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FROM: CO, 2/17th Cavalry

TO: C, 701st Abn Div (Abn)

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1. (U) 2/17th Cavalry IMSSN 129-71

2. (U) 092000Z to 092000Z May 1971

3. (C) Summary of enemy activity

a. Air Activity:

(1) DELAYED BLANK: 081610H vic YD142261, A 2/17 obs signs of 30 personnel wearing boots mov undet direc also 4 4x5' bunkers w/neg rec act.

(2) DELAYED BLANK: 081613H vic YD164247, A 2/17 obs 4 4x5' bnk w/neg act.

(3) DELAYED BLANK: 081620H vic YD170248, A 2/17 obs 1 4x6' bamboo bridge w/neg rec act.

(4) DELAYED BLANK: 081630H vic YD171255, A 2/17 obs signs of 2-5 personnel wearing boots mov undet direc last 12-24 hrs.

(5) DELAYED BLANK: 081632H vic YD118250, A 2/17 obs 1 6x8' bnk w/neg act.

(6) DELAYED BLANK: 081636H vic YD181242, A 2/17 obs 3 3x5' bnk log reinforced also signs of 3-4 personnel wearing boots mov undet direc last 12-24 hrs.

(7) DELAYED BLANK: 081640H vic YD182238, A 2/17 obs yellow container 2' above the ground, mov in and w/neg rec act.

(8) DELAYED BLANK: 081650H vic YD179239, A 2/17 obs 4 4x5' bunkers part dest by A/S w/neg rec act.

(9) DELAYED BLANK: 081710H vic YD206223, A 2/17 obs 3 campfire sites, also 3 2x3' ft pass w/neg rec act.

(10) DELAYED BLANK: 081715H vic YD227214, A 2/17 obs 1 4x5' bunkers log reinforced also 5 new 4x5' bunkers w/act 72 hrs.

(11) DELAYED BLANK: 081720H vic YD023301, A 2/17 obs signs of 6-8 personnel mov undet direc on site 616 also 3 3' long poles lying on ground.

(12) DELAYED BLANK: 081730H vic YD020294, A 2/17 obs 2 4x5' bnk and 1 3' stretcher w/act 24-48 hrs. w/gu. e: 1 bunker dest.

(13) DELAYED BLANK: 081731H vic YD01214, A 2/17 obs 1 10x10' logs and 1 3x10' raft of bamboo w/act 48 hrs.

(14) 090915H vic YC415910, C 2/17 obs 1 25-30 rds 12.7mm at 50' and 100 km, neg hits. Also obs undet no. and case of bnp gun hits also trail 2-3' wide undet direc. w/gu w/unlk res.

(15) 090925H vic YC423906, C 2/17 obs 1 100 rds 81mm at 50' and 80 km, neg hits. w/gu w/unlk res.

(16) 091002H vic YD019293, A 2/17 obs 1 8x10' bnk and 2 3x4' bnk also 10' long pile of bamboo w/act 12-24 hrs.

(17) 091003H vic YD997314, A 2/17 obs poss parking area (MPT) also 1 2x4' and 4 4x6' bnks also 1 stretcher w/act 12-24 hrs.

(18) 091004H vic YD983312, A 2/17 obs 1 5x5' bunker w/act 12-24 hrs.

(19) 091005H vic YD983314, A 2/17 obs 1 2x3' hole also trench undet size w/act 12-24 hrs.

(20) 091006H vic YD984322, A 2/17 obs 2 4x4' bunkers w/act 12-24 hrs.

(21) 091007H vic YD983321, A 2/17 obs 1 4x4' bunker also a pile of logs and a stretcher w/act 12-24 hrs.

(22) 091008H vic YD948304, A 2/17 obs 1 7x10' bridge const of stone repaired in the last 24 hrs.

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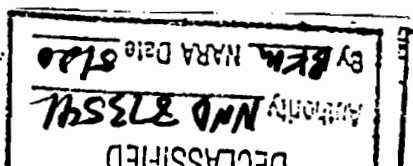
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- (23) 091105H vic YC417930, C 2/17 obs 1 camof UO AA/AM psn w/neg rec act.
- (24) 091108H vic YC422918, C 2/17 obs trail 2' wide E-W hs also 2-3 old campfire sites w/neg rec act.
- (25) 091110H vic YC431921, C 2/17 obs trail 3' wide H-S hp hs w/signs of bicycle tracks also signs of 100 personnel mov N w/act 24 hrs.
- (26) 091115H vic YC431921, C 2/17 obs 3 8x10' bunkers w/1 1/2' OHC also 1 blue shirt w/act 6-8 hrs.
- (27) 091120H vic YC430923, C 2/17 obs 1 6x8' hut also OH6A AAR msn recd 5-8 rds SAF at 30' and 80 km, neg hits. Eng w/gs. Res: 1 secondary.
- (28) 091035H vic YC491865, B 2/17 OH6A AAR msn recd 30-40 rds SAF at 10' and 60 km. A/C recd 2 hits left hand engine door, neg cas. A/C nonflyable. Eng w/gs w/unlk res.
- (29) 091200H vic YD170028, B 2/17 AHG AAR msn recd 200-250 rds from 2 ZPU-4 at 1000' and 100 km, neg hits. Eng w/FAC w/unlk res. Vpms 15m apart obs 2 NVA.
- (30) 091230H vic YD205035, B 2/17 obs 1 10x10' bunk w/act 24 hrs.
- (31) 091235H vic YD183033, B 2/17 obs 1 2 1/2 ton truck vehicle parked. Eng w/FAC w/unlk res. Vehicle on Rte 922.
- (32) 091225H vic YD045244, A 2/17 obs 1 2x4' bamboo lean-to also trail 3' wide undet direc w/act 36 hrs.
- (33) 091235H vic YD029274, A 2/17 obs trail 1 1/2' wide hp w/signs of 5-6 personnel mov SW w/act 24 hrs.
- (34) 091240H vic YD029269, A 2/17 obs 1 undet size rest area w/act 36 hrs.
- (35) 091250H vic YD040241, A 2/17 obs 4 undet size bunks w/OHC w/act 36 hrs.
- (36) 091300H vic YD052251, A 2/17 obs 1 bamboo mat 3' dia circular w/act 36.
- (37) 091305H vic YD069254, A 2/17 obs 1 25x50' and 10x15' hut also steel pot and 8-10' undet size bunks w/act 12-24 hrs. Eng w/gs. Res: dest 2 huts.
- (38) 091301H vic YD051249, A 2/17 obs fresh cut wood w/signs of 3-5 personnel in the last 24 hrs in the area.
- (39) 091306H vic YD062274, A 2/17 obs 1 circular 3' bamboo mat w/act 24-36.
- (40) 091310H vic YD088263, A 2/17 obs 1 NV. wearing black trousers and lgt shirt. Eng w/gs w/unlk res.
- (41) 091315H vic YD071261, A 2/17 obs 1 8x10' hut w/act 24-36 hrs.
- (42) 091325H vic YD081263, A 2/17 obs 1 8x10' hut w/act 24-48 hrs. Eng w/gs. Res: part dest.
- (43) 091220H vic YD061313, A 2/17 obs 1 bamboo stretcher on Rte 616 also trail 3' wide E-W w/act 12-24 hrs.
- (44) 091105H vic YC493865, B 2/17 obs 2 NVA running across road wearing green unif and rucksacks. OH6A AAR msn recd 5-10 rds SAF at 50' and 80 km, neg hits. Eng w/OH6A. Res: 1 NVA KBH. In response to activation on sensor 37027.
- (45) 091100H vic YC491865-YC488865, B 2/17 obs commo wire E-W 2' above grd w/act 6 hrs.
- (46) 091110H vic YC491865, B 2/17 obs trail 2' wide hp E-W w/act 24 hrs.
- (47) 091120H vic YC492855, B 2/17 obs 1 6x8' bunker w/OHC w/act 6 hrs.
- (48) 091450H vic YC505856, B 2/17 AHG AAR msn recd 20 rds 12.7mm at 300' and 100 km, neg hits. Eng w/gs w/unlk res.
- (49) 091215H vic YC423923-YC421923, HHT eng SEL w/A/S. A/S missed target. Res: 2 bunks part dest by AF.
- (50) 091307H vic YC443970, YC445971, and YC446973, HHT Eng Rte 547 w/A/S. Res: Interdicted by 3x10', 3x10' and 3x15m dia craters respectively at the above coordinates.
- (51) 091200H vic YD168024, B 2/17 Eng sus pipeline loc w/A/S. 15 bombs on target w/neg secondaries or fires obs. Pipeline was not obs by recon.
- (52) 091235H vic YD163025, B 2/17 Eng sus pipeline loc w/A/S. 14 bombs on target w/neg secondaries or fires obs. Pipeline was not obs by recon.

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(53) 091200H vic YD154027, B 2/17 obs trail 1 1/2' wide N-S w/act 24 hrs.

(54) 091234H vic YD195045, B 2/17 obs 1 2 1/2 ton truck also 1 MVA. Eng w/gs.

Res: 1 truck dest.

(55) 091605H vic YD205122, C 2/17 obs 5 3x2x2' ftg psn w/neg rec act.

(56) 091630H vic YD305124, C 2/17 obs 25 12x6' bunkers, 5-6 empty ammo cases size 12x2" w/act 4 hrs.

(57) 091645H vic YD303121, C 2/17 obs 1 WO AA/AV psn w/act 46 hrs.

(58) 091655H vic YD994332, A 2/17 obs 1 8x10' bunker w/signs of 5-8 personnel in area and a 2x3' trench of undet lgth.

(59) 091540H vic YD999330, A 2/17 obs 1 6x8' pit w/neg rec act.

(60) 091605H vic YD972292, A 2/17 obs pos parking area off RTE 616 w/undet act.

(61) 091615H vic YD972331, A 2/17 obs 1 WO AA/AV psn under const w/act last 24 hrs.

(62) 091630H vic YD984344, A 2/17 obs 1 rock dam of undet size and 2' wide trail running W w/signs of 4-5 personnel mov SW w/act 24 hrs.

(63) 091635H vic YD970295, A 2/17 eng sus en psn w/res: 1 bunker dest, 4 sus fires, 6-8 small secondaries. Area was eng w/gs.

(64) 091636H vic YD992295, A 2/17 ARVN AAA smn recd 20-30 rds NW at 1000' 100 km, neg hits and neg eng due to undet loc.

(65) 091637H vic YD973267, A 2/17 obs 2 8x10' huts w/act 24 hrs.

b. Ground Activity:

(1) DELAYED REPORT: 091930H vic YD386943, Rgt 1st W. LINE COX heard wood chopping 75m to their E.

(2) 091300H vic YD885944, Rgt 1st W. LINE COX discovered 1 82mm rd and 8 122 mm boosters w/war heads. Sm obs and extracted rds at 1750H.

(3) 091145H vic YD496065, B Wp ARP made contact w/est 5-6 MVA. Eng/gs and organic wps. Res: 1 MVA KIA, 2 musketeers captured and evacuated. 4 US WIA (E), 1 US KIA.

4. (C) Enemy personnel and equipment losses.

a. 2 MVA KIA

b. 3 huts dest and 8 sec; 1 bunker dest, 4 sus fires.

c. By 2/17th day alry (Total for operation JELLYFISH EFFECT)

(1) 277 277 02
KIA IWA IWA/VS PO

(2) and (3) Omitted.

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5. (C) REPORT FROM: At 1000H vic YD043315 to YD947304, A 2/17 obs signs of foot and veh traffic w/act 12-24 hrs. A 2/17 vic YD020295 obs 1 1/2' wide trail oriented E-W along RTE 616 w/signs of 12-15 personnel mov W w/act 12-24 hrs. At 1009H vic YD020295 to YD947304 A Wp obs signs of track veh mov W w/act 12-24 hrs. At 1320H vic YD0226 to Shiloh has signs of lgt foot traffic on T4, also signs of 2-4 personnel in last 12-24 hrs. Vic YD0229 W4 has signs of manual labor w/act 24 hrs. A Wp obs signs of 3/4 ton veh traffic and signs of manual on RTE 616 vic YD960300 to 900310 in last 12-24 hrs.

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ANNEX I to 2/17th Cavalry INTSUM 129-71 D Trp 2/17th Cav

1. MISSION: To reinforce B Trp ARP on ground.
2. EEL: N/A.
3. SIZE/COMPOSITION: 23 US and 1 KCS.
4. CONDITION OF PATROL: Excellent; 1 US medevac for poss heat injury or heart attack.
5. INSERTION/EXTRACTION:
 - a. In: 091230H May 1971 vic YC480864 Method: TD
 - b. Out: 091426H May 1971 vic YC480864 Method: TD
6. ROUTE: See para #8.
7. TERRAIN:
 - a. Canopy: None.
 - b. Vegetation: Elephant grass 9-10' high.
 - c. Undergrowth: None.
8. ENEMY: Element recd SAF vic YC493856 on approach to LZ, neg fire on LZ. Element mov NW up Rte 548 for 200m and linked up w/B Trp ARP. Secured PZ for medevac at 1310H. ARP pulled through D Trp psns towards LZ vic YC490864. D Trp searched west side rd to vic YC489867. Element cut commo wire (WD-1) at YC490864, YC489866, and YC487868. D Trp returned to PZ at 1330H and was extracted w/neg further obs or sightings.
9. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Conform to map.
10. HLZ'S: Negative.
11. COMMUNICATIONS: Good.
12. COMMENTS: (1) Road Rte 548: Signs of heavy truck traffic since last rain, 7th May 71. Road is solid packed dirt. Also the ford this vic has been rebuilt to accommodate traffic w/PSP. Riverbed was hard stone conglomerate.
.. (2) Contact was with small groups of est 3-4 persons, poss road maintenance and commo maintenance personnel. Element obs no bnls on this section of the road.

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1. MISSION: To conduct a body snatch and secure 2 rucksacks vic YC496865.
2. EEI: N/A.
3. SIZE/COMPOSITION: 23 US, 1 KCS.
4. CONDITION OF PATROL: 1 US KIA and 4 US WIA (E).
5. INSERTION/EXTRACTION:
 - a. In: 091130H May 1971 vic YC496865 Method: TD
 - b. Out: 091426H May 1971 vic YC480864 Method: TD
6. ROUTE: See para #8.
7. TERRAIN:
 - a. Canopy: None.
 - b. Vegetation: Elephant grass 8' and bamboo.
 - c. Undergrowth: None.
8. SUMMARY: Element inserted at 2 loc on Rte 548 at approx 1130H. After linkup they secured the 2 rucksacks and began to search for the NVA body. Element began mov to S where a machine gunner obs 1 NVA on the W side of the road. Initially the MG thought the NVA was their KCS. The gunner then obs the NVA was carrying a AK47 and eng the NVA w/M-60 fire. Res: 1 NVA KIA. Immediately the element recd sniper fire from a single shot wpn (believed to be a SKS by plt sgt). Element recd hand grenades and SAF from their S, E, W, and N, wounding 4 and killing the plt ldr during a 30 min period of time. The element attempted to maneuver against a spider hole psn approx 5m to the S but were not successful. 3rd Plt D Trp was inserted to reinforce, landing approx 100-150m to the ARP's SW. After linkingup the en withdrew and D Trp made a search of the area finding 3 NVA hand grenades. B Trp ARP obs 2 strands of black WD1 commo wire running north and south along 548. The wire was on the E side of the road and was running 5' high along the top of the elephant grass. The wire was cut in 12 locations and approx 100m of wire was pulled out. A sample of the wire was evacuated. Results: 2 NVA KIA
2 NVA Rucksacks captured containing clothing and documents.
1 commo wire cut.
9. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Conform to map
10. HLZ'S: Negative
11. COMMUNICATIONS: Good.
12. COMMENTS: Plt Sgt and Squad leaders believe they were in contact with a 5-6 man NVA patrol which was covering the extraction of the initial NVA that was killed.

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ANNEX III to 2/17th Cavalry INPSUM 129-71 Rgr Tm WHITE SOX

1. MISSION: To conduct area recon of assigned area, to monitor enemy movement and direction, to check for possible enemy base area and storage, and to conduct ambush and POW snatch if the tactical situation permits. Be prepared to E and E.
2. EEI: Id, size, and activity of enemy in the area.
3. SIZE/COMPOSITION: 6 US
4. CONDITION OF PATROL: Excellent
5. INSERTION/EXTRACTION:
 - a. In: 071330H vic YC888946 METHOD: TD
 - b. Out: 091750H vic YC884945 METHOD: STABO Rigs
6. ROUTE: See para #6
7. TERRAIN:
 - a. Canopy: Double.
 - b. Vegetation: Brush, bamboo, Vines
 - c. Undergrowth: Heavy
8. ENEMY: Tm inserted at 1330H mov SW to YC886946. ONI vic YC886946. On 8th at 1300H Tm heard sounds of men driving wooden stakes 600m 290 degrees from YC885944. At 1930H Tm heard sounds of wood being cut and a tree fall 75m 100 degrees from their position. ONI vic YC886945. On 9th Tm mov SW and obs highspeed trail 3-4' wide, hardpacked w/no rocks oriented E-W and trail had jungle canopy vic YC885945. Tm continued SW and crossed a stream and obs a small leanto which was old. Tm continued and found a cache containing 8 122mm rockets. Rockets were extracted at 1750H. Tm extracted w/neg further sightings or obs.
9. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Obs 2 streams oriented S vic YC885945 to 888941, and YC883946 to 883940.
10. HLZ'S: Negative.
11. COMMUNICATIONS: Fair to poor, used Radio Relay.
12. COMMENTS: Tm believes area has signs of base camp activities. Odors of cooking, sounds of construction and the cache indicate human occupation.
13. S-2 Comments: The rockets consisted of 3 parts, fuze, motor, warhead w/a blue band around fuze base. The fuzes were DKK3 of Russian type. Marking at the bottom of page.

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UNK Trail Marking signed by
Tm vic YC884945

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