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11 September 1970
 CO, 2/17th Cav (Aml)

CG, 101st Abn Div (Aml)
 ASTN: G-3

SUBJECT: Commander's Situation Report

HHT: Provided 1 CAC to coordinate fires in cover of ring in Buffalo. At 0735H rec'd SAF 100 xds with neg/hits/oss via YC366932. Provided 1 UHLH for extractions of ring in Albany.

b. A TRP: ARP remained at Quang Tri in response to downed A/C. Provided 4 UHLH, 2 Rk Tns and CAC to aid in the extraction of ring in Buffalo and in exploitation of vic where F-4 was down. UHLH A/C were on standby basis for insertion of B 2/17 via downed F-4. CAC and Rk Tn rotated on station with B 2/17 from 101125 through 111000 provided gun-coverage and coordination for extraction of ring in Buffalo and after extraction worked area around downed Air Force fighters. At 1140H A 2/17 OHSA rec'd SAF via YC370988. A/C rec'd 5 hits with 1 US/WLA (minor). A/C was non-flyable. Provided 2 UHLH for transportation of 326 Rng in for proposed insertion via F-4. Provided 1 Rk Tn and 1 UHLH for extraction of ring in Albany. Mission of Rng Tn was cancelled due to heavy fire in the area. F-4 was completely destroyed no sign of survivors. At 1309 YC424090 in Albany was extracted PE gun. At 1530 Rk Tn & CAC conducting RHA at L458, L457, L452, L453. RHA targets L453 & L444 where not conducted due to weather. At 1630 provided Rk Tn via RHB O'Reilly for east NVA Battalion YB300235-YB510235 and YB300225-YB510225. At 1825 YB303220 obs east NVA Battalion did not engage due to proximity of friendlies. At 1835 obs 4 NVA in open YB323232 did not engage due to proximity of friendlies. At 1945 YB306222 obs 2 NVA in open engaged Rng: 2 NVA/KHL.

c. B TRP: ARP remained at Eagle in response to downed A/C. Provided in conjunction with A 2/17 continuous air surveillance & cover for ring in Buffalo from 101145-111000H. Provided 1 UHLH for extraction of ring in Buffalo at 1004H, PE gun. ARP remained on standby at B-Ha for possible insertion via downed F-4. Mission cancelled due to continuous enemy fires at 1400H. While doing aerial RHA of A/B, obs 5 secondary explosions of possible mine cache YC365930. At 1345H and OHSA rec'd SAF & 7.62mm fire with neg/hits/oss, via YC343977. Area engaged w/g/s with unk/oss. Also at 1345H obs 6 NVA/VC on ridge. Engaged with gunships with unk/oss. At 1445 YC365916 obs 100 fighting positions and bunkers not 1-6 hrs. At 1345H YC343922 OHSA rec'd SAF neg/hits/oss, engaged w/g/s unk/oss. At 1600H YC323928 OHSA rec'd RHC fire neg/hits/oss, engaged w/g/s with unk/oss. At 1630 YC343922 OHSA rec'd SAF neg/hits/oss, engaged w/g/s unk/oss. At 1720 YC339925 OHSA

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B Trp (Con't) rec'd SAP neg/hits/ans, msg with g/s unk/ans. At 1730 insert ambush msg to Cherry Killers 7 personnel YB001122 LS was gen.

C TRP: ARP remained at Pin Bad in response to downed A/C. Provided 4 UH1H and 3 Bk Tms in continuous rotation with A 2/17 & B 2/17 from 180000-211000H in support of msg to Buffalo. At 0820 had one OH6A via Y0360925 receive SAP & 7.62mm fire. A/C sustained numerous hits and 1 UB/VIA. A/C was non-flyable. At 1355 C 2/17 OH6A rec'd undetermined amount of SAP via Y0343977 with neg/hits/ans. At 1545 provided a Bk Tm to VR in southern AO.

D Trp: Provided gun jeep escort for 2d Bde convey. Maintained 1 platoon Eagle INF. Provided 2 platoons on strip alert for possible insertion as reserve back-up force for msg to Buffalo.

Co L: Maintained 3 tms in southern AO. At 101125 to Buffalo made contact with est Sqd or Plt size force. At 1130 first tms were on station. At 2345, Stinger, AR1, HET/CC and a red team were on station. At 2400H all tms were alerted to stand-up all available air assets. 4 UH1H & Spik Tms reported to Seaboard 0050H. 4 UH1H and 3 Bk Tms from C 2/17 reported to Seaboard 0100H. From 101140H to 111004H, A 2/17, B 2/17, C 2/17 maintained coordinated in cover over Buffalo. At 1004H Buffalo was extracted by 1 B 2/17 UH1H at Y0360921. At 0400H a PAC in support of Buffalo reported one F-4 missing. Wreckage conjuring downed Air Force fighter was spotted prior to 0800H. Evidence confirming loss of pilots was also reported. CAC ship maintained continuous surveillance & coordinated airstrikes throughout the day. At 1345 B 2/17 obs 6 BVA/VG via downed a/e along with numerous sighting of fighting positions and bunkers. At 1907 Y0424090 to Albany 3 personnel 1 TE gen. At 1730 to Cherry Killers 7 personnel inserted YB001122 LS gen. Will conduct ambush until 070012 Sept 70.

2. (C) Plan Summary

Trp A: 1. ARP remain at QF in response to downed A/C.
 2. Provide Bk Tm and CAC via Co Pang Mountain to direct a/s.
 3. Provide 4 UH1H to support Hqs Bde.
 4. Provide CAC and Bk Tms relief on station support Hqs Bde.

Trp B: 1. Provide 2 UH1H and 1 AH1G to insert to Detroit & Atlanta.
 2. Provide Bk Tm on order for contact mission.
 3. Provide support msg in southern AO.
 4. VR RE 10 & 11.

Trp C: 1. Provide CAC for support of Hqs Bde.
 2. Provide Bk Tm southern AO.
 3. Provide 2 UH1H to support Hqs Bde.

Trp D: 1. Provide support operations Hqs Bde insertion.
 2. Provide 1 platoon Eagle INF.
 3. Provide gun jeep escort for 1st Bde convey.

Co L: 1. Maintain 3 tms in southern AO.
 2. Maintain radio relay to Columbia.
 3. Conduct insertion of tms Detroit and Atlanta.

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3. Record of Friendly and Enemy Losses: a. 2 US/VIA
 b. 2 NVA/KRH

4. a. & b. No Change

c. Enemy Losses: CAV: 385 KIA, 5 POW, 0 DEATHED, 0 MALLIED.
 TOTAL: 385 KIA, 5 POW, 0 DEATHED, 0 MALLIED.

5. thru 12. No Change