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FROM: CO, 2/17th Cavalry

TO: CG, 101st Abn Div (Ambl)

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1. (U) 2/17th Cavalry INTSUM 106-71
2. (U) 152000H to 162000H April 1971
3. (C) Summary of enemy activity
 - a. Air Activity:
 - (1) 150820H vic YD077265, A 2/17 obs bamboo and hardwood fire w/act 3-6 hrs.
 - (2) 161005H vic YD124230, A 2/17 obs 1 UO AA/AF obsn w/neg rec act.
 - (3) 161010H vic YD110236, A 2/17 obs trail 2' wide oriented N-S w/signs of 2-3 personnel wearing boots undet direc w/act 24-36 hrs.
 - (4) 161015H vic YD128209, A 2/17 obs 1 50x100' cultivated field also trail networks w/act 12-24 hrs.
 - (5) 161021H vic YD118109, A 2/17 obs 1 50x50' corn field also 1 3x5' hut and trail networks w/matting w/act 12-24 hrs.
 - (6) 161030H vic YD132140, A 2/17 obs 1 3x7' bamboo raft w/act 3-4 days. Eng w/gs. Res: part damaged.
 - (7) 161035H vic YD110137, A 2/17 obs 1 10x20' hut, eng w/gs. Res: dest. From YD110137 to YD109138, obs 3-4 cultivated fields w/crops drying w/undet act.
 - (8) 161042H vic YD084157, A 2/17 AH1G AAR msn recd 10-15 rds 12.7mm fire at 3000' and 120-km, neg hits. Eng w/gs w/unk res.
 - (9) 161052H vic YD081140, A 2/17 obs 1 6x8' bunker w/signs of 3-4 personnel in the area in the last 24-48 hrs.
 - (10) 161025H vic YC365570, C 2/17 obs trail 1 1/2' wide oriented N-S w/act 12-24 hrs.
 - (11) 161030H vic YC377881, C 2/17 obs 1 5x5' hut w/neg rec act.
 - (12) 161045H vic YC375997, C 2/17 obs muddy Ford w/undet direc w/act 3-4 hrs.
 - (13) 161046H vic YC355995, C 2/17 obs trail 1' wide oriented E-W w/hp w/act 24 hrs.
 - (14) 161330H vic YD669210, B 2/17 obs hilltop w/10-20 bamboo sticks 5' long lying parallel on ground on 090 degree azimuth w/act 24 hrs.
 - (15) 161500H vic YD682194, A 2/17 obs 4 large ammo casings pointed toward Hue w/act 24-48 hrs.
 - (16) 161501H vic YD688196, A 2/17 obs 5 large ammo casings pointed toward Eagle w/act 24-48 hrs.
 - (17) 161502H vic YD688195, A 2/17 obs 3-4 campfire sites and water bag w/act 24-48 hrs.
 - (18) 161045H vic YC435964, B TRP ANLG, 645, recd 10 rd 30 cal at 20' and 0 km. 1 hit in lower left chin bubble. Neg eng due to friendlies in area. Returned to Eagle nonflyable.

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b. Ground Activity:

- (1) 152030H vic YC453919, Rgr Tm obs 4 NVA moving S on Rte 548.
- (2) 152035H vic YC453919, Rgr Tm obs 6 NVA moving S on Rte 548.
- (3) 152050H vic YC453919, Rgr Tm obs 3 NVA moving S on Rte 548.
- (4) 152110H vic YC453925, Rgr Tm obs 4 to 6 NVA moving S on Rte 548.
- (5) 152120H vic YC453925, Rgr Tm obs 4 NVA moving S on Rte 548.
- (6) 160600H vic YC453925, Rgr Tm 19-F obs 3 NVA moving N on Rte 548. 2 w/

AK-47's, 1 w/MPG, all wearing khakis.

- (7) 150740H vic YC453913, Rgr Tm 19-G obs 3 NVA moving S on Rte 548 w/3

AK-47's, 2 w/OD uniforms and 1 w/khaki uniform.

- (8) 161320H vic YD861160H HHT M151 on admin run recd 7 rds SAP at 15mph.

Neg hits, neg cas. Neg eng due to lack of clearance. Vic Phu Luong.

4. (C) Enemy personnel and equipment losses.

a. Negative.

b. Negative.

c. By 2/17th Cav (Total for operation JEFFERSON CIDER)

- (1) 945 945 02
KIA MVA NVA POW
- (2) and (3) omitted.
- (4) 19 07
YC CIDER

5. ROUTING SLIP: Negative.

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ANNEX I to 2/17th Cavalry INTGRI 106071. Tm's 19-G, 19-F, and 89.

1. **MISSION:** Conduct vehicle ambush on Rte 548.
2. **INT:** Identity, size, and activity of enemy elements in the area.
3. **DISPATCH/REMARKS:**
IN: 151320H vic YC452920 Method: Touchdown.
OUT: 161810H vic YC452922 Method: Touchdown.
4. **SIZE/COMPOSITION:** 89 - 12 US, 19-G - 5 US, 19-F - 5 US.
5. **CONDITION OF PATROL:** 2 US KIA, 4 US WIA.
6. **ROUTE:** See para 8.
7. **TERMINAL:**
 - a. Canopy: None.
 - b. Vegetation: Elephant grass.
 - c. Undergrowth: Very thick.
8. **ENEMY:** On the 15th the entire unit moved up road and saw numerous small bursts all along route. There was very recent activity on Rte 548. OMI on 15th vic YC452920. On the 16th the unit split up into the ambush positions, see sketch. At a prox 155H the 89 element had just finished placing mines in the bridge and put out their commo wire, ele 19-F obs 6 NVA approaching from the N. They had new green fatigues, 1 had an AK-47, and they were carrying a shovel and commo wire. They moved as if a patrol. When they came to the bridge, the second man in the element found the anti-vehicle mine under the PSP of the bridge. The NVA paused, did a lot of talking, and moved directly toward the 89 element. When the NVA were between 100 and 150 from 89, 1 NVA initiated with automatic fire. A fire fight followed and the NVA moved between 19-F and 89 and withdrew to the north along the river. 19-F counted 6 NVA moving back to the north. The entire element was extracted and was used to secure a downed LOR on FB Rendezvous. The Reg patrol had no observations while on FB Rendezvous.
9. **NATURAL WATER SOURCE:** Negative.
10. **COMMUNICATIONS:** Good.
11. **HIZ's:** Negative.
12. **CONCLUSIONS:** The 6 NVA were probably on a mission to repair the commo wire that had been cut by D BCP 2/17th Cav on the 15th farther down on Rte 548.

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