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ANNEX I to 2/17th Cavalry INTSUM 89-71. Rm Tm MEDICINE HAT IV.

1. MISSION: Conduct area recon to determine extent of enemy infiltration along Rte 547. Also select ambush sites to determine identity of NVA elements in the area of interest.. Conduct POW snatch if tactical situation permits.
2. EMI: Identity, size and activity of NVA elements in the area.
3. SIZE/COMPOSITION: 6 US.
4. CONDITION OF PATROL: 1 US wounded in leg and foot by SAF.
5. INSERTION/EXTRACTION:
IN: 271623H vic YD498032 Method: Touchdown.
OUT: 301400H vic YD514032 Method: Touchdown.
6. ROUTE: See para # 8.
7. TERRAIN:
 - a. Topography: None.
 - b. Vegetation: Mostly shrubs, some elephant grass, 8' to 10' high.
 - c. Undergrowth: Medium.
8. ENEMY: ONE on 27th vic YD498031. From vic YD502032 Tm heard 1 shot 2000m to NE, ONE on 28th vic YD508032. Tm found 1 sleeping psn, 4'x2' vic YD507031. No activity in last month. Tm did not move on 29th, had neg obs or sightings. On the 30th Tm moved 500m to E to vic YD514032. At 301115H Pt man saw feet of an NVA sticking out of a culvert in the road. The NVA started talking loudly as Tm approached, possibly thinking Rm Tm were an NVA element. Pt man engaged w/SAF at approx 2m. Other Tm members went over road to block off other end of culvert. Tm engaged throwing frag grenades into the culvert while calling for reinforcement. While gunships and B TRP ARP, 2/17th Cav were in route to Rm Tm, one Tm member checking result of engagement was wounded in leg and foot by an AK-47. After IPW Tm and B TRP ARP arrived, 2 NVA were taken POW by use of white phosphorus and CS. Both were wounded and were taken to 85th Evac. A third NVA was KIA. Wounded Rm was medivaced at 1130H and Tm was extracted at 1400H. Tm captured 2 Chicom AK-47's and 1 RPG-2 w/3 rds.
9. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Stream running from N to S to river, 4' wide and 8" to 10" deep vic YD502032.
10. COMMUNICATIONS: Good.
11. HLZ's: Could touchdown with little effort in building an LZ nearly anywhere.
12. CONCLUSIONS: None. There was no sign of rec enemy activity prior to contact.

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