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FROM: CO, 2/17th Cavalry

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1. (U) 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry INTSUM 98-71
2. (U) 072000H to 082000H April 1971
3. (C) Summary of enemy activity
 - a. Air Activity:
 - (1) 080755H vic YC872793, B 2/17 UH1H recd 100 rds SAF at 0 km 20' on LZ hover, neg hits. Eng/organic wpns Res: 1 NVA KBH wearing green uniform w/wns.
 - (2) 080845H vic YD319051, C 2/17 obs 30 2x5' fgt psn set up as IDP w/act 72 hrs.
 - (3) 080900H vic YD310056, C 2/17 in response to URS obs 2-5 NVA wearing black pants, green shirts, pits helmets and sandals. Eng/gs Res: 2 NVA KBH and 2 AK 47 dest.
 - (4) 080900H vic YD310056, C 2/17 OH6A recd 10-15 rds SAF at 20' 80 km, neg hits. Eng/gs w/unk res.
 - (5) 080902H vic YD310056, C 2/17 AH1G recd 15-20 rds SAF at 200' 125 km, neg hits. Eng/gs w/unk res.
 - (6) 080840H vic ROUTE 922 VR reveals heavy usage by vehicle in last 12 hrs.
 - (7) 080845H vic ROUTE 548 VR reveals heavy usage by vehicle in last 24 hrs.
 - (8) 080924H vic XD900253, A 2/17 AH1G recd 15-20 rds SAF at 50' 100km, neg hits. Eng/gs w/unk res.
 - (9) 080924H vic XD898252, A 2/17 AH1G recd 8-10 rds 12.7mm at 200' 110 km, neg hits. Eng/gs w/unk res.
 - (10) 080847H vic XD964303, A 2/17 obs 40x6' bridge w/act 6-12 hrs. Eng/gs and damaged bridge.
 - (11) 080855H vic XD954307, A 2/17 obs signs of traffic mov S to border w/act last 24 hrs.
 - (12) 080855H vic XD954307, A 2/17 obs signs of 2-3 personnel wearing boots w/act 6-12 hrs.
 - (13) 080902H vic XD924294, A 2/17 obs trees pushed down and signs of 4-5 personnel, 2 fgt psn w/act 24-48 hrs.
 - (14) 080905H vic XD926297, C 2/17 obs 1 4x4x2' pit w/act 12-24 hrs. Eng/gs and dest 1 pit.
 - (15) 080907H vic XD903285, C 2/17 obs 12.7mm psn w/signs of 6-8 personnel in area in last 12-24 hrs. Eng/gs and dest 1 12.7mm psn w/neg wpn.
 - (16) 080915H vic XD900274, C TRP 2/17 obs 10'x5' lean-to. Eng and dest. Act 24 hrs.
 - (17) 080915H vic XD902268, C TRP 2/17 obs 2 8'x10' bunkers, w/2'x2' ent. Eng destroying one bunker, damaging other. Act 24 hrs.
 - (18) 080920H vic XD900266, C TRP 2/17 obs signs of 1 veh moving N last 24 hr
 - (19) 080921H vic XD901264, C TRP 2/17 obs 2 8'x10' bunkers. Act 24 hrs.
 - (20) 080923H vic XD899256, C TRP 2/17 obs pos POL point in rd, 15 to 20 55-ga drums. Signs of 2 trucks last 24 hrs.
 - (21) 080920H vic YD326016, C TRP 2/17 obs unoccupied 12.7mm psn. Act 24 hrs.
 - (22) 080930H vic YD350010, C TRP 2/17 obs 4 pos radar boeys at 4000' and 90k
 - (23) 081130H vic YD242558, A 2/17 obs camouflaged fatigues, pos ARVN's this loc.
 - (24) 081136H vic XD774237, A 2/17 AH1G recd 20-30 rds SAF at 100' 110 km, neg hits. Eng/gs w/ros: 1 NVA KBH, and 122mm rocket and launcher dest.
 - (25) 081149H vic XD807234, A 2/17 obs sign of brush, 8x10' bunker w/4x4' ent, 2' wide trail oriented N-S, 2-3 8x10' bunkers w/act 24 hrs.
 - (26) 081152H vic XD813230, A 2/17 obs camouflaged truck park w/act 48 hrs.
 - (27) 081153H vic XD814231, A 2/17 obs old truck being stripped for parts w/act 24 hrs.
 - (28) 081158H vic XD848237, A 2/17 obs 6 10x10' camouflaged pits, 1 1/2' wide trail oriented N-S w/act 24 hrs.

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- (29) 081203H vic KD846245, A 2/17 obs 2' wide trail oriented N-S w/act 48 hr.
- (30) 081208H vic KD871227, A 2/17 obs 20x20' bridge made of bamboo. Eng/gs and damaged 1 bridge.
- (31) 081209H vic KD872226, A 2/17 AHG read 5 rds SAF at 100' 100 km, neg hits. Neg eng due to undet loc.
- (32) 081211H vic KD813226, A 2/17 AHG read 25-40 rds SAF from 2 works at 200' 110 km, neg hits. Eng/gs w/unlk res.
- (33) 081212H vic KD868228, A 2/17 obs 10x10' bridge. Eng/gs and damaged 1 bridge.
- (34) 081215H vic KD897224, A 2/17 obs camouflaged road off 616 oriented N-S pos truck park, 15' trench line, old unoccupied 12.7mm psn. Act 24 hrs.
- (35) 081219H vic KD806225, A TRP obs uncompleted bunker, 20'x25', building material in area, trenchline, helmet, rucksack, steps leading into bunker, 2' wide trail, oriented N-S, footprints leading to bunker com lex w/unlk number of 8'x10' bks, a hut, 20'x20', and an unoccupied 12.7mm psn. Act 24 hrs.
- (36) 081231H vic KD886223, A TRP obs five 20'x20'x8' pits, several 8'x8'x8' pits, table, 20'x20' hut, and camouflaged road network. Act 12 hrs.
- (37) 081232H vic KD889225, A TRP obs unoccupied 12.7mm psn, camouflaged. Act undet.
- (38) 081233H vic KD896235, A TRP obs bomb crater in road bypassed to N. Act 24 hrs.
- (39) 081237H vic KD901228, A TRP obs 8'x8' pit, 20'x10' bunker w/4'x4' ent and log reinforced. Fresh construction. Act 12 hrs.
- (40) 081238H vic KD905236, A TRP obs tree planted at road junction. Undet act.
- (41) 081240H vic KD990248, A TRP obs trench system, truck park, and 8'x8' pit Act 24 hrs.
- (42) 081630H vic KD901248, A TRP BDA of ARA revealed 2 bunkers destroyed and 1 NVA KBARA.
- (43) 081630H vic KD902228, A TRP BDA of ARA revealed 1 lean-to dest.
- (44) 081710H vic KD998546, A TRP obs 2 trails, 1 1/2' wide, oriented E-W. Neg rec act.
- (45) 081712H vic KD008547, A TRP obs old NDP site. Neg rec act. Eng starting three fires.
- (46) 081630H vic KD998254, A TRP obs 6'x10' pits. Neg obs 2 pits, one containing boxes. Loc obs old 12.7mm road and humbuck 6'x6' bunkers. 24 to 48 hrs.
- (47) 081610H vic KD898239, A TRP obs L-shaped trench, 20'x15', 5 bks, 4'x5', 6 huts, 8'x10', Act 24 to 48 hrs.
- (48) 081612H vic KD889209, A TRP AHG obs ARA msn read 10 to 15 rd SAF at 200' and 70km. Neg hits. Eng w/unlk res.
- (49) 081615H vic KD899214, A TRP obs 8 huts, 8'x10', spider holes, 2'x2', 3 pits, 4'x5'. Act 24 to 48 hrs.
- (50) 081620H vic KD908234 to vic KD918233 A TRP obs trucks had been using stream bed for road. Traffic moving E last 12 to 24 hrs.
- (51) 081625H vic KD927242, A TRP obs 8 to 10 12'x8' pits, commo wire running E-W, several small roads leading S off Rte 616. Pile of 4'x30' logs, and 2 unoccupied 12.7mm psn. Act 24 to 48 hrs.
- (52) 081629H vic KD906228, A TRP obs 3 strands of commo wire running N-S. Ob. 1 mile of wire. Act 12 to 24 hrs.
- (53) 081632H vic KD919235, A TRP obs 1 strand commo wire running N-S for 3/4 mile. Also 2' wide trail, N-S, hard packed, camouflage cover. An 8' to 10' wide road w/camouflage 8' above ground. oriented E-W. Act 24 to 48 hrs.
- (54) 081640H vic KD913229, A TRP obs 3 huts, 12'x16', and 5 bunkers, 6'x8', Eng destroying 2 bunkers. Act 24 to 48 hrs.
- (55) 081645H vic KD908226, A TRP obs bridge dest 2 days ago was repaired. Eng destroying bidge again. Heavy truck traffic from this loc to 3000m to W. Act 24
- (56) 081800H vic KD991575, A TRP obs old NDP site with misc ammunition. Eng receiving 3 small secondary explosions.

b. Ground activity: Negative.

4. (C) Enemy personnel and equipment losses.

a. 4 NVA KBE.

b. 2 AK-47's, 1 122mm rocket & launcher, 1 bridge destroyed. 2 bridges damaged.

c. By 2/17th Cav (total for operation 5, 2000-2000)

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5. APD MISSION: Negative.

6. ROUTE RECON:

a. Rtc 616:

- (1) 081138Z vic YD774237, A TRP obs signs of 3 wheel veh traffic last 24 hrs.
- (2) 081154Z vic YD620237, A TRP obs camouflaged truck park, 8' trench w/4" log reinforcement. Truck traffic both ways last 24 hrs.
- (3) 081156Z vic YD637240, A TRP obs tracked veh tracks, bulldozer blade tracks, and 15'x10' bridge w/aet 12 hrs.
- (4) 081205Z vic YD052239, A TRP obs road was graded last 12 to 24 h s.
- (5) 081218Z vic YD606225, A TRP obs road was graded last 12 hrs. Signs of 2 personnel moving on road last 12 hrs.
- (6) 081233Z vic YD893224, A TRP obs 4 to 5 bunkers, 8'x10'. Road was graded. Act last 24 hrs.

b. T-7:

- (1) 081430Z vic YD305110 to vic YD321134, C TRP road in good condition. Signs of rec use last 48 hrs.

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ANNEX I to 2/17th Cavalry INTSUM 98-71. Rgr Tm DORAL.

1. MISSION: Establish radio relay on FB Sledge for elements operating in the area of interest. Conduct point recons of FB to determine extent of enemy activity in the area of interest.
2. EFF: Identity, size and activity of enemy elements in the area.
3. SIZE/COMPOSITION: 13 US.
4. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good.
5. INSERTION/EXTRACTION:
IN: 030851H vic ZC056926 Method: Touchdown.
OUT: 081118H vic ZC056926 Method: Touchdown.
6. ROUTE: See para # 8.
7. TERRAIN:
a. Canopy: None.
b. Vegetation: Brush.
c. Undergrowth: Thin.
8. ENEMY: Patrol stayed on the FB Sledge for entire mission. It recons went 200m to and 100m to with no sightings.
9. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Negative.
10. COMMUNICATIONS: Good.
11. HLZ's: Negative.
12. CONCLUSIONS: No activity in the area.

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~~ALPHA~~ II to 2/17th Cavalry INTSUM 98-71. B ARP Downed Aircraft Security.

1. MISSION: Recover downed aircraft via YC872794.
2. EEI: Identity, size, activity of enemy elements in the area.
3. SIZE/COMPOSITION: 22 US.
4. CONDITION: 2 major burn cases, 10 minor burn cases.
5. INFORMATION/EXTRACTION:
 - IN: 061405H via YC873792 Method: Touchdown.
 - OUT: 081500H via YC873792 Method: Touchdown.
6. ROUTE: See para # 8.
7. TERRAIN:
 - a. Canopy: Single
 - b. Vegetation: Bamboo.
 - c. Undergrowth: Light.
8. ENEMY: At 1410H platoon obs 3' to 4' wide trail, oriented E-W, w/numerous blood trails on it. Signs of heavy act last 3 to 6 hrs. Numerous prone type fighting psns and old burn cases in area, pos old base camp. Chicor grenades were scattered throughout area. 150m to E a trail lead to a stream. No sign of rec act on trail, which was oriented E-W. Platoon crossed stream and secured downed aircraft via YC872794. During attempted extraction of downed aircraft, a fire started by a smoke grenade spread rapidly due to rotor of extraction helicopter. The fire caused burns to many of the platoon and at the same time they recd SAW and incoming 82mm mortars. Recovery aircraft dropped downed aircraft and it exploded. The platoon split into two elements. One moved W and the other E. They both continued to receive SAW. They linked up across the stream. Two major burn cases were sent to 85th Evac and the ten minor burn cases were treated at the aid station and released.
9. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Negative.
10. COMMUN. REMOVS: Good.
11. ELZ's: Negative.
12. CONCLUSION: The area was used as a large enemy base camp in the past and a company sized element or larger is now in the area.

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