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Information of the Week
(20-4-66 - 26-5-66)

Republic of Vietnam
Armed Forces
II Corps Tactical Zone
HQ/LG-2
0398/2nd TZ/2/2/R.

I. GENERAL SITUATION

A. Enemy Activity

In the II Corps this week enemy activity included the same number of incidents as last week (117), including 39 in the 22nd Tz, 49 in the 23rd Tz and 29 in the 24th Special Zone. Binh Dinh was first with 26 incidents, Pleiku second with 15 and Kontum third with 14.

53% of the incidents took place in the Highlands, 47% in the coastal region.

There were seven attacks by battery level (Pleiku, Binh Dinh and Phu Yen) and four of company level (Binh Dinh, 3; Minh Thuan: 1).

There were two company-sized ambushes (at Pleiku and Quang Duc).

There were 23 platoon or company sized engagements distributed as follows:

Kontum: 5
Pleiku: 2
Binh Dinh: 6
Phu Yen: 6

Terrain gained at the rate of 55% compared with last week's

35% with separate incidents broken down as follows:

Attacks on the MSR
2,720 incidents (last week: 3,840)
20 incidents (last week: 12)

Road destructions
26 incidents (last week: 36)
2 incidents (Binh Dinh: 1; Minh Thuan: 1)

Bridge destructions
3 incidents (Pleiku, Quang Duc: 2; Minh Thuan: 1)

Stealing of civilian trucks
3 incidents (Binh Dinh: 1; Minh Thuan: 2)

Pirating of trucks
2 incidents (Binh Dinh: 1; Minh Thuan: 1)

Minig of trucks
8 incidents (Binh Dinh: 5; Phu Yen: 2; Quang Duc: 1)

Armed propaganda incidents
15 incidents (last week: 19)

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### Friendly and Enemy Casualties:

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### Order of Battle:

- Partial Information gained from returnee LE 345 E, assistant squad leader in the 4th Battalion, 36th Regiment, 30th Division (25/4-29/5 May 1966) indicates the following:

- **26th Regiment, 30th Division**
  - 1 infantry battalion - Bn 4, 5, and 6
  - 1 heavy weapons battalion

- **Activity:** Subjective unit had moved to the north of EABQO (EBQO) to the east of Highway 14, carrying 12 days' supply of food with the intention of attacking EABQO and TOCHRVO in a few days. In the EABQO zone they have 1 regimental sized force prepared to reinforce the 26th Regiment in order to attack Tan Cen.

- On 21/5-29/5 May 66 a patrolling tank engaged the enemy VC 7 at EBQO. In this zone the 44 capability of the enemy was seen to be great; one H-34 helicopter was damaged.

- According to a secret (friendly) agent in TOCHRVO a VC battalion concentrated at EBQO, EBQO, EBQO, and EBQO. They fired on a tank with machine gun fire (at 26/1545 29/5 May 66). One helicopter coming from the north was shot by VC automatic rifle fire (26/1545 29/5 May 66).

### Prisoner Interrogation:

- Interrogation of prisoner D87707/12 reveals him to be a member of the 34th Transportation En/34th Division, taken prisoner at EBQO at 0900 hrs 21 May 66.

- Rice has been transported by truck from Cambodia to an area near a river, and carried across the river by boat. From there it is being moved by bicycle to Station 4. (This station has been located near the border of Kinn Village, 10750170). The 19th and 20th Transportation En has the responsibility to move rice from Station 4 to Station 5 in order to supply VC units. Station 3 is north of EBQO, about two days walk (from Station 5). Presently the area of Station 4, the tip of the projection of the 20th Div is located with its organic unit, the 20th Div, and the 19th anti-aircraft. In May, after the beginning of April 1966, they have completed training for an attack on the above area during this rainy season.
In addition which the NVA 3rd Military Zone, having infiltrated from the North is still located in Cambodia, having the mission to command Sector 3 and direct the Tay Nguyen battle.

In an operation named Phong 14, two Special forces companies engaged a battalion-sized enemy force at 1400hrs 24 May 66 and was attacked by two enemy battalions at Khe Sanh (65) and Phu Gia (66); meanwhile, enemy mortars (122mm) hit PLEX- DANG (0900 hrs 25 May 66) inflicting heavy losses on the friendly unit.

There is also a lot of new information which must be checked that the 45th VC Main Force Regiment from Cambodia has infiltrated and is located in the Mountain Zone KIOI (a small village), via AB55540 (information from National Police, Phnom Penh, 4th May 66).

C. MINH THUA

Captured documents reveal that the VC 97th BN, 2nd Regiment is located northeast of Minh Thua, along with Co C-74, a 105mm mortar company with 1 TRM men, 2 120mm mortars and 30 122mm shells. In this zone at BER162 at 1546hrs on 21 May 66, one US mortar platoon was attacked and suffered 16 killed, 6 wounded, 2 KIA, one 105mm howitzer, 16 individual weapons and 2 75mm 10 radios lost.

D. PHU TRAI

At 0130 hrs 21 May 66, the 4th BN, 95th Regiment, in a coordinated attack with the 95th Main Force BN, hit the 232nd Special Forces Co at BER09721. Both sides took heavy losses. Reports indicate that the 95th Regt from Huong Xiang Zone moved to the North of Da Rang River, via PHA440, at the end of March, for rest, reinforcements, and preparation.

E. KHEOI NOI

At 0730hrs 26 May 66, approximately one VC bn encircled two detached Platoons, via BPY4475 (20km south of Minh Thua) and ambushed two relief companies (plus) coming from Minh Hiea Subsector, inflicting heavy losses in personnel and weapons.

F. MINH THUA

Enemy forces probed at Hoa Da and Minh Long at 1000hrs 25 May 66, they attacked Lo Loi Camp of Song Ka Training Center with 105mm mortars, at 2330hrs 27 May 66, the VC companies attacked KLH1, at Tham Noi Hing at BER15199, north of Nat 2.

According to reports from Minh Thua Sector (11 Apr 66), the 602nd BN will move to LS HONG PHONG in order to carry out coordinated attacks with local forces units. Information from the National Police at Minh Thua (22 May 66) revealed that VC units are making preparations for attacks inside and outside of Minh Thua Province.

G. DENGUANG

It has been reported since May 66, that Co 2-2, 952nd Seapower and Recon BN, of Military Region 5, has been operating in Danglak, north of Mekong, with the mission of disrupting and destroying the military and civilian offices in the city, and also the airfield at Bac Bo Thuong, wearing RHAP or FF uniforms, or posing as refugees. One month ago the enemy attacked and took a National Police post and L19 airfield.
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I. QUADRO MILIT.: At 0715 hrs 21 May 66, on Highway 14 at ZI075908 (10 km southeast of Ban Ke Thuang), the enemy mined the road and a transportation convoy carrying 2nd BN 45th, inflicting one death and loss of material.

J. ENEMY INFLTRATION:

A summary of information obtained from prisoner LEONG TECK, captured by Special Forces at ZI070782 at 1030 hrs 25 May 66 (prisoner claimed that he belonged to 1st Sqd/7th Co/95th Mortar Bn/32nd Regt/300th Div) reveals the following:

a. 95th Mortar Bn/30th Division:
- Strength: 316 men (including Co S, 7, 8, and 9th Det, group nine Song Hung)
- Weapons: 4 120mm mortars
  4 75mm mortars
  Numerous submachine guns and individual weapons.
- Code: BN Co Sr Capt LEONG LOI KHANG
- Infiltration Chronology:
  19 Feb 66 - BN began to infiltrate SVN, departing from Than Hoon moving through Long and Cambodua.
  25 May 66 - The BN moved to ZI070782, where prisoner was captured. The BN was supposed to continue to Ong Co.

b. 95th Regiment/30th Division:
- Made up of the 95th, 96th, and 97th Bns.

REMARKS: This information must be checked further. Previously, information from a returns at No Loo on 1 May 66, indicated that the 95th RVN Regiment had arrived at ZI075908 on 17 Apr 66, and would proceed through Cambodua in order to enter SVN.

4. POLITICAL SITUATION:

a. Political:
- During the week, there were many demonstrations, hunger strikes, and displays of banners in numerous places, i.e. Phnom Penh, Phnom Penh District, Quang Tri, Kambu, Phnom Penh, Khammoune, Phnom Penh, supporting the struggle in Da Nang. In two cities, Phnom Penh and Quang Tri, there were many demonstrations leading forth from the pagodas using force to protest against the government.

(1) In Phnom Penh:

(a) At 1800hrs 22 May 66, about 300 students and Buddhists demonstrated in the city of Phnom Penh, carrying banners reading, "We are on a hunger strike to protest in favor of the struggle in Da Nang and Phnom Penh." Later the crowd moved to the City Hall, where a petition containing the following items was presented:

- The people have lost confidence in the national leaders.
- The government must withdraw the troops from Da Nang.
Stop killing monks and nuns and destroying pagodas in Da Nang.

Support the I Corps troops.

After having presented the petition, the group dispersed voluntarily.

At 0800hrs on 25 May 66, about 1000 Buddhists, including women and children, demonstrated in the city carrying banners with the same content as above and then dispersed.

(b) At 1300hrs on 25 May 66, some 500 students and Buddhists held a demonstration at the Tinh Ho Pagoda.

(2) In Qui Nhon:

(a) 1400hrs on 23 May 66, about 2,000 persons including Buddhist monks and nuns, students and 110 soldiers demonstrated at the Long Khanh Pagoda in Qui Nhon carrying banners in Vietnamese and English supporting the struggle in the Central Zone. The demonstration lasted about one hour.

(b) At 0730hrs on 27 May 66, some 2,000 Buddhists (including 80 soldiers) demonstrated at Long Khanh Pagoda, once again supporting the struggle in the Central Zone. The demonstrators carried many banners which were in English. They dispersed at 1100hrs.

b. Activities of FURCO:

Information has been received that a FURCO force would move from Cambodia to Dak Lak sometime between 26 - 28 May 66, to negotiate with the VN to obtain certain demands. (At 1900hrs 18 May 66, the FURCO CO appeared at B. KINRIO FORD, via MANUKAY (Info & Dak Lak Sector).

5. CONCLUSION:

There has been no new indication of large scale action by the enemy during the week. From information we have, the enemy is preparing to ship rice from Dong Son to the north and west of Da Nang in order to supply the infiltration units. In view of the advent of bad weather in conjunction with the rainy season, the campaign may be about to start in the Highlands, especially around Kham Duc, Pleiku and Duy Xuyen.

In Kien Tu: The enemy is preparing to attack TOUNGROG Post, using the 20th Regiment, 30th Div. According to reports, the enemy will attack TOUNGROG and Dak To (Tan Cash). A full regiment is supposed to come from Dak Lak to support for the attack. There is a possibility of increased infiltration from north Kien Tu in the near future. The truck route from Na Lao to Ba Xuant - Dak To is completed there will be even more intensity. According to recent I. I. information (17 May 66), the route has been completed as far as B. KINRIO (Western Da Xuant).

In PHU YEN: An enemy infiltration corridor was uncovered northwest of Da Nang by Operation Thanh Phong No. 1. In this operation, two CIDG companies were attacked by two enemy battalions, inflicting heavy losses on friendly forces. Operation Thanh Phong No 1 had a great influence on enemy infiltration and the enemy infiltration corridor. The enemy could be preparing to launch artillery attack against the following bases: PHU YEN, PHU LEU, THUONG Duc, Thanh An, Plei Meo, Phuoc Long Training Center.

There could also be the possibility of an artillery attack against Pleiku Airfield and the Le Trai District. The attacking force could be composed of units of the 70th Division. It is known the enemy has been active and organized activities are located north of Pleiku Town.
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In Dien Bien Phu There is information that Co C-2 of the 952nd Recon Sapper Bn/Military Zone 5 has been observing the city of Dien Bien Phu and the airfields. At the end of 1965, the enemy was known to have prepared a campaign against the area, and on the north of Dien Bien Phu, and at the beginning of 1966 sent the 1st Pltn/12th Co 952nd Recon Sapper Bn to survey the terrain and the post. Also at this time, an enemy force of the 2nd/1st Div had moved from Cao Prong to the north of Dien Bien Phu. Meanwhile, the enemy had built up their logistics by storing more than 220 tons of rice. The enemy's plans were upset by the combined Vietnamese - American operations which pushed the enemy back in the direction of Cao Prong and the Cambodian border. Later information from interrogation of enemy prisoners reveals that the VC have been building secret roads for moving troops from Cao Prong to Dien Bien Phu, so it appears that the VC have not given up their original plans.

In Quang Duc: The VC Sector 6 is planning on starting a series of attacks in Kien Phan, Phu Lac by attacking Phu Lai and the supply routes to the west of Nhon Co Airfield. However, during the week, there has been no report on the movements of the 101st Regt, 5th Div in the Quang Duc area. According to information from 1SG/12 the 91st Regt/312th Div is en route to Nui Dat 21st. This force could be destined to support operations in the Quang Duc and Dong Nai area.

In Kien Phan: There is no new information about the 22nd Regt and the 16th Regt/52nd Div. Last week it was noted that the 97th Co/92nd Regt and C-14, 100mm mortar Co/32nd Mortar Bn were in the north of Minh Thanh. In spite of B-52 bombing, the enemy activity was noticeable in this area.

At 1545 hrs on 21 May 66, the VC attacked a U.S. mortar platoon via BR710612, inflicting heavy losses on friendly forces, and loss of weapons. It is possible that the enemy is mounting a campaign against the 99th Co/82nd Div in the Highlands. If the principal supply routes for these provinces are the Highways (Kontum, Pleiku, Phu Yen), and during the rainy season, the enemy could greatly reduce our re-supply capability.

In Phu Yen: The enemy campaign opened last week with an attack on the 252nd Special Forces Co in the north of Phu Yen.

In Khanh Hoa: The 30th Co has moved from Phu Yen to the north of Minh Thanh to go into action. At 0730hrs 26 May 66, the enemy encircled two civilian dredged reconnaissance platoons five kilometers to the south of Minh Thanh and ambushed the supply column from Minh Thanh to Cau. The attack on friendly forces and their principal supply lines for two provinces in the Southern Highlands, Duc Lac and Que Duc, and as such the attack might be a prelude to further action in this section during the rainy season.

In Binh Thuan: It appears that the enemy forces are moving in the direction of Long Ninh and Phu Yen, as there is information that the 602nd Bn has moved to Long Ninh to coordinate with local units for future action.

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