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FROM: CO, 2/17th Cavalry

TO: CG, 101st Abn Div (Ambl)

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1. (U) 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry REF 82-71 (FOUO - TOC)
2. (U) 222000H to 232000H March 1971
3. (C) Summary of enemy activity

a. Air Activity:

* (1) 230100H-0500H vic KD845420, Khe Sanh road combined mortar, rocket, and sapper attack. Res for 2/17th Cav: 14 NVA KIA, 6 AK50s captured, 2 RPGs captured, 1 pistol and misc grenades, knives and TMT captured. 2 US KIA, 5 US IA (E), 11 US IA (H). 1 3/4 ton lost, and 1 3/4 ton damaged. Also for 4/77th AR: 1 NVA POW, 1 US KIA and 3 US IA. NVA were wearing camouflaged shirts, shorts and soft caps w/ chin straps. Elastic bands in shirt and shorts. They were barefooted, w/wide green belts or brown belts w/ green plastic handled knives. Green belts had studs on buckle. They were armed w/AK50s, atleast 1 pistol, B-40s, TMT, and grenades. There were no documents except some stamps and 1 US individual training record. They wore a front pack w/B-40 mls on a hatched charge w/grenade bags under each arm. They had medical supplies and US-type canteen packs. Some of the dead had been bandaged from prev attack on another installation. There were signs of an unlet me, having been dragged away. There were 40 personnel in the attacking grp. See Initial Interrogation report this REF 82-71. Also a 2/17 UH1H damaged in prev attack was major damaged by incoming mds.

* (2) 230950H vic 6622, A 2/17 UH1H C&C msn road 10 rds 12.7mm at 3000' and 80 km, no hits. Eng sus due to unlet loc.

* (3) 231000H vic 66222, A 2/17 AH1G AAR msn road 100-150 rds 12.7mm at 4500-300' and 100-150 km, no hits. Eng w/gs w/unlk res.

* (4) 231001H vic 66222, A 2/17 UH1H C&C msn road 20-30 rds 12.7mm at 5500' and 105 km, no hits. Eng w/gs w/unlk res.

* (5) 231002H vic 66222, A 2/17 AH1G AAR msn road 50-75 rds 12.7mm at 5000' and 120 km, no hits. Eng w/gs w/unlk res.

* (6) 231030H vic 6722366, C 7/17 obs act RR wgn psn. Eng w/gs and dest.

* (7) 23th vic KD845420, HHT additional document recovered by D 2/17 from sapper body. Document was a spring poem written by the individual while his unit (15th Engineers/304th) while it was in the "mountains" (VN), addressed to his wife in Hanoi.

* (8) 231400H vic 6708272, B 7/1 obs 2 stationary RP-76s w/gs w/unlk res. Marked for EAC

* (9) 231420H vic 6668484, C 2/17 eng sus on arty psn w/unlk res.

(10) 230830H vic 6698537, C 2/17 obs smoke and eng w/gs. Res: 1 sus fir

(11) 230835H vic 6653533, C 2/17 obs smoke and eng w/gs. Res: 1 sus fir

(12) 230840H vic 6675519, C 2/17 obs trail network. Eng w/gs w/unlk res.

(13) 230850H vic 6661533, C 2/17 eng sus on loc w/unlk res.

(14) 230900H vic 6665518, C 2/17 obs bomb crater w/white material in

it. Eng w/gs w/unlk res.

(15) 230950H vic 6683518, C 2/17 obs smoke and eng w/gs. Res: 1 sus fir

(16) 230935H vic 674470, C 2/17 obs 1 person. No eng sus friendly.

(17) 230940H vic 6678515, C 2/17 obs smoke and eng w/gs. Res: 1 sus fir

(18) 230945H vic 6674525, C 2/17 obs white obj. Eng w/gs w/unlk res.

(19) 231500H vic 6668484, C 2/17 obs poss arty psn. Eng w/A/S w/unlk res

(20) 231435H vic 6916399, A 2/17 obs UO mortar psn w/trail loading

away from it w/unlet act.

(21) 251000H vic 6636360, C 7/17 obs 12 personnel wearing american uniforms and carrying M-16s, they made distress panels in a rice paddy. An extractic was attempted but not completed before dark. There is an unconfirmed report that two of the individuals might have been Caucasians. This is unconfirmed.

4. (C) Enemy personnel and equipment losses.

a. 1 NVA KIA.

b. 1 RR dest, 4 sustained fires.

c. By 2/17th Cavalry (Total for operation JETTISON 82-71)

(1) 00 03 00
NVA/VC POW

By 2/17th Cavalry for LAM SON 719

(2) 00 03 00
Omitted.

(1) 528 528 00
KIA NVA VC/VC PO

(3) 10 03 00
VC

(2) 11 04 00