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## Subject: Commander's Situation Report

**HMT:** Provided 1 C&C on standby at Camp Eagle. Provide 1 UH1H for insertion of Ranger Tm which will extract wounded from Vic downed Medivac ship at YC 484920. At 1840H a UH1H Vic YC 480924 rec'd RPG and undetermined Number of SAF, received 18 hits and is nonflyable.

**A 2/17:** Conducted VR of RT 616 and objectives 2, 3 and 30. Conducted screen of C4 into target Vic YD 001372. Provided screen of LZ Gold, Vic YC 168291 and LZ Pensicola, Vic YC 199277. Provided IFF for 1st ARVN Division and provided standby IFF for possible use in Medivac crew and Ranger Radio Relay Tm extraction. At 1625H A Tm observed a Tank of undetermined Type fire Vic YD 075237, engaged resulting in 1 tank destroyed. At 1630 an AHIG rec'd 10 to 15 rds 7.62 mm Vic YD 053247 with neg hits, engaged with unknown results. At 1445H A Tm observed 1 NVA with neg weapons Vic YD 019294, engaged resulting 1 NVA KBH. At 1420H A Tm observed 1 NVA in fatigues with negative weapons Vic YD 018295, engaged, resulting in 1 NVA KBH.

**B 2/17:** Conducted search and rescue operation to attempt to recover Ranger Radio Relay Tm and downed Medivac crew. Provided IFF from 231800H to 241800H. Last light of Eagle Perimeter not complete due to priority of missions.

**C 2/17:** Conducted search and rescue operations to attempt to recover Ranger Radio Relay Tm and downed Medivac crew. Provided 4 UH1H for lift of D 2/17 into the area of interest. Last light of Eagle Phu Bai Rocket Belt was not completed due to priority of missions. At 1700H an AHIG rec'd 60 rds SAF Vic YC 486923 with negative hits, engaged with unknown results. At 1705H an AHIG rec'd 1 RPG Vic YC 486923, was hit with shrapnel and is non-flyable.

**D 2/17:** The troop was inserted (77 Pax) into LZ 480924 Red with AF at 1045H. Their elements moved toward the downed Medivac crew and Ranger Radio Relay Tm, in an attempt to establish contact, secure them and evacuate the wounded personnel. The elements were periodically pinned down by enemy fire resulting in 3 KIA and 5 WIA (not confirmed). They were not able to reach all of the Medivac crew and Ranger Radio Relay Team due to heavy enemy resistance. The decision was made by Hitch 12 to pull back and reinforce the D 2/17 elements with Ultra elements. The Ultra elements were inserted at YC 480924 LZ green at 1830H. This is the situation at 241925H.

**L CO:** Continued to maintain 3 Tms in the AO, conducting ground recon. Inserted a 6 man Ranger Tm with Ultra elements to attempt to extract wounded in vicinity of downed Medivac aircraft. One individual of Radio Relay Tm was shot by a sniper in vicinity of downed Medivac ship at 0715H, resulting in 1 KIA.

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