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FOR M18. OP REPORT SEPTEMBER 1971.

Adl 31/9/118

ONE. WATCH HOURS. NO CHANGE

TWO. COVER AS AT 30 SEP 71.

ALPHA. TWENTY TWO (22) PRIORITY TASKS.

BRAVO. THREE (3) PRIORITY DEV TASKS.

THREE. GENERAL.

ALPHA. EN LOCS AND MOVS. AFTER AN ABSENCE OF COMMS

ACTIVITY FOR TWO MONTHS CMI 2 BN 274 REGT WAS LOCATED BETWEEN 1-16 SEP

IN ITS TRADITIONAL AO NORTHWEST OF THE PROVINCE BORDER CMI AFTER WHICH

THE STATION ONCE MORE WENT SILENT. THE 1ST BN 274 REGT RELOCATED FROM

THE NORTH WESTERN BORDER AREA TO 10 KM NORTH EAST AND IS NOW OUTSIDE

NVA REGT AND

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 THE 1ATF TA01. ON 18/19 SEP BOTH HQ 333, ^{NVA REGT AND} → 4305 →, 3RD BN 33 NVA
 REGT RELOCATED TO NORTHERN PHUOC TUY IN A KM OVERNIGHT MOVE. OTHER
 TERMINALS REMAINED STABLE.

BRAVO. 1ATF REACTION. THE RELOCATION OF REGT HQ AND 3RD BN OF 33 REGT
 (AS FIXED BY ARDF ON 18 SEP WHICH CONFIRMED VR RESULTS) PRECIPITATED
 OPERATION IVANHOE ON 19 SEP. IN A SERIES OF CONTACTS (SOME WITHIN
 100 YDS OF ARDF FIXES) OVER THE PERIOD OF THE OPERATION 22 EN WERE
 CONFIRMED KIA WITH 5 AUST KIA AND 24 WIA. THE TERMINALS WERE NEXT
 LOCATED BY ARDF AT THE END OF THE MONTH ONCE MORE NORTH OF THE
 PROVINCE BORDER.

CHARLIE. DEVELOPMENT. TA YHS RESULTED IN THE ISOLATION OF A RECENTLY
 ACTIVATED COMMS NETWORK. A TERMINAL LOCATED ON 22 SEP IN NORTHERN
 PROVINCE BORDER AREA HAS BEEN FOUND TO CONTROL AT LEAST SEVEN OUTSTATION
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AND THE MATRIX TYPE LOW GRAEQ EQSTEM USED WAS QUICKLY SOLVED IN
 COUNTRY. CONTROL HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A FORWARD HEADQUARTERS
 (POSSIBLY OF BA LONG) WITH SEVERAL DISTRICT UNITS AND AN UNIDENTIFIED
 BASUBORDINATE. THIS DEVELOPMENT HAS SUPPLIED FURTHER INFO OF THE
 CURRENT REORG OF THE MILITARY REGION DOWN TO DISTRICT LEVEL.

FOUR. DIRECTION FINDING.

ALPHA. ARDF

(1) TOTAL FIXES 116.

(2) GRADINGS. GOOD 23. FAIR 64. POOR 17. CUTS 12.

(3) PERSONNEL. HOWELL FLYNN ARDAY ELWORTHY HAMPTON MARSHALL,

UNDER TRAINING REID.

(4) TWO AIRCRAFT WERE ROSTERED BETWEEN 1-10 SEP FOR SPECIAL EMPHASIS ONEJQ 33 REGT AND 1 BN 274 REGT. TWO AIRCRAFT WERE THEN USED FOR DAILY EARLY MORNING MISSIONS ONLY IN ORDER TO ENABLE ALL ACTIVITY TO BE COVERED.

(5) ABORTED/REDUCED MISSIONS DUE TO WEATHER CONTINUES TO INCREASE. AIRCRAFT REMAIN IN AIR AND PROVIDE TIP OFF SERVICE WHEN CLOUD COVER PREVENTS FIXES BEING OBTAINED.

BRAVO. SSL.

(1) SSL CLOSED PERMANENTLY ON 15 SEP 71 AND WAS PACKED FOR SHIPMENT TO WRE.

(2) EQPT CONTINUED TO SHOW MINUS DEVIATION ON BEARING AND CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN WATCH ON TARGETS OF LOW ACTIVITY.

FIVE. RELOCATION. ADVANCE PARTY RELOCATED 15 SEP TO PREPARE NEW SITE.

AERIS RE ERRECTED AND BUILDINGS PARTITIONED AND WIRED FOR OCCUPATION.

FIVE POSITIONS RELOCATED 29 SEP AND DUPLICATED COVER UNTIL

301700 HRS AT WHICH TIME SETROOM AT VUNG TAU ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY

FOR COVER.

SIX. INTENTIONS. REMAINING POSITIONS TO RELOCATED 1 OCT 71 WITH

MAIN BODY. COMCON VUNG TAU TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY AT 011200 HRS OCT.

REAR PARTY AND INT CELL TO REMAIN OLD LOCATION UNTIL AREA TIDIED

AND STORES PACKED (REAR PARTY) AND TF HQ RELOCATES TO VUNG TAU

(INT CELL).

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