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FROM: CO, 2 Sqdn 17th Cav
TO: CO, 101st Abn Div (Abn) ATTN: G-3

SUBJECT: Commander's Report

BTRP: Provide 2 UH-1H's for B Try and 1 CAC on standby.

A TRP: Unable to VR LAOTIAN BORDER and area 616 due to weather. Conducted reconnaissance of zones 5, 6, and 7. At 131010H via YD126237, observed and engaged 3 NVA in green uniforms with neg wpons and pack. Results, 3 NVA killed by helicopter. At 131015H observed AH-1G downed. 11 April via YD106166 had been burned. At 131110H observed and engaged 1 NVA via YD993307. Results, 1 NVA killed by helicopter.

B TRP: Completed VR of area between PEB Rendezvous SE to 64 NS grid line. Furnished INF from 121800 to 131800. Was unable to conduct last light VR of Eagle perimeter due to shortage of OH-6A aircraft. (mission went to C TRP) At 131515H OH-6A recd 14 rds SAF via YC557812 with neg hits. At 131523 OH-6A recd 7 rds SAF via YC563812, neg hits. At 131600H OH-6A down via YC873978. Pilot was returning from log run when he observed a medivac ship being fired upon and attempted to assist. He received 31 hits from RPD. His engine failed and he auto-rotated to beach. AH-1's were inserted at 1635H and secured aircraft. C Try provided one UH-1H to extract LOR. Extraction was completed at 1740H. AH-1's were extracted at 1750H. PG was green and clean. At 131600H OH-6A recd 10-15 rds SAF via YC530634. Received 1 hit which rendered aircraft nonflyable.

C TRP: Conducted VR of VN LAOTIAN BORDER. Conducted VR of area between PEB Rendezvous SE to 64 NS gridline. Provided 3 Bds w/support for insertions. Conducted last light VR of Eagle perimeter. Conducted last light of Eagle-Pan Bai Rocket Belt. At 131220H AH-1G recd 11 rds SAF via YD597208, neg hits.

D TRP: Provided 1 Plt Eagle reaction and 1 Plt standby AH-1 back-up.

RAIDERS & HAC BAG: Continued to prepare for future operations.

SUBJECT: Planned Summary

BTRP: Provide 2 UH-1H's in support of B 2/17th. Provide 1 CAC and remaining aircraft on standby.

A 2/17: 1. VR in old recon zones 2 thru 7 with emphasis on RTE 616 and Vietnamese Salient.

2. Employ air assets available in-country and out of country.
3. ARD remain in QT in response to downed A/C.
4. React to sensors in AO on order

B 2/17th: 1. Provide Cav Tm VR coverage in support of 1st Bds and HAC BAG insertion.

2. INF from 131800 to 141800,
3. AH-1 remain at Eagle in response to downed A/C.
4. React to sensors on order.
5. Conduct last light of Eagle perimeter.

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6 2/17: 1. Provide Cav Tm VR coverage in support of 1st Bds and Hao Bao insertion.

2. IRF from 141800H to 151800H.

3. ACP remain at Phu Bai in response to downed A/C security.

4. React to sensors on order.

5. Conduct last light of Eagle-Phu Bai Rocket Belt.

D 2/17: 1. Troop minus standby for reinforcement in ground operation.

2. 1 put on standby Eagle reaction force.

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L Cos 1. Conduct ground reconnaissance in AO.

Hao Bao: 1. Conduct ground operations under Lam Son 720.

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