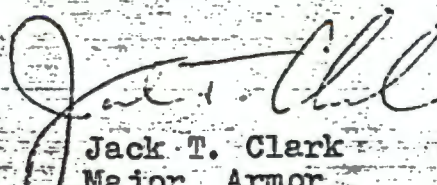


missions throughout the remainder of the day with negative friendly activity.

During the period 21-26 May 71 reconnaissance teams worked the SAR box three times per day for a minimum of 30 minutes each flight. No friendly activity was noted; however, enemy activity increased. Teams received fire each day and on 26 May 71 an estimated enemy force of two enemy platoons shot at the LOH and AH-1G's. Numerous bunkers were sighted and trail activity increased. Due to the large amount of enemy fire and lack of any friendly activity, I asked to be released from the SAR mission on 26 May 71. This was granted by Squadron.

Based on my analysis of the enemy activity, I feel it would be a high risk to insert troops in this area; and the NVA appear to be well consolidated in the area. All fire has been small arms; however, the enemy has AA weapons within 7km of the area. This area is a known infiltration route and has had continuous activity during the last eleven months that my Troop has worked the area. It is my opinion that the missing men would have an extremely hard time in avoiding capture in this area.


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