recd 2 rds SAF at 100' and 80 km. Neg hits to the A/C but the observer was hit. Res: 1 US KIA. Area was eng w/gunships w/unk res. A/C rtnd to Camp Eagle (flyable). Res: 1 US KIA.

b. Ground Activity

(1) 010830H via YC582814, Rgr tm PANAMA heard 1 signal shot 50 meters to their W.

(2) 011545H via YC518966, Rgr tm MALTA disco 22 3x5' bunkers w/4' overhead cover and 3 3x5' OP bunkers surrounding the camp. Tm feels that the area is a company size base camp. Signs of act in the last 3 months.

4. (C) Enemy personnel and equipment losses: Negative

a. 6 NVA KBH

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

(1) 579 272 05
KIA NVA NVA/VC POW

(2) and (3) omitted

(4) 46 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 244-70 Rgr Tm RUSSIA Tm # 24

1. MISSION: To conduct area reconnaissance and trail watch. Determine the extent of enemy traffic and deployment in the area, including the direction of travel where the trail crosses the TA TRACH RIVER.
2. EEEI: Id, size and activity of enemy in the area.
3. SIZE/COMPOSITION: 6 US
4. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good
5. INSERTION/EXTRACTION:
 - a. In: 270655H Aug 70 Vic. YC887860 Method: Touchdown
 - b. Out: 010853H Aug 70 Vic. YC894878 Method: Touchdown
6. ROUTE: See Item # 8
7. TERRAIN:
 - a. Canopy: None
 - b. Vegetation: Elephant grass 5-12' high, bamboo
 - c. Undergrowth: Deadfall
8. ENEMY: The tm had no significant enemy sightings or contacts during the entire patrol; They found no evidence that the enemy had used the area for operations of any type for some time.
9. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Conformed to map
10. COMMUNICATIONS: Good
11. HIZ's: The entire area can be used for an LZ.
12. CONCLUSI NS: The tm feels the enemy may be using the high ground directly to the west in the vic of grid square YC9086. The ridge there provides excellent observation over the valley and the overhead cover is good. The road that runs from vic YC880861 to YC900876 has not been recently used.

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