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Subject: Commander's Situation Report

HRT: 1 UH1H was provided for standby as a C&C aircraft.

A 2/17: Reconed 1 VR box in recon zone 2, and also a VR box in recon zone 3 in support of the 1st ARVN Division. Also maintained IRF status from 261800 to 271800 hrs for 1st ARVN Division.

- 1) UH1H rec'd 10 rds SAF Vic YD 094147, engaged gunships, results unknown.
- 2) At 1238 OH6A spotted trail Vic YD 117145, 6' wide NE-SW and 12 15'x20' hootches, engaged with gunships, with 2 hootches destroyed.
- 3) At 1255 OH6A spotted 2 20'x20' hootches Vic 112136, Engaged with both hootches destroyed.
- 4) 1334 OH6A spotted 7 or 8 huts Vic YD 097137 and 1' to 1 1/2' trail, engaged gunships, with 1 hut destroyed and 1 hut damaged.
- 5) 1541 hrs OH6A spotted 3 huts and camouflaged pit Vic 099190, engaged with gunships, with 3 huts destroyed.

B 2/17: Conducted VR for 2/502 in preparation for a insertion of the 1st Bde. BDA was made of arealight area and delayed fuse bomb positions SE of FSB Ripcord. 2 UH1H were sent to C 2/17 in support of standby IRF until 271800 hrs. Maintained IRF status from B troop from 271800 hrs until 281800 hrs. A VR of Camp Eagle was also conducted. Search for Ranger MIA was made NE FSB Rendezvous. A UH1H was also provided to transport a Ranger Tn to Huc.

- 1) AHIG rec'd 25 rds 12.7 Vic YD 0323109, neg hits, engaged gunships with unknown results.
- 2) OH6A rec'd 15 rds SAF Vic YD 339103, neg hits, engaged with unknown results.
- 3) OH6A rec'd 30 rds SAF Vic YD 338104, neg hits, engaged with unknown results.
- 4) AHIG rec'd 30 rds 12.7 Vic YD 339105, neg hits, engaged with unknown results.
- 5) AHIG rec'd 25 rds 12.7 Vic YD 323109, neg hits, engaged with unknown results.

C 2/17: Reconed the area of Tiger Mountain, grid 2306 in preparation of Huc Bao insertion. They provided 1 heavy Pink Team which expended 1 fuel load to acquire tactical targets for out of country airstrikes in the attack zone. ARP was inserted on a location an NVA was spotted with neg results. 1 UH1H had engine failure. ARP was then inserted to secure the aircraft. Aircraft was extracted along with the ARP. Last light of Eagle-Pin Bai Rocket Belt was complete. IRF was maintained until 271800 hrs.

- 1) UH1H rec'd 1 rd 12.7 Vic YD 232050, position not engaged.
- 2) AHIG rec'd 15-20 rds 12.7 Vic YD 353008, position not engaged.

D 2/17: Prepared for future operations. Provided Eagle Reaction Force.

L oo: Prepared Team that will go with Huc Bao on their insertion.

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Subject: Planned Summary

HMF: 1. 1 C&C on standby at 0600hrs.

A 2/17: 1. Support 1st ARVN Division as briefed.
2. IRF on standby.

B 2/17: 1. Support insertion of Hae Bao on 28 April 71 with 2 heavy teams with Chase.
Will alternate with C Troop on station.
a. B Trp will be first team out at 0700 hrs, C Troop will relieve.
2. Provide C&C to relieve either Cliff 54 or Stumps 54 as required on station.
3. Last light Eagle Perimeter after 1830 hrs.
4. IRF 271800-281800.

C 2/17: 1. Provide 1 team with Chase to 2d Bde Premission brief at 0645 hrs as previously planned.
2. Provide 1 heavy team with Chase in support of Hae Bao insertion 28 Apr 71.
Alternate with B Troop. Second team out. Prepare to launch anytime after 0700hrs.
3. Provide C&C to relieve either Cliff 54 or Pagar 54 as required on station.
4. Provide convoy cover, 1 LOH to T-hawk with piolet and extra headset at 0730.
Contact Barren Quota on 61.95.
5. Last light of Hae Rocket Belt after 1830 hrs.
6. Reposition 1 slick with crew to Banshee Pad.

D 2/17: 1. Provide Eagle Reaction Force.

I oo: 1. Provide 1 team to accompany Hae Bao insertion.

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