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15 April 71

[redacted] Co, 2/17th Cavalry
TO: CO, 161st Abn Bde (Acft)

[redacted] Commander's Situation Report

[redacted]: Furnished 1 C & C for D 2/17 and 3 UH1H's on standby.

A 2/17: Conducted reconnaissance of zones 4,5,6,7 (OBJ ROCK ZONE). At 151515H AH1G fired 3D rds 5AP and 150 rds 30 cal vic YD139003. Observed one 5 ton truck. Bm/gs w/zone: one 5 ton truck destroyed. 3I5 sustained 3 hits and 3I2 sustained 1 hit.

B 2/17: Flew weather check 0700. Conducted reconnaissance of NE corner of OBJ A and BU along western side of valley to OBJ B. Provided [redacted] D troop insertion and extraction. At 151040H OH6A shot down by G rds SAF vic YD136215. Gunships engaged. Crew extracted immediately. ARP's were fired. OH6A was extracted at 1147 with ARP's.

C 2/17: Conducted reconnaissance of objective Echo and North to Abn1 ambush. Supported insertion of D 2/17 into objective E and returned D 2/17 on station. At 151530H OH6A fired 60 rd SAF. Observed one chicken in the open. Took negative hits sustained. At 151540H observed and engaged vic YD140036 2 bunkers and AA/AW gun (inactive) resulting in 1 bunker dest. At 151600H observed and engaged mortar position w/2 MV vic 440007 resulting in 2 NVA KIA and 1 mortar destroyed.

D 2/17: Conducted ground reconnaissance operation in Southern [redacted] A Shau valley. LZ green at 1350H, PZ red and clear at 1617H. Count of 100 personnel (including Company).

On LZ One Platoon conducted ground reconnaissance operation with D 2/17. Stayed behind to conduct ambush tonight.

[redacted] Planned Activity

[redacted]: Provide one C&C and 3 UH1H's on standby.

A 2/17: VR of zones 1,2,3 w/emphasis on #2.
Recon Rte Rocket Belt
Provide ARP on standby for downed aircraft

B 2/17: Recon V encampment from 510720 to 440000 (edge of monitor box)
Recon Rte Rocket Belt
Provide ARP standby for down A/C
Provide 2 AH-1G Hueys VR of Eagle penetrator

C 2/17: Reconnoiter/Reinforce/Extract from 430000 to 390000 (edge of monitor box) with emphasis to Pt In zone (393967) and Pnt Ext zone (380981)
Recon Rocket Belt around Pnt
Provide Inf from 161800 to 171800
Provide ARP standby for down A/C
Last Light of Pnt Out Rocket Belt

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S-3/7Th Prepare for Future Operations

Go 1c Conduct reconnaissance of Southern A Shau using three teams.

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INTEL SPEC
S-2

RELEASE: LLOYD D HANCK
MAJ ARTOR
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