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Subject: Commander's Situation Report

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HHT: Provided 1 UH1H for extraction of 2/502 elements. Provided 1 UH1H for insertion of L co, 75th Rangers. Provided 1 UH1H for extraction of L co, 75th Rangers. Provided 1 UH1H for attempted insertion of B 2/17 ARPS. At 1830H a UH1H rec'd undetermined amount of hits and set aircraft down 300 meters East of LZ at YC 458906. Crew was extracted.

A 2/17: Conducted VR of RT 616 and Vietnamese Salient. Conducted VR of objective 30 and co-ordinates YD 033363, YD 040363 and YD 048360. Conducted HDA of ARV Light Vic 0236 with negative significant results. At 0845H A Tm observed a possible BTR 50 and old Tank with no turret in good condition, engaged with 1 secondary explosion. At 1135H, an OH6A rec'd 6 to 8 rds of SAF Vic YD 009298 with neg hits, engaged with unknown results.

B 2/17: Screened for extraction of 2/502 and screened for insertion of 10 Rangers Tms and the extraction of 6 Ranger Tms. Provided 5 lift ships for insertion and, extraction of Ranger Tms. Provided lift ships for attempted insertion of ARP on downed aircraft. Maintained IRF from 231100 to 231800. At 0912H A Tm observed a 2"x3" fighting position with rifle case inside, Vic YD 388004, engaged with 1 fighting position destroyed. At 1045H an OH6A rec'd 1 RPG Vic YD 410043, with neg hits, engaged with unknown results. At 1300H A Tm observed 2 NVA with green uniforms Vic YC 460902, engaged with unknown results. At 1625H Vic 0937 a UH1H rec'd 51 Cal and SAF with undetermined number of hits, resulting in 1 US WIA and 3 US MIA, did not conduct last light of Eagle Perimeter due to priority of missions. At 1135H 1 individual in ARP platoon was WIA while going into LZ in HHT UH1H to reinforce Rangers.

C 2/17: Conducted VR of recon zones 2 and 3. Provided IRF from 221800 to 231100H. Provided 4 lift aircraft for insertion of 10 Ranger Tms and extraction of 6 Ranger Tms. Provided lift ships for attempted insertion of ARP on downed aircraft. Provided security VR of the Hue Rocket Belt. At 0850H an OH6A rec'd 300 rds of SAF Vic YD 142201-142199 and observed 4 NVA in black uniforms, with negative hits, engaged resulting in 2 NVA KBH. At 0915H A Tm observed 1 NVA in green uniform Vic YD 170229, engaged resulting in 1 NVA KBH. At 1351H an OH6A rec'd 15 rds SAF Vic YD 193235.

D 2/17: Maintained 2 platoons on standby to reinforce if needed. One platoon and HQ element was launched at 1900 and orbited over Ranger Radio Relay Tm in contact, for possible insertion for reinforcement. They were not inserted due to tactical situation, weather and darkness.

L cos: At 1253H 9 Ranger Tms were inserted LZ green at YC 458906. The Tms conducted ground reconnaissance in the area and completed a wire tap mission. At 1410H 6 Ranger Tms were extracted PZ green at YC 458906. The remaining Tms will continue ground recon in the area. At 1520H Vic YC 484920 the radio Relay Tm was inserted. At 1530H the Radio Relay got in contact with an undetermined size enemy force, resulting in 2 US WIA. The ARPS attempted to be inserted at 1625H but was aborted due to 1 HHT UH1H being shot down and intensive enemy fire. At 1810H a medivac was shot down in the LZ, Vic YC 484920 in an attempt to medivac an injured crew member. At this time the Relay Tm began EMM to the West of the LZ. An Air Force aircraft was employed to try to establish Radio contact with Radio Relay Tm.

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