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FROM: CO, 2/17th Cavalry

TO: CG, 101st Abn Div (Abnl)

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1. (U) 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry INTSUM 67-71 (FOR INFO TOC)
2. (U) 072000Z to 032000Z 18 Mar 71
3. (C) Summary of enemy activity

a. Air Activity:

- * (1) 080000Z vic KD0841, C 2/17 AH1G AR nsn need undet act LF at 800' and 110 km. A/C 1156 need 1 hit main rotor, neg cas. No, no; due to undet loc. Nonfly.
- * (2) 080001Z vic D652388, C 2/17 UH1H C&C nsn need 100 rds LF at 10' and 100 km. A/C 1165 need 2 hits; neg cas. A/C nonflyable. Eng w/gs. Res: 1 NVH KBH wearing khaki uniform.
- * (3) 080027Z vic D652388, C 2/17 UH1H C&C nsn need 500 rds LF at 1500' and 100 km, no hits. Eng w/gs w/unlk res.
- * (4) 080029Z vic D652388, C 2/17 AH1G AR nsn need 150 rds LF at 500' 130 km, no hits. Eng w/gs w/unlk res.
- * (5) 080321Z vic KD651386, C 2/17 AH1G AR nsn need 500 rds LF at 500' and 130 km, no hits. Eng w/gs w/unlk res.
- * (6) 080800Z vic KD3351, C 2/17 UH1H C&C nsn need 10-12 rds 12.7mm at 3700' and 105 km, no hits. No, no; due to undet loc.
- (7) 080000Z vic D362440-KD362456, A 2/17 obs signs of tracked vehicles and trucks moving from E to N w/act 2 hrs.
- (8) 080025Z vic D328452-DE325475, A 2/17 obs signs of 20 personnel moving E in the last 12 hrs.
- (9) 080030Z vic D326457, A 2/17 obs prev dest PT-76 w/act 24 hrs.
- * (10) 080032Z vic D334464, A 2/17 AH1G AR nsn need 40 rds 30 cal from 3 wpns and undet LF at 200' and 100 km, no hits. Eng w/gs w/unlk res.
- * (11) 080351Z vic KD359442, A 2/17 AH1G AR nsn need 80 rds 12.7mm at 1500' and 120 km, A/C 1697 need 6 hits, 2 tailboom, 1 skid, 1 rotor, 1 hit tailboom, 1 hit vertical stabilizer, neg cas. A/C nonflyable. Eng w/gs w/unlk res.
- (12) 080050Z vic D515240, B 7/1 eng area where POL lines have been found in the past and placed rocket in sus POL area under trench w/unlk res.
- (13) 081100Z vic D391461, C 7/17 obs 3 2 1/2 ton trucks, 1 prev dest. No, no; due to sus friendly.
- (14) 081151Z vic D391576, C 7/17 obs a campfire. Eng w/gs w/unlk res.
- (15) 081130Z vic D4246, C 7/17 obs 12 water buffalo. No, no; POL.
- (16) 081151Z vic D399497, C 7/17 obs 1 UO AH1G nsn w/act 12-24 hrs.
- (17) 081251Z vic KD360466, C 2/17 obs 2 personnel moving E down road wearing jungle fatigues and bonny hats. No, no; sus friendly.
- (18) 081200Z vic D394424, C 2/17 obs 2 1/2 ton truck undet condition and undet act. No, no; due to higher priority target.
- (19) 081251Z vic D675382, C 2/17 obs 12-15 personnel moving E on the road. No, no; due to sus friendly.
- (20) 081251Z vic D365425, C 2/17 obs 4 10x20' bunkers, w/undet act.
- * (21) 081330Z vic D664480, A 2/17 AH1G AR nsn need 10-15 rds LF at 600' and 130 km, no hits. Eng w/gs w/unlk res.
- * (22) 081515Z vic D507484, C 7/17 UH1H C&C nsn need 200-400 rds 12.7mm at 4000' and 100 km, no hits. Eng w/gs w/unlk res.
- (23) 081345Z vic D655085, A 2/17 obs 1 2 1/2 ton truck w/act 12-24 hrs. Eng w/A/L. Res: Dest truck and bridge by LF. Identified as police truck, 12 Star 21.
- (24) 081400Z vic D665050, A 2/17 obs 40 3x5' bunkers, 7 3x3' bunkers and 1 10x5' pit along road and 2-3 off-loading ramps, w/act 24 hrs.
- (25) 081400Z vic D673060, and D673055, A 2/17 obs off-loading points for trucks w/act 24 hrs.
- (26) 081400Z vic D644044, A 2/17 obs 2-3 off-loading points for trucks and 10-15 pits 15' dia, also 45 2x4' bunkers and 1 3x4' bunker w/act 3-4 days.
- * (27) 081600Z vic D673104, A 2/17 AH1G AR nsn need 10 rds LF at 200' and 110 km, neg hits. Eng w/A/L w/unlk res.
- (28) 081651Z vic D643104, A 2/17 obs 4 6x6' bunkers, 4 3x4' pits, w/act 6-12 hrs. Eng w/A/L w/unlk res.

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(29) 001115H vic D53117, 2/17 obs signs of truck traffic moving from 1 and crossing road and moving to 1 w/act 12 hrs.

(30) 001551H vic D534373, 7/17 obs 1 WO 11/11 pm w/undet act. 194 w/g w/unk res.

*(31) 001651H vic D542212, 2/17 AM 1st IIR men used 50 mm 12.7mm at 3200' and 110 km, no hits. No info due to undet loc.

*(32) 001315L vic D502171, 7/17 UNH C&C men while flyin at 1,500' and 5 km to 1000' in a tight hand orbit while circling 1000'. Obs 1 jet fighter to their south. The fighter dropped out of the clouds vic D5911 to an approx altitude of 1200' and flew directly under the C/C flyin south to north at approx. 5 km to vic D5019 when the jet turned to the left and started to climb in to the clouds. The fighter jet was dull silver with no markings except 'E' on the tail and a red band around the nose of the fuselage. The jet was not carrying any ordnance and was described as being 1 1/2 times as long as a U-2. The jet had a delta-wing and had air intakes on the sides of the fuselage. Pilots and air observers all identified the aircraft as a Mi-11 in the Soviet inventory. XXIV Corps initial reaction was that the aircraft might be a Navy fighter.

(33) 001115H 001115H: 0213H vic D555, 7/1 001115H men went IIR and is unlocated. Res: 2 US ML.

4. (C) Enemy personnel and equipment losses.

a. 1 NV IIR.

b. Negative.

c. By 2/17th Cavalry (total for operation JEMERSON 4151)

(1) 661 661 10
RLI LV VZ/VB PO

(2) and (3) Omitted.

(4) 1 16
RLI U-C

By 2/17th Cavalry for operation LAM 10H 719

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RLI IIR VZ/VB PO

(2) 12 12
RLI U-C

5. AND REACTION: Negative.

6. OTHER INFO: Negative.

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ANNEX I to 2/17th Cavalry INTSUM 67-71 IAC BAO Debriefing

1. **MISSION:** To rescue 7 US Army aircraft crew members located vic JD465412.

2. **INSERTION/EXTRACTION:**

a. **In:** 061815H Mar 71 vic JD468413 Method: Touchdown

b. **Out:** 071413H Mar 71 vic JD466409 Method: Touchdown

3. **SIZE/COMPOSITION:** 3 Pits ARVN.

4. **ACTIVITIES:** After insertion the IAC BAO moved 3 of Q19 to the west where they made contact with the enemy vic JD466409. The IAC BAO remained in that area through out the night. The IAC BAO was surrounded by the enemy the entire night. The NVN fired organic weapons and shouted for the IAC BAO to surrender. The IAC BAO did not employ direct fire weapons but did engage the enemy with hand grenades. On the morning of 07 March 71 the IAC BAO started a series of grass fires and the NVN retaliated by firing 60mm mortars. At 0930H the IAC BAO attacked to their North and crossed Q19, killing 5 NVN and capturing 1 AK47. The IAC BAO continued the attack to the north making contact with the enemy on three different occasions reaching the US survivors at 1220H. After linking up with the survivors the element moved to the South to vic JD466409 and were extracted at 1413H. NVN obs were wearing loin cloths-not uniforms. Element also obs a burned LCH vic 200-250m south of the overnig location of the US survivors vic JD466406.

During the time the element was on the ground they killed 27 NVN, destroyed 30 AK47s, captured 1 AK47, dest 4 B40 rockets, obs 7x12.7mm MG dest, obs 2 trenches 80m long dest, obs 40 NVN which had been killed by Air (some of which were dead for over a day). The IAC BAO suffered 10 WII.

5. **COMMENTS:** In the opinion of the IAC BAO XO who was the leader on the ground there is a enemy Bn in the area to the North.

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