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Headquarters, 2d Squadron, (Airmobile), 17th Cavalry
101st Airborne Division (Airmobile)
APO San Francisco 96383

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5 May 1970

SUBJECT: Operational Report - Lessons Learned, 2d Squadron, (Amb), 17th Cavalry period ending 30 April 1970 RCS - 65 (R2)

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1. SECTION I. OPERATIONS: SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES.

a. General.

(1) This report covers the period 31 January 1970 through 30 April 1970 and is submitted in accordance with AR 525-15, USARV Reg. 525-15, 101st Airborne Division Reg 525-4 and 2/17th Cavalry Memo 525-4. The report period covers the last 2/3 of Randolph Glen ending 31 March 70 and operation Texas Star beginning 1 April 70 and still in progress.

(2) The mission of the 2d Squadron, 17th Cavalry is to perform reconnaissance and to provide security for the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) or its major subordinate combat elements; to engage in combat as an economy of force unit; and to provide limited air and ground anti-tank defense, immediate reaction force and downed aircraft support for the Division.

b. Persormel.

(1) During the reporting period the following major changes in command and staff positions occurred.

(a) LTC Robert F Molinelli assumed duties as Squadron Commander on 24 Mar 70 replacing LTC Lavene W Bindrup.

(b) MAJ Joseph C Gross III assumed duties as Squadron Executive Officer on 15 Mar 70 replacing CPT Ronald E Adams.

(c) MAJ Paul K Dargon assumed duties as Squadron S-3 replacing CPT Herbert L Vosseler 1 Mar 70.

(d) CPT John H Kirby assumed duties as Squadron S-3 on 18 Apr 70 replacing MAJ Paul K Dargon.

(e) CPT Thomas L Ellington assumed duties as Squadron S-2 on 18 Apr 70 replacing CPT John H Kirby.

(f) CPT Walter A Harman III assumed duties as Squadron S-1 on 1 Mar 70 replacing CPT Louis G St Peter.

(g) CPT John D Sterrett III assumed Command of Troop C 1 Mar 70 replacing MAJ William T Hooker.

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b. Mission: 2/17 Cav conducts area recon to exploit agent report of enemy activity vic YC6297.

1. Execution: Air Cav Tm cond Aerial Recon at AO; Co. L, 75th Inf inserts 4 tms to conduct ground recon to locate enemy forces caches, base areas, Location; D/2-17 (-) and ARP/D 1/1 are RRF for Ranger Tms; 2-501 Inf provides one Inf Company, available on 1 hour notice to exploit large contacts.

2. Fires: Arty & Air Strikes avail to Tms in contact.

3. Coordinating Instructions:

a. RRF's carry claymores and 2 days rations.

b. D 1/1 provides air support.

c. GT line is from Normandy and Spear.

d. CO, Co. L, 75th Ranger is ground commander.

e. Commander of ground forces passes to RRF commander when inserted. Ranger Tms in contact pass OPCON to RRF commander.

f. HHT 2/17 Cav provides C & C aircraft.

g. Reports SOP. All spot reports will be passed to 2-501 Inf.

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Annex A - Recon Area Overlay

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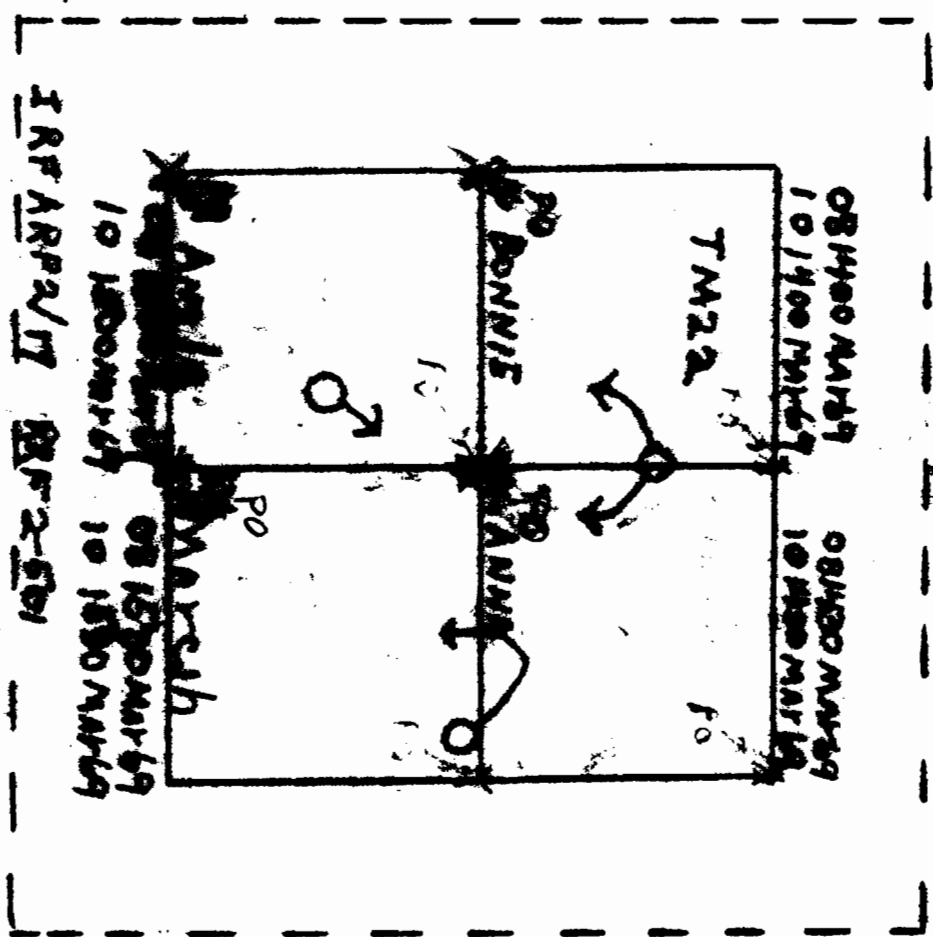
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