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FROM: CO, 2/17th Cavalry

TO: CG, 101st Abn Div (Abn)

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1. (U) 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry INTJUM 66-71 (FORWARD TOC)
2. (U) 062000H to 072000H March 1971
3. (C) Summary of enemy activity

a. Air Activity:

*(1) DELTA DELTA: 061750H vic KD474409, C 2/17 UNTH C&C B&O insertion recd hvy P. L/C recd hits thru belly. Res: 2 UNTH (R). VI extracted from LOUI.

*(2) 061000H to 062040H vic D4749, UNTH C&C msn recd approx. 40 to 60 rds 37mm, 75' to 100 rds 23mm, and 200-300 rds 12.7mm. No hits. (Spine recd SE, NE, and NW of D4749. 37mm loc approx grid D499371.

*(3) 071345H vic KD472406, A 2/17 UNTH C&C msn recd 50-60 rds 12.7mm and undet art 37mm, 4 hits, 2 in bellie, 2 thru body, L/C 4063 is nonflyable. Neg cas.

*(4) 071135H vic LZ30 C 7/17 obs 5 arty tubes and numerous partly dest bunkers. Eng/cas & ARVN. Res: 3 arty tubes dest and 5-6 secondary explosions.

*(5) 071415H vic D460402, C 2/17 UNTH recd 50 rds at 30' 50 km, neg hits. No eng due to friendly element in area.

*(6) 071415H vic D460402, C 2/17 UNTH recd 50 rds at 55 km 30', neg hits. No eng due to friendly element in area.

*(7) 071430H vic D468412, C 2/17 obs 4" pipeline crossing QL9 oriented N-S.

*(8) 071430H vic KD475394, C 2/17 obs 15 log and 4 art bunkers of undet size w/undet act.

*(9) 071345H in ref to spot report 3 A 2/17 eng and dest 3 12.7mm. w/A/S.

*(10) 071400H vic KD458407, A 2/17 obs 1 catipol-type tractor of D-9 size pointed on QL9 w/night track thrown off and w/cece symbol on top w/undet act.

*(11) 071400H vic KD455305, A 2/17 obs stack of 150 sec of POL pipe, each section 40' and 4" dia w/undet act.

*(12) 071620H vic KD341487, A 2/17 obs 2 5 ton trucks. Eng w/ u. Res: 1 5 ton truck dest. Eng w/A/S w/unlk res.

*(13) 071650H vic KD341471, A 2/17 obs 1 20x20' hut w/act 2 hrs.

*(14) 071650H vic D328457, A 2/17 obs 2 10x10' bunkers and 1 UO w/act 12-24 hrs.

*(15) 071617H vic KD343489, A 2/17 obs unk no. 55 gal drums w/act 12-24 hr

*(16) 071620H vic KD602495, C 7/17 2 UNTH C&C msn recd 20-25 rds 30 cal fire at 800' and 110 km, neg hits. Eng w/ s w/unlk res.

*(17) 071630H vic KD5746, C 7/17 VR for pass on UNTH loc reveals area of hvy woods and tripple canopy w/burned out places in area that might be used by pulling the guns out of the trees.

*(18) 071600H vic KD465308, C 2/17 UNTH C&C msn recd 200 rds SAF at 50' and 100 km, neg hits. No eng due to friendlies in area.

*(19) 071601H vic D452369, C 2/17 UNTH C&C msn recd 10-20 rds SAF at 1000' and 100 km, neg hits. No eng due to friendlies in area.

*(20) 071620H vic D475372, C 2/17 UNTH C&C msn recd 10-20 rds SAF at 1000' and 100 km, neg hits. No eng due to friendlies in area.

*(21) 071605H vic KD458413, C 2/17 UNTH C&C msn recd 20-30 rds SAF at 50' and 100 km, neg hits. No eng due to friendlies in area.

*(22) 071621H vic KD498378, C 2/17 UNTH C&C msn recd 10-20 rds SAF at 2000' and 100 km, neg hits. No eng due to friendlies in area.

*(23) 071606H vic KD451401, C 2/17 UNTH C&C msn recd 20 rds SAF at 50' and 100 km, neg hits. No eng due to friendlies in area.

*(24) 071607H vic KD451408, C 2/17 UNTH C&C msn recd 20 rds SAF at 50' and 100 km, neg hits. No eng due to friendlies in area.

*(25) 071611H vic KD473413, C 2/17 UNTH C&C msn recd 20-30 rds SAF at 50' and 100 km, neg hits. No eng due to friendlies in area.

*(26) 071612H vic KD474419, C 2/17 UNTH C&C msn recd 20 rds SAF at 50' and 100 km, neg hits. No eng due to friendlies in area.

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*(27) 071720H vic D653387, C 2/17. 12.7mm gun used undet and 3rd at 800m and 100m. A/C 7/9 used 1 hit pod, 1 hit thru fuel cell, 1 hit skid, and 1 hit tail, no obs. A/C nonfly. En w/ 5 and w/ 1/5 w/unk res.

*(28) 071515H vic D51871, C 7/17. 12.7mm gun used 20-30 rds 12.7mm at 200m and 90m, no hits. En w/ 5 w/unk res.

*(29) 071000H vic D47242, C 2/17. obs 3 active 12.7mm. En / 5 Res: 3 12.7mm dest.

4. (C) Enemy personnel and equipment losses.

a. Negative.

b. 3 12.7mm dest, 1 5 ton truck dest.

c. By 2/17th Cavalry. (Total for operation JEFFERSON SMITH)

(1) 660 660 00
KIA NVA NVA/VC POW

(2) and (3) omitted.

(4) 06 06
I/C CSVC

By 2/17th Cavalry for operation LBJ SON 719

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KIA NVA NVA/VC POW

(4) 02 01
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5. APD MISSION: Negative.

6. ROUTE MISSION: Negative.

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ANNEX I to 2/17th Cav LHMSEM 66-71 Debriefing of 174th Avn Co Maintenance Crew.

1. Background: The following narrative was obtained after a 174th Avn Co Crew of 7 US personnel flying in a UH1H helicopter was shot down by SIF and 12.7mm fire via XD567416. The 2/17 Cav received the mission to extract the crew and succeeded in doing so on the 7th of March 1971 at 1413H, by inserting our upon ARVN Company of the 1st Inf Div; the ILC BAO. The two groups were linked up and extracted. The debriefing was done at 2/17th Cav TOC at Khe Sanh immediately on the crews landing.

2. Narrative: A/C was shot down on the 5th of Mar at approx. 1330H. The crew suffered no cas and after shooting holes in the KY25 and other radios and burning the SOI, they moved to the S toward QL9. On their way to the road they obs 2 NVA wearing black uniforms. They eng the NVA w/M-16 and killed one, the other ran into the brush. The crew spent the night of the 5th in the brush N of QL9 via XD465412.

On the night of the 5th the crew apparently didn't know where the crew was or were not looking. Crew heard 6-7 vehicles of pass electric type (like golf cart) moving from the N, up the creek to their east that ran N-S, to their aircraft. The crew heard those vehicles all night make trips to their A/C pass to strip it and then returning to the S and N to the hillsides to the east of their loc on both sides of the road. On these hillsides the crew heard construction activity and obs steady type lights. They also heard a 2-ton truck come from the N up QL9 to the creek area and return to the N. The crew est 100 personnel involved in the construction.

On the 6th in the morning the crew obs an active 12.7mm pan in the stream bed covered w/a plastic cover, they obs this wpm engaging A/C trying to rescue them and obs the crews hair relieved, on one occasion the crew shot at 3 NVA crossing the road on their way to the 12.7mm pan. Resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 NVA TI. The NVA obs by the crew were wearing khaki shorts and shirts and pith helmets, canteens, rice bags and first aid kits, and were carrying automatic type weapons.

On the night of the 6th the crew stayed in a circular pan w/no overhead cover 5' in dia, 4' deep w/a hole on the S side of the pan big enough for one man. The pan looked like an UO A/C pan. During the night the NVA moved to within 15-20' of the pan and the crew, believing they were the ARVN ILC BAO who were moving to link up with them, called out to them. The NVA returned fire and the crew was engaged in a firefight with an estimated 6 NVA for approx. 45 minutes. Resulting in 4 NVA KIA and 1 NVA TI. The crew threw grenades and added an unlet no. of grenades thrown at them. The crew also heard 12 rockets fired from their N and directing to their E the rocket appeared to be bigger than a RPG. Believed to be fired at the ILC BAO.

On the morning of the 7th the crew obs that the bodies had been removed. The crew linked up with the ILC BAO and moved to via XD466409 where they were extracted. One RPG was fired during their movement from the pan of their downed A/C.

The crew believes that there were an estimated company to one battalion in the area. They were neg. further obs or sightings or cas.

Crew debriefed by JOHN H. BLACK

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