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TO: CG, 101st Abn Div (Ambl)

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1. (U) 2/17th Cavalry INTSUM 131-71
2. (U) 102000H to 112000H May 1971
3. (C) Summary of enemy activity

a. Air Activity:

(1) DELAYED ENTRY: 101801H vic YD582007, A 2/17 BDA of A/S reveals 4 4x8' bnks dest, 1 6x8' hut dest, 1 stretcher dest, and 1 small arms ammo storage area of undet size broken open.

(2) DELAYED ENTRY: 100930H-1640H, B 2/17 obs following LZ's: vic YC504988 1 ship hoover LZ, vic YC516999 1 ship hoover LZ logs and small obj 090 degree entrans, vic YC491978 neg entry due to large trees, vic YC496999 1 ship hoover LZ big trees on each side 070 degree entrans, vic YC504943 1 ship touchdown LZ.

(3) 110720H vic YC504945, C 2/17 obs 8-10 4x10' and 1 10x20' bnks w/log and dirt OHC w/act 12 hrs. Eng w/gs w/unlk res.

(4) 110725H vic YC519939-YC504945, C 2/17 obs trail 2' wide hs hp NW-SE w/act 2 hrs.

(5) 110730H vic YC522937, C 2/17 obs 1 UO AA/AN psn camof w/act 24-48 hrs.

(6) 110924H vic YC491979, A 2/17 obs trail 1½' wide NE-SW w/signs of 20-30 personnel wearing boots mov undet direc in the last 12-24 hrs.

(7) 110927H vic YC516966, A 2/17 obs trail 1½' wide NW-SE w/signs of 8-10 personnel mov NW in the last 24-36 hrs.

(8) 110928H vic YC505974, A 2/17 obs 5 5x8' bnks and 1 2x3' fgt pns w/neg rec act. Also eng LZ W A/S w/unlk res.

(9) 111015H and 111029H vic YC505974, A 2/17 obs LZ w/ A/Ss w/unlk res.

(10) 111036H vic YC491979, A 2/17 obs 40-50 4x6' bnks w/OHC also several sets of trench lines 2x4' w/undet length also 1 UO AA/AN psn w/act 24 hrs. Eng w/ A/S w/unlk res.

(11) 111040H vic YC491979, A 2/17 BDA of A/S reveals 10 bunkers damaged.

(12) 111050H vic YC491979, A 2/17 BDA fo A/S reveals 5 bunkers dest, 3 bunkers damaged, 4 L-shaped trenches 30' long, 6' deep, 3' wide w/approx 100-150' uncovered and approx 100' dest.

(13) 111350H vic YC487974, A 2/17 BDA of A/S reveals 3 bunkers dest, 1 FP uncovered.

(14) 111330H vic YC487935, C 2/17 obs 4 4x4' bunkers w/2x2' ent w/act 1 wk.

(15) 111340H vic YC493939, C 2/17 obs 2 5x5' huts made of bamboo. Eng/gs and Res: 2 huts dest.

(16) 111445H vic XD804235, A 2/17 OH6A AAR msn recd 50 rds AF at 80 kn 50', neg hits. Eng/gs w/unlk res.

(17) 111440H vic YD090291, A 2/17 obs signs of 3-4 personnel mov E w/act 48 hrs.

(18) 111450H vic YD078298, A 2/17 obs signs of 5-10 personnel wearing boots mov W in the last 48 hrs.

(19) 111456H vic YD070304, A 2/17 obs signs of small vehicle traffic mov E from Rte 151 extension to Shiloh w/act 12-24 hrs.

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- (20) 111300H vic YD030308, A 2/17 obs signs of road repair by hand on Rte 616 in the last 48 hrs.
- (21) 111501H vic XD977308, A 2/17 obs signs of bulldozer repair on Rte 616 and 1 4x6' bmk and 2 UO AA/AW pens w/act 12-24 hrs.
- (22) 111400H vic XD783235, A 2/17 obs undet no. bks also signs of bulldozer tracks on Rte 616 w/act 12-24 hrs.
- (23) 111435H vic XD779235, A 2/17 obs signs of bulldozer tracks on Rte 616 undet direc in the last 40 hrs.
- (24) 111445H vic XD787232, A 2/17 obs signs of road repair and vehicle tracks undet direc w/act 12-24 hrs.
- (25) 111450H vic XD820236, A 2/17 obs 1 10x15' smol hut w/act 48 hrs.
- (26) 111500H vic XD966273, A 2/17 obs 1 10x15' smol hut w/act 48 hrs.
- (27) 111500H vic XD966273, A 2/17 obs 1 10x15' smol hut w/act 48 hrs.
- (28) 111501H vic XD847228, A 2/17 obs signs of undet no. personnel in area w/act 12-24 hrs.
- (29) 111505H vic XD945300, A 2/17 obs signs of vehicles undet direc 12-24 hr.
- (30) 111610H vic YD026305, A 2/17 obs signs of wrecked vehicle also undet no. bks also rd repaired this pt.
- (31) 111345H vic YD340148, B 2/17 obs 1 10x10' bmk also 1 UO AA/AW pen w/connecting trench w/act 72 hrs.
- (32) 111350H vic YD351144, B 2/17 obs 1 10x10' bmk and fresh cut logs w/act in the last 24 hrs.
- (33) 111415H vic YD340124, B 2/17 obs 1 UO AA/AW pen also 1 6x8' bmk w/act in the last 48 hrs.
- (34) 111452H vic YD352146, B 2/17 obs 1 6x8' bmk also 1 6x10' bmk w/act OHC w/act in the last 24 hrs.
- (35) 111455H vic YD36149, B 2/17 obs 3 UO AA/AW pens and 1 6x8' bmk w/interconnecting trench w/act 72 hrs.
- (36) 111530H vic YD332152, B 2/17 obs 2 UO AA/AW pens and 4 2x3x2' fgt pens w/act 72 hrs.
- (37) 111538H vic YD347155, B 2/17 obs 1 10x10' bmk also 1 UO AA/AW pen and 1 8x10' bmk w/act 72 hrs.
- (38) 111600H vic YD342153, B 2/17 obs 1 10x10' bmk and 6 2x3x2' fgt pens w/act 1 week.
- (39) 111712H vic XD969282, A 2/17 eng TEL by A/S. Res: 1 bmk part dest.
- (40) 111713H vic XD999283, A 2/17 AMTC and men heard 20-30 rds 14.5mm fire on 4 passes at 1000' and 120 km, neg hits. Eng w/ A/S w/unlk res.

b. Ground Activity:

- (1) 102010H vic YC850931, Rpt from ASTROG heard 1 AX47 shot 100m to S.
4. (C) Enemy personnel and equipment losses.

a. Negative.

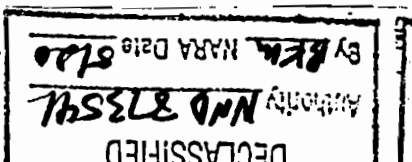
b. 2 hnts dest.

c. By 2/17th Cavalry (Total for operation JEFFERSON ARMY)

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| (1) | 983 | 983 | 02 |
| | KIA | NVA | NVA/VC POW |
| (2) | and | (3) | Omitted. |
| (4) | 12 | 07 | |
| | LTC | C/MC | |

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ANNEX I to 2/17th Cavalry INVSUM 131-71 Rgr Tm ASUTROS

1. **MISSION:** To conduct area recon, monitor enemy movements and direction, check for possible base area and cache sites. Conduct ambush and POW snatch if the tactical situation permits.

2. **EFET:** N/A

3. **SIZE/COMPOSITION:** 6 US

4. **CONDITION ON PATROL:** Good.

5. **INSERTION/EXTRACTION:**

a. In: 071330H

vic YC847930

HEATED: TD

b. Out: 111426H

vic YC852932

DEFEND: McGuire

6. **ROUTE:** See para 8

7. **TERRAIN:**

a. Canopy: Single and Double

b. Vegetation: Vines and Banana Trees

c. Undergrowth: Thick

8. **ENEMY:** Tm inserted and moved from 1200H down trail; vic YC847930. trail divides and runs E and N. Tm also observed 1 personnel in last 4-5 days. Tm mov N 200m on trail and obs 1 personnel. On the 8th Tm mov N 75m on same trail and 1 personnel. Tm then mov back to ONH and at 1030H Tm mov back to 12 and the 1 personnel was extracted and replaced. At 1450H Tm mov E and obs vic YC852932 and old POW site. Tm mov on 2' wide trail from old POW site 250m and ONH vic YC852932. On 9th at 0800H Tm mov NE down side of mountain into rugged terrain. At 1200H Tm obs vic YC857933 a small stream and mov 300-400m along the stream bed trying to reach higher ground in order to improve commo. At 1430H Tm lost commo mov SE and regained commo w/the use of radio relay. At 1620H Tm reestablished commo and ONH vic YC852932. On 10th Tm informed higher of situation and was instructed to mov to YC849935 but was unable to do so due to vegetation. Tm then mov back to last ONH. Tm ONH vic YC852932 and during the night heard 1st SAT 100m 100 degrees S. On the 11th Tm observed w/ no further sighting of obs.

9. **NATURAL WATER SOURCES:** Conform to map.

10. **HLZ'S:** Negative.

11. **COMMUNICATIONS:** Good.

12. **COMMENT:** Tm believes neg rec act in this area.

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3. (c) Route Recon: C 2/17 111205H to 111545H

Rte 547 from Rte 548 junc to vic FB CANHON has neg rec act in last 48 hrs. Act 48-72 hrs, Neg act after 72 hrs. Signs of moderate foot, wheel, and tracked vehicle traffic. Rte 547 has been interdicted vic at YD456001, YD455003, YD446007, YD453984, YD462027, and YC444972 (last bypassed by tracked vehicle). Bomb craters and slides caused by bombs are impassable except by foot and two wheeled vehicle. There are neg signs of repair. Route trafficable to vehicle to vic YD456002 also grid square lower left YD4500 route thru grid is impassable to vehicles.

A 2/17 11120H to 111545H

Rte 616 from LEATHERNECK to SHILOH. Route is passable to wheeled vehicles from LEATHERNECK to 2 km NW of SHILOH. The extension near LEATHERNECK is passable to vehicles up to 1 km N of border. There are signs of bulldozer and hand repair. Signs of lgt foot traffic, neg vehicle 24 hrs.

Rte 616 from XD778235 to LEATHERNECK, XD778235 at ford is interdicted by A/S impassable to truck traffic. 3 craters in 50m sq on LAOTIAN side, 4 craters on river edge, and 2 craters in middle rd VIETNAMESE side, neg signs of repairs.

Rte 616 from XD778235 to XD903230 road is passable to vehicles, signs of 1 lgt truck (3/4 ton) in the last 48 hrs.

Rte 616 from XD903230 to XD924293 neg interdictions, signs of lgt foot traffic in the last 24-48 hrs.

Rte 616 from XD924293 to LEATHERNECK, neg interdictions, road intermittently repaired by bulldozer/roadgrader in the last 24-48 hrs.

7. UPDATE:

(1) Ref spot report #52, 2/17th Cav INF SUM 130-71 should read in addition "A/C was in slight right turn SW to N at 60-80 km and 30-50'. No enemy act obs. No enemy fire obs. A/C made fireball 150' dia of brilliant silver/white w/black smoke, then red/yellow flame.

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ANNEX II to 2/17th Cavalry INTSUM 131-71 Rgr Tm AED

1. MISSION: To conduct area recon, monitor enemy movements and direction, check for possible base areas and cache sites, conduct ambush and POW snatch if the tactical situation permits. Be prepared to E and E.
2. REI: N/A
3. SIZE/COMPOSITION: 5 US
4. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good.
5. INSERTION/EXTRACTION:
 - a. In: 071400H vic YC898917
 - b. Out: 111730H vic YC893908
6. ROUTE: See par. 7/8
7. TERRAIN:
 - a. Canopy: Triple
 - b. Vegetation: Vines and bamboo
 - c. Undergrowth: Thick
8. ENEMY: On the 7th Tm mov N from LZ 100m downhill then W and ONH vic YC896917. On the 8th Tm heard a burst of SAF and automatic wps fire 30 degrees at 0300H. There were neg further sighting and Tm ONH vic YC894913. On the 9th Tm had neg sighting of obs and ONH vic YC891909. On the 10th Tm had neg sighting on obs and ONH vic YC893909. On the 11th Tm extracted w/neg further sighting on obs.
9. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Obs 1-2' wide stream vic YC893913 oriented N-S.
10. COMMUNICATIONS: Poor
11. HLZ'S: Negative.
12. COMMENTS: Negative.

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