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3 (U) 2/17th Cavalry INTSUM 85-71,
(U) 252000H to 262000H March 1971.
(C) Summary of enemy activity:
a. Air Activity:
(1) 260830H vic YD718148, B TRP obs and picked up 2 AK-47 magazines w/6 rds in a rice bag in a small pit. Act 24 hrs.
(2) 261230H vic YD276093, B TRP obs an undet number of truck and veh tracks. Act 24 hrs.
(3) 261240H vic YD232088, B TRP obs 25 bunkers along N side of Rt 512. Camouflaged w/ent, 2'x3' w/act 24 hrs.
(4) 261250H vic YD228093 & YD239121, B TRP obs 15 newly const fighting psns 3'x5' along road w/foot prints last 6 to 12 hrs. No veh tracks on road.
(5) 261300H vic YD302089, B TRP obs b' lldozer act last 24 to 48 hrs, and rock mounds previously obs have been leveled. Rock mound at YD301080, 6'x6'x5'.
(6) 261310H vic YD394995 B TRP obs 3' wide trail, followed trail to YD392066 to YD404009. Used by 3 t. & pax last 24 hrs.
(7) 261320H vic YD390004, B TRP obs bunker, 10'x10', camouflaged w/trass and mud. Act 24 hrs.
(8) 261340H vic YD386010, B TRP obs bunker, 10'x10', camouflaged by trass and mud. Act 24 hrs.
(9) 261350H vic YD392007, B TRP obs 2' wide trail following stream running NE-SW and also footprints w/act 24 hrs.
(10) 261530H vic YC352950, B TRP obs 10'x20' hut w/act 24 hrs.
(11) 261531H vic YC327961, B TRP obs 10 ammo boxes w/act unrel.
(12) 261545H vic YC327929, B TRP obs 2' wide trail, hard packed, oriented E-W w/act 24 hrs.
(13) 261546H vic YC335923, B TRP obs 2 fields, 30'x60', w/act 24 hrs.
(14) 261547H vic YC331972, B TRP obs 2' wide trail, hard packed, oriented N-S, w/act 48 hrs.
(15) 261545H vic YC398948, 1st Bde FAC obs self-propelled gun, half camouflaged in eastern corner of triangular field. Undet act.
(16) 261715H vic YD465003, B TRP obs 2 bunkers, 10'x10' w/3' ent, also 12 new fighting psns, 3'x2'. Ent/line in 1 bunker. Act 24 hrs.
(17) 261720H vic YD465003, B TRP obs 2' wide trail from here to Zon w/act 24 hrs.
(18) 261725H vic YD469008, B TRP obs 6' wide ent to hole in side of mountain also breathing holes around ent. Act 24 hrs.
(19) 261730H vic YD465002, to YC471989, B TRP obs 2' wide w/fresh digging in the area. Act 24 hrs.
(20) 261735H vic YD459008, B TRP obs 2' wide trail, oriented NW-SE w/signs of 2 pax last 24 hrs.
(21) 261740H vic YD474021, B TRP obs 9 fighting psns, reinforced w/low, 28x3'x3', w/act 48 to 72 hrs.

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(22) 261745H vic YD472027, B TRP obs 2½ ton truck tracks w/act 21 hrs.
 (23) 261750H vic YD452011, B TRP obs where truck had pulled off road, pos unloading pt. Act 21 hrs.
 (24) 261755H vic YD452013, B TRP obs where truck and bulldozer have been clearing shoulder of road. Also obs barrels in stream bed. Act 48 hrs.
 (25) 261800H vic YC442970, B TRP obs 2 fighting psns, 1½'x3'x1' w/act 21 hrs.

b. Ground Activity:

(1) 26013H vic YC466934, Rcr Tm PITTSBURG heard truck moving S on Rte 547 2000m to N of Tm psn. St n. about every 3 sec and then over on.
 (2) 260240H vic YC484875, Rcr Tm INDIANAPOLIS obs 2 3/4 ton trucks heavily loaded and running w/lights on. Moving S on Rte 547, 50m to NE of Tm.
 (3) 261830H vic YC452955, Rcr Tm ROADRUNNER I heard 3 shots, pos AK-47, from this location.
 (4) 261905H vic YC492033, Rcr Tm MEDICINE HAT II heard 3 shots, 3000m to E.
 (5) 261920H vic YC492033, Rcr Tm MEDICINE HAT II obs 9 NVA drivin up road toward Tm psn. They were 100m to E, wearing ruck sacks, shorts, and carrying undet type weapons.

4. (C) Enemy personnel and equipment losses.

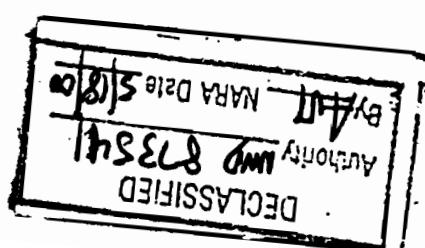
a. 2 NVA KIA.
 b. 1 Chicom AK-47 captured.
 c. By 2/17th Cav (Total for operation JEFFERSON GLEN)
 (1) 817 817 00
 KIA NVA NVA/VC POW
 (2) and (3) omitted.
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5. APD MISSION: Negative.

6. R UTE RECON: Negative.

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1 to 2/17th Cavalry INTSUM 85-71. Ldr Rgt 19-W INDIANAPOLIS.

MISSION: Monitor Rte 548 to determine extent of enemy activity in the area. Select ambush sites to identify NVA elements in the area of interest.

2. EEL: Identity, size and activity of enemy in the area.
3. SIZE/COMPOSITION: 5 US.
4. CONDITION OF PATROL: 1 US KIA, 1 US minor scrapnal wounds in hand.
5. INSERTION/EXTRACTION:
IN: 231330H vic YC477870 Method: Touchdown.
OUT: 260921H vic YC484875 Method: Touchdown.
6. ROUTE: See para # 8.
7. TO RAIN:
 - a. Canopy: Nne.
 - b. Vegetation: Elephant grass.
 - c. Undergrowth: Very thick.
8. ENEMY: ONH on 23rd vic YC478874. ONH on 24th vic YC482876. Vic YC481876, Tm found 1 hut, 10'x20'x6' w/cooking area and misc cooking utensils. Also 2 bunkers, 8'x10'x3' w/3' ohc, bamboo floors and reinforced. Area used by est squad sized unit within last 2 wks. There were 3 trails, 1' wide, in the area. One went W 70m to a partially completed bunker, 8'x10'x3'. Another went N to a bomb crater full of water. The third went SE to a latrine, 1'x3'x2' w/wood cover. A fourth trail led to the stream to NE. It was 3' wide and had overhead concealment consisting of elephant grass held 4' over the trail. It showed signs of heavy use within the last week. ONH on 25th vic YC484875. At 260200H Rgr Tm 19-A called in trucks headed S. At 260250H INDIANAPOLIS hea rd the same trucks. There were two ps 3/4 ton. They had heavy loads because they h d difficulty climbing a small hill. They had gas engines and drove with fog lights. AT 0830H Tm obs 5NVA moving from to NE to S' across stream. They wore black shorts and shorts, pith helmets and no web gear. They had a t least 2 AK-47's and 1 RPD. The NVA crossed stream and Tm engaged and killed point man at 2'. Second man in the element carrying an RPD fired a burst, wounding 1 Tm member in upper back and one in the hnd. Tm engaged the second NVA and obs his body in water on other side of stream. Tm was exfiled at 0921H.
9. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Negative.
10. COMMUNICATIONS: Good.
11. HLZ's: Could touchdown nearly anywhere.
12. CONCLUSIONS: NVA could have been either a pt element or just a river sweep.

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UPDATE: Tm captured 1 Chicom AK-47, 2 loaded magazines, 2 blasting caps and misc documents. Documents sent to IPW.

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