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FROM: CG, 2 Sqn 17th Cav  
TO: CG, 101st Abn Div (Ambl) AFHQ G-3

SUBJECT: Commander's Report

REF: Provide 2 UH1H's for B Trp 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 YU120257, observed and engaged 3 NVA in green uniforms with neg wons and packs. Results, 3 NVA killed by helicopter. At 131015H observed AH1G downed 11 April via XD106166 had been burned. At 131110H observed and engaged 1 NVA via XD993307. Results, 1 NVA killed by helicopter.

B TRP: Completed VR of area between FSB Rendezvous SE to 64 NS grid line. Furnished IIR from 121800 to 131800. Was unable to conduct last light VR of Eagle perimeter due to shortage of OH6A aircraft. (mission went to C TRP) At 131515H OH6A recd 14 rds SAF via YG557812 with neg hits. At 131523 OH6A recd 7 rds SAF via YG563812, neg hits. At 131600H OH6A down via YG873978. 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. ACP's were inserted at 1635H and secured aircraft. C Trp provided one UH1H to extract LOH. Extraction was completed at 1740H. ACP's were extracted at 1750H. PS was green and clean. At 131630H OH6A recd 10-15 rds SAF via YG530834. Received 1 hit which rendered aircraft nonflyable.

C TRP: Conducted VR of VR LAOTIAN BORDER. Conducted VR of area between FSB 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-Fin Bai Rocket Belt. At 131220H AH1G recd 11 rds SAF via YD397208, neg hits.

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

RANGERS & HAC BAO: Continued to prepare for future operations.

SUBJECT: Planned Summary

REF: Provide 2 UH1H'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. ARO 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 Bao insertion.

2. IIR from 131800 to 141800,
3. ACP 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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**G 2/17:** 1. Provide Cav Tm VR coverage in support of 1st Bde and Mac  
Bao insertion.

2. LRF from 141800H to 151800H.

3. A/P 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.

3.

**L Co:** 1. Conduct ground reconnaissance in A0.

**Mac Bao:** 1. Conduct ground operations under Lam Son 720.

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