

IMMEDIATE - RETURN TO TOC

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TO : CG I Corps
 TO : CG XXIV Corps
 FROM: CO 2/17 CAV, 101 ABN DIV

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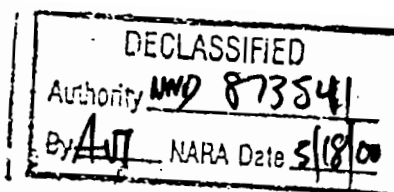
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HHT 2/17 PROVIDED 3 UH1H FOR LOGISTIC FLIGHTS FROM KHE SANH TO QUANG TRI AND CAMP EAGLE. AT 1040H, A HHT COMMAND & CONTROL AIRCRAFT OBSERVED POSSIBLE ENEMY BN DUE IN AT X0673482. ENGAGED AREA WITH G/S RESULTING IN 1 LARGE SECONDARY EXPLOSION AND 2 SUSTAINED FIRES. AT 1955H, HHT RECD 10 RDS SBF VICINITY X0669486 WITH NEGATIVE HITS OR CASUALTIES. ENGAGED WITH G/S WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

A2/17 PROVIDED SUPPORT FOR 1ST ARVN. CONDUCTED ER OF Q69 TO FCL CHARLIE. OBSERVED POSSIBLE STORAGE SITE VICINITY X0621240. AREA ENGAGED WITH GUNSHIPS WITH 5 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS RESULTING. AT 1335H, OBSERVED 3 NVA VICINITY X0621240. ENGAGED WITH GUNSHIPS WITH 3 NVA KBH. AT 1430H, OBSERVED 1 NVA VICINITY X0652233. ENGAGED AREA WITH GUNSHIPS RESULTING IN 1 NVA KBH AND SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. AT 1535H, OBSERVED 1.37 MM VICINITY X0612224. ENGAGED AREA WITH GUNSHIPS WITH 1 RESULTING IN 1.37 MM DESTROYED BY 2/17 CAV AND 2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. AT 1500H, ARVN FORCES INSERTED VICINITY X06024 WHERE A2/17 REPORTED A POSSIBLE CACHE SITE, REPORTED INITIAL FINDINGS OF 10-12.7, 12.7 AMMUNITION, 400-82MM MORTAR ROUNDS, UNDEFORMED NUMBER OF 120MM ROCKETS, AND SMALL ARMS, 60-SKS, 200-AK-47'S, 6-RPG'S, 2-AK-50. ARVN ALSO REPORTED 50 NVA KBH BY A2/17.

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HHT CONT: AT 1520H, HHT C&C RECD 10 RDS SBF AT X0652486 WITH NEGATIVE HITS OR CASUALTIES. AREA ENGAGED WITH GUNSHIPS WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. AT 1315H, HHT OMC RECD 30-40 RDS SBF VICINITY X0641502 WITH NEG. HITS OR CASUALTIES. AREA ENGAGED WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.



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B²/11

MAINTAINED TROOP IN GENERAL SUPPORT OF 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION
CONTINUED USE COL 75 JNF IN SOUTHERN CAN AD.

C²/17

CONDUCTED VR FOR ARVN RANGER GROUP. CONDUCTED VR WEST OF A LHOI TO
FCL CHARLIE. AT 0930H, OBSERVED INVA VULNERABILITY TO 501ST AO. ENGAGED
WITH GUNSHIPS RESULTING IN INVA KBT. AT 0930H, AN OH6A REC'D 3000S SAF
VICINITY XO 509493 WITH NEGATIVE HITS OR CASUALTIES. AREA WAS ENGAGED BY
GUNSHIPS WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. AT 1120H, AN AH1G REC'D HEAVY
SAF & 12.7 FIRE VICINITY XO 671490. AIRCRAFT REC'D UNDETERMINED
NUMBER OF HITS. AIRCRAFT CRASHED AND EXPLODED WITH RUSMIA. AT
1130H, ONE PLATOON OF MACBAG WERE LAUNCHED TO RECOVER THE CREW. AT 1305H,
WHILE COVERING THE DOWNED AIRCRAFT, ANOTHER AH1G REC'D 12.7 & SAF.
AIRCRAFT REC'D UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF HITS AND CRASHED AT XO 641500.
THE 12th AH1G WAS DETERMINED TO BE TOTALLY DESTROYED UPON IMPACT. THE
MACBAG PLATOON WAS THEN INSERTED ~~AT~~ APPROXIMATELY 10 METERS FROM 2nd
AIRCRAFT. PILOTS OF 2nd AH1G WERE EXTRACTED BY C²/17 C/L. BOTH PILOTS WERE
WIA EVAC, THE AIRCRAFT DESTROYED. THE MACBAG WERE THEN EXTRACTED WITH NEGATIVE
CONTACT OR CASUALTIES. AREA WAS THEN ENGAGED BY ARTILLERY, SIX SORTIES OF TACFIR
AND GUNSHIPS. AT 1140H, AN AH1G REC'D 1 RPE VICINITY XO 652438 WITH NEGATIVE
HITS OR CASUALTIES. AREA ENGAGED BY GUNSHIPS WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. AT 1310H,
A UH1H REC'D 50-1000S SAF, XO 648490 WITH NEG. HITS OR CASUALTIES. AREA NOT ENGAGED.
AT 1330H, A UH1H C/L REC'D 80-3000S SAF VICINITY XO 642500. AREA ENGAGED WITH
ORGANIC WEAPONS WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

AT 1145H, AN AH1G REC'D UNDETERMINED AMOUNT OF 12.7 FIRE VICINITY XO 658482.
AIRCRAFT REC'D 1 HIT IN ROTOR BLADE, NEGATIVE CASUALTIES. AIRCRAFT RETURNED
TO QUANG TRI AND WAS REPORTED AS NON-FLYABLE. AT 1140H,
AT 1130H, AN AH1G REC'D 40-5000S 12.7 FIRE AT XO 667483. A/C REC'D 1 HIT
WITH NEGATIVE CASUALTIES. A/C NON-FLYABLE. AREA ENGAGED WITH UNKNOWN POW.
AT 1340H, A UH1H VICINITY XO 641502 REC'D BLADE DAMAGE ONCE WHILE
EXTRACTING DOWNED AH1G CREW, A/C NON-FLYABLE. AT 1345H, A UH1H REC'D
DAMAGE TO MAIN ROTOR HEAD AT XO 641500. A/C NON-FLYABLE. AT 1310H,
AN AH1G REC'D UNDETERMINED AMOUNT OF 12.7 FIRE AT XO 645505.
A/C REC'D 2 HITS, NEG CASUALTIES. A/C NON-FLYABLE. AREA ENGAGED WITH UNKNOWN
RESULTS.

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CONDUCTED VR OF LZ DATA AND VIETNAMESE SACIENT. CONDUCTED
 LAST LIGHT VR OF KHE SANH PERIMETER WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

C77

CONDUCTED VR OF QL-9 WEST DE ALUOI TO FCC CHARLE. CONDUCTED VR OF LZ 32.
 AT 0845H, AN OH6A REC'D 50-75 RDS OF SAF VICINITY XO 544381 WITH
 NEGATIVE HITS OR CASUALTIES. AREA NOT ENGAGED DUE TO MISSION PRIORITY.
 AT 0900-0930H, AIRCRAFT REC'D 400-500 RDS 12.7 FIRE VICINITY
 XO 563397-XO 564398-XO 568400-XO 560394. AREA ENGAGED WITH GUNSHIPS
 WITH 2 12.7 mm DESTROYED. AT 0850H, AN OH6A REC'D BRDS SAF VICINITY
 XO 544318. ACFT REC'D 2 HITS IN BUBBLE AND REMAINED FLYABLE. THERE WERE
 NEGATIVE CASUALTIES. AT 0910H, AN AH1G REC'D 1 HIT BY SAF AT XO 564398
 WITH NEGATIVE CASUALTIES. A/C NON-FLYABLE. AT 0915H, AN AH1G REC'D
 2 RD 12.7 FRE AT XO 568400. AIRCRAFT WAS HIT AND RETURNED NON-FLYABLE.
 AT 1545H, AN OH6A REC'D 70-80 RDS SAF VIC XO 490405. AIRCRAFT REC'D 1 HIT,
 (NON-FLYABLE). AREA ENGAGED WITH GUNSHIPS WITH 1 12.7 DESTROYED AND
 3 NVA KBH.

HAC BAO

MAINTAINED 2 PLATOONS AT LONG UOI IN RESPONSE TO DOWNED A/C AND
 AS PERIMETER DEFENSE. MAINTAINED 3 PLATOONS AT KHE SANH IN RESPONSE
 TO DOWNED AIRCRAFT AND PERIMETER DEFENSE.

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PLANNED SUMMARY

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PROVIDE 3 UH1H FOR LOGISTIC FLIGHTS TO QUANG TRI AND CAMP EAGLE

A²/1

1. VR WEST, SW, AND SOUTH OF 15th ARVN DIVISION
2. ~~VR 419~~ MOVE ARP TO LANG VEI
3. MAINTAIN 4 UH1H ~~TO RE~~ AND 1 PLATOON OF HAC BAO IN RESPONSE TO DOWNED AIRCRAFT.

B²/1

1. MAINTAIN TROOP IN G/S OF 101st ABN DIV.

C²/1

1. CONDUCT SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS FOR MISSING ARVN AIRCRAFT.
2. ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH ENEMY FORCES VICINITY XO 6648.
3. MAINTAIN 4 UH1H & 1 PLATOON HAC BAO IN RESPONSE TO DOWNED AIRCRAFT.

B¹/1

1. VR VIC LZ WHITE
2. VR VIC LZ D-1
3. MOVE ARP FROM LANG VEI TO KHE SANH

C¹/1

1. VR FOR AIRMOVE 2 KM WEST LZ 31 @ 1000H VR XO 4747.
2. MAINTAIN 4 UH1H IN RESPONSE TO DOWNED AIRCRAFT WITH 1 PLATOON HAC BAO

D²/1

1. MAINTAIN 2 PLATOONS AT KHE SANH IN RESPONSE TO DOWNED AIRCRAFT AND PERIMETER DEFENSE
2. MAINTAIN 1 PLATOON AT LANG VEI IN RESPONSE TO DOWNED AIRCRAFT AND FOR PERIMETER DEFENSE.

HAC BAO

1. MAINTAIN 2 PLATOONS AT LANG VEI
2. MAINTAIN 3 PLATOONS AND HQ ELEMENT AT KHE SANH IN RESPONSE TO DOWNED AIRCRAFT & PERIMETER DEFENSE.