

**HEADQUARTERS, 3D BRIGADE
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AVGHB-0

121000 - 131000 Feb 66

INTSUM 084

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

- 130845 Feb - B 1/12 found spare barrel for 12.7 @ BR707770 also wheels for MG mount.
- 130930 Feb - B 1/9 read SA fire @ BR019055 3 to 4 para.
- 130935 Feb - C 2/7 2 VC 1/w American pack @ BR727005.
- 131030 Feb - B 1/12 captured 1 50 cal MG @ BR705767.
- 131036 Feb - C 2/7 observed 5 VC w/packs @ BR717005, also mortar plat found 4 VC KIA(BO) (1 NVA, 3 VC) @ BR723011.
- 131039 Feb - B 1/9 observed 3 para in gray uniforms, took under fire, no assessment.
- 131144 Feb - 2/7 Mort Plat found 1 NVA KIA(BO) @ BR727005.
- 131246 Feb - B 2/7 read sniper fire @ BR744037.
- 131253 Feb - B 2/7 engaged 5 - 7 riflemen, taken under fire.
- 131307 Feb - B 1/9 at BR030115, 0 para in field, read permission fr 2/12 to fire, results 2 KIA (BO).
- 131357 Feb - 1/12 Cav apt 3 men in blue uniforms @ BR600730, fled when Cav ship appeared.
- 131401 Feb - B 1/7 out 1 NVA KIA, pursuing another, captured 1 French vpa @ BR720039.
- 131404 Feb - B 1/9 2 NVA KIA(BO), 3 KIA (MIA), 2 AV captured @ BR014803.
- 131427 Feb - B 1/9 spotted 1 NVA, in black, helmet & web MG, taking under fire @ BR030105.
- 131445 Feb - C 1/9 spotted 1 elephant @ BR006760, took under fire, no assessment.
- 131500 Feb - C 1/9 spotted fox holes & MG para at BR027157, 010759, 010750, 010751, 027160. Spotted 1 man taken under fire - no assessment.
- 131537 Feb - B 1/9 3 VC KIA(BO) & 3 sub ML.
- 131557 Feb - C 1/9 at 1583 read 2 rls SA @ BR007759, rtd fire no assessment.
- 131600 Feb - A 1/12 engaged since 1345 undetermined nr VC @ BR670717.
- 131702 Feb - A 1/12 found 1/2 grenade factory, 2 tone area, mess hall and 20 bed camp @ BR030710.
- 131750 Feb - Pick up 2 MG 50 cal @ BR603000.

4. TOTAL FOR TODAY'S OPERATION:

	VC	VC	VIA(MIA)	KIA(BO)	KIA(MIA)	Indiv Wpn	Crew Served
1/7		1			11	1	2
2/7	2			3			1
3/12			3	7			
1/9			6	13		6	
1/21			14	24			
2/20				1			
AV				5			
TOTAL:	2	1	23	51	11	7	3

EQUIPMENT LOSSES:

Spare barrel 50 cal	1
Set wheels for M1 mount	1
Individual weapons	7
Crew served weapons	3

7. NEW INFORMATION: There are 3 indications of the presence of 75mm pack howitzers or 105mm howitzers in the TACH:

- a. A PAVN POW of HQAI AN District captured two weeks ago stated he was in the 8034 Bn consisting of 3 co 105s, located at BH7002, 7000, 7103, 7603. ("803" is the infiltration number of the 10th PAVN Regt).
- b. 126 rounds of 105 mm were found last week by the 2d Bde via B30014.
- c. O 2/7 Cav found documents at BH715015. Among them were firing tables for 105 and 75 pack howitzers, log notebooks, plastic templates and tgt grids.
- d. A NVA lieutenant of the QUYNH TAN Regt stated there were 6 or 7 75mm pack howitzers in his Regt.
- e. Refugees of the AN LAO Valley say they know of 105 or 75 mm howitzers in the mountains west of AN LAO.

NOTE:

- (1) Range of 105 - 11km
- (2) Range of 75 - 9km
- (3) These weapons could be in the 3d Bde TACH at the present time - either hidden or soon to be employed by the enemy.
- (4) Heavy effort should be made to gather more information concerning these vms. Civilians and POW should be questioned.

10. WEATHER FORECAST: Further Outlook Valid 140000 to 190000 Feb 66. Continued cloudy skies w/low ceilings, low visibility & main cloud bases raising. Max temp 76 - 81, min 63 - 70.

11. CAPABILITIES:

- a. Total strength of North Vietnamese Army (NVA) troops in via of the 3d Bde TACH is now estimated at 4 Bns. Center of mass or "area of operation" for these units are as follows: BH7070, BH7003, BH8075, BH8003.
- b. At the present time it appears that the enemy is yet disorganized and is not able to gather more than one company for offensive operations.
- c. He is capable of attack therefore, with up to 4 Bns, if & when he can consolidate these forces. Until then he is vulnerable to air assault tactics.

12. CONCLUSIONS:

Heavy losses of men and equipment (guns and crew served weapons especially) have caused NVA Bns to remain disorganized. For the next 24 hours, he will continue to attempt reorganization and consolidation - with the purpose of attack against vulnerable positions, and eventually to attempt a breakout - most likely toward the west.

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