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FROM: CO, 2/17th Cavalry
TO: CG, 101st Abn Div (Aml)

C O N F I D E N T I A L

1. (U) 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry INISUM 268-70
2. (U) 242000H to 252000H September 1970
3. (C) Summary of enemy activity

a. Air Activity

- (1) 250250H via YC863763, C Trp FLIR msn obs 2 NVA/VO. Area was eng w/ gunships. Res: 2 NVA KBH.
- (2) 250407H via YC782859, C Trp FLIR msn obs 1 NVA/VC. Area was eng w/ gunships. Res: 1 NVA KBH.
- (3) 250805H via YD237123, B Trp OH6A, while edting BDA reod 10 rds SAF at 100' and 90 km. Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/gunships w/unlk res.
- (4) 250720H via YD280197, A Trp obs trail 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' wide w/signs of 10-15 personnel moving SE in the last 18-24 hrs.
- (5) 250722H via YD280194, A Trp obs trail 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' wide w/signs of 25-30 personnel moving W in the last 24 hrs.
- (6) 250725H via YD283198, A Trp obs 2 4x6' bunkers and 3 2x3' fighting psns w/act in the last 24-48 hrs.
- (7) 250735H via YD270195, A Trp obs an old NDP site and 10-15 2x3' fighting psns w/act in the last 36-48 hrs.
- (8) 250755H via YD245181, A Trp obs trail 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' wide w/signs of 25-30 personnel moving W in the last 24 hrs.
- (9) 250810H via YD246187, A Trp obs 1 old NDP site, 10 2x3' fighting psns, 1 7x10' bunker, 4 4x5' bunkers and trail 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' wide w/signs of 10-15 personnel moving N in the last 24 hrs.
- (10) 250735H via YC888809, C Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented NW-SE w/act in the last 24 hrs.
- (11) 250740H via YC886768, C Trp obs 3-4 4x3' fighting psns w/neg rec act.
- (12) 250825H via YC886776, C Trp obs 6-8 8x8' bunkers and 1 small straw basket lying on the ground w/neg rec act.
- (13) 250835H via YC886768, C Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented NW-SE w/neg rec act.
- (14) 250855H via YC886768, C Trp obs 1 bundle of wood leaning against a tree w/neg rec act.

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- (15) 250927H vic YC885766, C Trp obs 1 old shelter half poss used for a tent w/neg rec act.
- (16) 250835H vic YD244189, A Trp BDA of A/S revealed 1 2x3' fighting psn dest. Also obs a 50' long platform in a tree w/a ladder leading up to it. Also obs trail 3' wide oriented NW-SE, 1 UO AA/AW psn, 3 2x3' fighting psns and 2 4x8' bunkers w/act in the last 24 hrs.
- (17) 250845H vic YD235194, A Trp obs 6 2x4' fighting psns w/neg rec act.
- (18) 250935H vic YD190165, A Trp obs 4 4x8' bunkers and trail 3' wide oriented NW-SE w/2 strands of commo wire running parallel to the trail w/act in the last 24 hrs.
- (19) 250945H vic YD188129, A Trp obs 2 strands of commo wire oriented NE-SW. The wire ran into triple canopy jungle and came out the other end as 4 strands of wire. Signs of rec act.
- (20) 251045H vic YC892766, C Trp obs 10 20x50' huts w/undet act.
- (21) 250950H vic YC888762, C Trp obs 1 15x20' hut w/undet act.
- (22) 250950H vic YC890769, C Trp obs 1 15x20' hut w/misc pots and pan and 1 empty coffin in the area w/neg rec act.
- (23) 250930H vic YD338188, A Trp obs trail 14' wide w/signs of 10 personnel moving NE in the last 24 hrs.
- (24) 250940H vic YD353203, A Trp obs 3-4 4x5' bunkers prev dest by A/S w/neg rec act.
- (25) 250950H vic YD184184, A Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented E-W w/signs of 10-15 personnel moving W in the last 24-48 hrs.
- (26) 250955H vic YD181185, A Trp obs 4 6x8' huts and trail 2' wide oriented NW-SE w/act in the last 24-48 hrs.
- (27) 250957H vic YD173190, A Trp obs 1 10x15' hut w/act in the last 24 hrs. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 1 hut dest.
- (28) 251000H vic YD173195, A Trp obs 4 10x15' huts w/act in the last 24 hrs. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 1 hut dest.
- (29) 251005H vic YD189168, A Trp BDA of A/S revealed 2 6x8' bunkers dest.
- (30) 251300H vic YC890769, C Trp obs 2 10x15' huts w/undet act.
- (31) 251345H vic YC897763, C Trp obs 1 10x15' hut and 4 6x8' bunkers w/neg rec act.
- (32) 251440H vic YC897763, C Trp obs 1 10x15' hut w/a 3' high fence around it, 1 10x15' hut and 1 4x5' bunker w/neg rec act.
- (33) 251430H vic YC897760, C Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented NE-SW w/neg rec act.
- (34) 251440H vic YD134074, A Trp obs post (park log const 8' high and 6' wide w/undet act.

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- (35) 251450H vic YD039249, A Trp obs trail 1 1/2' wide w/signs of 2-5 personnel moving W and 3 6x6' bunkers and 10 2x3' fighting pans w/act in the last 24 hrs.
- (36) 251500H vic YD045240, A Trp obs a poss cache site w/4x4' ent and misc trash scattered thro' about the area w/act in the last 24-48 hrs.
- (37) 251510H vic YD078248, A Trp obs 1 11x12' hut and 2 6x10' huts w/act in the last 24-48 hrs. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 2 huts dest.
- (38) 251525H vic YD076248, A Trp obs 1 6x8' hut w/act in the last 24 hrs. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 1 hut dest.
- (39) 251500H vic YC711748, B Trp obs trail 2' wide oriented SE-NW w/act in the last 24-48 hrs.
- (40) 251515H vic YC711748, B Trp SDA of ARA revealed 2 bunkers dest and 1 NVA KBARA.
- (41) 251520H vic YC711748, B Trp obs 1 NVA wearing green uniform. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: 1 NVA KBR.
- (42) 251528H vic YC711748, B Trp obs 1 6x10' bunker, 1 2x5' fighting pans and 1 5x5' leanto. Area was eng w/gunships. Res: All dest.
- (43) 251530E vic YC711748, B Trp OMEGA 400 msn hood 5 rds SAF at 100' and 60 km. Neg hits or cas. Area was eng w/gunship & bunkers.
- (44) 251550E vic YC711748, B Trp obs 1 NVA wearing green uniform. Area was eng w/gunship. Res: 1 NVA KBR.

b. Ground Activity

- (1) 251015E vic YC649839, Rgr tm 005000, obs 2 NVA/VC 50-100 meters to their SW moving from N to S.
- (2) 251000H vic YC813742, Rgr tm 005000 obs 3 NVA/VC 2 of which were working in a field while the other stood guard. All were wearing civilian clothes w/neg wps.
- (3) 250745H vic YC885763, C Trp AFP disc trail 3' wide oriented NW-SE w/a 2' high wooden fence running down the center of the trail poss used as a funnel for small game. Vic YC804765 disc 2 trails 1' wide oriented NE-SW leading into a 10x20' cleared area. Vic YC885765 disc 6 animal traps w/neg rec act. Vic YC887766 disc 10 2x3' fighting pans w/neg rec act. Vic YC886767 disc 4 small pits containing porcelain dishes and metal pots and pans w/neg rec act.
- (4) 251150H vic YC890769, C Trp AFP disc 1 15x20' hut containing misc pots and pans and 1 coffin. Vic YC885768 disc trail 1 1/2' wide oriented NW-SE w/neg rec act.
- (5) 251245H vic YC890762, C Trp AFP rec 1 M SAEP from 1 NVA resulting in 1 scout dog KIA. 2m rind SAF and the enemy fled in an unk direction.

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(6) 251340Z vic YC716743, Rgr tm DALLAS recd SAF from an unk size enemy force to their SE resulting in 1 US KIA. The rtd SAF and Cav pink tm and ARA were employed w/unc res. Tm was extracted. Res: 1 US KIA.

(7) 251530Z vic YC894776, C Trp ARP disc 3 20x40' huts, 1 2 x20' hut 1 6x10' hut, 2 5x10' bunkers and 3 animal pens. The huts contained fresh fruit and misc medical supplies. Also were numerous pigs and chickens in the area. The huts were dest, pigs and chickens killed and medical supplies evac'd. Res: 5 huts dest.

(8) 251650Z vic YC899768, C Trp ARP disc 2 10x10' huts and 2 10x10' bunkers w/neg rec act.

4. (C) Enemy personnel and equipment losses:

- a. 5 NVA KBK
- b. 10 huts dest, 1 bunker dest, 1 fighting posn dest and 1 lean to dest.
- c. By 2/17th Cavalry (Total for operation JEFFERSON GIEM)

(1) $\frac{54}{KIA}$ $\frac{64}{NVA}$ $\frac{00}{NVA/VC POW}$

(2) and (3) Omitted

(4) $\frac{03}{I/C}$ $\frac{00}{CSWC}$

5. APD MISSION: Refer to Spot Reports 1 and 2 (air activity).

6. ROUTE RECON: Rte 9222 shows neg signs of rec vehicle traffic. All other routes: Negative.

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ANNEX I to 2/17th Cavalry INPSUM 268-70 Tm Name HOC BAO (ARVN)

1. MISSION: Ground HDA of air strikes
2. ETEL: Id, size and activity of enemy in area.
3. SIZE/COMPOSITION: 5 US; 156 ARVN
4. CONDITION OF PATROL: 1 ARVN KIA
5. INSERTION/EXTRACTION:
 - a. In: 241210H Sept Vic: YD308118 Method: Touchdown
 - b. Out: 241720H Sept Vic: YD308108 Method: Touchdown
6. ROUTE: See Item #8
7. TERRAIN:
 - a. Canopy: Single to double canopy
 - b. Vegetation: Elephant grass
 - c. Undergrowth: Deadfall
8. ENEMY: 241210H vic YD308118 during insertion element rtd SAF from vic YD308113 and YD308122. Upon deploying on the LZ engaged 11-13 NVA on the LZ. The enemy rtd SAF resulting in 1 ARVN KIA. the HOC BAO rtd SAF resulting in 3 NVA KIA, and captured 1 12.7mm MG w/2 tripods and armor piercing ammo. 1st Platoon moved NW to vic YD304119 where they disc 9 bunkers, numerous 2x3' fighting psns, blood trails and a grave containing 3 NVA killed in the last 24 hrs. The platoon moved S to vic YD308116 and then to the E w/neg contacts or sightings. Element rtd to the LZ and was extracted 1720H. Vic of the LZ obs signs in the trees which the HOC BAO Commander translated as meaning: "Peace, Cease Fire and Down".
9. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Conform to map.
10. COMMUNICATIONS: Good
11. HLZ'S: None
12. CONCLUSION: There were remains of bunkers on the LZ and in every direction from the LZ. The team feels that the area is used as a base area and that the NVA have been hurt by the Ari Strikes in the area.

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ANNEX II to 2/17th Cavalry LENSUM 268-70 Rgr Tm DALLAS

1. **MIS ION:** Conduct area reconnaissance to determine extent of enemy presence in the area.
2. **EEI:** Id, size and activity of enemy in area
3. **SIZE/COMPOSITION:** 6 US
4. **CONDITION OF PAROL:** 1 US KIA
5. **INSERTION/EXTRACTION:**
 - a. In: 241321H Sept Vic: YC713747 Method: Touchdown
 - b. Out: 251510H Sept Vic: YC713747 Method: Touchdown
6. **ROUTE:** See Item #8.
7. **TERRAIN:**
 - a. Canopy: Double and triple
 - b. Vegetation: Bamboo and bushes
 - c. Undergrowth: vines and tangle-foot
8. **EEI:** 241321H tm inserted and moved SE to vic YC717741 on a trail w/freshly cut vines along the trail. Tm disc numerous old 2x3' ~~dig~~ ^{dig} pits and C-ration cans. Tm also disc what they thought to be 2 graves. 251400H tm obs 3 NVA/VC working in a field vic YC711741. The en were large in stature (5'6" to 5'9"). One was wearing green uniform and the other two were wearing civilian clothes. 1200H an OH6A flew over the area and the en made no attempt to conceal themselves. Vic YC711740 Tm disc a tunnel ent. Tm heard signal shots approx every hour throughout the morning. 251400H tm leader sent out a 2 man point recon to vic YC716743 where they recd SAF from an unk size enemy force resulting in 1 US KIA. The remainder of the tm reinforced and engaged 2 NVA wearing camouflaged fatigues w/unk res. The KIA was evac'd and the remainder of the tm made to their LZ for extraction.
9. **NATURAL WEIR. SOURCES:** Conform to map
10. **COMMUNICATIONS:** Good
11. **HZ'S:** YC713747
12. **CONCLUSION:** Tm leader feels that the enemy know that the tm was in the area and were looking for them. Tm also feels that the area is being used for farming and resupply.

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