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Subject: Commander's Situation Report

HMH: Provided a UHII for standby as C&C. Col. Rider took the C&C aircraft on a search mission for a MIA Ranger who has been missing since an action on 25 April 71. He took a S 2/17 Pink Team and a 1st Bde pycops aircraft with him to aid in the search. After searching for approximately 2½ hrs, he proceeded to La Vang for a briefing for future operations.

A 2/17: Provided screening for the insertion of the 54th ARVN Reg. The insertion was complete at 291211 hrs. A recon was made of a VR box at Vic ID 0518, west of FSB Ranger and south of FSB Shiloh. 2 HDA's were completed, one on a line from ID 0532 to ID 0631, the other from ID 8590 to ID 0432. There were insignificant results. Another VR was made east of Highway 616 and Tun Tavern. A total of 10 airstrikes were directed into targets by A 2/17. HDA's were completed with insignificant results.

B 2/17: 4 heavy Pink Teams with Chase ships worked in the attack zone directing out of country airstrikes with FAC's and completed HDA's of 5 arc lights with insignificant results. 1 heavy Pink Team answered a report from Division that there were 200 MIA in the open at ID 593220 Vic FSB Gathy. At present there is no results. 2 UHII's were sent to C 2/17 to support them during their IFF status. Last light of Camp Eagle Perimeter was completed.

1) AHIG rec'd 5-10 rds SAF Vic ID 161109, neg hits, engaged with g/s, neg results.
2) AHIG rec'd 10 rds SAF Vic 242062, neg hits, engaged with g/s negative, undetermined location.

3) AHIG rec'd 10 rds SAF Vic YG 37294, neg hits, negative engagement, undetermined location.

4) 2 AHIG's rec'd 20 rds SAF Vic YG 354147, neg hits, engaged g/s with 3 bunkers destroyed.

C 2/17: 3 heavy Pink Teams and Chase ships worked the attack zone directing out of country airstrikes with FAC's. Provided 1 heavy Pink Team in response to 3 agent reports in Vic of recon zone 7. Conducted last light of Eagle-Pha Bai Rocket Belt.

1) At 1110 hrs a C 2/17 AHIG rec'd 200-300 rds SAF and possible 12.7mm Vic ID 176030 with neg hits, engaged with neg results.

2) At 1430 hrs a C 2/17 UHII rec'd 100 rds 12.7mm from 2 positions Vic ID 005005 with negative hits, engaged with unknown results.

3) At 1700 hrs a C 2/17 AHIG rec'd 20 rds SAF Vic YG 687806 with neg hits, engaged with neg results.

D 2/17: Prepared for future operations.

L co: Prepared for future operations.

Hac Base: Maintained 1 platoon on out of country IFF.

~~Other Significant Activities:~~ A total of 10 "out of country" airstrikes were completed. 1 strike at 1100 hrs was canceled due to maintenance and rescheduled later in the sequence.

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