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SUBJECT: LRRP After Action Report

TO: Commanding General
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1. MISSION: Infiltrate AO and monitor enemy activity and direction of movement.
2. EMPLOYMENT:
 - a. Infiltration - 021307 December 1967
 - (1) Method: UH1D helicopter supported by gunships from D/3/4 Cav and airstrikes.
 - (2) Location: XT292727
 - b. Exfiltration - 031020 December 1967
 - (1) Method: USAF (Husky) aircraft supported by gunships, Arty, airstrikes.
 - (2) Location: XT295275
3. OBSERVATIONS:
 - a. 021320 - UH1D, XT2055, received UNK number rds SA fire. One hit, 1500 ft, 89 knts.
 - b. 021324 Dec 67 - LRRP observed one bunker (3' x 10'), XT292727, made of 4 x 4's and dirt. Bunker appeared very old.
 - c. 021408 Dec 67 - LRRP observed one tree-house partially completed (15' x 3') 25 ft off ground, XT296298, with overhead concealment made of logs. The tree-house covered the LZ and could not be observed from the air. LRRP also heard movement.
 - d. 021430 Dec 67 - LRRP observed one gun emplacement approximately 3' high and made of logs. Emplacement appeared to be a direct-fire weapon site and was approximately 8 ft to E of a tank trail. This position could not be observed from the trail, XT298727. The area appeared to be heavily fortified with numerous newly-constructed bunkers and positions.

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e. 021307 - 021430 Dec 67 - LRRP moved on an azimuth of 100° for approximately 600 meters. During this period they saw 4 trails and one tank trail (see diagram for direction). On these trails, LRRP observed oxen tracks (oxen were apparently very heavily loaded), and footprints (saddals and barefoot) generally running N to NE. The undergrowth in this area was very thick and severely hindered LRRP's movement.

f. 021420 - 021430 Dec 67 - Another airstrike was called in vic XT302745 to cover LRRP's movement from fortified areas.

g. 021430 - 021830 Dec 67 - LRRP moved to a new location - XT295727.

h. 021920 Dec 67 - LRRP began to hear movement around their position - estimated to be a VC platoon. D/3/4 Cav scrambled one C & C ship and gun team. Artillery was called in around the LRRP's position - a total of 159 HE, 22 WP, and 18 illumination rds throughout the night.

i. 022045 - 022045 - LRRP escaped and evaded approximately 125 meters to the S where one member of the team twisted his ankle and was unable to move any further. Artillery continued to be called around their position. LRRP also observed two flashlights vic XT295728. D/3/4 Cav gunships struck LRRP's position with AW fire.

j. 022315 - 022345 Dec 67 - LRRP escaped and evaded SW for approximately 100-150 meters.

k. 022400 - 030500 Dec 67 - LRRP heard sporadic firing to their NNW, vic XT2973 - believed to be 50 cal.

l. 030730 - 030900 Dec 67 - LRRP moved approximately 250 meters on an azimuth of 200° to a position, vic XT295725. They observed a total of 3 km trails running S to SE. There were many footprints and oxen tracks - all were recent.

m. 031020 Dec 67 - LRRP was extracted by 2 USAF "Husky" aircraft, vic XT295275, supported by gunships from D/3/4 Cav, artillery, and airstrikes. The area that the LRRP's were in was covered by fire upon successful extraction - 140 rds HE (105mm), 18 rds HE (81), and 3600 CEU's.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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