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FROM: CO, 2/17th Cavalry

TO: CG, 101st Abn Div (AmB)

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1. (U) 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry IEM JH 353-70
2. (U) 182000H to 192000H December 1970
3. (C) Summary of enemy activity

a. Air Activity:

(1) 190145H vic XD913276, C Trp IIR men in response to activation on sensor string 35032 obs 4 NVA. Eng w/gunship w/ILLR sys. Res: 2NVA KBH.

(2) 190146 vic XD913278, C Trp IIR men in response to activation on sensor string 35032 obs 0 NVA and 2 water buffalo. Eng w/ILLR sys w/gunships. Res: 8 NVA KKH and 2 water buffalo KKH.

(3) 190250H vic XD913278, C Trp IIR men obs 1 30x100' hut. Eng w/gunships w/ILLR sys. Res: 1 hut dest.

(4) 190745H vic YD521258, B Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented NE-SW w/neg rec act.

(5) 190805H vic YD331004, B Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented E-W w/signs of 3-5 personnel moving W in the last 48 hrs.

(6) 190810H vic YD346206, B Trp obs 1 large bunker (NFI)

(7) 190812H vic YD430056, B Trp OMAA on AAR men need 15 rds SAF at 300' and 70 km, neg hits. Eng w/gunships w/unlk res.

(8) 190813H vic YD430056, B Trp OMAA AAR men need 10 rds SAF at 300' and 70 km, neg hits. Eng w/gunships w/unlk res.

(9) 190815H vic YD430056, B Trp OMAA AAR men need 5 rds SAF at 300' and 70 km, neg hits. Eng w/gunships w/unlk res.

(10) 190817H vic YD430056, B Trp obs 4 5x5' bunkers w/act 12 hrs.

(11) 190828H vic YD437057, B Trp obs 20 3x4' fighting psn w/act 12 hr.

(12) 190825H vic YD430056, B Trp OMAA AAR men need 10 rds SAF at 300' and 150 km, neg hits. Eng w/gunships w/unlk res.

(13) 190800H vic YD358055, C Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented NE-SW w/act 24 hrs.

(14) 190801H vic YD355055, C Trp obs UO AA/AM psn w/act 24 hrs.

(15) 190802H vic YD355056, C Trp obs UO AA/AM psn w/act 24 hrs.

(16) 190803H vic YS365048, C Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented N-S w/act 24-28 hrs.

(17) 190806H vic YD366045, C Trp obs hut 8x10', also trail 1 1/2' wide oriented N-E w/act 12-24 hrs.

(18) 190807H vic YD365049, C Trp obs 3-huts 8x10' w/neg rec act.

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- (19) 190810H vic YD363049, C Trp obs 6 8x10' huts w/neg rec act.
- (20) 190815H vic YD364051, C Trp obs pile fresh cut wood in 2' lengths w/act last 12-24 hrs.
- (21) 190817H vic YD363050, C Trp obs trail 2' oriented NW-SE w/act in the last 24 hrs.
- (22) 190820H vic YD360050, C Trp obs 1 4x4' bunker w/act last 24 hrs.
- (23) 190822H vic YD369043, C Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented N-S w/act in the last 24 hrs.
- (24) 190830H vic YD369045, C Trp obs 1 2x4' bunker and 6 8x10' huts w/neg rec act.
- (25) 190833H vic YD370040, C Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented NE-SW w/act in the last 24 hrs.
- (26) 190826H vic YD438056, B Trp OH6A AAR msn recd 30 rds SAF at 50' and 60 km, neg hits. Eng w/gunships w/unlk res.
- (27) 190835H vic YD438056, B Trp obs 10 NVA wearing green uniforms and carrying AK47's. Eng w/gunships w/unlk res.
- (28) 190820H vic YD402048, B Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented NE-SW also 1 4x4' bunker w/act in the last 4 weeks.
- (29) 190825H vic YD402047, B Trp OH6A AAR msn recd 70 rds SAF at 150' and 70 km, neg hits. Eng w/gunships w/unlk res.
- (30) 190835H vic YD412073, B Trp obs trail 1 1/2' wide oriented N-S w/act in the last 8 hrs.
- (31) 190855H vic YD413060, B Trp obs 10 NVA wearing green uniforms and carrying AK47's. Eng w/gunships w/unlk res.
- (32) 190800H vic YD417067, B Trp OH6A AAR msn recd 50 rds SAF at 150' and 70 km, neg hits. Eng w/gunships w/unlk res.
- (33) 190840H vic YD371043, C Trp obs 1 14x20' bunker, 1 10x14' bunker w/act in the last 24 hrs.
- (36) 190845H vic YD416010, C Trp obs trail 1 1/2' wide oriented NE-SW w/act in the last 1-2 hrs.
- (37) 190850H vic YD406005, C Trp obs 1 2x3' entrans to under grd bunker w/act in the last 12 hrs.
- (38) 190855H vic YD429016, C Trp obs trail 3' wide oriented E-W w/neg rec act.
- (39) 190800H vic YD413002, C Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented N-S w/signs of 10 personnel moving S w/act 12 hrs.
- (40) 190910H vic YD403048, C Trp obs 7 4x3' bunker w/neg rec act.
- (41) 190915H vic YD409008, C Trp obs 10 4x3' bunkers w/neg rec act.
- (42) 190920H vic YD419002, C Trp obs 1 4x3' bunker w/neg rec act.
- (43) 190925H vic YD360065, C Trp obs 12 4x8' bunkers w/neg rec act.
- (44) 190930H vic YD358019, C Trp OH6A AAR msn recd 30 rds of SAF at 50' and 100 km, neg hits. Eng w/gunships w/unlk res.
- (45) 190920H vic YD437056, B Trp obs 1 3x6' bunker w/act 12 hrs.
- (46) 190925H vic YD435057, B Trp obs trail 1' wide oriented NW-SE w/act in the last 12 hrs.

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(72) 191315H vic YD397081, B Trp OH6A AAR msn need 10 rds SAF at 50' and 60 km, neg hits. Eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(73) 191317H vic YD397081, B Trp OH6A AAR msn need 300 rds SAF at 100' and 60 km, neg hits. Eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(76) 191330H vic YD355036, B Trp obs signs of 4-5 personnel moving under trees last 2 hrs.

(77) 191352H vic YD347035, B Trp obs signs of bicycle tracks moving NW in the last 12 hrs.

(78) 191410H vic YD397081, B Trp OH6A AAR msn need 300 rds SAF at 100' and 60 km, neg hits. Eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(79) 191415H vic YD330050, B Trp OH6A AAR msn need 100 rds SAF at 75' and 80 km. A/G need 2 hits in tail boom, neg obs. A/G returned to EAGLE nonflyable. Eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(80) 191435H vic YD391077, B Trp OH6A AAR msn need 5 rds SAF at 400' and 100 km, neg hits. Eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(81) 191450H vic YD391077, B Trp OH6A AAR msn need 10-20 rds SAF at 100' and 80 km, neg hits. Eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(82) 191455H vic YD391077, B Trp obs 15-20 fighting pos 2x2' also 4-5 4x5' bunkers, also 3 NVA KBARA.

(85) 191505H vic YD391077, B Trp AH6A AAR msn need 15-20 rds SAF at 100' and 80 km, neg hits. Eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(86) 191515H vic YD391077, B Trp AH6A AAR msn need 20-40 rds SAF at 150' and 120 km, neg hits. Eng w/gunships. Res: 1 NVA KBEL.

(87) 191525H vic YD391077, B Trp AH6A AAR msn need 20-40 rds SAF at 320' and 120 km, neg hits. Obs 3 NVA. Eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(88) 191515H vic YD437056, C Trp obs 10 6x8' bunkers and 3 10x20' huts dest by A/S.

(89) 191520H vic YD438063, C Trp obs 2 10x20' log buildings, 4 6x8' bunkers, 1 12.7mm dest by A/S, also 1 secondary explosion by A/S and 2 NVA KBAL.

(90) 191525H vic YD437056, C Trp obs 2 6x8' bunkers, and 1 10x20' hut dest by A/S, also 2 NVA KBARA.

(91) 191530H vic YD438063, C Trp obs 2 AK47 s, 1 7.62mm and 1 6x8' bunker dest by A/S.

(92) 191635H vic YD397074, FHE C&C obs 2 large secondary explosions and 1 sustained reddish-orange fire caused by A/S, also 1 NVA KBAL.

(93) 191605H vic YD301175, A Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented E-W w/act in the last 72 hrs.

(94) 191600H vic YD395167, A Trp obs 5 fighting pos 3x5' w/neg rec act.

(95) 191100H vic YD319172, A Trp obs 4 3x5' lean-tos w/neg rec act

(96) 191101H vic YD319170, A Trp obs 4 2x2' tunnel entrances w/neg rec act.

(97) 191630H vic YD393074 B Trp OH6A AAR msn need 15 rds SAF at 50' and 60 km, neg hits. Eng w/gunships w/unk res.

(98) 191630H vic YD393074, B Trp obs 3 NVA KBARA.

(99) 191634H vic YD394073, B Trp obs 1 NVA wearing green uniform, boots, and carrying AK47. Eng w/gunships. Res: 1 NVA KBEL.

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(47) 190855H vic YD434059, B Trp obs 6 3x2' fighting pens and 2 4x6' bunkers w/act in the last 12 hrs.

(48) 0956E vic YD434057, B Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented NW-SE w/act in the last 12 hrs.

(49) 190940H vic YD437079, B Trp CH6A AAR msn recd undet amt RPG fire at 150' and 60 km, neg hits. Eng w/gunships w/unlk res.

(50) 191035H vic YD424128, B Trp obs 1 3x6' bunker, also steel helmet, ammo pouch US type w/act in the last 1-2 weeks.

(51) 191045H vic YD404043, B Trp CH6A AAR msn recd 30 rds SAF at 200' and 80 km, neg hits. Eng w/gunships w/unlk res.

(52) 191050H vic YD402059, B Trp obs trail 1 1/2' wide oriented E-W also 2 2x4' fighting pens w/act in the last 1 week.

(53) 191055H vic YD399058, B Trp CH6A AAR msn recd 10 rds SAF at 200' and 80 km. A/C recd 1 hit in bubble, neg cas. A/C contra mission. Eng w/gunships w/unlk res.

(54) 191056H vic YD420139, B Trp obs trail 1 1/2' wide oriented NE-SW w/act 2 weeks.

(55) 191105H vic YD400064, B Trp CH6A AAR msn recd 40 rds SAF at 300' and 80 km. A/C recd 2 hits in bubble, neg cas. A/C returned to EAGLE non-flyable. Eng w/gunships w/unlk res.

(56) 191120H vic YD423120, B Trp obs 1 1/2mm rocket 4'x4" w/red stripes w/undet act. Eng w/1/3 w/unlk res.

(57) 191110H vic YD385045, C Trp obs 1 3x5' bunker also 4 2x3' fighting pens w/neg rec act.

(58) 191112H vic YD387044, C Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented N-S w/act in the last 24 hrs.

(59) 191115H vic YD385040, C Trp obs trail 3' wide oriented N-S w/act in the last 24 hrs.

(60) 191120H vic YD382042, C Trp obs 3 8x10' bunkers also 1 4x8' hut w/neg rec act.

(61) 191121H vic YD372036, C Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented NE-SW w/act in the last 24 hrs.

(62) 191125H vic YD385045, C Trp obs 1 6x10' bunker w/act 24 hrs.

(63) 191126H vic YD449063, C Trp obs 2 3x5' bunkers w/act 24 hrs.

(64) 191130H vic YD449060, C Trp obs 2 3x5' bunkers w/act 12 hrs.

(65) 191135H vic YD453062, C Trp obs 1 6x10' bunker w/act 12-24 hrs.

(66) 191136H vic YD447065, C Trp CH6A AAR msn recd 4-5 rds SAF at 40' and 60 km, neg hits. Eng w/gunships w/unlk res.

(67) 191210H vic YD439069, B Trp obs 3-4 3x6' bunkers and 4-6 2x3' fighting pens w/act in the last 2 weeks.

(68) 191305H vic YD397066, B Trp obs 2 5x5' bunkers w/act 1 week.

(69) 191310H vic YD401066, B Trp obs 1 5x10' hut w/act last 12 hrs.

(70) 191311H vic YD397081, B Trp obs 2 15x20' hut, 2 10x20' huts w/act in the last 12 hrs.

(71) 191312H vic YD397081, B Trp obs 1 EVA wearing green uniform and carrying AK47. Rec: 1 EVA KBE.

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(100) 191635H vic YD394074, B Trp OH6A AAR msn recd 15 rds S&F at 50' and 60 km, neg hits. Eng w/gunships w/unlk res.

(101) 191640H vic YD397070, B Trp OH6A AAR msn recd 1 RPG rd at 50' and 60 km, neg hits. Eng w/gunships w/unlk res.

(102) 191642H vic YD351051, B Trp OH6A AAR msn recd 12.7 at 80' and 80 km. A/C recd 1 hit thru left door and out thru roof hitting the main rotor blade. A/C made reactionary on FB ZON. A/C slung to EAGLE nonflyable.

(103) 191630H vic YD478019, C Trp obs 15-20 2x3" fighting pms also 3 UO AA/AW pms w/act in the last 36 hrs.

b. Ground Activity:

(1) 191505H vic TC433946, Rgr Tm WILDGAMES obs light purple smoke at 304 degrees and 6460m.

4. (C) Enemy personnel and equipment losses.

a. 15 NVA KBH, 2 water buffalo KBH.

b. 1 hut dest.

c. By 2/17th Cavalry (Totals for operation ~~WINTER~~ GLENN)

(1) $\frac{214}{KCL}$ $\frac{214}{NVA}$ $\frac{00}{NVA/VC POW}$

(2) and (3) Omitted

(4) $\frac{04}{IWC}$ $\frac{01}{CSWC}$

5. APD MISSION: Negative.

6. ROUTE RECON:

(1) A Trp VR reveals new logs and bamboo on both sides of RTE 616 and fresh dirt in the road vic XD780235.

(2) A Trp obs RTE 616 interdicted by 3 craters vic XD779236.

(3) A Trp obs neg rec act at ford vic XD778236.

7. UPD MISSION: (1) 191501H vic YD397069, B Trp obs 1 12.7mm, 1 7.62mm dest and 3 NVA KBARA.

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ANNEX II to 2/17th Cavalry LRRJUN 575-70

SUBJECT: After Action Report, VR with 2nd Bde Hoi Chan.

1. (C) On 18 December 1970 between 1000H and 1630H Hoi Chan, Nguyen Van Mien (NVA VC), accompanied by S-2, 2/17th Cavalry Squadron on an Armed Aerial Reconnaissance of the SHI KAY river drainage, via ZC140876

2. (C) Prior to conducting the reconnaissance the Hoi Chan was asked to identify the suspected base area on a 1:50,000 map sheet. He stated he could not read a map, however after identifying certain features on the map such as the BACH MA, QH, PHU LOC District Headquarters, and the railroad, the Hoi Chan identified and stated he was familiar with SHON T UY CAM (vic ZC159908). He then map traced using the contour lines and water drainage to vic ZC155907 where he identified a Company Base Area.

3. (C) During the AAR the Hoi Chan identified the following items and marked them with colored snakes:

- a. NVA Company Base Area via ZC15904.
- b. NVA Company Base Area via ZC148332.
- c. Base Area of C4th Engineer Company via ZC155916.

4. (C) The following is a list of spot-reports submitted by the 2/17th Cavalry VR A/C as a result of approximately 6 hours of reconnaissance in the area bounded by the ZC07 grid line on the South, the ZC07 grid line on the East, the ZC08 grid line on the West, and the ZC04 grid line on the North:

- a. 181055H via ZC15905, C Trp obs trail 13 wide oriented N-S w/neg rec act.
- b. 181105H via ZC143865, C Trp obs trail 24 wide oriented W-S w/act in the last 12 hrs.
- c. 181116H via ZC143865, C Trp obs trail 33 wide oriented E-W w/act in the last 32-40 hrs.
- d. 181120H via ZC15907, C Trp obs 1 6x8 bunker w/neg rec act.
- e. 181121H via ZC153274, C Trp OH6A AAR men seen 20 rds S&F at 110' and 50 km, neg hit, neg w/grainings w/act rec. Disabled BTR in the area.
- f. 181520H via ZC137927, C Trp obs trail 21 wide oriented N-S w/act in the last 24 hrs.
- g. 181525H via ZC155916, C Trp obs very strong smell of NVA/VC.

5. (C) COMMENTS: The Hoi Chan did not seem to recognize his own company's location until approximately 1430H in the afternoon. However, he recognized the other base areas immediately. When the Hoi Chan was asked why the VR A/C were not finding the companies he stated that he had told the members of his company that he was going to rally the night before he rallied. His unit possibly moved in the eleven days since his date of rally and the AAR men conducted by the 2/17th Cavalry. He further stated that his company (C4 engineer, Company) was trained to move every day. The AAR was terminated at approximately 1630H and the Hoi Chan was returned to the Headquarters 2nd Bde.

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ANNEX II to 2/17th Cavalry LINESUM 353-70 C Trip ARP

1. MISSION: To secure FB ZON and check for boobytraps prior to D Trip insertion, then to move small element to EAGLE'S NEST to secure 106mm ammo (ref 2/17th Cav LINESUM 352-70 ANNEX II), 106mm extracted, and to make false insertions.

2. EEL: Presence of boob, trap or en act on FBs ZON and EAGLE'S NEST.

3. SIZE/COMPOSITION: 23 US, 1 KCS.

4. CONDITION OF PATROL: Excellent

5. INSERTION/EXTRACTATION:

a. In: 190715H Dec vic YD474013 Method: Touchdown FB ZON

b. Out: 191520H Dec vic YD474013 Method: Touchdown FB ZON

6. ROUTE: See para #3.

7. TERRAIN:

a. Canopy: Negative.

b. Vegetation: Light brush.

c. Undergrowth: Dendral.

8. EMBEL: ZON neg re act. Neg sightings on obs. EAGLE'S NEST security set up. Neg boobytraps on sightings. 16 106mm RR rds extracted. One false insertion made at 1230H to NW. Neg further sighting of obs.

9. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Conform to map.

10. COMMUNICATIONS: Good.

11. MIZ'S: Negative.

12. CONCLUSIONS: Negative re act on ZON or EAGLE'S NEST.

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ANNEX III to 2/17th Cavalry LAMSUM 353-70 RGN TM 2000

1. MISSION: To conduct recon of assigned recon area, monitor and check infil trails from Laos into Vietnamese Salient and ambush if situation permits.
2. EEI: Id, size, and act of en in the area.
3. SIZE/COMPOSITION: 6 US.
4. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good.
5. INSERTION/EXTRACTION:
 - a. In: 161514H Dec vic XD848325 Method: Touchdown
 - b. Out: 191620H Dec vic XD850324 Method: Touchdown
6. ROUTE: See para #8.
7. TERRAIN:
 - a. Canopy: Single.
 - b. Vegetation: Elephant grass and bamboo.
 - c. Undergrowth: Deadfall.
8. ENEMY: ON 16th ONH vic XD848317. Tm heard 2-3 dogs barking at 160920H 800m W of ONH. ON 17th heard dogs 800m to W of ONH vic XD850324. Tm found $\frac{1}{2}$ lb block of TNT and 1 old rusted Russian helmet vic XD852523 w/neg rec act. On 18th tn disc 12-15 2x3" fighting psn w/neg rec act vic XD855520. ON 18th ONH vic XD843319. On 19th vic XD850324 at 0930H smelled food cooking in valley to W in same direc as dogs barking. Tm extracted because of commo loss.
9. NATURAL WEATHER SOURCES: Conform to map.
10. COMMUNICATIONS: Good until last day when handset broke.
11. HILTS: Could land anywhere in elephant grass.
12. CONCLUSIONS: Tm obs deer and wild hog tracks. Tm believes that en are loc in valley to thier W because of dogs barking.

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ANNEX IV to 2/17th Cavalry ITPAUM 353-70 D Trp 2/17 CIV

1. MISSION: To recon in force area of insertion and to provide supporting fire with 106mm RR fire from EB ZON.
 2. EMB: Id, size, and activity of en in the area.
 3. SIZE/COMPOSITION: 71 US, 5 KCS.
 4. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good.
 5. INTERMISSION/ACCOMPLISHMENT:
 - a. In: 191325H Dec vic YD428067 Method: Touchdown
 - b. Out: 191610H Dec vic YD428067 Method: Touchdown
 6. ROUTE: See para #8.
 7. TERRAIN:
 - a. Canopy: Double.
 - b. Vegetation: Thick.
 - c. Undergrowth: Deadfall.
 8. ENEMY: One plt secured LZ w/HQ. One plt moved to NE, one plt moved to SW. Element obs 10 4x6x4' bunker w/log and dirt overhead cover w/neg rec act. Obs anti-american slogans on trees in Vietnamese made by cutting off bark and cutting into the trunk. At 1500H OH6A recd fire 600m down ridge to SE of 50 rds HAF. Bunkers were well built and used approx. 30 days. One bunker had a 3 1/2'x4' hole in the front facing W, was about 3-4' deep and bent to the right and left on the way into the bunker. There were openings on 2 other sides. Walls and roof reinforced with 2" logs and 1-1 1/2' overhead dirt cover. At 1600H one plt and HQ 28 personnel, extracted to ZON, other two came back to EMBLE. At 1800H rest of element extracted.
 9. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Conform to map.
 10. COMMUNICATIONS: Good.
 11. HLZ'S: Negative.
 12. CONCLUSIONS: No rec en act. Remains of past act indicates they were there for some time because of bunker const.
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